

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame 2018 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

Bordas Marsha B.
Last Name First Name Nickname (if applicable) Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1949 March 2nd
Year Month Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) Life time

Current Residence

900 Marbella Lane Lexington, Ky. 40515
Address City State Zip

STATUS

- ☒ Amateur
☐ Professional
☐ Deceased (please provide date of death _____)

KEY AREAS (check all that are applicable)

- ☒ Playing Achievements
☒ Contribution/Promotion of the Game
☒ Contribution to Junior Golf
☐ Teaching of the game
☐ Golf Course Architecture
☐ Turf Grass Research
☐ Golf Course Management/Maintenance
☐ National Recognition

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Required

- ☒ One page type written biography of nominee
☒ Two (2) Letters of Nomination

Suggested

- ☒ Newspaper articles
☒ Photographs

April 18, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

It is a great pleasure to have the opportunity to nominate Marsha Bird Bordas to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. Marsha has spent a life time of giving to golf in Kentucky in all facets of the game, whether it be through playing at a high level or serving on many Boards to promote and to nurture the game in the state. She has had a wonderful competitive record of achievements. She has won many Club Championships, Lexington City, and Central Kentucky tournaments and various other invitationals. Marsha reached the semi-finals of the State Amateur as well as being runner-up at the championship. Plus, she has twice won the very prestigious Marion Miley Invitational.

But, just as important, she has served on many Boards and Committees. She has been President of the Lexington City Tournament and Clover Leaf. In Central Kentucky, Marsha has served every Executive Board position including multiple and long running terms as Secretary-Treasurer. In the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association, she has been a Director many times and has served on the Executive Committee in all positions from President to now being the long time Secretary-Treasurer. She is currently on your K.G.A. Board and Tournament Committee. Her enthusiasm and leadership has benefitted many women golfers and organizations through the years.

No one that I know of has made a bigger impact on women's golf and is more deserving of such an honor as the Hall of Fame. Please give Marsha your utmost consideration for her many and varied contributions to women's golf in Kentucky. Thank you so very much.

Most sincerely,

Queen Combs

June 18, 2018

Kentucky Golf House
1116 Elmore Just Dr.
Shelbyville, Ky 40245

Dear Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Committee:

My earliest memory of my mom playing golf was when I was 4 years old standing on top of a golf cart at the Women's State Amateur Golf Tournament singing "Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys" to an audience of enraptured women golfers cheering me on, while I loved every bit of the attention and laughter they would give me. The golf course was where I felt at home and my mom always made sure that we were a part of her game. That trait of hers continues today where she not only has proven herself to be a formidable opponent on the course, but also a leader who tries to ensure that current and future generations of golfers can learn the game and have the immense love for golf that she does. It is for this reason and so many more that I take great pleasure and pride in recommending my mom, Marsha Bordas, for induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

My mom, Marsha Bordas, started playing golf at age 7 alongside her mom and dad, Ruby & Judge Bird, avid golfers in their own right. It was truly a family game and she has carried that over to our own family. I spent many years playing the game and working at Lakeside Golf Course in Lexington because we were so immersed in the love of golf. While I personally enjoy golf, my mom is the queen of the game in our house. Over the past six decades, she has played in 51 straight State Amateurs, even being runner up once and in the semi-championships several times. In her tenure as a golfer, she has won nearly every golf tournament around the state and holds the course record at Arlington Country Club of 65. Marsha has also won the Lexington City, Central Ky Golf Tournament and Blue/White tournaments multiple times. Incredibly enough, she even won the Marion Miley twice in her 50s. She has also been the Senior Overall State Champion in her division each year since entering that group.

While her love and skill at golf is incredible, what I continue to love most about my mom's golf game is her love of sharing, mentoring, leading and teaching others. Not only was she a reputable teacher for over 30 years teaching high school students math, she still finds herself leading others in various roles on and off the golf course despite her classroom retirement.

The love of leading others never dies and I credit her for keeping women's golf alive in Kentucky. She puts in countless hours in holding leadership roles such as her current role of Treasurer and President of both the State AM and Senior State AM. She spends numerous hours sending applications out, taking them to clubs, corresponding with golf pros to get courses playable, creating name tags for everyone in the field, collects and organizes handicaps

and enters players into the tournaments. Among other personal accolades on the golf course, she has also been quoted in Golf Digest as a reason Myra Blackwelder continued playing golf—Myra was my mom's first scholarship offer as the very first Women's Golf Coach at the University of Kentucky.

Marsha is not only a force to be reckoned with on the course, she also embodies strength and perseverance. She is a survivor of breast cancer, has rods in her back, has had some broken and casted bones, and despite other medical problems that may plague her, continues to push through and play. Her perspective on life is one that every senior should have when it comes to her golf game; while she may not shoot in the low 70s now, she can definitely enjoy the friendships, beauty of golf, and encourage others to play.

In conclusion, I think my mom said it best in an article featured in the Lexington Herald Leader in August of 1999. She stated "I'm a wife and mother first, a teacher second, and a golfer third" and when I think of my mom, my biased opinion is that there is no one better to be inducted because she truly is all those things and does each with lots of passion and with an enormous heart.

Please consider this nomination letter and grant Marsha Bordas an induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. The qualities she possesses and the love for the game are exactly what we want future golfers to bring to our sport and I know she will continue to be a mentor, friend, and valuable leader on and off the course.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jay Bordas, Son of Marsha Bordas

102 Fourth Street
Corydon, KY 42406
April 11, 2017

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame
1116 Elmore Just Drive
Louisville, KY 40245

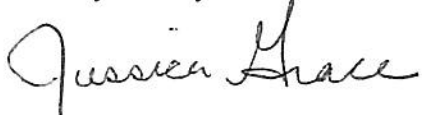
Dear Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Selection Committee

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mrs. Marsha Bird Bordas in hopes that she will be chosen for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I cannot think of a person more deserving of this honor. Marsha currently serves the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association as Executive Secretary and has held every position possible for this organization throughout the years. As the current President of the WKSGA, I can tell you that Marsha Bordas works very hard to promote women's golf across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She organizes, hosts, and plays in both of our tournaments, The Women's Kentucky State Amateur and The Senior Women's Kentucky Amateur. In 2016, Marsha competed in her 50th Women's Kentucky State Amateur tournament.

Marsha Bordas is a decorated and passionate competitor. I am sure she has won many tournaments in her amateur career with some of the most current highlights being the Lexington Women's City Championship in 1984 and 1999, The Marion Miley in 2002 and 2007, and The Senior Women's Kentucky Amateur in 2006. Marsha Bordas also was one of the first coaches of the University of Kentucky Women's Golf Team and awarded the first scholarship given in that program. I have had the honor of facing Marsha in a few matches during the amateur. She is a fierce competitor but does so with grace, kindness, and integrity. I strive to emulate Marsha on and off the golf course. She is a wonderful person who lives life to the fullest every day surviving breast cancer and other health issues. Marsha is an inspiration to all those that know and love her.

It is my privilege and honor to write this letter on behalf of Mrs. Marsha Bird Bordas. She has inspired me on and off the golf course to be the best I can be and I know I am not alone in this sentiment. She is an ambassador for golf in Kentucky. Marsha Bordas would be a great addition to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame! If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 270-577-0337 or at Jessica.grace@henderson.kyschools.us.

Thank you for your time



Jessica Grace
Women's Kentucky State Golf Association President

**This letter is in support of a Hall of Fame nomination for
Marsha Bordas.**

It has been my pleasure to know and work with Mrs. Marsha Bordas since I became involved with the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association (WKSGA) in 1993. Mrs. Bordas had at that point in time been actively engaged in Kentucky golf since she was a teenager.

At the 1993 State Amateur, I was a newcomer to Kentucky golf and did not know anyone; I was greeted and warmly welcomed by Marsha. I have always been grateful to her for this as this introduced me to women from across the state who wanted to challenge themselves in the game of golf.

Marsha is definitely an ambassador for golf; she has always been one to encourage women to participate in the sport (no matter their skill level) and to encourage participation in local and state events. This would be my primary reason for supporting her nomination to the Hall of Fame.

Marsha strongly encouraged me run for the office of Executive Secretary in the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association (WKSGA) in 2000; I assumed office in 2001 and served until 2011. I've worked with Marsha on the Association's Board of Directors before, during and after my tenure. Marsha has served on the Board as a Director and in 2014 she assumed the duties of Executive Secretary which continues to this day. She is passionate about the Association and the activities that are conducted.

Kentucky golf should be very grateful to have Marsha working to get women active and involved in the game of golf. Despite injuries over the past few years, her goal has always been to get healthy and back on the course and to remain a force in the game. She is definitely a role model for all women.

I look forward to seeing her name pushed forward as a nominee for the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
Judy Lyle
Murray, KY

March 20, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Marsha Bordas as a successful educator and an accomplished golfer over the course of 30 years. As a fellow math educator, we each shared the responsibility of Math Department Chairperson. The knowledge, passion and determination that Marsha exhibited while a leader in education is evident in the many positions she has juggled over the course of several year. Indeed, Marsha has selflessly carried these attributes into her golfing experience. In fact women in the golfing community depend on Marsha's leadership and smart decision-making skills. Her genuine enthusiasm and avid commitment to further women's golf in Kentucky is truly unmatched.

No one is more dedicated or passionate in this endeavor than Marsha Bordas.

No one is more deserving of this honor.

