

O&E golfers 'weather' tourney

If Gary Whitener has his way, the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament will be contested in the month of August rather than September in the years ahead.

Whitener, the personable professional at Whispering Willows Municipal Golf Course in Livonia — site of the O&E men's and women's tournaments — couldn't have ordered a better day than last Wednesday for the women's

tourney. The midsummer day was perfect as far as the weather was concerned, and the course was in beautiful condition.

That was quite a difference from the last three years when the women's tourney was plagued by bone-chilling temperatures, winds and rain. A couple of competitors came down with pneumonia last year, Whitener said.

Another reason for switching the

date this year was to try and increase the number of participants.

It was thought that many women who may put their clubs away after Labor Day, who may turn to bowling or who may take a part-time job with the kids back in school would elect to participate in August.

Approximately the same number competed this summer (76) as did last autumn (77).

Whitener said that attendance was curtailed in the Championship Flight, especially last week due to a conflict

with a three-day Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Tournament.

Carol Trombley, who won the Championship Flight title by three strokes last year, decided to participate in the three-day event rather than to defend her O&E title. She was disappointed, but naturally cast her lot with the more formidable competition.

Whitener said he will make every effort next year to make sure that there is no conflict.

Of the 76 women who competed this year, eight were grouped in the Championship Flight, 29 in Flight 1 and 39 in Flight 2.

O&E golf results

O&E WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT Results

Championship Flight

R. Herford	43-59	84
C. Repasky	47-41	88
C. Tomasi	43-45	88
J. Sprout	42-47	89
E. Nader	45-47	92
T. Anthony	50-44	94
E. Hunter	50-49	99
D. Betanc	50-59	100

Flight 1

Z. Alpern	43-44	87
D. Matthews	46-43	89
A. Dickman	48-43	91
B. Sama	48-48	96
D. Williams	49-47	96
P. Brown	46-50	96
C. Warner	49-48	97
S. O'Laughlin	48-50	98
L. Murar	49-51	100
R. Kruuse	46-54	100
B. Swers	45-56	101
N. Flack	51-52	103
J. Archer	52-52	104

Flight 2

D. Wallach	51-53	104
M. Priebe	54-51	105
S. Laskowski	53-52	105
A. Kalinbach	49-57	106
E. Blair	54-53	107
A. Noll	55-53	108
C. Dufren	54-54	108
C. Polmar	52-58	108
S. Young	59-53	108
P. Link	59-50	109
A. Skaggs	52-58	110
D. Deslives	56-56	111
J. Rudolph	55-56	111
M. Brockman	54-58	112
C. Brown	55-60	115
F. Foley	55-60	115
B. Moracy	WD	WD

Flight 3

S. MacDonald	55-52	107
J. Schwender	52-55	107
S. Moran	50-54	109
M. Krapp	55-54	109
S. Weaver	53-58	111
S. Caldwell	56-59	111
R. Lyles	58-53	111
R. Pawlowski	60-52	112
K. Thompson	59-57	112
R. Heath	55-58	113
J. Pierce	56-57	113
B. Quinn	59-55	114
W. Carlson	55-59	114
H. Henkel	57-58	115
B. Boss	57-59	115
N. Kranis	57-59	116
L. Shatka	57-60	117
V. Thornhill	55-61	118
E. Spencer	71-62	133
R. Jackson	58-65	134
L. Murphy	65-60	135
L. LaPlante	62-64	136
S. Walker	63-63	136
M. Mitchell	64-64	138
B. Higgins	68-61	139
S. Briggs	65-72	139
F. Colby	67-75	142
D. Lano	NC	NC
V. Burdick	NC	NC

Franklin crowns champ

Steig Aronson defeated Steve Radon, 7-6, in a 36-hole golf final to claim the Franklin Hills Country Club men's championship last weekend.

Julie Korotkin topped Suzy Rosin, 5-3, to win the women's title in the 18-hole final, while Doug Hamburger was the junior club champ, with Mark Radon and Jon Zweig tied for second.

BARNEY LEADS BCC LADIES

Lorraine Barney fired rounds of 91, 96 and 96 to claim the Birmingham Country Club first flight crown with a 273 total in a three-day tournament Aug. 18-20.

Marion Tracy captured second flight honors after a playoff with Jane Goeckel. Joyce Brown won in the third

flight and Barbara Prew finished first in the fourth flight.

Second, third and fourth flight championships were two-day tournaments.

SENIOR GOLFERS REIGN

Tex Thorson edged Clyde Craine by a single stroke to lead a field of 78 golfers in a Senior Men's Club of Birmingham Golf League tournament Aug. 20.

Thorson recorded a 38, including a birdie on the sixth hole, to finish first. Craine carded a 39, followed by Hockey Melikian and Chick Holmes, tied for third with 40.

Gene Daley, Jack Decker and Lloyd Sturgeon joined Thorson in holding birdies, while Holmes won the closest-to-the-pin competition.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Farmington Hills' Kathy Geriford displays the swing that won her the championship flight in the O&E Women's Golf Tournament at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

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