

Meet the Member: Sandy Weckter

Submitted by Andrea Johnson

Sandy has been a member of NEWGA for 52 years, formerly holding the office of executive scheduling chair and was a club representative many times. Sandy who now lives in Cohoes, NY, grew up in St. Johnsville, NY. She came from a big loving Italian family boasting of many great cooks. Her childhood was spent playing all kind of games and sports with friends, as well as spending hours on her bicycle. In high school she excelled at basketball, preferring it to golf. She graduated in a class of 39 students, and was voted best athlete and class clown.

Sandy attended college at SUNY at Oswego and received her BS in Education. Her first job was teaching second grade in Clinton, NY. She also taught in Colorado Springs, CO, and Anaheim, CA before moving back to NY and teaching in the South Colonie school district for 32 more years. Her goal in teaching was to instill the love of reading in each of her students.

Sandy's father was her inspiration for golf and taught her at the age of 5 how to swing a golf club without actually using a golf club. She got her first full set of clubs in high school. She played at Nick Stoner golf club in Caroga Lake. Her dad was her real inspiration for golf and each time when she begins a round of golf, she thanks him for teaching her how to play. Sandy's home course when she was younger was Walhalla(Willows) and she won multiple club championships there. It was there she shot her lowest round, a one under par 73. She told me the song "Take Me Home Country Roads" was playing in her head the whole round. Sandy has 3 holes in one and she has won club championships at The Edison Club and Pinehaven. She also won low gross in her age group in 1988 and 2021 NYSGA Women's Amateur Tournament. She is a three time winner of The NEWGA Super Seniors Trophy. Sandy who has played many courses in her many years of golf says her favorite is Caledonia in Myrtle Beach.

Sandy's advice for new golfers is to take lessons especially on short game and putting.

An interesting fact about Sandy is whenever you see her playing know that in her front pocket are 5 flat markers, 7 tees, and her back pocket contains 2 small tees. That's because her birth date is 5-2-7. Sandy's favorite quote is "Wherever you go, there you are".

Sandy is a cat lover so she always marks her balls with 2 cat ears and 8 whiskers.

