GOLFING GREAT DANES

UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

Hello UAlbany Great Dane friends and welcome back to the fourth edition of our Golfing Great Danes Newsletter! The summer has come to a close and the players are in full swing in the classroom and on the course. This edition will highlight some great memories of the past as well as highlights from this past summer. We are looking forward to sharing it with everyone! We hope you enjoy!



SUMMER REVIEW

What a fantastic summer it was, filled with lots of recruiting from the coaches and many tournaments played by the Student-Athletes. It's shaping up to be a Great Year To Be a Great Dane!

HELGA EINARSDOTTIR '20 competed in Italy with the Icelandic Nation Team as well as in her home country on the Icelandic Tour. "Competing in Sardinia, Italy this summer was a great honor to represent my country in a big event like that and to compete against some of the best amateurs in the world. I played well in the tournament and I'm hoping that experience will help the team out this coming season."

- Icelandic tour event #1 (73-70-70) - 2nd place
- Icelandic tour event #2 (73-82-81) - 3rd place



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MADISON WALKER '22 spent her summer working for the YMCA in the Palm Desert. When Madison wasn't working, she was out on the course competing or hiking with friends. One specific friend in particular, Roni Rincon, our newest sophomore transfer (who were high school teammates). Madison said of her summer golf which included playing in a professional golf tournament, "Playing in the Cactus Tour event, which was set up like Q-School, was the best experience I've ever had because I got to play along side and against the pros. I realized quickly that I was able to keep up with the pros and I even beat a bunch of them."

- Cactus tour event @ Mission Hills (74,76,76) - 46th place
- California State Open (79,79) - 29th place

FALL 2019 SCHEDULE

9/8/19 UAlbany vs Siena College (Crosstown Challenge) @Wolferts Roost C.C, Albany, NY
Hosted By: University at Albany
9/14-15/19 Dartmouth Women's Golf Invitational @ Hanover C.C, Hanover, NH
Hosted By: Dartmouth College
9/23–24/19 Boston College Intercollegiate @Blue Hill C.C, Canton, MA
Hosted By: Boston College
9/28-29/19 Princeton University Invitational @Springdale G.C, Princeton, NJ
Hosted By: Princeton University
10/19-20/19 Delaware Lady Blue Hen Invitational @Rehobeth Beach C.C, Rehobeth Beach, DE
Hosted By: University of Delaware

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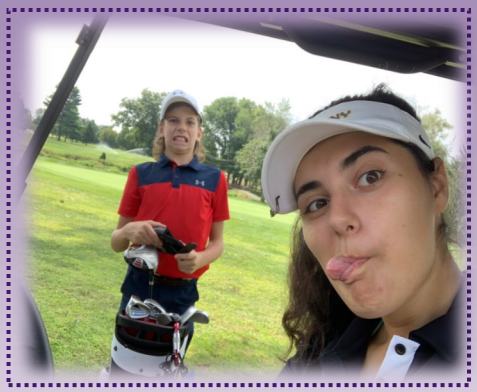
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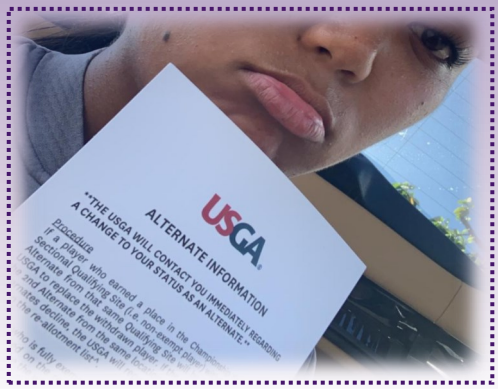
MEGAN HENRY '20 had an eventful summer from visiting teammates in France, competing in summer events, to camping with family in 50mph winds and attending family member's weddings. "I enjoyed my summer events, but winning the Country Championship was a lot of fun. My brother was able to caddy for me, which he hasn't done before so it meant a lot for me to win with him on the bag."

