

September Member Spotlight: Mary Diefendorf

I would like to introduce you to Mary Diefendorf this month's member spotlight.

Mary has been a member of NEWGA for 16 years and golfing for approximately 20 years. Mary is currently a member of Canajoharie Golf Course. At Canajoharie she is the Ladies Invitational Chairperson as well as Tuesday League Captain and Interclub Captain. Mary is also a member of Marathon for a Better Life Board of Directors. She will join NEWGA's Board of Directors as Treasurer starting next year. Mary got into golf through various work golf outings.

Mary has lived in Seward, NY with her husband Steve since 1982. She grew up in New Jersey with her 4 siblings. She spent her childhood in Summit, NY and then moved with her family to Richmondville, NY in 1972.

Mary graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with an Associate's Degree. She managed to continue working while going to school on Saturdays. She has held a variety of jobs including Data Entry for Cobleskill Hospital, commercial quoting, data entry, and end user computing for Sterling Insurance, multiple IT roles for MapInfo. Her last job before retirement was at Pitney Bowes as an IT Project manager where she was able to work from home.

Mary has 4 holes-in-ones. Two were at Canajoharie, one at Holland Heights, and one at Stamford Golf Club. She really doesn't have a favorite course, she enjoys them all. But she is looking forward to an upcoming golf trips to St. George in November and Brandon Dunes in March. Both Scotland and Ireland are on her bucket list. Mary is proud of the work she has done supporting woman's golf and the networking she accomplished through interclub, leagues and NEWGA. Her frustration with golf is overlooking opportunities that have come her way.

Mary's advice for new/young golfers is: "This is a game of managing the six inches between your ears when you have bad golf shots. Stay within yourself and always learn by watching other golfers. This is not our lively hood, it is our passion".

Mary plays Pickleball and Mah jongg when not golfing during the winter. An interesting fact about Mary is she likes to Fly Fish although she hasn't done it in a few years.



Submitted by Andrea Johnson