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# **South Jersey Golf Association Newsletter**

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***“Golf is a game that is played on a five inch course—the distance between your ears.” - Bobby Jones***

## ***PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE***

### ***SJGA Update***

Dear SJGA Reps and Members,

Since we last met in March, the 2008 Men’s, Women’s and Mixed Tournament seasons are in full swing. In behalf of the BOD, I would like to thank Linda Miller for her continued commitment as the Men’s T.D. and for the fine effort she puts forth in these tournaments.

As President, I personally want to thank this SJGA Board of Directors for collectively working together to insure that we would be able to have 2008 women’s and mixed tournament seasons. With Bonnie Hood’s move to Florida, we were unsuccessful in finding a TD who would stay and commit to the full schedule of events. After efforts failed to find someone else to agree to the job description and stipend, I asked each member of the BOD to step up and help us through this season. While most of us have committed to serve early or late to facilitate the on-site duties of the TD at these tournaments; other BOD members have assumed other “behind the scene” roles in our efforts to keep things going.

Three individuals have gone far and beyond the call of duty to pull this off. Holly Moore and Rae West volunteered to assume the most arduous tasks - retrieving the mail, checking and setting the handicaps, creating the tournament scorecards, making site visits prior to the tournaments, doing the necessary reports and much more. Each of these women has dedicated much of this spring and summer, learning “the tools of the trade” in order to enable us to get the job done. Jeannine Muse, our ED, has gone far beyond her defined job description to train Holly and Rae and to assist them, virtually on a daily basis, to guarantee that these SJGA tournaments not be jeopardized in any way.

While there were some early glitches, we seem to have gotten things more under control. As reps and members, I wanted you to be aware of what we have been going through and to understand the circumstances under which we are proceeding for the rest of 2008. Things will not happen as quickly as they did when there was one person running the show. Please bear with us as we make every effort to make these tournaments as enjoyable as before.

## ***Congratulations to our 2008 SJGA Scholarship winners***

Geoffrey Ferguson,  
Arthur P.Schalick High School

Devon Sweeney,  
Winslow Township High School

Rob Kimball,  
Ocean City High School

James Steigelman,  
Egg Harbor Township High School

### ***Farewells and Welcomes:***

**Jack McDonnell** is a wonderful gentleman who agreed to serve as a starter for 2008. You would have met him at any of the tournaments beginning with Valleybrook and ending with Pinelands. Jack always came early, was prepared and did his job better than we could have asked. However, Jack lives in Pennsylvania and the cost of gas and long trips has proven to be too prohibitive for him to continue. We thank him for his efforts and wish him well.

Through the efforts of Nancy Kolankiewicz, **Dan Connors** will be our new Starter for several of the Women's and the Mixed Tournaments. When you see him at these events, give him a warm welcome. Dan has accepted the Starter's role for the following tournaments:

7/16 - Women's Senior - Rancocas

7/28 - Women's Amateur - Deerwood

8/14 - Mixed Ryder Cup - Town and Country

9/25 - Women's 2 best balls of 4 - Shore Gate

Welcome back to **Gail Davis**, our Registrar for the Women's and Mixed Tournaments and **Jack Sharkey**, our Men's Tournament Starter

On another note, I would like to thank **Heinz Kheun** for his participation on the Board of Directors. Because of new job and family responsibilities, he will be unable to continue. We wish him well and hope to see him on the links at future tournaments.

**A Welcome Addition** - our SJGA Tournament Committee has a new co-chairperson. After meeting with Jane Turner and discussing the job description, **Nancy Kolankiewicz** has agreed to co-chair with Jane and to share in the numerous duties this position entails. As we try to create better venues, tournaments and fine qualified tournament directors, this job has grown and is too time consuming for one person to handle, especially as any chairperson job is strictly a volunteer position. Thank you, Nancy.

***Web Postings:***

Information regarding future Tournament Director positions will be posted on the SJGA website with full job descriptions and other pertinent criteria. Information on a 2009 TD position will be ready for posting by mid to late August. If you have an interest or want more information, follow the explicit directions stipulated in the posting.

Several Board of Directors positions are vacant and several other BOD members' terms will be up and these too will be open. Information regarding BOD duties, length of term, and other essential information will be posted on our website by mid August. These are strictly volunteer positions. Our Nominating Committee Chairperson is Linda Cliff and she will be the contact once this information is posted.

***Women's Team Match League***

A Message from Nancy Young, Chairperson

The South Jersey women's team match league begins on August 19<sup>th</sup> followed by matches on August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are ten cups with four teams in each cup. The first cup, the South Jersey Cup, is comprised of Tavistock I, Little Mill I, Pitman I and Ramblewood I. Two new teams are playing in cup ten this year: Valleybrook and Rancocas. We welcome them to the competition.

The Ritter Cup invitational tournament will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Ramblewood Golf Club. This tournament is for all players who compete in and win their three matches. Players receive their full handicaps, making this an attractive tournament for women from all cups.

Team match committee members are: Debbie Beck, Nancy Kolankiewicz, Judy McIntyre, Linda Miller, Merk Raffensperger, Jane Turner and Nancy Young.

## ***A Request from Current Club Reps -***

We are trying to establish a list of SJGA's longest serving reps. With the change of Executive Director two years ago, files have been lost and our present ED has not been able to find records which would reflect this. While I have asked for this info in a previous survey, not everyone responded. We would like to honor individuals for their continued support of SJGA. I wanted to begin this project last year; however, in fairness to all, I wanted to see some history and have been unable to find anything I can use to fairly pick individuals to be recognized. This would be a nice feature for our newsletter as well as the SJGA website.

Please e-mail me at [gareilly@aol.com](mailto:gareilly@aol.com) with the following info:

- Name
- Course(s) where you have served as the representative
- Length of time in this position
- Length of time in SJGA: beginning year through present
- Your complete address
- Telephone number
- e-mail address
- Club Pro's name and club (if different from one for which you currently serve
- Golfing buddy's name and contact info for interview purposes
- Ladies'/ Men's League President's contact info for interview purposes

Additionally, if any of you know SJGA members, **not reps**, who have been members for a **very long time**, who still belong and can still play and compete, let me know who they are.

We would like to honor some of these long time members. Maybe they have been champs from long ago or been multiple time winners. Just maybe they have SJGA stories to tell which younger members might like to hear. If you want to recommend someone, send me the name and your contact information and I will get back to you ASAP. I would like both of these endeavors to get off the ground quickly so that we can have articles ready for the fall meeting and our newsletter. Additionally, it would be nice to have a photo with the story.