

James Price in his *Refresh Leadership Blog* defines the heart of a champion as a person who is a dreamer of the possibilities and a believer that they can make it happen. Champions are not only dreamers, but they are doers. Champions have the resiliency to overcome failures and the drive to do whatever it takes to achieve! At CWGA we honor and celebrate the champions in our 50-year history, including all those members throughout our history who won the major tournaments of our organization, the Club Champions, Handicap Champions, Partner Champions, and Most Improved Golfer. On June 1st at our first official, not rained-out Scramble of the season, the 50th Anniversary chairs and Co-Vice Presidents, Amy Day and Carol Riley did just that, honor our champions past and present!

"In sports you are simply not considered a real champion until you have defended your title successfully. Winning once can be a fluke; winning twice proves you are the best." Althea Gibson
Just looking at the list of names of the Club Champions over the 48 years it has been recorded reveals the number of people who won this tournament more than once. While it was not possible to print the names and years of the champions in the other three tournaments, there is a crossover of winners across the four tournaments. All the women on these lists epitomize hard work, self-improvement or were lucky enough to put that perfect game together on the right day! Whatever worked for them, they deserve the honor and the celebration.

One of our current members, Susan Taylor made history by being the only CWGA member to win the championship in all four tournaments in multiple years. Terry Borst, organizer of the June Scramble highlighted Susan's accomplishment at the luncheon. She won the Club Championship in 2016, The Handicap Championship in 2006 and 2016, the Partner Championship in 2020, 2021 and 2022, and the Most Improved golfer in 2022. When I spoke to Susan, she told me that she first started playing golf when she moved to Charbonneau 34 years ago. She began her golfing journey as a Niner and eventually as she became a better golfer joined CWGA. When she first started to play, she said that she was so embarrassed by her skill level, she took her first golf lessons at a Portland golf club across town. However, over the years she benefitted from instruction by teaching professionals here at Charbonneau. She told me that "longevity and a body that stood up to playing golf" are keys to her success. She said that she feels blessed and grateful to be able to play golf. "I really love golf. It is a wonderful sport for women." I personally hope I get to play with Susan this year. Maybe she will give me some golfing tips!

The 2023 tournaments have begun! Who will make the list of 2023 champions? We will have the results of the Partners Tournament on June 15th, too late for this publication. The Handicap Tournament is next up on July 13th and 14th. The Club Championship is the last of the three and will begin on September 14th shotgun start tee time at 8:30 and September 15th shotgun tee time start at 12:00 followed by awards. To qualify for the Club Championship, members must have 8 rounds of sanctioned golf recorded.

While we honor our past and current champions, we also want to acknowledge the 1973 CLGA members and 2023 CWGA members pictured here, who worked hard to improve their skills and experience small wins along the way!

Club Champions

- 2022 Alex Carny
- 2021 Carlyne Lynch
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- 2016 Susan Taylor
- 2015 Carlyne Lynch
- 2014 Carlyne Lynch
- 2013 Carlyne Lynch
- 2012 Carlyne Lynch
- 2011 Kay Gardner
- 2010 Carlyne Lynch
- 2009 Carlyne Lynch
- 2008 Carlyne Lynch
- 2007 Glenda Dick
- 2006 Carlyne Lynch
- 2005 Sherry Wadley
- 2004 Carlyne Lynch
- 2003 Susan Stovall
- 2002 Susan Stovall
- 2001 Carlyne Lynch
- 2000 Carlyne Lynch
- 1999 Carlyne Lynch
- 1998 Carlyne Lynch
- 1997 Maguerite Blake
- 1996 Taria Sara
- 1995 Trudy King
- 1994 Maguerite Blake
- 1993 Maguerite Blake
- 1992 Maggie White
- 1991 Maggie White
- 1990 Maguerite Blake
- 1989 Carol Ferris
- 1988 Carol Ferris
- 1987 Carol Ferris
- 1986 Lois Shaff
- 1985 Jackie Bristol
- 1984 Maggie White
- 1983 Bonnie Bowman
- 1982 Gloriann Hallett
- 1981 Bonnie Bowman
- 1980 Bonnie Bowman
- 1979 Bonnie Bowman
- 1978 Jackie Bristol
- 1977 Jackie Bristol
- 1976 Geri Albrich
- 1975 Jackie Bristol