I sincerely and overwhelming recommend Marsha to be inducted into the 2018 Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Yours truly,

DeeDee Hays

5/10/17

MAYOR JIM GRAY



LEXINGTON

MONICA CONRAD
DIRECTOR
PARKS & RECREATION

April 25, 2017

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Committee
Golf House Kentucky
1116 Elmore Just Drive
Louisville, KY 40245

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the nomination from Hall of Fame member Ms. Anne Combs for the consideration of Mrs. Marsha Bordas, be elected to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

As Director of Golf for Lexington Parks and Recreation for 18 years I have had the great pleasure to observe and to work with Marsha in many areas of golf in Lexington and Central Kentucky.

Her playing accomplishments over the years stands for itself, however the contributions that Marsha has had in all areas of golf goes further than just her playing accomplishments.

Marsha has been one of the strongest proponents in Ladies golf in this area and across the state. She has been heavily involved with the Fayette Women's Golf Association, Central Kentucky Women's Golf Association and with the State Golf Association Women's Amateur and Women's Open.

I have consulted with Marsha on numerous occasions in regard to the Lexington Women's City Championship and worked closely with her in hosting the Kentucky Women's State Amateur Championship. She has always gone out of her way to assist in any way possible and has been deeply involved with all aspects of women's golf in the state of Kentucky.

Having served on the Hall of Fame Committee for numerous years, and knowing what it takes to become a member, Marsha Bordas has fulfilled all requirement's along with many other attributes. I strongly encourage your consideration for her membership into the Hall of Fame and know that her name and legacy will add to the prestige of the Hall of Fame itself.

Best Regards

Mike Fields, PGA

Director of Golf



March 26, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to recommend that Marsha Bordas be inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I am the current President of the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association, in which Marsha serves as the Executive Secretary. I feel that she is one of the most deserving nominees available. Marsha is a wonderful mentor, friend, and competitor while she works tirelessly to support women's golf in Kentucky.

I met Marsha in 1992 at the Women's Kentucky State Amateur tournament, and have admired and cherished her from the beginning. She is a woman strongly driven by faith, family, and friends. She is indeed a leader, and her knowledge of the history of golf in Kentucky is immense. I love listening to her stories about various golf rounds throughout the years.

Marsha is such an admirable and fierce competitor. She battled and beat cancer while continuing to contribute to her church, family, and the golf community. She has been plagued with various injuries throughout the last few years, but has never allowed anything to stop her drive to compete, share in the lives of her family and friends, as well as contribute to the game of golf in Kentucky.

In conclusion, I think the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame would be greatly enhanced if you were to include such an amazing woman as Marsha Bordas. Many golfers and friends, including myself, have been blessed to know her and call her our leader, as well as an amazing friend. She is more than deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,
Laurie Goodlett

April 14, 2018

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mrs. Marsha Bird Bordas for induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I have known Marsha for more than fifty years. We have played hundreds of rounds of golf together. I am convinced that she has earned the right to represent women's amateur golf in the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Marsha has played in fifty-one Women's Kentucky State Amateur Tournaments. Six times she reached the semi-finals of the championship flight. In 1992, she played in the finals. She has won the Lexington City title twice. In 2007, I witnessed the five-foot putt that she knocked into the back of the cup to win the prestigious Marion Miley Tournament at Lexington Country Club. She won the Miley again in 2009. Marsha has won a variety of other club, local, regional and invitational tournaments. I was there when Marsha won the Little Mountain Classic held in Mt. Sterling. On the 18th hole she told her caddie, "take out the pin." Then she knocked in a difficult chip shot. Yours truly settled for runner-up.

Marsha has not only participated as an accomplished player for decades, but she is a woman who willingly 'steps up to the plate' when there is work to be done. Marsha is a leader as well as a worker. Currently, she serves the WCKGA as Secretary-Treasurer. She is on the KGA board of directors and tournaments committee. She has held other positions of leadership at the club, local, regional and state levels. When Marsha leads she leads with patience, logical problem solving skills and effective communication. When Marsha is planning for tournaments she is careful to suggest ideas that preserve the integrity of the game and that are inclusive for players at all ability levels. I think this is 'healthy' for Kentucky women's golf. Women's amateur golf in Kentucky is some of the finest in the United States and I feel that Marsha has and continues to help maintain its status.

Marsha also contributes to junior golfers in our state. She is a retired high school teacher, mother and grandmother who has a heart for young people. She's a strong Christian who lives her faith. I have witnessed her encouraging words to many young players concerning their golf and/or their education. Marsha is an excellent role model for junior golfers both on and off the course. Whether she is winning or losing in competition, she demonstrates the epitome of sportsmanship and a joy for the game.

I am proud to support the nomination of Marsha Bird Bordas for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. There is no doubt in my mind that Marsha's induction into this honorable group would be a much deserved and popular placement. Thank you for giving her candidacy your serious consideration.

Sincerely,
Jackie Hacker

To whom it may concern,

○ Marsha Bordas has been a great Asset to Women's Golf in the State of Kentucky. She supports and plays in many women's tournaments all over the state. She has given many free hours of her time to help organize women's Associations; secretary - treasure of Women's Central Kentucky Golf Association, Board member of Women's Kentucky State Golf Association and also has served as vice president and president. She is presently organizing and running the Kentucky Women's Senior State Am. She coached High School Golf for several years.

Over the last several years she has had numerous physical problems. She has conquered them all and come back to play golf. Thru all these problems she still helps all she can towards Golf. Just one example is Sept 1916 she showed up in a complete leg cast to run the Women's ~~State~~ Senior State Am.

She is the most dedicated woman I know in helping women's Golf in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Kay Smith

○ P.S. I'm a woman's golfer in the state of Kentucky that has benefited from Marsha's hard work and dedication to the game.

September 12, 2017

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame
Golf House Kentucky
116 Elmore Just Drive
Louisville, Kentucky 40245

Attention: Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

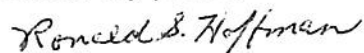
It is my privilege to support the nomination of Mrs. Marsha Bordas
of Lexington, Kentucky for induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Marsha has been an outstanding player in Kentucky Women's State Golf
tournaments for over fifty years. Winning two highly prestigious Marion Miley
Golf Tournaments at the Lexington Country Club and numerous Lexington City,
Central Kentucky and Women's Individual Championships throughout the
Commonwealth. She has finished as high as runner-up in the State championship.

Her contribution to the growth, development and promotion of Women's Golf in
Kentucky is immeasurable. Marsha has served in virtually every leadership
position in the Kentucky Women Golf Association. She currently serves as
Executive Secretary on the Board of Directors. Marsha has helped implement a
number of exciting initiatives to generate new enthusiasm for Kentucky Women's
tournament golf.

There is no one in the State of Kentucky who has been a more diligent advocate
for the success and growth of Woman's Golf than Marsha. Your induction of her
into the Hall of Fame would be a well-deserved tribute to a lady held in the
highest regard by the tournament golfing women of Kentucky.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald S. Hoffman
3116 Grantham Way
Lexington, Kentucky 40509

From: Gary Manes

gary@wildcatcreek.com

Subject: RE: Marsha Bordas

Date: Mar 23, 2018 at 11:08:15 AM

To: Anne Combs

anne.combs@twc.com

HOF Selection Committee,

It is a priveledge to write this note to recommend Marsha Bordas to be considered for induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Marsha as a representative of the Womens Kentucky State Golf Association. Having hosted the Women's Amateur twice and the Women's Senior Amateur, in my nine seasons as Head Professional and General Manager of the Elizabethtown Country Club, I have had the opportunity to work with Marsha on several occasions. Her knowledge of golf is immeasureable on many levels. Her love of the game is quite evident in the first five minutes of any conversation. Not only running and event, but as a player with so much experience, her

insights into the game are second to none.

Marsha is also one of the most knowledgeable people when concerning the History of Golf in Kentucky and beyond. In my 35 years as a PGA Professional, I can think of only three ladies that have truly influenced me as a Golf Professional.

Two are in Kentucky and one of them is Marsha. I would consider it a travesty if she were to be overlooked as a "shoe in" for induction. Her longevity and record of playing alone makes her a perfect candidate.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Manes, PGA
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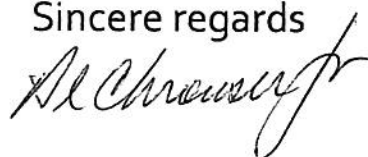
Golf is the "Greatest Game" it requires great "Human Effort" to excel. This effort means much more than winning a tournament. All Champions loose more often than win. It is the quality of Character that brings the respect and admiration of other Golfer's and Spectator's. I've known Marsha Bird Bordas, for over 50 years. First as a Junior Golfer, as She competed, in the Marion Miley Tournament, in the 1960's. Then, every Ladies Tournament in the State of Kentucky. In ALL those years She, has always been the "exemplary" example of class, on and off the Course.

The "Core Values" of the 1st Tee could have been drawn from Marsha Bordas . Of these Integrity-Sportsmanship-Respect and without a doubt Perseverance quickly come to the front of My thoughts. Marsha's only disappointment in Golf, maybe, the lack of the Women's State Amateur...although She was Runner up.

Marsha Bird Bordas, is a "perfect" fit for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. For the reasons listed above and for effort to promote the Game. Time and space limit My effort to exult Marsha's record, I assure You it is "Top Notch", but no competition for Her Character, on and off the "Field of Combat".

This is a "pleasure, more Honor", to submit Mrs. Marsha Bird Bordas to the "Hall"

Sincere regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Chrouser Jr.", written in dark ink.



Lafayette High School

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RE: Marsha Bordas

DATE: April 8, 2018

For the past twenty years, I have had the privilege and the pleasure of working with Marsha Bordas at Lafayette High School and developing a firm friendship with her as well. My life has been enriched by having Marsha as a part of it.

