

2014 CWDGA Champion Crowned



A very thrilled and happy Sarah Boockford of Glen Oak Country Club is the winner of the 83rd Annual Championship of the Chicago Women's District Golf Association.

Glen Oak Country Club was the host for this year's Championship which was conducted under ideal conditions. Three days of fast greens and strong competition tested the players, who were also treated to wonderful food and attentive hospitality.

In the Championship Flight, the morning semi-finals began with Sarah Boockford defeating Gay Crain of Boulder Ridge, up 6 & 5. In the second semi-final, two sisters and NIU Huskie teammates were paired against each other. Connie and Taylor Ellett of Kishwaukee both agreed the match presented conflicts: each wanted to win but also wanted their sister to play well. And they also agreed that the match was hardest on their ardent fans, their grandparents, who were actually pleased that Taylor finished strong even if she did not win the match. Connie won,

up 3 & 2.

In the Championship Finals, Sarah Boockford took control early with a birdie on #1 to go 1 up over Connie Ellett.. She built her lead to up 3 by the turn, when Connie began to battle back. Connie birdied #11 and played steadily to force the match to the 18th hole, where Sarah began the hole up 1. An errant tee shot forced Sarah to pitch out with her second shot and when they arrived at the gallery filled green, Connie was on in 2 and Sarah in 3. Sarah took two putts to finish with a 5 and Connie's difficult down-hill, side-hill first putt slid past the hole. Her second putt lipped out, tying the hole. Sarah won, up 1.

This is the first tournament Sarah has played in for quite a while. She credits her success to her husband Bill and in particular has benefitted from his help with her short game and his support as her biggest fan. Sarah also said it was an advantage to play on her home course because she knew where she wanted to place the ball: below the hole. When asked what this win meant to her, she grinned and answered, "This is a big deal."

The Championship Consolation matches also provided excitement. In the morning semi-finals, Delainey Peterson of Crystal Lake defeated Allison Pettit of Glenview, 3 & 2. The other morning match paired Char McLear of McHenry with Liz Repking of Glen Oak. Their match was even through 18 and Liz won the first extra hole to qualify for the afternoon finals.

Delainey and Liz traded blows on 1 and 2 and then tied holes 3 thru 10 to start 11 all even. Delainey then won the next two holes to create a 2 hole advantage. They exchanged wins on 14 and 16 and Delainey went on to win that match up 2 on the 17th hole.

Altogether, 68 players competed this year with these players winning
1st Flight Winner: Rebecca Smith, Oak Park; Runner Up: Keiko Kushida, Medinah; Consolation Winner: Patti Finn, Riverside

2nd Flight Winner: Dawn Puch, Ridgemoor; Runner Up: Linda Maurer, Knollwood; Consolation Winner: Kathy Donnelly, River Forest

3rd Flight Winner: Patti Woodring, Naperville; Runner Up: Carolyn Burke, Riverside; Consolation Winner: Christine DeVries, Medinah

4th Flight Winner: Brenda Levin, River Forest; Consolation Winner: Gretchen Carlson, Royal Fox

5th Flight Winner: Vicki Lee, Sunset Ridge; Runner Up: Martha Schulkins, Itasca; Consolation Winner: Karen Steinke, Naperville

6th Flight Winner: Sandra Dvorak, Riverside; Runner Up: Eileen Koch, Itasca; Consolation Winner: Peggy Cullen, Glen Oak

7th Flight Winner: Dawn Gavac, Itasca; Runner Up: Marilyn Tansey, Royal Fox; Consolation Winner: Lois Carroll, Midlothian