

In honor of America's 250 years anniversary I am doing a second July member spotlight

July Member Spotlight: **Deb DiMaggio**

I would like to introduce you to Deb DiMaggio, this month's member spotlight.

Deb has been a member of NEWGA since 2015. Deb became the Ballston Spa rep in 2020 and simultaneously joined the Executive Committee as the Handicap Chair for two years before serving 2 terms as president, from 2022 to 2026. Deb, who now lives in Niskayuna, NY, grew up in Rome, NY. She is the middle of 5 siblings (2 older sisters and 2 younger brothers). A fun fact is that when people see her last name and ask her if she is related to Joe, she says Yes, he is my baby brother! Deb is happily single and has 11 nieces and nephews, 7 godchildren, and 100+ cousins, making a large, happy, loving family.

Deb graduated from Ithaca College with a BS in Communications and a minor in Sports Journalism. She worked for an advertising agency as a media buyer in Latham, NY, for a few years before moving to Boston for ten years. In Boston, she managed the Boston News Bureau for the national company PR Newswire. She returned to the Capitol District in 2000 and worked for First Albany Corporation before taking a job at JP Morgan in government banking. After 20 years at JPM, she retired in 2025.

Deb's father taught her the basics of golf when she was a teenager, but she only played with him and her brothers occasionally until she moved to Albany and joined a 9-hole league at Eagle Crest. She joined Ballston Spa CC in 2015. Deb has played international golf in the Dominican Republic and Alberta, Canada. By her count, she has golfed in 18 different states, including playing 6 different courses on the Big Island of Hawaii. To date, Deb does not have a hole-in-one, but she has many years of golf left and says "hope springs eternal". She really doesn't have a favorite course, but if she had to pick one so far, it would be Wolf Creek Golf Club in Mesquite, NV.

Deb's advice for new/young golfers is: "Swing hard, in case you hit it," and try not to take the "game" too seriously. Her proudest accomplishment in golf is the camaraderie and friendships she has built and that have embraced her over the last two decades. The shared victories, lessons learned, and many challenges both on and off the golf course have provided her with countless blessings, laughs, memories, love, and support, which continue to enrich her life beyond measure.

An interesting fact about Deb is that she is an Adirondack 46er, having successfully climbed all 46 of the traditionally recognized High Peaks (over 4,000 ft) in the Adirondack Mountains. It took her 9 years, and she completed her 46th peak (Mt. Colden) on her 46th birthday. She has also run over 100 road races, including numerous 5Ks, 10Ks, fifteen Utica Boilermaker 15Ks, 2 half marathons, and one full marathon. She now happily plays golf instead.



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