- Won County Championship (73-72) - won qualifying
  - Won all four rounds of match play 4up
  - Shot –4 in the Final to win on the 15th hole



PASQUALINA TARTAGLIONE '22 competed in the Porter cup this summer, which is a premier amateur event hosted at Niagara Falls Country Club. "The experience of playing the Porter Cup was great. A beautiful course and well run tournament was a golfers dream and they even offered Niagara Falls Boat tours to the competitors and we got to go into the Fall." Pasqualina also worked a kids golf camp at her local golf course.

- Porter Cup @Niagara Falls Country Club (82-83 -78) - 66th place



ANNIKA ESPINO '20 competed in a number of events this summer and nearly qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur, missing by one stroke in a playoff. "Coming close in US Am qualifying for a second straight year reminded me that I am capable of competing with the best amateurs, but that I have a lot of work to do. At the end of the day, losing in the playoff came down to my nerves & taking it one shot at a time."

- US Am qualifier @ Kapolei Golf Club (72) - 2nd Alternate



- Shot 74 in qualifying round @ The Manoa Cup (Lost 1dn in first round of match play)
- Won the Oahu Country Club Women's Invite

CAROLINE JUILLAT '20 enjoyed her hometown for all it was worth this summer. She hosted teammate Megan Henry in France and visited Megan in England. She also competed in a few local events hosted by her home club in Biarritz. "It was great to play a tournament in my hometown because I got a lot of local support and the overall vibe felt so professional. Playing well also made the experience that much better."



- Shot 71,71 in home tournament
- Caddied for Megan in match play while visiting her in England

OLIVIA HUNT '23 spent her summer finishing up school and giving back to her community. "My father and I joined forces to play 72 holes of golf in one day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We started at 5am and played until the sun was setting. Also, winning 3 of 4 rounds against my father made a great day that much sweeter." Olivia went on to say, "Over the summer I feel like I've gained vital experience playing competitions at my club and going to the U.S. to experience the next level of golf is very exciting."



RONI RINCON '22 got to play multiple rounds of golf on the Monterey peninsula this summer on courses that included Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill Golf course. Working with the Nike Junior Golf Camp and The First Tee academies this summer was a blast. Playing a couple small tournaments this summer was also great, as I really wanted to prepare myself for this upcoming season."

- Shot 75,74 @ Mission Hills home tournament #1
- Shot 76, 75 @ Mission Hills home tournament #2

THE GREAT DANE FAMILY WELCOMES SOPHOMORE TRANSFER, MADISON "RONI" RINCON



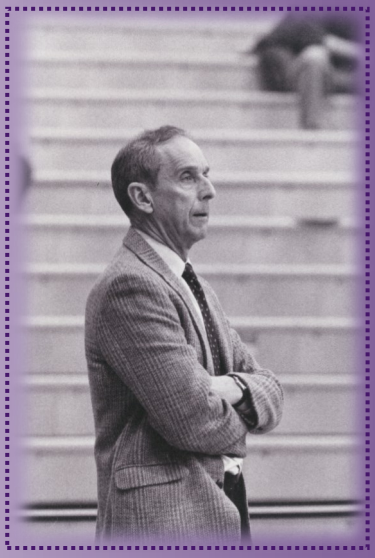
Incoming Sophomore transfer Madison "Roni" Rincon comes to us from CSU-Monterey Bay, where she averaged 76 in her freshman season. "Playing my first year in California was a great learning experience that I wouldn't change. I am grateful for my time at CSUMB. Now I'm onto the next journey of my career traveling across the country to expand, grow, and use what I learned at CSUMB." Born in Los Angeles, California, Roni grew up in Palm Springs where she was also high school teammates with current Great Dane golfer, Madison Walker. "Madison and I have been playing together since junior high and we have always made each other better golfers. Now we're representing the Great Danes together and she probably thinks I'm following her. But overall, I'm stoked to be playing again with one of my best friends." Some of Roni's favorite things to do when she's not playing golf is reading, playing her guitar and hiking the desert mountains. Roni joins a Great Dane squad that has won back to back MAAC championships and the team feels she'll be a good fit. Assistant Coach Ragovin said, "The team is a very competitive bunch and Roni fits right in. She has the pedigree to digest a lot of information in a short amount of time and seems very eager to learn. We look forward to seeing her growth as a student-athlete,"



