USGA women’s panel nominates Beard

FAR HILLS, N.J.—Ann Beard of Essex Fells, N.J., has been nominated as chairman of the Women’s Committee of the United States Golf Association.

The announcement was made by Cynthia Foshay, chairman of the Women’s Nominating Committee. Members of the Women’s Committee will be confirmed during the USGA’s 97th annual meeting, in Minneapolis, Minn., at the end of January.

Barbara McIntire of Colorado Springs, Colo., has been nominated as vice chairman.

Three new members of the Women’s Committee were nominated also: Ann Henderson of Stratford,Conn.; Pat Johnstone of Dearborn, Mich.; and Nancy Koustas of Dearborn, Mich.

Leaving the Women’s Committee are Betty Richart of Detroit, Mich., after 17 years of service, including the last two as chairman; Gretchen Denison of Girard, Ohio, after nine years; and Julie Madison of Jacksonville, Fla., after 11 years.

First appointed to the Women’s Committee in 1981, Beard has been vice chairman the last two years. She was chairman of the Girls’ Junior Committee from 1984 through 1988, and chairman of the Women’s Handicap Procedure Committee in 1985 and 1986. She is a member of Essex Fells Country Club.

McIntire has been a member of the Women’s Committee since 1985. The U.S. Women’s Amateur champion in 1959 and 1964, she is chairman of the Women’s National Team Selection Committee, and has helped set up golf courses for several women’s championships. She is a member of Broadmoor Golf Club in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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JUPITER, Fla.—Local amateur golf tournaments raise some $232 million a year for charity in the United States, according to a National Golf Foundation survey.

Another $30 million is raised by the men’s and women’s pro tours. In addition to such major national charities as United Way, Ronald McDonald House and the Special Olympics, primary beneficiaries of these charity dollars include scores of local youth athletic programs, anti-drug campaigns and other civic organizations.

“It’s been no secret that golfers contribute millions each year to both local and national charities,” said NGF President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph F. Beditz. “Not until now, however, have we known just how big a number we were really talking about. It’s a tremendous tribute to the game and those who play it.”

The survey shows that nearly half of America’s golf facilities conduct at least one charitable golf event a year. Some 35,000 of these events are staged annually.

Public facilities host seven out of 10 of these events. On the other hand, 86 out of every 100 raised is from tournaments at private clubs.

It is also estimated that 3.6 million people participate each year.