

Lochland's women officers



Women officers of the Lochland Country Club are, kneeling, from left, Cammie Farrell, secretary; Margie Fuller, president; Sandy Friend, golf committee. Standing, from left, Bud Williamson, Jr., golf professional; Phyllis Glass, treasurer; Bette White, golf committee; and Mary McIntire, vice-president. Not present were two members of the golf committee, Bobbi Hopp and Arlene Norris. (Tribune Photo by Loren Winkelbauer)

Lochland ladies win golf tourney

WOOD RIVER (TNS) — Lochland Country Club was the winner of the Central Nebraska Women's Golf Association tournament played on the Wood River Country Club Wednesday.

Lochland won both the gross and net divisions in competition with 12 central Nebraska teams. Kearney finished second in both categories.

Elks Meadowbrook garnered fifth place in the net division and eighth in the gross category. Southern Hills was sixth and seventh, respectively.

Five women competed on a team, with the low four scorers counting toward the team total.

Members of the Lochland team, combining for a low net of 306, were Bobbie Hopp, 86, Marge Smith, 94, Susie Moffatt, 95, and Mary Walley, 97. Phyl Glass was the fifth member of the team.

This is the third straight year Lochland has won the gross division.

Lochland women hold best-ball threesome

The Lochland's Women's Association held a best-ball threesome competition team play this week. Winners were Jane Johnson, Ute Butler and Emaline Ely with points totaling 123 for nine holes.

Betty McPherson, Ollie Huber and Marge Fuller finished second with 120 points.

Pam Bade won the beginners special event.

Next action for the Association will be another best-ball threesome Tuesday. May 22 the Lochland women will host Meadowbrook and Southern Hills women in a stagette, tee times from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Players should call for tee times.

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Tourney in Hastings

July 23 'T-Day' For State Golfers

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Qualifying scores are linked with most golf meets but musical scores also will figure into one Nebraska tournament this year.

"With a Song in My Cart" is the theme chosen for the Nebraska State Women's Golf Tournament, scheduled to begin July 23 at Lochland Country Club here.

According to planners of the 57th annual contest, tournament days will be devoted to serious golf but the game will come in for some musical spoofing at evening social functions.

Match Play

Sponsored by the Nebraska Women's State Golf Association, tournament competition is open to all women golfers in Huskerland.

Girls under 18 years of age also may compete, providing they have an established 18-hole handicap of 15 or less.

Following qualifying rounds on July 23, golfers will be placed in flights of 16.

As in years past, flight play will be of the match variety (one-to-one competition) based on 18 holes, except the final championship windup which will be a 36-hole contest.

The tournament format lists first rounds of match play on July 24, second match play and first consolation rounds on July 25 and semi-final rounds on July 26.

The tournament highlight — the finals and the naming of a new state champion — will be held July 27.

Social Events

Mrs. Gerald Walley, president of the NSWGA and general tournament chairman, reports that

the golf week will include several off-the-course-in-the-club house festivities.

The association's banquet and annual meeting are planned for 8 p.m. on July 23, and a "Fun Night" featuring cocktails, dinner and entertainment is on the July 24 agenda.

NSWGA officers in addition to Mrs. Walley are Mrs. James Asbury of Hastings, secretary; Mrs. Ernest Kuehn, also of Hastings, treasurer; Mrs. Jack White of Beatrice, first vice president; Mrs. Mel Engler of Omaha, second vice president, Mrs. R. C. Mueller of Omaha, third vice president.

Mrs. Sam Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, a former state titleholder, is executive secretary.

Committee chairmen, all of Hastings, include Mrs. Russell McIntire, Mrs. Al Johnson, Mrs. Wayne Millhollin, Mrs. Charles Uerling Jr., Mrs. Don Anderson, Mrs. Charles Landgraf, Mrs. Robert Fuller, Mrs. Don Brock, Mrs. Richard Friend, Mrs. Ted Hoelck, Mrs. Art Williams, Mrs. Cal Johnson and Mrs. James Conway.

Assisting Miss Bobbie Hopp of Hastings with tournament rules will be Mrs. Sam Marchese of Omaha, Mrs. Bruce Gilliland of Kimball and Mrs. George Abel of Lincoln.

Tournament pairings will be handled by Mrs. Hal Smith of Hastings and Mrs. Leonard Walklin of Grand Island.

To Defend Title

A number of golf's elite — former state champions — are expected to compete in this year's tournament, including Bunnie Phillips of Norfolk, last year's title winner.

Pre-tournament activities will include a Pro-Ladies' Tournament on July 16, practice rounds for tournament players on July 20 and a rules meeting for all entrants on July 22.



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Getting it all together at Woods, irons are checked by management planner left, Mrs. M. Mrs. Millholl Fuller and Mrs.

Unbelievable shots highlight match

Young 'veteran' holds off charge of 17-year-old in first round



Nanette Circo, left, congratulates Mrs. Robert Travnicek at the conclusion of their marathon first-round match in the Nebraska State Women's Golf Tournament Wednesday. (Tribune Photo by Loren Winkelbauer)

By KEN BOWLING

(Tribune Sports Editor)

Lochland Country Club — Young veteran Christie Travnickek had to fight for her life in a first round match in the 57th annual Nebraska Women's State Golf Championships here Wednesday afternoon in a match that will be long remembered for its superb play.