FUN FACTS WITH RONI

- **PETS:** 1 Bearded Dragon (6), 1 Cat (Charlie), 1 Dog (Rory)
- **IF YOU HAD A BOAT, WHAT WOULD YOU NAME IT?** Tea Time
- **BEST PURCHASE:** My Scotty Cameron putter which I bought at a thrift store
- **CRAZIEST FAMILY HOLIDAY STORY?** When my mum and I baked carrot cakes for everyone we knew, and I mean EVERYONE!
- **FAVORITE MOVIE?** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- **IF YOU COULD BE AN ANIMAL, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?** A Bear, because it symbolizes authority and good omens.
- **IF YOU COULD BE A SUPERHERO, WHO WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?** Wolverine because I am fearless and I love adrenaline rushing activities

RICHARD "DOC" SAUERS



A coaching legend! 702 victories from 1955 to 1997 coaching the UAlbany Men's Basketball team. His accolades pile up to the clouds. Doc Sauers is one of the winningest collegiate basketball coaches of all-time and an inductee of the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame. His legacy hangs from the rafters in SEFCU Arena and will forever have his mark in UAlbany history!

In 1997, Doc took over the Women's Golf program in it's third year of existence and guided the program to the D1 level within two years. Coach Sauers led the Women's golf team to three America East Championship wins in 2004, 2008, and 2009. Reminiscing about the 2004 victory, "Doc" said, "It was so cold and miserable outside that warming up was not possible, but the team pushed through it and came out on top with Diane Onofry shooting one of the best 84's I've seen to date." An avid golfer himself, Doc and his member/guest tournament partner, Jim Boeheim (Head Coach, Syracuse Men's Basketball) always enjoy getting together in the summer to talk basketball and make a few birdies. When asked who his dream foursome would be, Doc chose, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, and Sam Snead. I once attended a golf clinic at the Greenbriar Resort in West Virginia and Mr. Snead was supposed to be in attendance, but he never made it as he opted to stay and play golf in Colorado that day, so thank you to Mr. Snead for allowing me to explore all of what the Greenbriar had to offer that day!"

Cheers to Doc for such an amazing career of coaching and for his dedication to the Great Dane Family!

RULES OF GOLF 101:
RESTRICTION ON CADDIE

They're here to stay! The new rules have officially been implemented around the world and in this issue, we will cover how a coach or caddie can NOT stand behind player. So lets dive in.

Rule 10.2 (4) "Restricts a coach or caddie from deliberately standing in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason." The main objective of this rule change is to speed up play by limiting "over coaching." And there are consequences for not obliging. "If the player takes a stance in breach of this Rule, he or she cannot avoid penalty by backing away." Team work is everything!

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HOMECOMING PARADE OF CHAMPIONS ~ OCTOBER 20, 2019

What a night it was to be honored at halftime of the Homecoming Football game last year against #13 Towson. The team started off the evening with a tailgate, where the food was just as plentiful as the laughs! "It's always a great time to get all your current players together and have your alumni come back to join us along with parents and friends. As a Coach, I always preach family and that is truly what we are as a golf team" said Head Coach Colleen McSween. After the tailgate, we then made our way into Casey Stadium to watch the Great Danes take on a stout competitor in Towson. Shortly before the halftime ceremony, deemed the "Parade of Champions", we made our way down to field level. Recent graduate Annie Lee '18 also joined the fun, as she was working in Albany after graduation. The parade honored the most recent Conference Champions and we just happened to be back to back champs. Assistant Coach Matt Ragovin said, "It was a real treat and honor to experience what a full crowd sounds like from field level, and having your name called was pretty great too!"







