



TEE TIME

A Message from the President

By Cathleen Pete-Peay



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CLUBHOUSE AT THE 19th HOLE...

It is with mixed emotions that I write my President's Message for this edition of the TWIG Newsletter. My term as President is quickly coming to an end, and I am both relieved and saddened. Relieved because it has been 2 long years and I'm ready to be a supporting member of the next administration! Yet, I am extremely sad that it is over. I've enjoyed serving as your president over the last two years as we've:

- Celebrated "still swinging after 10 years!!",
- Watched as our hard work with the TWIG Invitational has grown as we as an organization have grown
- Worked to expand our TWIG Kidz program by sending our first two young ladies to golf camp as they continue on their journeys to their high school golf teams, college scholarships and possibly the LPGA

It has indeed been a long 2 years, but years that I will forever remember and look back on with pride and fondness.

I have had a wonderful term with a wonderful executive board! I am deeply grateful for the work you all have done to keep this organization thriving and functioning well! I wish that each member will think about giving a little time as an officer or committee rewarding for you as it has for me! As Monday league play comes to a close and we wrap up another wonderful TWIG year with our Annual Christmas Party, I wish you and your families a very safe holiday season and thanks for making my experience as your TWIG President a wonderful one! I can't wait until 2009 to see what strides we'll make as an organization under our new administration!

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TWIG Invitational Golf Tournament

By Diana Phillips

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's TWIG Invitational Golf Tournament a success at Bull Creek Golf Course in Louisburg, NC. We exceeded last year in every category with 101 golfers participating, three sponsors, and fourteen companies/individuals donating raffle prizes and/or food.

The morning started with a continental breakfast of breakfast biscuits, orange juice, and coffee, compliments of Chick Fil A, Townridge Square on Glenwood Avenue. After golfing, dinner was served followed by raffling of prizes and the presentation of trophies. There was much excitement and anticipation for winning the Sky Caddie, the most popular raffle prize.

Four TWIG members won trophies this year.

- ◆ Linda Graham – 2nd place, Women's Flight A
- ◆ Joselyn Williams – 2nd place, Women's Flight B
- ◆ Cathleen Pete-Peay – 3rd place, Women's Flight B
- ◆ Shericca Morris – Women's Closest to the Pin

Keelie Butler, a young lady from TWIG KIDZ, participated in this year's tournament.

TWIG Fall Trip 2008 - Sea Trails Golf Club

Personal Accounts by the Members



Cathleen Pete-Peay

I enjoyed this Fall Trip to Sea Trails for the same reasons I enjoy all TWIG trips- golf and fellowship! We are fortunate to travel to some of the best places to play golf in the area, and all the ladies have such a wonderful time relaxing after our rounds. It can be shopping, dining at the best restaurants, or just watching an intense round of bid whiz! Although it rained during 2 of our 3 days of golf during this trip, we still had as much fun as if it were 75 degrees and sunny! Oh, I almost forgot....I also love to see the TWIG ladies turn heads in the clubhouse and on the links!

Cindy Yokley

This was my second golf trip with TWIG this year and once again I had a ball! I learned we play golf no matter what and be prepared! I have stepped it up a notch in my golf wardrobe - I had to purchase a rain suit for the weekend which came into good use. My roomie and I had a good time catching up on things UNRELATED to work. The restaurant - Boundary House, once again was awesome. I ate like I had lost my mind - 5 more pounds straight to the hips! The three courses we played were nice. I played my best on the most difficult course - Jones. Unfortunately I did not win a prize this time as I am normally pulling up the rear with my wonderful golf scores. I guess that is a good thing - says my golf game is improving. I can't wait until our Spring trip, I will be ready!

Loretta Hicks

The Fall Trip was my getaway from a busy schedule and I was determined to have a relaxing time. It was great to play all three courses at Sea Trail. As usual, I enjoyed the fellowship and was happy to get to see Jackie Lewis, a former TWIG member.

Diana Philips

Big Fun! We had a blast! It still amazes me that African American women get so many stares on the golf course. The stares seem to say "Are they really playing golf?"

Zelma Dixon-Johnson

The TWIG Fall 2008 golf trip was great! It was a great time of socializing, golfing and building rain golf stamina. Yes, we persevered through the rain! Carolyn did a wonderful job of planning the event. The courses were beautiful and challenging. I look forward to the next trip.