Marsha was exemplary as a colleague and co-worker. She was a role model for all those around her as she represented a teacher who believed in the importance of teaching math and the ability of each and every student to succeed. Marsha was passionate about math and that passion transferred itself to those around her. Her strong work ethic is a part of her character; she has the same high expectations of others. She is diligent and reliable, trustworthy and conscientious. Her reputation as one of the best math teachers in Fayette County was well earned.

Outside of the classroom, Marsha's greatest passion is golf. She has been a member of this world since she was a teenager, and from the beginning, she has been recognized as a force with which to be reckoned. She has won numerous titles and championships as she focused her verve and drive onto the golf course. She loves winning as she has a great competitive spirit, but even more than that, she just loves playing. This is her world where she feels most at home.

Marsha has had many challenges to face, especially recently, but her grit and determination have seen her through. She and her mother, Ruby Bird, another golfer extraordinaire, bonded in many ways but especially loved golfing together. Marsha became Ruby's fulltime caretaker during the last 9 months of her life. Marsha herself has had to overcome health challenges including breast cancer and broken bones, but each time she has worked to become well again and once again to ply her skills on the golf course. She has had to accept that she can no longer compete at the highest level, but she will still be competitive at the highest level she can.

Marsha gives of herself to others. Her family is always first in her heart, and she would do anything for any of them. In her retirement, she gives of her time to volunteer at her grandchildren's elementary school and she has always given back to golf. She has found time to work within the various golfing associations where her organizational skills and her work ethic have made her an exceptional volunteer.

Marsha Bordas deserves to be recognized as a member of the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. She has put her time and her energy into golf and is the epitome of success on the amateur level. She is a positive representative of the sport on the local and state level.

Sincerely,

Connie B. Waespe
Connie B. Waespe

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

I have known Marsha Bird Bordas, since we were both small children. Our families lived across the street from each other when we were born. Marsha grew up in a golfing family. Her mother and father were both avid golfers, as well as her two brothers. Marsha has golf in her blood, and has been golfing since she was a pre-teen. She loves the sport and the game of golf.

She has played golf tournaments all over the state of Kentucky. She has won many golf tournaments during her golfing career. Some of which include, The Marion Miley Tournament, two times, several Women's Central Kentucky Tournaments at various golf courses in and around Lexington, the Women's Lexington City Tournament, the Women's Senior State Tournament, runner up in the Women's State Tournament, Club Champion in the Fayette County Women's Golf Association. She has also held the honor several times of being the Club Champion at Lone Oak Golf Course, in Nicholasville, Cynthiana Golf Course, and Spring Valley Golf Course in Lexington. If not winning a tournament, she is always close and in the running, having a low handicap and always in the Championship Flight. Marsha has had many articles and pictures of her golfing adventures published in the Lexington Herald Leader newspaper.

Marsha has served on many golf committees, and held various offices in the women's leagues, associations, and boards. She is well known in Women's Golf and is highly regarded as a top rate golfer in Lexington.

The last several years have been difficult for Marsha, due to many health problems, including breast cancer, broken bones, and foot surgeries. She has fought back, every time, and still can't wait to get back on the golf course and play the game of golf which she loves so dearly.

Marsha Bird Bordas has been nominated to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. She would truly be a fabulous inductee with true devotion to the women's sport and game of golf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Carter".

Pat Carter,

Member at Lone Oak Golf Course
and a life-long friend of Marsha's.

Teacher challenging students

BORDAS ADVANCES TO QUARTERS WITH STRONG IRON PLAY

By Keith Farnar

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

SHELBYVILLE — Marsha Bordas is trying to buck the recent youth movement.

The second round of the 79th annual Kentucky Women's State Amateur yesterday was cut to eight players going into today's quarterfinals and semifinals at Shelbyville Country Club.

After several upsets, Taryn Durham, the No. 4 seed and a sophomore-to-be at Middle Tennessee State, is the highest remaining seed.

"(Seeding) doesn't mean anything; the 32nd seed can beat the No. 1 seed," said Durham who beat Kelli Warner yesterday. "It can change so fast."

Teenagers have won seven of the past eight Amateurs. Bordas, 56, a teacher at Lafayette High School, didn't let Sarah Colbert, a junior-to-be at Western Kentucky, stop her from shooting for the semifinals for the seventh time.

"I love coming here and renewing all the good relationships I've made over the years, and if I play good golf, that's a bonus," said Bordas, who is competing in her 40th consecutive State Am and who was runner-up in 1992.

Strong iron play led to four birdies and a 4-and-3 victory for Bordas.

"She started throwing darts, and birdie opportunities were open for her," Colbert said. "When you watch somebody hit a shot 3 feet (from) the pin, it's a little hard to say to yourself, 'OK do that.'"

Bordas has been accompanied to the tournament all 40 years by her mother, Ruby Bird.



Bordas

Schedule

At Shelbyville Country Club

Today: Quarterfinals (start at 8:58 a.m.), semifinals (1:20 p.m.)

Friday: Finals (9:58 a.m.)

And on Tuesday night Bird — who turns 80 in September and who stopped playing in the event, "about five years ago," she said — was honored with the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the tournament.

Bordas will take on Krissy Martin this morning in the quarterfinals. Martin beat Karisa Akin yesterday 3 and 2.

The stamina match of the day belonged to Beverly Games, who beat Joan Rizer on the 21st hole.

"I'm wore out," said Games, who needed 19 holes on Tuesday to beat Victoria Sansom.

Games went 2-up after eight holes but she couldn't put away Rizer, who won the next two holes to even the match.

Games birdied the par-3 13th to go 1-up, but Rizer came back to win No. 16.

Games blamed her inconsistent play on her only playing "every couple weeks." And she hadn't played in the Amateur since 1996, a year before she graduated from Eastern Kentucky.

In the quarterfinals, Games will play April Steenbergen, a Murray State senior-to-be, who yesterday eliminated qualifying medalist Katie Dixon 6 and 5.

Krista Burton, the runner-up in this year's state tournament, didn't make a bogey in ousting Stephanie Baskey, the 2004 State Am runner-up, 6 and 5.

"I hit everything as good as I could hit it," said Burton, a senior-to-be at Russell County.

She had three birdies and said she didn't have a putt longer than 15 feet all day. "I was just trying to make pars and have her make birdies to try to beat me," she said.

Scores, pairings

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Upper bracket — April Steenbergen def. Katie Dixon 6 and 5; Beverly Games def. Joan Rizer 1 up (21 holes); Taryn Durham def. Kelli Warner 3 and 2; Krista Burton def. Stephanie Baskey 6 and 5

Lower bracket — Krissy Martin def. Karisa Akin 5 and 4; Marsha Bordas def. Sarah Colbert 4 and 3; Erin Well def. Anne Combs 3 and 2; Jessica Cornelius def. Ashlee Rose 4 and 3

Consolation — Tammy Mahar def. Lisa Akin 3 and 1; Victoria Sansom def. Laurie Goodlett 1 up; Kristen Wilkinson def. Cindy Summeres 1 up (23 holes); Morgan Cross def. Velvet Milkman 3 and 2; Emily Culbertson def. Donna Bender Moir 1 up (19 holes); Christi Baron def. Candice Wiley 6 and 5; Katie Fraley def. Sarah Stamper 5 and 4

Today's quarterfinal pairings

Upper bracket — Steenbergen vs. Games, 8:58 a.m.; Durham vs. Burton, 9:05 a.m.

Lower bracket — Martin vs. Bordas, 9:12 a.m.; Wells vs. Cornelius, 9:19 a.m.

FIRST FLIGHT

Lydia Gumm def. Rachel Montgomery 5 and 4; Amy Head def. Amanda Henry 2 and 1; Ashley Current def. Maggie Hall 1 up (19 holes); Aubree Moore def. Bethany Yates 2 up

Consolation — Lauren Hughes def. Jill Mattingly Kelly 5 and 3; Lee Ann Dickerson def. Sandra Martin 4 and 3; Sunny Ko Mitchell def. Melynda Riley 4 and 3; Jordan Layne def. Annette Nimmo 7 and 5

Second flight

Jessica Castleman def. Megan Moir 4 and 2; Karen

Puckett def. Nikki Koller 3 and 1; Pam Knight def. Gia Ansfield 4 and 3; Toni Davenport def. Diane I 4 and 3

Consolation — Kristie Wilson def. Rachel I (forfeit); Dennise Mudd def. Bonnie Brumfield 3; Linda Neikirk def. Christina Dages 2 up; Joan V def. Leann Stilley 4 and 3

Third flight

Beverly Montgomery def. Gail Blair 1 up (19); Colleen Gross def. Janet Clark 2 up; Debbie A def. Dean Conyer 3 and 2; Danielle Kom def. Franklin 1 up

Consolation — Pam Trimble def. Brenda Ha 3 and 2; Madison Myers def. Connie Carmicle 3; Jennifer Osborne def. Kay Smith 4 and 2; Caitly erson def. Phyllis Kidwell 3 and 2

Fourth flight

Melba Kindervater def. Nancy Hulen 1 up; Ju def. Tonya Puckett 1 up; Nancy Ragland def. Gates 6 and 4; Laura Pyles def. Jean Vickers 2

Consolation — Vicki Foster def. Lou Brown 1

holes; Nancy Lambert def. Melanie Simpson

Brenda Payne def. Sondra Asa 6 and 4; Marie

def. Tammy Pryor 2 and 1

Fifth flight

Billie Dollins def. Iva Hamilton 7 and 6; Terri I def. Deloris Oldenweller 3 and 1; Mary Beth War Kathy Peyton 1 up (19 holes); Charlotte Wall d Brazell 4 and 3

Consolation — Teresa Searcy def. Ellen Sexto 2; Jan Hurt def. Johnnie Baxter 3 and 2; Marcia ing def. Mary Lou Dickinson 5 and 3; Nancy I def. Mary Lou McReynolds 2 and 1

Burton managed to get to the quarterfinals despite playing with a head cold that has left her congested for three days.