Mrs. Travnickek, three time winner in this tournament from 1969-71, defeated, outlasted might be a better word, 17-year-old Nan Circo, Omaha, one-up after 22 holes. And she did it with some tremendous clutch putting and an unbelievable chip shot.

With just three holes left in the regulation 18, Miss Circo, the 1973 state girls champion, led by two, but Mrs. Travnickek won the 16th and the 17th holes to square the match heading to the 18th. Each played two shots short of the lake on the final hole, but Mrs. Travnickek had the poorer shot to the par 5 green.

"I needed a three-wood for distance (to the green)," she said, "but I went to my four-wood to make sure I would get it up over the lake from the downhill lie."

PRESSURE ON

She put the shot some 30 yards short of the green and Miss Circo put the pressure on by putting her third just off the putting surface with a beautiful long iron shot.

Mrs. Travnickek's nine-iron was some 20 yards short of the green and she was forced to hit again, her fifth shot. It looked like the match.

"I knew I had to hole out," she said, "I didn't even consider getting close because I knew she would get down in five."

With flag pulled, she chipped on to the green and as if it had eyes the ball went straight into the cup. The gallery of near 200 excitedly applauded its approval for the tremendous effort. When Miss Circo made her five the towsome moved to the first tee for sudden-death.

Each reached the green in four, Mrs. Travnickek with a medium iron and a 30-foot putt remaining, and Miss Circo with a beautiful bunker shot and a two-foot poke.

Can lightning strike twice?

It did!

Putting downhill, Mrs. Travnickek read the break perfectly and rammed it home for a par. Miss Circo followed suit.

In the only poorly played of the four extra holes, Mrs. Travnickek missed a 3½-footer which would have won the match on number two. Each took a bogey five.

STRANGLEHOLD

The missed putt on number two looked like the match when after Mrs. Travnickek put her iron on the par three number three 30-feet away Miss Circo knocked her ball to within 18 inches with a magnificent golf shot.

The youngster was playing like a veteran, while the veteran scrambled.

Lightning then struck an unbelievable third time as Mrs. Travnickek again read the break and put the down-hill put right in the middle of the cup. The gallery went wild. The undaunted Miss Circo countered with her duece and on to the par 5 fourth hole.

Mrs. Travnickek immediately found trouble as she put her drive into a fairway bunker. Miss Circo placed her drive in the middle of the fairway. With her ball in the water in the trap from morning rains, Mrs. Travnickek got a free drop and responded with an excellent iron shot from the bunker.

Each eventually reached the area of the green in three shots, Miss Circo on the front edge, 40-feet from the cup and Mrs. Travnickek just off the back of the putting surface 50-feet away. An excellent chip shot put her ball three feet from the hole in four.

It looked again like a dead heat.

But Miss Circo putted 15-feet past the hole and just missed coming back, opening the door for her opponent.

Mrs. Travnickek quietly took advantage of the second chance and shut the door with her par putt.

An appreciative gallery which had followed the twosome through the four extra holes loudly applauded their appreciation for the excellent show.

Undoubtedly one of the best in the 57-year history of the tournament.

Marge Smith hits hole-in-one

Marge Smith recorded a hole-in-one at Lochland Country Club Sunday while competing in a mixed two-ball on the Lochland golf course to highlight the first big weekend of golf.

The annual Hey Rube tourney was the day's big event. Honoring groundskeeper Reuben Schneider, the tourney is a best-ball foursome event with handicaps being taken into account.

The team of Bob Harris, Verne Magnuson, Ed Glass and Ted Hoelck recorded a 59 to top the field of 52 players.

Four teams tied for second with 61s. Bill Hemke, Bob Ralph, Bob Fuller and Carl Sanderson made up one team; Buck Duer, John Boumann, Bob Hunter and Dwight Redfield made up another team; John Glass, Phil Klint, Tom Jorgenson and Reuben Schneider made up the third team; and Art Williams, Fred Zickfeld, Frank Boyd and Ken Hinrichs were the fourth team.

Mrs. Smith recorded her ace in the afternoon mixed two-ball and it came on the par three 140-yard third with a seven-wood. Flag prize on the hole was closest to the pin, she easily won that prize.

Other flag winners were Cammie Farrell, Micki Bergman, Ken Hinrichs, Jerry Whelan, Jane Johnson, Cal Johnson and Jack Norris.

Low gross in the meeting of 92 players was posted by the team of Marge and Gene Smith, 39; second was Mary Walley

and Hal Smith, 41; and Cal and Jane Johnson shot a 43 for third.

Low net was turned in by Phil and Jackie Werner, 30½; Norm and Olive Huber, Bob and Hazel Ralph, and Bob and Ardyce Zaback shot 32s for second place. Verne and Lee Magnuson shot a 32½.