Erica Colleton

The TWIG Fall Trip was a treat! I want to give a big birdie Thank You to Carloyn Daye for planning such a wonderful trip. The fellowship with all of my league members is always a wonderful experience. TWIG never ceases to amaze! Many of the members of Sea Trails Golf Course found it unbelievable that we continued to persevere through the rain for 2 consecutive days. I got a big kick out of a gentleman at the Boundary Restaurant on Saturday Night. He actually thought he was making a joke when he walked up to our dinner table and asked, "Are you ladies a group of golfers?" You should have seen the look on his face when he found out that we really were a Golf League and that the joke was on him. It was priceless! God smiled on us on Sunday and blessed us with a beautiful day of Sunshine. I definitely play my best game in good weather. Although we played the toughest course on Sunday, I had a good round. I was excited to win the Hybrid # 3 Club for posting the lowest combined 2-day score.

Fall Trip Prize Winners (Left to Right): 3rd Place Minnie Jones, 1st Place Erica Colleton, 2nd Place Carolyn Day



Big Shot Club News

By Diana Philips

We have added three new Big Shots this year. They are (drum roll, please):

- Minnie Jones – scored Birdie and Broke 100 at Little River
- LeKecia McGee – Scored a Birdie at Sea Trails
- Cindy Yokley – scored at Birdie at Eagle Ridge Golf Course
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Congratulations to Minnie, LeKecia and Cindy. Big Shot pins will be presented at our Christmas party.

TWIG Spotlight

This column profiles a TWIG member. If you have not submitted your profile to Wanda Moore, do so today!

Loretta Hicks



Birthday: July 6th

Occupation: Software Engineer

Year joined TWIG: 1997

Years playing golf: 23 Years

Favorite golf club: The 7 iron is my favorite club because of its versatility.

Favorite golf courses: My favorite golf courses are Governor's Club (Chapel Hill area) and Pinehurst No. 2. Someday, I'd like to play Pebble Beach or at least see it in person.

Proud moment in golf: My proudest moment in golf was the first time that I played a round. That was in 1985, when there were very few women and minorities playing. I was excited that I was successful in trying something different. But, I started by completing a class before I went out to play my first round.

Interests and hobbies: I like flower and vegetable gardening, traveling, and volunteering to help others.

TWIG 2008 Goals...*How did you do?*

By TWIG Members

At the 2008 TWIG Tee-off in February, you were asked to share your goals and objectives for the 2008 Golf Season. In review, how did you perform against your targets?

Joselyn Williams - Consistently break 100

Linda Graham - Consistently shoot below 85

Earlene McCoy - Get Back on the Course

Minnie Jones - Play more often

Carolyn Daye - Hit more fairways and consistently play in the 80's

Cathleen Pete-Peay - Break 90

Myra Smith - Play consistently in the 90's

Diana Philips - Hit greens in regulation 85% of the time, and chip within gimmie range

Evelyn Holton - Play more often

Gwen Macon-Belmont - Find my golf clubs

Winona Swayze - Play more often

Ursula Delaine - Play more often

Georgia Lynch - Break 100

Carolyn Stroud - Play more often and break 100

Wanda Moore - Play more often

Jackie Benbow - Play more and improve my game

Erica Colleton - Master the mental game and shoot consistently in the 80's.

Jackie Lewis...*Life After TWIG and IBM.*

By Jackie Lewis



I left Raleigh after 19 years in June 2003, to relocate to the town of St James, NC, about 40 miles south of Wilmington, NC. St James is 5 miles from Southport, NC. My initial plan was for Ed and I to play golf and to do volunteer work. The community we selected, St James Plantation, had four golf courses....and Ed's friend from his alma mater, NC A&T State Univ. So we were set. We found the history and culture of the area very different from the other coastal areas that we had visited...Nags Head, Morehead City, Emerald Isle, Atlantic Beach. This area had a very independent, self sufficient African-American Heritage where there had been very active NAACP Chapters. The Long Shoreman's Union had provided excellent wages for this community, paying more than twice what the minimum wage had been in the 1960s. We've met some wonderful people here, both local residents and 'transplanted residents'.

