



## **2016 President's Report**

Hello Members –

The 60<sup>th</sup> SNEWGA season has been completed. Several events were held and almost all of them recognized this milestone in some way. All 500+ members in 2016 received a commemorative bag tag with the anniversary logo and their name engraved on it. In addition to this, the board organized and held a special Anniversary tournament and celebration in September at the recently renovated Keney Park in Hartford, one of the original SNEWGA founding clubs. The full field played a first time, mixed club, 4 person 2 best balls event. It may even be a new Major going forward.

The Spring and Fall meetings, followed by golf, continue to grow in popularity and both exceeded 50 players in each. This has had lead to discussion and some minor restructuring of Invitationals and Sunday events. In addition, the Spring & President's cup matches have also increased in numbers. With other outside competing events, we did see a slight decrease in demand & participation for Invitationals and trimmed that down to 3 in 2016.

In other news, the Connecticut State Golf Association has hired Daniela "Crash" Lendl. Daniela has been named the new Director of Women's Golf and will focus on promoting the game in local high schools and colleges. Daniela will also oversee the Ct. Women's Amateur going forward and will probably take over the Tournament of Champions as well for both SNEWGA & CWGA. All of this is a good move for women and our state organizations.

It is a pleasure to be your president and I certainly could not fulfill the role without all the combined efforts of the Executive Board, the regional delegates and the SNEWGA club reps. Everyone is so committed and as volunteers, really puts their best foot forward to perform "fun raising" not "fund raising" for the betterment of all members. Please visit the website to see great pictures from all events and full field results on the tournament page.

A special thank you to Wallingford member, Sharon Fox, who generously donated and covered the expense of the member directories and annual reports this year. This savings was all given back to the members with items recognizing the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SNEWGA.

Lastly we lost some key members in 2016, RIP – Arnold Palmer, Trish Crowley, & Marilyn Rowe. They were tremendous organization & golf contributors and will be truly missed.

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2017. Thank you for participating.

Carole Oat