



Stephanie Arcala of Oceanside, California wins the 16th California Women's Championship

The 16th Annual California Women's Championship was played over three days, July 18-20, at the Temecula Creek Inn Golf Resort in Temecula, California.

The CWC draws some of the best female golfers in the state, and the venue was a true test for the championship. The Temecula Creek Inn Golf Resort is located in the middle of Southern California's wine country and offers 27 holes of championship play. The resort is surrounded by over 300 acres of rustic beauty, has dramatic elevation changes and sweeping mountain views and enjoys year-round sunny weather. With temperatures reaching 99 degrees, 69 women from all over California teed up on the Creek and Oak nines. A combination of tees brought the course yardage to 6,092 yards, and the format called for 54 holes of stroke play at scratch. Some amazing golf was played by all, and the pace of play was excellent.

On day one, the leader was Stephanie Arcala from North County Junior Golf in Oceanside with a score of 68. One back with a score of 69 was Marissa Mar from El Macero Country Club.

Kathy Quock (pictured at right) from Screaming Eagles Golf Club in Playa del Rey fired a 9-iron onto Oak # 3, a 109 yard par 3, for a Hole-in-One. This was her first ace, and she was beaming! In recognition of the feat, Lynne Gangi, Chairperson of the CWC committee, presented Kathy with a CWC flag signed by all of the players. "This is my first time playing in the CWC", Kathy said. "I really enjoyed playing in the tournament and met a lot of wonderful people. It was a great experience. Receiving the flag signed by everyone is a great memento."



On day two, Stephanie Arcala continued to lead with a score of 138, followed by Marissa Mar at 141, Devon Brown of Rancho Santa Fe and Ellen Krause of Bakersfield were tied for third at 143. Alone in fourth was Courtney Soekland of Santa Rosa with a 144. Danielle Gillaspay of Santa Maria and Stephanie Yocum of Cypress Ridge were tied at 146.

On the final day of play a new champion was crowned as Stephanie Arcala held on and emerged with a one stroke victory over Marissa Mar. It was a very exciting finish. Stephanie and Marissa were head to head after the first nine; trading birdies, pars and a few bogeys. Arriving at the 18th hole, a par 4, Stephanie, trailing by one, hit her approach shot to the green and landed about 30 feet beyond the flagstick. She missed the putt for a birdie but managed the short par putt. Marissa narrowly missed her putt for a tie and finished one stroke behind the leader.

The awards ceremony took place after completion of play and a delicious pasta luncheon was offered in the Kiva Room at the Resort. Lynne Gangi, Chairperson of the CWC Committee, opened the ceremony by recognizing the other CWC Committee members, the Presidents and Executive Directors from each of the four women's golf associations and the 2011 Championship Coordinator, Leslie Patterson from San Diego Country Women's Golf Association. The CWC Committee is comprised of two representatives from each of the associations sponsoring the championship: the Pacific Women's Golf Association (PWGA), Women's Golf Association of Northern California (WGANC), San Diego County Women's Golf Association (SDCWGA) and Women's Southern California Golf Association (WSCGA).

Congratulations were extended to all, and medallions were awarded to the eight place winners.

Champion: Stephanie Arcala - Oceanside
Runner Up: Marissa Mar - El Macero
3rd place: Devon Brown - Rancho Santa Fe
4th place: Ellen Krause - Bakersfield
5th place: Lynne Cowan - Davis
6th place: Danielle Gillaspay - Santa Maria
7th place: Courtney Soekland - Santa Rosa
8th place: Sharon Park - Irvine

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The California Women's Championship not only produces a State Champion in amateur stroke play competition but also determines representatives for the State of California in the biennial USGA Women's State Team Championship. Immediately following the CWC awards ceremony Lynne Gangi announced the 2011 USGA State Team. Representing California will be Lynne Cowan of Amateurgolf.com, Sharon Park of Cleveland Golf Club and Joan Higgins of Glendora Country Club. Qualifying points are accumulated by participation and placement in the CWC over a two year period; Lynne, Sharon and Joan collected enough points in 2010 and 2011 to qualify. (See the [USGA State Team page](#) for more information). Lynne Gangi from WGANC has been designated as the Team Captain. The 2011 USGA Women's State Team Championship will be held at the Palmetto Course at The Landings Club in Savannah, Georgia on October 4-6, 2011. We wish the California team the best of luck and are very proud to have these three players represent our state in the upcoming Championship.

The 2012 California Women's Championship will be played on July 16, 17 and 18 at Chardonnay Golf Club in Napa, California. We hope to see everyone there!

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