I joined the Mulligan Mates, St James women's golf group, as a substitute. I didn't want any long term commitments. Ed plays with a group of African American men each week. We're still playing cards: bid whist and pinochle and just chilling with really nice people. You can be as busy or relaxed as you wish. I transferred my Bible Study Fellowship membership from Raleigh to Wilmington, and continued in the program for three years. I'm now looking to join a Bible Study group in Southport, a diverse group of men and women. I have also become certified as a Master Gardener, a 4 month program containing the latest in horticulture and best practices in landscaping from the Agricultural Extension Service from NC A&T State Univ and NC State Univ. This course was no joke. But I really enjoyed it and met some great people....everyone wanted to know how to grow in coastal soils.

I was appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee for the County Extension Service and later the State Advisory Board for Extension. Now I'm beginning an Advisory Council project to develop a new 4H Youth Program that can be used as drop out prevention program for public schools. I'm also on Board of Brunswick County Community Foundation, a branch on NC Community Foundation. Wish I had known about this a lot sooner in my life. The Community Foundation encourages the creation of endowment funds that produce income that then gets distributed to non-profit agencies in the local county. For example, Brunswick County Community Foundation gives its money to Brunswick County and Wake County Community Foundation gives its money to Wake County. It's a wonderful way to establish an honorary endowment fund for a deceased relative that can grow over the future years. I'm on the Board of Trustees of Thalian Hall Center of the Performing Arts in Wilmington NC. The Hall just celebrated its 150th Anniversary. It's a wonderful venue that serves the community every day with events and performances.

In January 2007, Ed and I opened our own real estate office...wrong time to do this...we just closed our doors in August 2008. We both had been working in other real estate firms since 2004. But we've learned a lot....we'll be ready when the market comes back. We're currently with EXIT Old South Realtyif you need any real estate services, shoot me an email...would love to give you info. Our EXIT network is nationwide. Regarding an update on family events: My Mom passed Nov 2004; our daughter got her MBA from U of Mich May 2008; we travelled to Barcelona Spain in Feb 2008 to visit her in Business school there...our first grandchild graduated from high school in Columbus GA, June 2008....our niece Rebekka Canterbury got married 8/8/08..and my musician brother Hiram Bullock passed 7/25/08....most traumatic for me. All of this says that as long as we're breathing each day, there will be ups and downs....but keep the faith and let GOD stay in control.

A Pebble Peach Experience

By Cindy Yokley

Pebble Beach ahhh what a treat! No words can describe how beautiful it was. I have NEVER in my life seen anything like it. In the morning at tee-off there is so much fog you can barely see the person standing in front of you. For those of you who know my golf game this was a challenge for me. I have trouble keeping up with my ball in sunshine and broad day light. While at the Pebble Beach Resort I had an opportunity to play both Pebble Beach and Spanish Bay Golf Courses. Believe it or not, Spanish Bay was a much tougher course than Pebble Beach. I have never seen courses where you have to be dead on with your distance and direction to have another shot without taking a penalty stroke - nature areas right in the middle of the green. The sand traps, one cannot describe. Some of them were soooooo deep - over 8ft. I managed to stay out of the sand traps. Both courses were off the Ocean and the scenery was just awesome! I spent more time ohh and ahing at the scenery than concentrating on my golf game. Needless to say when I played Spanish Bay, I was playing with a semi-pro and had plenty of time to take in the sites as I spent a lot of time picking up my ball such that I would not slow down the foursome. My foursome at Pebble Beach was more in my playing league and I was able to keep up and actually win a few holes. The highlight of Pebble Beach is hole #7, a par 3 completely surrounded by water. The best of all I got closest to the pin and won a \$250 gift card. Oh no, I almost forgot. REALLY the absolute highlight of the trip was having an opportunity to play with a caddie - my first! It was great. He helped with my alignment, but was screwing me up on my putting. After the 3rd hole I told him no more advice on putting I can do bad all by myself. This was a once in a life time opportunity. I don't think I would pay my money to play these courses given the cost and the level of my golf game. Ask me in another 10 years maybe my decision will change or I can get one of my suppliers to sponsor me again!

“A picture is worth a thousand words...”

