

## Championship Committee Liaison Report

First, a wrap-up of the season's Championships:

The **114<sup>th</sup> Pacific NW Women's Amateur** and **14<sup>th</sup> PPGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championships** were held concurrently July 11-15 at Banbury Golf Course in Eagle, ID. In the Women's Am, Gabrielle Barker (Caldwell, ID) was Medalist with a two-round total of 8-under-par 134. After a cut to the lowest 32 after qualifying, players entered the match play portion of the championship. The eventual winner was Brooke Hamilton (New Zealand), the #3 seed, who defeated Alivia Brown (Gig Harbor, WA) by a score of 1-up. Total field size was 35 competitors.

In the Mid-Amateur Championship, Medalist Lani Elston (Milwaukie, OR) won the championship final match against defending Champion Amanda Jacobs (Seattle, WA) by a score of 1-up. Only 15 competitors registered for this event.

The **60<sup>th</sup> PPGA Junior Girls' Amateur Championship** was contested August 10-13 at Redhawk Golf Course, Nampa, ID. The field was exceedingly small, with only 14 competitors from a possible 72. Medalist Ashley Fitzgibbons (Sammamish, WA) lost in the semifinals. Kelly Hooper (Spokane, WA), the 11<sup>th</sup> seed, met Jalayne Martinez (Pasco, WA), the #4 seed, in the final championship match, with Hooper becoming the newest PPGA Jr. Girls' Amateur Champion by a score of 4 & 3.

Sunriver Resort hosted the **33<sup>rd</sup> Pacific NW Women's Senior Team Championship** September 14-16. The duo of Lisa Smego (Olympia, WA) and Ginny Burkey (Eugene, OR) successfully defended their title with a resounding 22-stroke lead over their nearest competitors. Burkey has won this event six times and Smego three times. This was the second time Burkey and Smego have partnered in this event. There was a calendar/scheduling conflict this year with the WSWG Senior Women's Championship, which may have contributed to the low number of entries (26 teams / 60-team limit).

Yesterday here at Everett Golf & CC we crowned new champions in the **30<sup>th</sup> PPGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship** (50 years of age or older) and the **5<sup>th</sup> PPGA Super Senior Women's Amateur Championship** (65 years of age or older). Ninety players competed out of a possible field size of 120. The course for the Senior players was set up at 5,561 yards (par 72), and the course for the Super Seniors played at 5,190 yards (par 72).

At our Women's Committee meeting last Fall, one of the concerns discussed was championship participation and ideas for increasing same from all zones. These topics were also discussed at the Fall 2014 Championship Committee regarding ALL of the association championships. In order to provide a "visual," following is a compilation of player statistics for each of our 2015 women's championships.