"I don't even want to be here I feel so bad," Burton said. "But I'll just make the best of it."

Burton's play made it a difficult day for Baskey, who graduated from Murray State two years ago.

"I couldn't get anything really going," said Baskey, who

works at Sharpe Resource Nicholasville.

"You just hope the momentum switches but it didn't win a hole."

FOR 42 YEARS, BORDAS HAS BEEN A FIXTURE AT STATE AM

By TOMMY DILLARD
Staff Writer

Sure, the PGA has Jack Nicklaus and Sam Snead. But if longevity is the measuring stick by which greatness in golf is valued, two of the game's most storied names have nothing on Marsha Bordas.

As Bordas laced up her golf shoes and dusted off her clubs for Monday's qualifying round at the Women's Kentucky State Amateur Championship, the routine was familiar but her surroundings were not.

The Lexington native teed off Monday in the state's biggest amateur golf tournament for the 42nd consecutive year, but it was the tournament's first time at Murray's Miller Memorial Golf Course. An unfamiliar course didn't stop Bordas from turning in such a performance characteristic of a 42-year tournament veteran.

With her biggest fan, mother, Ruby Bird, watching her performance from the passenger seat of Bordas' golf cart, she shot a 75 — more than good enough to qualify her for Tuesday's opening round of match play.

On this particular day, it was Bird's role to provide encouragement for her daughter, but it hasn't always been that way. They used to be competitors. Up until five years ago, Bordas and Bird had played in every state amateur tournament since starting the annual tradition when Bordas was 16.

Bird has since bowed out of tournament competition, but she still accompanies her daughter to the state amateur each year.

"It's kind of like our little mother/daughter bonding vacation," Bordas said.

Needless to say, the game of golf runs pret-

ty deep in Bordas' family. Her parents were avid golfers and she began accompanying them to the driving range at the early age of four and began playing in tournaments when she joined the golf team as a sophomore at Lexington's Lafayette High School.

With a family life so entrenched in the game, Bordas knew she had her work cut out for her when she married a non-golfer. So she set to teaching her husband to play the game and now says the two are very competitive.

"He said it was the hardest game he'd ever tried to learn," she said. "Now we have lots of boys versus girls games with our couple friends. We play to see who has to make dinner."

When the couple's one son was young, Bordas' husband would take a week off work so she and her mom could play in the state amateur. But getting to the amateur hasn't always been as easy as assigning her husband the role of Mr. Mom for the week.

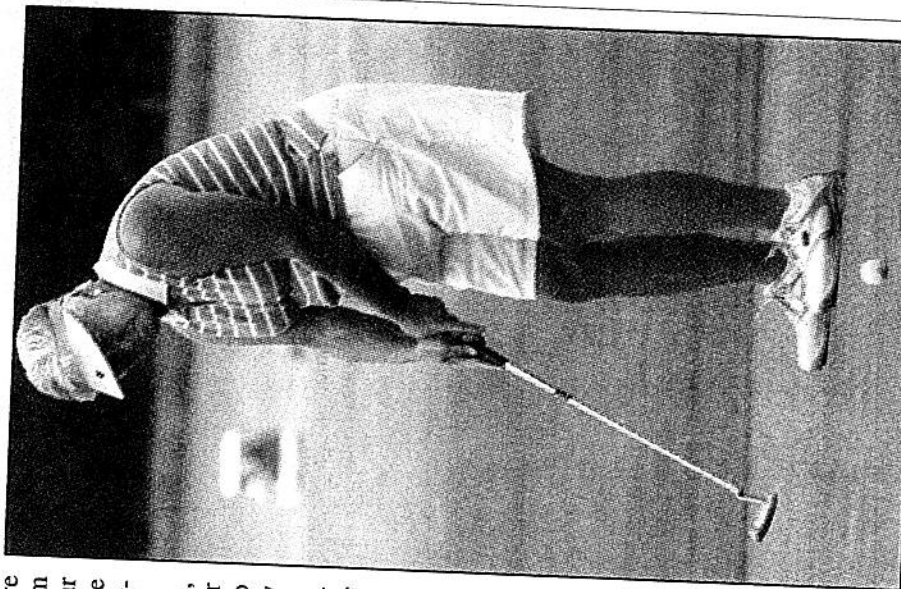
After 40 consecutive years, it looked like Bordas' string might end last year when she underwent back surgery seven weeks before the amateur was slated to begin.

"I told the surgeon it was my goal to play in the state amateur," she said. "He just said, 'Good luck.' But I played."

Bordas has never won the tournament, but she came tantalizingly close when she finished as runner-up in 1992 when the amateur was held at Fox Run in northern Kentucky.

In case Murphys were worried their hometown course wouldn't measure up to country clubs in other parts of the state, rest assured. Bordas said she was impressed with Miller Memorial Golf Course, despite the challenges its length posed.

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MICHAEL DANN / Ledger & Times
Marsha Bordas watches this putt on No. 14 at Miller Memorial Monday. Bordas was joined by her mother, Ruby Bird. The two have been together for the state am, since Bordas was 16; although mom is now a spectator.

■ Bordas

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"It was a tough course for me," she said. "The front nine is so long, I can't reach the greens. I think it's one of the more difficult front nines I've ever played. But the greens are wonderful; they match with any course I've played on. The scenery is incredible if you have the time to look around."

She also commended the staff at Miller, saying they had gone out of their way to make everyone involved with the amateur comfortable.

"You can't match the friendliness of the people here," she said.

Bordas also got an up-close-and-personal look at several of

Murray's biggest golf names on Monday. In her four-person qualifying group were Murray State head women's golf coach Velvet Milkman and standout Racer golfer Christi Baron.

Bordas said one of the biggest changes in the game she's noticed over the years has been the increasing amount of college-age and younger women who are playing the game of golf. She attributes that to Title IX legislation, which did not exist when Bordas began playing in the amateur.

While she did play in high school, Bordas did not pursue golf at her alma mater, West-

ern Kentucky, because co-ed, public universities didn't generally have women's golf teams.

"(Western) started a team my senior year, but at that point I was just focused on graduating," she recalled.

Bordas said she enjoys the one-on-one match play style of the tournament and looks forward to the competition. But the most enjoyable part of the experience, she says, is the people.

"It's all the friendships you make," she said. "I have friends from all corners of the state, some of them I only get to see once a year — at the amateur. It's just a wonderful time."

Lexington golfer to play in Women's State Amateur for 50th time

Marsha Bordas to tee off in Elizabethtown on Monday

Retired math teacher has missed event only once in last 50 years

Son: 'She never really lets adversity get to her'



BY ANTHONY CRAWFORD

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Looking back as she prepares for her 50th appearance in the Women's State Amateur, Lexington's Marsha Bordas always knew she would live a life that rotated around golf.

Since picking up a club when she was 8 years old and practicing at the driving range while her parents played, Bordas has always been enthused by the sport.

"Well, I just love the game. When I went to college, I went into the education department and I asked them, 'What teaching job can you always find a job in?'" Bordas said. "Because I knew I wanted to have my summers off to play golf."

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The summers off for the now-retired math teacher allowed Bordas, 67, to compete in 48 straight Women's State Amateur Golf Tournaments before a wrist injury kept her from playing in 2014. Even so, back problems and a fight with breast cancer could not stop her from competing in 49 of the last 50 tournaments as she prepares for her 50th appearance this week.

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Marsha Bordas, 50-year veteran of the Kentucky State Amateur

“She never really lets adversity get to her, in general,” her son Jay Bordas said. “I think that’s one of her strengths because on the golf course she’s the same way.”

While the goal wasn’t always to reach 50, soon after starting to play in the event with her mother, Ruby Bird, Bordas realized that her spot in the field would be an almost definite for years to come. “I mean 25 years had passed and I hadn’t missed one, I thought, ‘Well I just don’t ever want to miss one,’” Bordas said.

Long removed from her best finish as runner-up in 1992, Bordas has come to enjoy the tournament for more than the competition.

Bordas believes that the friendships formed and people she has met throughout her 51-year run have been the most rewarding aspect. “I could have a flat tire any place in the state of Kentucky and I’d know somebody to call,” she said. “You know, because I’ve met them from all over.”

Along with some of the other regulars, Bordas also gets to play with some of the

rising young players in golf. Being a fan of the sport, she has taken notice of the evolution of the game. Everything from improvements in swing mechanics to equipment have allowed golf balls to be hit harder and the tournament to be more competitive.

As the executive secretary for the State Am, Bordas knows the field better than anyone, and it looks to be a promising one.

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I THOUGHT LAST YEAR WAS OUR BEST FIELD, BUT THIS YEAR HAS EVEN SURPASSED IT.

Marsha Bordas, executive secretary of the State Am

“We don’t have as many players this year because we have a lot of competition with other events,” Bordas said. “But the quality of the golfers is just incredible. I thought last year was our best field, but this year has even surpassed it.”

