



Sinelli Wins Fourth Straight Fiddler's Creek Golf Title

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Lola Sinelli holds the permanent Fiddler's Creek Golf Course Women's Championship Cup, which now has her name on it four times. Sinelli won her fourth straight Women's Club Championship this season.

Marco Island's Lola Sinelli is in a sand trap, practicing a shot. It is a warm, very sunny day. Her first attempt isn't bad, but most would accept. Not Lola.

Her second shot is better, but not to her liking. She tosses her sunglasses into the sand and strikes the ball again.

This time, sand and ball fly simultaneously and her shot ends up about 20 inches from the cup.

"Now that was pretty good," Sinelli says as she rakes the sand for the next person.

With club in hand you can see and sense her determination. That's what won her a fourth straight Women's Club Championship this season at Fiddler's Creek Golf and Country Club. It also won Sinelli her first championship at season's end last fall at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford, Mich.

Sinelli, who has an 11 handicap, attributed steady play, with rounds of 83 and 84 of 167.

"I stayed out of trouble, putted well, and had a strong short game, that's where you win," she said.

She began playing golf 15 years ago.

"I had to learn everything, this is the hardest game in the world, but I love it," she said. "In team sports there are others who can help make you a winner. In golf the pressure is all on you to succeed."

She has written a book, "Wants, Needs, and More..." It covers a lot of topics, with Sinelli using her experiences. Much of it is on living healthy.

Net scorewinner (subtracting handicap from overall score) in the Championship Flight was Barb Schneider, followed by Deb Henning.

In the Second Flight, net scorewinner was Jane Baldwin, followed by Carole David and Linda Cook.

Overall men's champion was Frank Hawks who had a two-day total of 163. Championship Flight net winner was Brice Craven, followed by Glenn Vician and TomSuter. Second Flight net winner was Pat McCarthy, followed by Mike Quinn and Glen Metelmann. The Third Flight net title went to John Todd, followed by Ray David and Gary Wolf.

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Lola Sinelli dials in a putt as she did to win the Fiddler's Creek Women's Club Championship for the fourth straight year.