

Cora Jane Blanchard Re-Elected Chairperson Of USGA Women's Committee

Far Hills, N.J. - Cora Jane Blanchard of Edina, Minn., has been elected to serve a second one-year term as chairman of the 24-member USGA Women's Committee for 2002.

In addition, Jeanne Myers of West Bloomfield, Mich., will serve a second one-year term as vice chairman of the Committee.

The Women's Committee represents the USGA in all matters related to women's golf and its members are the leaders of women's amateur golf in the United States. The Committee conducts the U.S. Women's Amateur and the U.S. Women's Open, as well as the Curtis Cup Match when it is held in the United States. It also selects the players who represent the U.S. on the Curtis Cup and Women's World Amateur teams, and directs more than 300 volunteers on eight USGA women's committees.

Blanchard has been a member of the Women's Committee since 1987. She was a member of the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship Committee (1980-1987), and served as its chairman (1991-1998). Blanchard, a member of the USGA's Public Golf Committee from 1991-2000, is currently a member of the Sectional Affairs Committee (since 2000) and has served as a USGA Rules official at the past 15 U.S. Women's Opens.

Myers has been a member of the Women's Committee since 1992. She served as the chairman of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Committee in 1999 and 2000 and is currently on the Members Committee. Myers, a member of the USGA Women's Handicap Procedure Committee from 1985 to 2000, served as its chairman from 1993-98 and has been involved in the efforts to rewrite the Handicap manual. She has served as a USGA Rules official at the past 10 U.S. Women's Opens.

Along with Blanchard and Myers, 19 members were re-elected to serve a one-year term on the Women's Committee. They are: Roberta Bolduc of Longmeadow, Mass.; Pat Clarke of Sea Island, Ga.; Betsy Clifford of Dallas, Texas; Christi Dickinson of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; Barbara Douglas of Phoenix, Ariz.; Sue Ewart of Seal Beach, Calif.; Carol Falk of Portland, Ore.; and Dorothy Forbes of Jamaica Plain, Mass.

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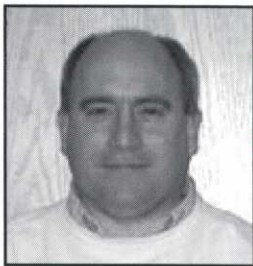
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Editor's Corner

By Richard Traver, Jr., CGCS
Monticello Country Club

Super Conference

I hope everyone who attended the GCSAA annual turf conference in Orlando had a great experience. Personally I had a real enjoyable time in Orlando. I attended a couple of half-day seminars, one on time management that should come in handy, and was able to visit the trade show the one afternoon it rained. All while still arranging to see my 5-year old daughter visit Mickey and Minnie, getting their autographs. Maggie smiled the next five days. I don't know what experiences everyone else has had at the Disney-run facilities, but they must have appreciated the fantastic human resources department. I can honestly say that considering all the Disney employees we had contact with, not one was cross or for that matter indifferent. Everyone was

polite and helpful.

Olympics

Has everyone been watching the winter Olympics? This may be a dumb question, and maybe no one but me cares, but why is the television coverage so sparse. I tried to turn it on one weekend and there was absolutely no coverage until 7:00 pm. It seems to me that the television coverage of the Olympic games in years past allowed us to turn on the tube just about any time and catch something happening. This year you get more "gobble-gook" about the Canadian figure skating team or "Skate-gate", and how they were robbed than you do about any thing else. Maybe they were robbed and of course it makes good copy for the newsreels, but couldn't we see at least a little of the other stuff. From what I understand there are over 80 different winter Olympic sports now and we only get to see about a third of them. If you are interested in curling, you are lucky if you can get a quick shot of information or a highlight during the late night broadcast. From what I understand there have been some exciting matches. Sorry for venting, but I appreciate the opportunity.

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Dr. Brian Horgan and the University of Minnesota have given us a great opportunity. They have set up an interactive message board called "Turf Talk in Minnesota." It is set up in much the same manner as the interactive site with the GCSAA, but will allow local superintendents the opportunity to discuss turf issues relevant to the area. Dr. Horgan will moderate the site and encourages us to be active on the site. I am sure it will take some time for it to be real active but please take advantage of this great opportunity the University of Minnesota has offered us.

Sorry Jack

I would like to take a second to apologize to Jack MacKenzie, CGCS for his article last issue. Jack took the time to write an article for our publication and we goofed up in the continuance of the article onto other pages. It made for some difficult reading. Member participation is what will make this publication great, and we certainly don't want to alienate one of our contributors. So sorry, Jack, and please keep the articles coming.

What a Crazy Winter

As March approaches the days are getting longer - almost 11 hours now. Make good use of your time left in the shop; soon we will be going full force, with so little snow, maybe sooner that we want. I hope to see all of you at the Mini-seminar on March 6th.

-Rick Traver
Editor



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