The smaller field of 39 golfers, compared to the 75 to 100 the event has attracted in recent years, features 16 golfers with handicaps under five and three with plus handicaps. Last year’s runner-up, Ellen Kehoe of the University of Louisville, is among the favorites.

The State Am tees off Monday at Elizabethtown Country Club with an 18-hole qualifier. Match play starts Tuesday and will run until Friday’s championship round.

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WOMEN’S STATE AM

When: Monday-Friday

Where: Elizabethtown Country Club



Breast cancer surgery doesn't deter Lexington golfer Marsha Bordas

By Cheryl Truman - ctruman@herald-leader.com

It was a sad moment for Lexington amateur golfer and Lafayette High School math teacher Marsha Bordas when she got the note from a fellow competitor saying that she was sorry to have to welcome her to the sisterhood of breast cancer.

But Bordas did not let a double mastectomy in late March force her to let her golf clubs gather dust.

Against the odds, Marsha Bordas played in the state women's golf tournament June 22-26 at Georgetown's Cherry Blossom Golf Club. It was the 44th year that she and her mother, Ruby Bird, 83, had attended the tournament together.

But Bordas won't be playing in this year's Lexington Women's City Golf Championship on August 1-2: She had reconstructive surgery last Friday, adding implants to her chest, and is under doctor's orders to limit her physical activity for a few weeks.

Bordas, 60, won the city championship in 1984 and 1999.

But Bordas figures she's had a good summer nonetheless: She played in the state tournament, where she was the runner-up in 1992, and in the Burley Belles tournament in Cynthiana, an event founded by her parents.

After she gets an all-clear to again swing a golf club, she'll be back, she said.

Bordas, who won Lexington's Marion Miley tournament in 2002 and 2007, isn't done yet: Not done with golfing, and not done with teaching math at Lafayette, where she has spent 25 of her 37 years as a schoolteacher.

She readied her classroom before her most recent surgery and promised her surgeon she wouldn't stretch to write on a blackboard. Besides, she has other scholarly tools: "After 37 years, I don't need a book to teach from. I can teach from my head."

Bordas has played competitive golf since she was selected for the first Lafayette girls' golf team, in 1965. Heather Kraus, who lost the Marion Miley tournament to Bordas in 2002, at the time called Bordas "a person that is always in contention in every event we play in."

Says Bordas of her struggle with cancer this spring and summer: "I'm a very competitive person. This was just another battle I had to win."

The worst part of having invasive breast cancer, she recalls, was hearing that her Feb. 19 lumpectomy — a surgery in which the cancerous lump and some surrounding material were removed, sparing the breast — didn't yield a specimen with clear margins. That meant that some cancer cells might still be present.

Bordas decided to have a double mastectomy on March 26, the Thursday before the Fayette County public schools' spring break. Since her cancer had not reached her lymph nodes, she did not have to have chemotherapy.

"I thought, I want to get on with my life," she said. "If we get rid of all possibilities (of additional cancer), that's best."

She got back to golfing as quickly as she could after her surgery, but post-surgery golf carried a different set of physical demands: After the double mastectomy, she had "spacers" — platelike devices that leave room for eventual implants—and worried about possible injury.

Bordas was, she said, "swinging scared," until she had an epiphany during the state tournament: "I thought, just go ahead and swing."

Bordas' son Jay, who teaches physical education and health and coaches basketball at Bourbon County High School, calls his mother "one of the toughest ladies I've ever met a true competitor."

And he recalls how his mother told him she had cancer. She was sorry that she had to tell him on the day when Bourbon County was going to play archrival Paris: "Here she calls me, she got the test back, and she has cancer. I'll never forget. She said, 'I'm sorry to tell you this. You've got a big game tonight.'"

Bordas said he knew there were more important things than games. Still, he said, he knew that cancer couldn't hold back his mother for long.

said Marsha Bordas: "I just said, this was not going to change my life. I was going to be the same person."



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Marsha Bordas teed off on the 18th hole and wound up with a bogey. She still recorded a three-shot victory in the Marion Miley Invitational over runner-up Cynthia Powell.

MARION MILEY INVITATIONAL

Bordas strong both days in three-shot victory

Herald-Leader staff report

Marsha Bordas credited her strong putting on Thursday and her accuracy off the tee yesterday for her three-shot victory in the Marion Miley Invitational at Lexington Country Club.

Bordas, who also won in 2002, shot a 4-over-par 76 to finish at 148. Cynthia Powell, who had a 75, was at 151. Sami Montgomery, Pam duPont and Beth Kirkham were at 154. Anne Combs had the best round of the day with a 73.

On Thursday, Bordas kept the ball below the hole and avoided three-putting en route to a 72.

"I had five three-putts (yesterday)," she said, "but I made some good birdies, too. I kept the ball in the fairway and didn't get in any trouble."

Bordas led Kirkham by three shots at the turn. The pair played evenly until Kirkham had a quadruple bogey at 17.

"The course is so demanding that winning is a very good feeling," Bordas said. "There is such a great tradition with the Miley tournament."

Scores

Championship flight

Marsha Bordas	72-76-148
Cynthia Powell	76-75-151
Pam duPont	79-75-154
Sami Montgomery	78-76-154
Beth Kirkham	73-81-154
Megan Moir	72-84-156
Laurie Goodlett	76-80-156
Anne Combs	83-73-156
Donna Moir	78-80-158
Kelli Warner	80-80-160
Katie McKenna	78-90-168
Whitney Thompson	90-91-181

First flight — Pat Fox 82-77-159; Carolyn Kinsolving 81-81-162; Jennifer Osborne 81-85-166; Teresa Wallen 84-83-167; Debbie Abshear 86-86-172; Debbie Sutton 80-95-175; Bettie Lou Evans 86-89-175; Madalyn Moser 91-86-177; Lisa Letton 86-92-178; Jackie Resinger 89-89-178; Deedie Tucker 89-89-178; Amy McElvey 85-94-179; Marilyn Hynson 89-91-180; Lynn Saunders 93-93-186; Teena Freibert 89-92-191; Sherry Robinson 96-97-193; Gerry Sharpe 95-99-194; Traci Hughes 100-97-197

Second flight; Miki Nonoshita 86-86-172; Denise Manning 88-89-177; Kyung Park 91-87-178; Pat Rivard 91-88-179; Marsha Smith 89-92-181; Robin Cline 94-87-181; Judy Harvey 88-94-182; Barb Sowers 88-94-182; Penny Allen 88-94-182; Barbara Hench 89-95-184; Taeko Ito 93-92-185; Peggy Oliver 94-91-185; Cindy Ware 87-100-187; Susan Whitehouse 97-90-187; Carmie Sucher 90-99-189; Dale Muse 93-96-189; Deane Butcher 95-95-190; Peggy Grooms 91-100-191; Lesley Johnson 91-102-193; Peggy Hek 98-95-193; Beverly Montgomery 100-93-193; JoAnn Schmitt 93-102-195; Marti Safe 100-102-202; Paula Bunton 102-103-205; Talitha Freeman 102-103-205; Carole Nahra 99-108-207; Julie Klier 109-100-209; Mitzi Baesler 106-105-211; Rachael Zvolensky 109-102-211

Junior flight; Paige Burton 79-87-166; Allison Hancock 82-84-166; Kelsey Lewis 87-82-169;

Bordas triumphs in Marion Miley

By Travis Hubbard

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

After decades of playing and caddying in the Marion Miley Invitational, Marsha Bordas finally won the Lexington golf tournament yesterday in a playoff over a younger and stronger Heather Kraus.

"Years ago I thought I really had a chance to win this thing, but I really didn't think I'd win at age 53," said Bordas, who has lost track of how many times she's played in the event.

Bordas shot a 3-over-par 75 to secure the victory at Lexington Country Club. Her 149 two-day total was constructed with consistent and conservative shots.

"I really had to be real careful not to pay attention to how far they hit the ball," Bordas said of her playing partners, Kelly Anders and Kraus.

Anders will be a senior on the University of Kentucky golf team, and Kraus last played for UK in 1998.

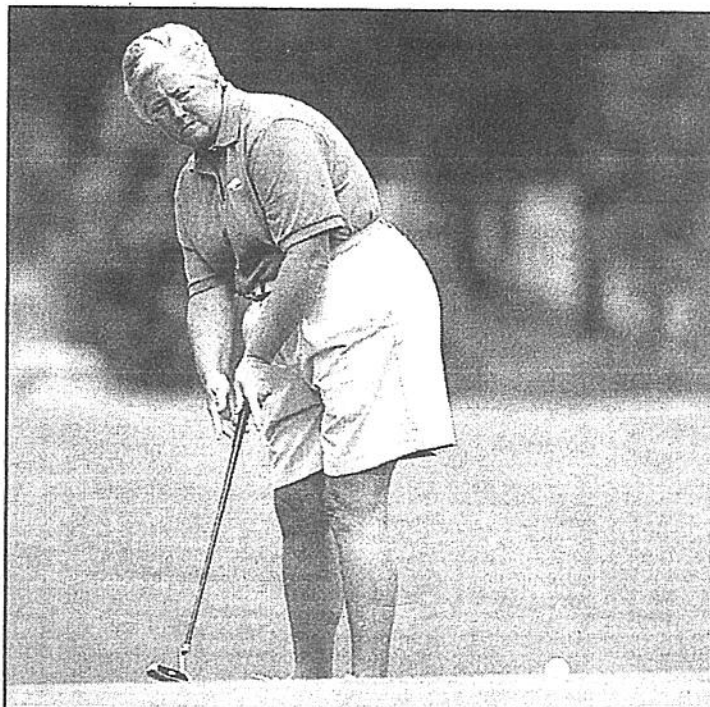
"I knew going out that if I hit my best and they hit their best I'm still 50 yards behind," Bordas said. "I had to make sure I played the golf course, and I figured if you made enough pars, you'd be in good shape."

