



Tournament Histories

Cris Eaton Chapman

Established in 1966, the inaugural tournament was hosted by Marshfield Country Club. Late in 1965, Priscilla Bailey, Nancy Black, Ann Dow, Dotty Howard, May Jackson, Gene McAuliffe, Pippy O'Connor, Harriet Rogers, Dolly Sullivan, and Betty Tarr asked the WGAM Executive Committee to establish an annual tournament as a memorial to their friend, Mrs. Charles F. (Cris) Eaton. Cris Eaton faithfully served the WGAM in many capacities. She was twice the President of the WGAM from 1954-1957. She also initiated the New England Women's Golf Association to foster interstate competition.

Allen Bowl Four-Ball

This tournament was established in 1938 when Eleanor W. Allen presented the Eleanor W. Allen Bowl to the WGAM. Miss Allen served as the President of the WGAM for eight years, from 1917-1920, and then from 1930-1933. She also served on the USGA Women's Committee for many years. The inaugural tournament was hosted by Oakley Country Club with Ernest Hooton winning.

Curtis Bowl Scotch

In 1954 friends of Harriot and Margaret Curtis announced the initiation of a tournament in their honor and presented "The Curtis Bowl" at the WGAM Annual Meeting. The trophy is a replica of the internationally known "Curtis Cup", which the sisters had presented to the USGA when they established the Curtis Cup biennial team matches between leading women amateur golfers from the United States and the British Isles. The "Bowl" is inscribed: "PRESENTED BY THEIR FRIENDS TO HARRIOT S. CURTIS IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR INTEREST AND DEVOTION TO GOLF." The inaugural tournament was in 1956. Essex County Club hosted this event and Mildred Prunaret and Anne Nicolls won.

LaBonte Four-Ball

Originated in 1950 this was a tournament to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the WGAM. In 1965 the name became "The Fall Frolic". In February of 1972 the WGAM donated a new trophy, and the tournament was renamed to "The Eleanor I. LaBonte" tournament in honor of Eleanor LaBonte. Miss LaBonte served as Executive Secretary of the WGAM for over 25 years and handicap chairman for 33 years. The inaugural tournament was held at Oakley Country Club and the team of Nancy Black/Florence McClusky and Ernest Hooton/Muriel Cadsey were victorious.

Sheeran Mixed

The Executive Committee of the WGAM established the Husband Wife Tournament in 1959. Dr. J. Paul Sheeran and Lorraine Sheeran from Winchester Country Club donated the trophy for this event in 1972 and the tournament was renamed the Sheeran Trophy in 1983. Lorraine Sheeran was WGAM President from 1976-1977 and remained an active member for many years. She also served on the USGA Senior Women's Championship Committee from 1985-1993. In 2020 the Sheeran Mixed tournament opened up to legally married partners. The inaugural tournament was hosted by Tedesco Country Club in 1959 and Bea and Albert Bower won.

Mother Son Modified Scotch

The Mother/ Son tournament originated at Wellesley Country Club. In 1959 the WGAM assumed responsibility for running the tournament. The inaugural tournament was hosted by Dedham Country and Polo Club in 1959 with Mrs. John H. Nies and John, Jr. winning. The Trophies were donated by the WGAM and Pippy O'Connor. In 2012, the term "mother" was expanded to include grandmother, great grandmother and mother -in-law and the term "son" to include grandson, great grandson and son-in-law.

Mother Daughter Modified Scotch and Member Junior Modified Scotch

The Mother Daughter tournament was first hosted by the WGAM in 1997. Before that time, the Women's South Shore League allowed WGAM members to play in their Cris Eaton Mother and Daughter Tournament. As that tournament grew, the Women's South Shore League asked the WGAM to establish a tournament for WGAM members. In 1986, Nancy Black donated the Division1 trophy which was won by Hannah and Loren Milhench. In 1997 when the WGAM first hosted this tournament it was won by Patricia and Courtney Marsh and was held at Newton Commonwealth Golf Course. In 2006 the Member Junior Event was added with Dori Frankel and Courtney Dampolo winning at South Shore Country Club.

Dolly Sullivan Team Best Ball Tournament

This annual team event was introduced in 1982 in honor of Dolly Sullivan, who was the niece of American golf legend Francis Ouimet. The friends of Dolly Sullivan, recognized her love of golf and her dedication to the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, established the tournament as a tribute to this fine competitive golfer and teacher-coach. Sullivan served as golf coach at nearby Milton Academy for 32 years. The tournament was first held at The Country Club of Halifax in 1982 and then was conducted by the WGAM in 1994. The event has not only become a must-play for teams from across the state, but it also raises important funds for the WGAM/Dolly Sullivan Junior Scholarship Program - an endowed scholarship that was first established in 1999 by the former Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts to assist female Ouimet scholars who have either worked as golf course employees or have competed in women's golf events in Massachusetts. The inaugural event was hosted by the Country Club of Halifax and Wollaston Golf Club won.