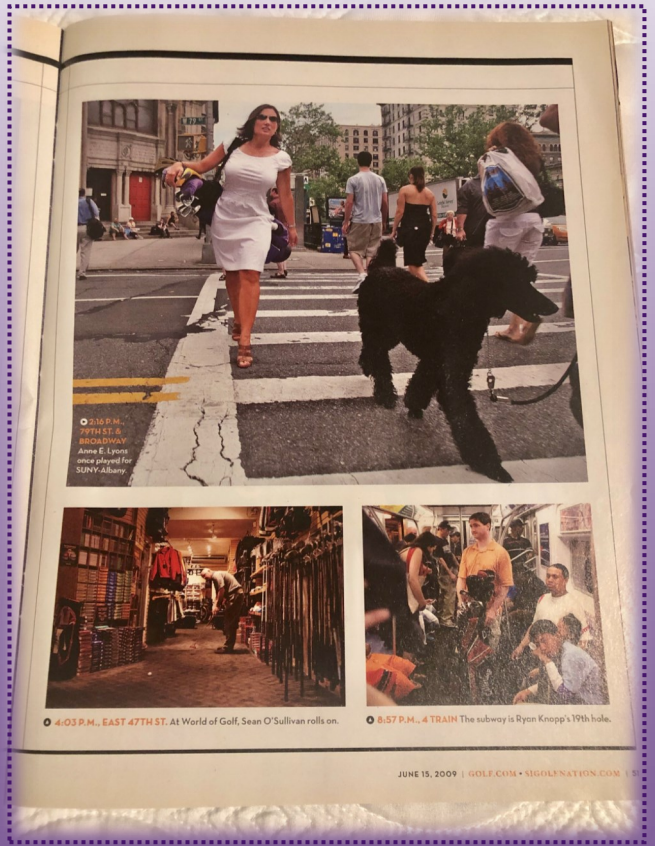


ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: ANNE LYONS-FEDELE '05

Wife to Chris and mother to Austin (7), Sienna (2), Connor (9mo.), alumnus Anne Lyons-Fedele '05 received her BA in Psychology & Communications with a minor in Business. Since graduating, Anne has found a career in sales. Currently, she works on Park Avenue in NYC with Clear Channel Outdoor where she sells outdoor/billboard advertising. Born and raised in Buffalo, NY, Anne reminisced about her childhood golf memories. "I grew up playing golf at The Cherry Hill Club in Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada and I loved playing competitive golf all over southern Ontario." Anne played for the legendary UAlbany Basketball coach and then women's golf coach Doc Sauers. Anne was a part of the 2004 America East Championship squad, where she placed 5th individually. Looking back on her time on the team, Anne said, "Some of my favorite tournaments were Princeton and Dartmouth's home tournament at Hanover C.C. I also loved learning from Doc, he was always so nice to us and always knew what we were doing wrong, even before we knew. If we needed serious swing help, he always had great advice. It was a wonderful way to play a sport in college and I miss the time with Doc, his wife Elaine, and our team immensely."

Anne is also a bit of a celebrity too! Why, you ask? On a random day of hitting golf balls at Chelsea Piers driving range in NYC, Anne was approached by a Sports Illustrated photographer looking for a golfer to feature in a spread about commuting through the city to play and practice. Anne said, "I became the first UAlbany Student-Athlete to be in Sports Illustrated the magazine and it was so random. The experience was great and it's fun to say I've been in a famous sports magazine."

We want to thank Anne for representing The University at Albany and the Women's Golf program throughout her professional career in NYC. It is great to see the support system of alumni making great waves on and off the golf course!



OUR GREAT DANE FAMILY

(Sr.) Helga Einarsdottir Hometown: Seltjarnarnes, Iceland
(Sr.) Megan Henry Hometown: Epping, Essex, England
(Sr.) Caroline Juillat Hometown: Biarritz, France
(Sr.) Annika Espino Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii
(So.) Pasqualina Tartaglione Hometown: Pine Bush, New York
(So.) Madison Walker Hometown: Bermuda Dunes, California
(So. Transfer) Roni Rincon Hometown: Palm Desert, California
(Fr.) Olivia Hunt Hometown: Ashtead, Surrey, England
(Head Coach) Colleen McSween Hometown: Plantation, Florida
(Asst. Coach) Matthew Ragovin Hometown: Coral Springs, Florida