Fifteen was enough. Bordas had no birdies in yesterday's final round but only three-putted for bogey three times. She attributed each bogey to difficult pin placements.

Kraus had to rally in the final four holes just to force the one-hole playoff, which Bordas won with a lackluster par.

"When I made bogey on 3, I started to get anxious and tried to start knocking it close for birdies," said Kraus.

But her lead evaporated after three bogeys and a double bogey on the front nine.



MARK CORNELISON | STAFF

Marsha Bordas won the Marion Miley Invitational in a playoff over Heather Kraus. "(Bordas) is a person that is always in contention in every event we play in," Kraus said. "It all clicked for her this week."

"It just kind of snowballed into a disaster mentally," Kraus said.

With Anders playing Bordas shot-for-shot, Kraus made her move on the duo at the 15th and 16th with back-to-back birdies. Kraus' length benefited her at the par-5 18th when she reached the green in two shots. A 12-foot eagle attempt came inches from falling, forcing Bordas to make birdie to win.

"I actually thought when she hit her second shot she would make eagle," Bordas said.

Instead Bordas parred and Kraus' birdie sent the duo to a playoff on the first hole. Anders struggled and made bogey on No. 18 and finished two shots back for the tournament.

Despite outdriving Bordas again in the playoff, Kraus hit her

third shot short of the green. Bordas two-putted for the win.

"(Bordas) is a person that is always in contention in every event we play in," Kraus said. "It all clicked for her this week."

If not for a par-saving 63-foot putt on No. 14, Bordas might have been anguishing over another close finish.

This time she got a little help from her caddy and mother, Ruby Bird, whom Bordas caddied for years ago in the Miley Invitational.

"I'm her caddy. I just don't tend pins," Bird said early in the second round from her cart seat.

She didn't do much physical caddy work, but her presence was poignant.

"Today she got to return the favor," Bordas said.

Marion Miley

Final round at Lexington C.C.

x-won on first playoff hole

Championship flight — 1. x-Marsha Bordas, 74-75-149; 2. Heather Kraus, 73-76-149; 3. Kelly Anders, 75-76-151; 4. Cynthia Powell, 78-72-150; 5. Pam duPont, 75-80-155; 16. Chapin Hoskins, 79-78-157; Eva Gessner, 82-75-157; Jennifer Sullivan, 82-75-157; Beth Curtin, 81-76-157; 110. Sallie Walker, 84-74-158; Anne Combs, 77-81-158; 12. Amy O'Daniel, 81-78-159; 113. Stephanie Baskey, 80-80-160; Joan Rizer, 83-77-160; 115. Jonie Stephens, 87-76-163; Laura Clemmons, 81-82-163; 17. Krissy Martin, 80-85-165; 18. Margaret Hodges, 86-80-166; 19. Julie Bennett, 83-84-167; 20. Nikki Orazine, 88-80-168; 21. Brittainy Klein, 87-83-170.

First flight — 1. Sandy Martin, 77-80-157; 12. Linda Grigsby, 80-78-158; Leean Dickerson, 80-78-158; 4. Leah Larkin, 79-80-159; 5. Pat Fox, 79-81-160; 6. Carolyn Adcock, 83-80-163; 7. Carolyn Kinsolving, 81-83-164; 8. Teresa Wallen, 83-85-168; 9. Meranda Cody, 84-87-171; 10. Elaine Cardullias, 87-85-173; 111. Kelly Wrenn, 90-86-176; Ann French Thomas, 92-84-176; 13. Hilda Hodges, 87-90-177; 14. Lisa Letton, 88-90-178; 15. Nancy Gillis, 87-92-179; 116. Amy Rogers, 96-95-191; Shirley Hedden, 92-99-191; 17. Cecilia Wakin, 97-95-192; Sally Simonton, 92-NS-NS.

Second flight — 1. Brittany Rodgers, 88-81-169; 2. Betty Williamson, 85-87-172; 3. Kyung Park, 86-88-174; 4. Jean Vickers, 90-86-176; 15. Beth Van Hoose, 89-88-177; Rosalee Bowling, 90-87-177; 7. Jennifer Ruff, 88-92-180; 8. Susan Whitehouse, 94-87-181; 19. Ellen Dodd, 93-89-182; Dodge Polites, 92-90-182; 11. Teena Freibert, 91-92-183; 12. Gerry Sharpe, 90-94-184; 13. Barbara Hanna, 97-89-186; 114. Elizabeth Heintz, 97-90-187; Donna Glanzman, 93-94-187; 16. Marilyn Hynson, 98-90-188; 17. Janet Tipton, 98-91-189; 18. Kayoko Sago, 98-94-192; 19. Billie Doflins, 98-96-193; 20. Meribeth Gaines, 104-105-209; Talitha Freeman, 98-NS-DNF.

Third flight — 1. Susan Tebbis, 89-94-183; 12. Julie Wilson, 88-98-186; Beverly Montgomery, 94-92-186; 14. Doris Sanders, 91-96-187; Mary Lou Walsh, 92-95-187; Stella Harris, 96-91-187; 17. Nancy James, 93-95-188; Marsha Smith, 95-93-188; 19. Melissa Barnes, 93-96-189; Julia Baker, 94-95-189; 11. Kaoru Fujioka, 92-98-190; 12. Sue Dinsmore, 98-95-193; 13. Kathryn Dochterman, 100-95-195; 114. Susie Rodes, 97-99-196; Suzanne Adams, 102-94-196; 116. Carol Von Dielingen, 97-100-197; Judy Harvey, 97-100-197; 118. Brenda Hammons, 98-101-199; Winnie Ikard, 102-97-199; 20. Barb Sowers, 102-103-205.

Fourth flight — 1. Beverly Elson, 95-91-186; 2. Sue Boyd, 96-92-188; 3. Shirley Cox, 95-96-191; 4. Pat McKinney, 96-98-194; 5. LaVerne Cox, 98-98-196; 16. Markie Broadbent, 98-99-197; Cindy Ware, 99-98-197; 8. Joyce Bierman, 103-95-198; 19. So Ham Chung, 101-99-200; Zella Rice, 104-96-200; Jonelle Moe, 106-94-200; 12. Gail Fraebel, 103-99-202; 113. Annie Watkins, 95-108-204; Young Ae Park, 100-104-204; 115. Rachael Zvolensky, 102-103-205; Ann Farthing, 107-98-205; 17. Ann Garden, 100-106-206; 18. Mary Lou Dickinson, 105-102-207; 19. Deane Butcher, 110-102-212; 20. Marcia Gauding, 112-102-214; 21. Carol Fisher, 108-107-215; 22. Patsy Powell, 104-119-223.

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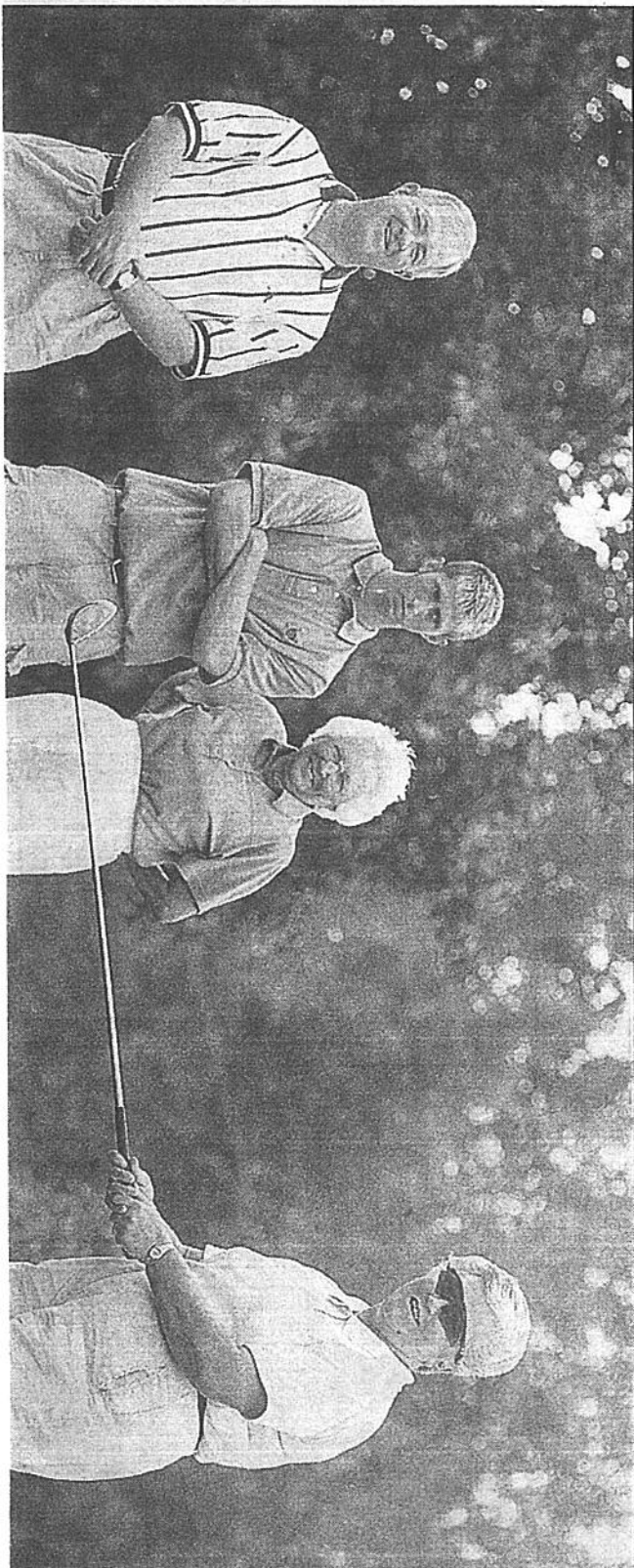
Lexington's champion golfer shares her love of the game with her kin

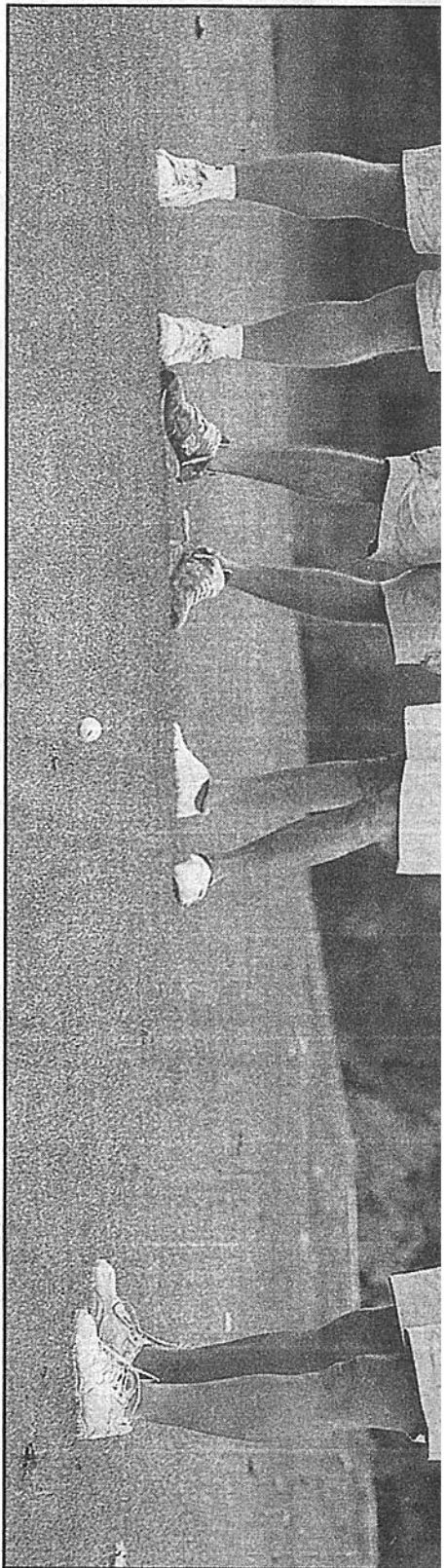
By Julie Hillard Bullock

LEXINGTON WRITER

Most golf fanatics everywhere probably envy Marsha Bortas, a 3-handicap golfer whose schedule allows her to play 18 holes six days a week in the summer.

When school's out, I just go to keep the house in order and then, on the table every day, and that's about it," says Bortas, 50, a Lafayette High School math teacher who has been playing golf since her first Women's City Golf





JANET WORNE/STAFF

Women's City Golf Champion Marsha Bordas, right, her husband, John, left, son Jay and her mother, Ruby Bird, golf together.

ing on when it rains, but didn't happen very often this year."

Bordas and husband John Bird won the gold medal in the 1987 open golf competition at the 1987 State Games in July, winning by six shots after being tied with another couple at the end of the first day.

Bordas learned the game from her mother, the late Jay "Judge" Bird, who retired as a salesman after spending five years as manager of the Cynthiana Country Club.

When Marsha was a student at Eastern Kentucky University, she worked at the country club during summer breaks.

He was a very patient and understanding teacher," explained Bird's son, Ruby Bird, 73, who started golfing after the birth of their child in 1953. "He taught all our three children and me how to play. I found myself enjoying at home hearing about golf game, and I didn't want to be a golf widow."

It quickly became the family's favorite game of choice (UKA's number one game of choice in 1997), and the entire family moved forward to spending time on the golf course. "It's a good game to commune, a time to be together," Ruby said.

Forty-six years after her first lesson, Bird has a 22 handicap and plays about three times a week. This summer, she won her

flight in the Women's Central Kentucky Golf Association tournament and finished third in her flight in the Women's City Tournament. "I have a nice game for a little old lady," said Bird, whose handicap has been as low as nine.

Since Judge Bird's death in 1987, John, Marsha and Ruby have taken at least one golf vacation a year.

Oddly enough, John Bordas, 48, a salesman with King Foods, had never touched a golf ball when he and Marsha married. But within six months of the wedding, Bordas — now a three handicap — was beginning to play. "He's come a long way since then," Marsha said. "If he didn't have to work, it's no

telling how good he'd be."

John and Marsha's son, Jay Bordas, 18, spent this summer working in the Lakeside Golf Course pro shop, but the former Henry Clay High School basketball player does not share his family's passion for the game. "For him, golf is just something you do with a family," Marsha explained.

But if not for golf, Jay Bordas, a freshman at the University of Kentucky, might not have been born. His parents met in 1974 at Winchester Country Club, where Marsha was playing the Women's Kentucky State Amateur. "John was working there at the time and the woman who was running the tournament introduced us," Marsha recalled.

"That was in June. We started dating and got married the following January."

Marsha, a Lafayette High School graduate, joined the school's first golf team her sophomore year. "The question is whether I would have ever started playing competitive golf if they hadn't started a high school team at Lafayette. It wasn't something a lot of girls did at the time. But once I started playing, I was hooked."

Lafayette's first-year girls team qualified for the state tournament, and her senior year Bordas was runner-up in the state high school tournament. But Western did not have a women's golf team until Marsha's senior

year, so she didn't play for a college team.

These days, Marsha Bordas is a regular at golf tournaments around Central Kentucky. And she's at the top of her game. "Technology has helped everyone's golf game," she said. "The newer clubs make it easier to hit. They're more forgiving of a bad shot."

When school is in session, Bordas plays only on weekends and almost exclusively at Lone Oak Country Club in Nicholasville. "By the time you work all day and grade papers at night, there just isn't time," Bordas said.

"I'm a wife and mother first, a schoolteacher second, and a golfer third."

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame 2017 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

Bordas Marsha B.
Last Name First Name Nickname (if applicable) Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1948 March 2
Year Month Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) life

Current Residence

900 Marbella Lane Lexington Ky. 40515
Address City State Zip

STATUS

- ☒ Amateur
☐ Professional
☐ Deceased (please provide date of death _____)

KEY AREAS (check all that are applicable)

- ☒ Playing Achievements
☒ Contribution/Promotion of the Game
☐ Contribution to Junior Golf
☐ Teaching of the game
☐ Golf Course Architecture
☐ Turf Grass Research
☐ Golf Course Management/Maintenance
☐ National Recognition

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Required

- ✓ One page type written biography of nominee
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Nomination

Suggested

- ✓ Newspaper articles
- ✓ Photographs

Dear Steve,

It is a great pleasure to have the opportunity to nominate Marsha Bird Bordas to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. Marsha has spent a life time of giving to golf in Kentucky in all facets of the game, whether it be through playing at a high level or serving on many Boards to promote and to nurture the game in the state.

She has had a wonderful competitive record of achievements. She has won many Club Championships, Lexington City, and Central Kentucky tournaments and various other invitationals. Marsha reached the semi-finals of the State Amateur many times as well as being runner-up at the championship. Plus, she has twice won the very prestigious Marion Miley.

But, just as importantly, she has served on many Boards and Committees. She has been President of the Lexington City tournament and Clover Leaf. In Central Kentucky, Marsha has served every Executive Board position including multiple and long running terms as Secretary-Treasurer. In the Women's Kentucky Golf Association, she has been a Director many times and has served on the Executive Committee in all positions from President to now being the long time Secretary- Treasurer. She is currently on your K.G.A. Committee. Her enthusiasm and leadership has benefited many women golfers and organizations through the years.

No one that I know of has made a bigger impact on women's golf and is more deserving of such an honor as the Hall of Fame. Please give Marsha your utmost consideration for her many and varied contributions to women's golf in Kentucky. Thank you so very much.

Most Sincerely,

Anne Combs

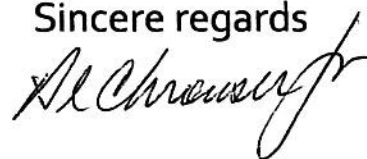
Golf is the "Greatest Game" it requires great "Human Effort" to excel. This effort means much more than winning a tournament. All Champions loose more often than win. It is the quality of Character that brings the respect and admiration of other Golfer's and Spectator's. I've known Marsha Bird Bordas, for over 50 years. First as a Junior Golfer, as She competed, in the Marion Miley Tournament, in the 1960's. Then, every Ladies Tournament in the State of Kentucky. In ALL those years She, has always been the "exemplary" example of class, on and off the Course.

The "Core Values" of the 1st Tee could have been drawn from Marsha Bordas . Of these Integrity-Sportsmanship-Respect and without a doubt Perseverance quickly come to the front of My thoughts. Marsha's only disappointment in Golf, maybe, the lack of the Women's State Amateur...although She was Runner up.

Marsha Bird Bordas, is a "perfect" fit for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. For the reasons listed above and for effort to promote the Game. Time and space limit My effort to exult Marsha's record, I assure You it is "Top Notch", but no competition for Her Character, on and off the "Field of Combat".

This is a "pleasure, more Honor", to submit Mrs. Marsha Bird Bordas to the "Hall"

Sincere regards



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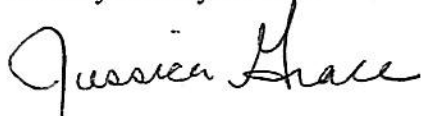
Dear Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Selection Committee

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mrs. Marsha Bird Bordas in hopes that she will be chosen for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I cannot think of a person more deserving of this honor. Marsha currently serves the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association as Executive Secretary and has held every position possible for this organization throughout the years. As the current President of the WKSGA, I can tell you that Marsha Bordas works very hard to promote women's golf across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She organizes, hosts, and plays in both of our tournaments, The Women's Kentucky State Amateur and The Senior Women's Kentucky Amateur. In 2016, Marsha competed in her 50th Women's Kentucky State Amateur tournament.

Marsha Bordas is a decorated and passionate competitor. I am sure she has won many tournaments in her amateur career with some of the most current highlights being the Lexington Women's City Championship in 1984 and 1999, The Marion Miley in 2002 and 2007, and The Senior Women's Kentucky Amateur in 2006. Marsha Bordas also was one of the first coaches of the University of Kentucky Women's Golf Team and awarded the first scholarship given in that program. I have had the honor of facing Marsha in a few matches during the amateur. She is a fierce competitor but does so with grace, kindness, and integrity. I strive to emulate Marsha on and off the golf course. She is a wonderful person who lives life to the fullest every day surviving breast cancer and other health issues. Marsha is an inspiration to all those that know and love her.

It is my privilege and honor to write this letter on behalf of Mrs. Marsha Bird Bordas. She has inspired me on and off the golf course to be the best I can be and I know I am not alone in this sentiment. She is an ambassador for golf in Kentucky. Marsha Bordas would be a great addition to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame! If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 270-577-0337 or at Jessica.grace@henderson.kyschools.us.

Thank you for your time



Jessica Grace
Women's Kentucky State Golf Association President

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the nomination from Hall of Fame member Ms. Anne Combs for the consideration of Mrs. Marsha Bordas, be elected to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

As Director of Golf for Lexington Parks and Recreation for 18 years I have had the great pleasure to observe and to work with Marsha in many areas of golf in Lexington and Central Kentucky.

Her playing accomplishments over the years stands for itself, however the contributions that Marsha has had in all areas of golf goes further than just her playing accomplishments.

Marsha has been one of the strongest proponents in Ladies golf in this area and across the state. She has been heavily involved with the Fayette Women's Golf Association, Central Kentucky Women's Golf Association and with the State Golf Association Women's Amateur and Women's Open.

I have consulted with Marsha on numerous occasions in regard to the Lexington Women's City Championship and worked closely with her in hosting the Kentucky Women's State Amateur Championship. She has always gone out of her way to

aspects of women's golf in the state of Kentucky.

Having served on the Hall of Fame Committee for numerous years, and knowing what it takes to become a member, Marsha Bordas has fulfilled all requirement's along with many other attributes. I strongly encourage your consideration for her membership into the Hall of Fame and know that her name and legacy will add to the prestige of the Hall of Fame itself.

Best Regards

Mike Fields, PGA

Director of Golf

Lexington golfer to play in Women's State Amateur for 50th time

HIGHLIGHTS

Marsha Bordas to tee off in Elizabethtown on Monday

Retired math teacher has missed event only once in last 50 years

Son: 'She never really lets adversity get to her'



BY ANTHONY CRAWFORD

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Looking back as she prepares for her 50th appearance in the Women's State Amateur, Lexington's Marsha Bordas always knew she would live a life that rotated around golf.

Since picking up a club when she was 8 years old and practicing at the driving range while her parents played, Bordas has always been enthused by the sport.

"Well, I just love the game. When I went to college, I went into the education department and I asked them, 'What teaching job can you always find a job in?'" Bordas said. "Because I knew I wanted to have my summers off to play golf."

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The summers off for the now-retired math teacher allowed Bordas, 67, to compete in 48 straight Women's State Amateur Golf Tournaments before a wrist injury kept her from playing in 2014. Even so, back problems and a fight with breast cancer could not stop her from competing in 49 of the last 50 tournaments as she prepares for her 50th appearance this week.

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Marsha Bordas, 50-year veteran of the Kentucky State Amateur

“She never really lets adversity get to her, in general,” her son Jay Bordas said. “I think that’s one of her strengths because on the golf course she’s the same way.”

While the goal wasn’t always to reach 50, soon after starting to play in the event with her mother, Ruby Bird, Bordas realized that her spot in the field would be an almost definite for years to come. “I mean 25 years had passed and I hadn’t missed one, I thought, ‘Well I just don’t ever want to miss one,’” Bordas said.

Long removed from her best finish as runner-up in 1992, Bordas has come to enjoy the tournament for more than the competition.

Bordas believes that the friendships formed and people she has met throughout her 51-year run have been the most rewarding aspect. “I could have a flat tire any place in the state of Kentucky and I’d know somebody to call,” she said. “You know, because I’ve met them from all over.”

Along with some of the other regulars, Bordas also gets to play with some of the

rising young players in golf. Being a fan of the sport, she has taken notice of the evolution of the game. Everything from improvements in swing mechanics to equipment have allowed golf balls to be hit harder and the tournament to be more competitive.

As the executive secretary for the State Am, Bordas knows the field better than anyone, and it looks to be a promising one.

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Marsha Bordas, executive secretary of the State Am

“We don’t have as many players this year because we have a lot of competition with other events,” Bordas said. “But the quality of the golfers is just incredible. I thought last year was our best field, but this year has even surpassed it.”

The smaller field of 39 golfers, compared to the 75 to 100 the event has attracted in recent years, features 16 golfers with handicaps under five and three with plus handicaps. Last year’s runner-up, Ellen Kehoe of the University of Louisville, is among the favorites.

The State Am tees off Monday at Elizabethtown Country Club with an 18-hole qualifier. Match play starts Tuesday and will run until Friday’s championship round.

Anthony Crawford: 859-231-1627, @a_craw_

WOMEN’S STATE AM

When: Monday-Friday

Where: Elizabethtown Country Club



Breast cancer surgery doesn't deter Lexington golfer Marsha Bordas

By Cheryl Truman - ctruman@herald-leader.com

It was a sad moment for Lexington amateur golfer and Lafayette High School math teacher Marsha Bordas when she got the note from a fellow competitor saying that she was sorry to have to welcome her to the sisterhood of breast cancer.

But Bordas did not let a double mastectomy in late March force her to let her golf clubs gather dust.

Against the odds, Marsha Bordas played in the state women's golf tournament June 22-26 at Georgetown's Cherry Blossom Golf Club. It was the 44th year that she and her mother, Ruby Bird, 83, had attended the tournament together.

But Bordas won't be playing in this year's Lexington Women's City Golf Championship on August 1-2: She had reconstructive surgery last Friday, adding implants to her chest, and is under doctor's orders to limit her physical activity for a few weeks.

Bordas, 60, won the city championship in 1984 and 1999.

But Bordas figures she's had a good summer nonetheless: She played in the state tournament, where she was the runner-up in 1992, and in the Burley Belles tournament in Cynthiana, an event founded by her parents.

After she gets an all-clear to again swing a golf club, she'll be back, she said.

Bordas, who won Lexington's Marion Miley tournament in 2002 and 2007, isn't done yet: Not done with golfing, and not done with teaching math at Lafayette, where she has spent 25 of her 37 years as a schoolteacher.

She readied her classroom before her most recent surgery and promised her surgeon she wouldn't stretch to write on a blackboard. Besides, she has other scholarly tools: "After 37 years, I don't need a book to teach from. I can teach from my head."

Bordas has played competitive golf since she was selected for the first Lafayette girls' golf team, in 1965. Heather Kraus, who lost the Marion Miley tournament to Bordas in 2002, at the time called Bordas "a person that is always in contention in every event we play in."

Says Bordas of her struggle with cancer this spring and summer: "I'm a very competitive person. This was just another battle I had to win."

The worst part of having invasive breast cancer, she recalls, was hearing that her Feb. 19 lumpectomy — a surgery in which the cancerous lump and some surrounding material were removed, sparing the breast — didn't yield a specimen with clear margins. That meant that some cancer cells might still be present.

Bordas decided to have a double mastectomy on March 26, the Thursday before the Fayette County public schools' spring break. Since her cancer had not reached her lymph nodes, she did not have to have chemotherapy.

"I thought, I want to get on with my life," she said. "If we get rid of all possibilities (of additional cancer), that's best."

She got back to golfing as quickly as she could after her surgery, but post-surgery golf carried a different set of physical demands: After the double mastectomy, she had "spacers" — platelike devices that leave room for eventual implants—and worried about possible injury.

Bordas was, she said, "swinging scared," until she had an epiphany during the state tournament: "I thought, just go ahead and swing."

Bordas' son Jay, who teaches physical education and health and coaches basketball at Bourbon County High School, calls his mother "one of the toughest ladies I've ever met a true competitor."

And he recalls how his mother told him she had cancer. She was sorry that she had to tell him on the day when Bourbon County was going to play archrival Paris:

"Here she calls me, she got the test back, and she has cancer. I'll never forget. She said, 'I'm sorry to tell you this. You've got a big game tonight.'"

Bordas said he knew there were more important things than games. Still, he said, he knew that cancer couldn't hold back his mother for long.

Said Marsha Bordas: "I just said, this was not going to change my life. I was going to be the same person."



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