CJ Bernstein ’15

CJ – I think the rest of the team would agree that this fall we simultaneously ramped up the competitive spirit and the fun. We were lucky to enjoy warm sunny weather for the majority of the season, which allowed us to make the most of every practice (with the exception of one miserably rainy day at Taconic – to be expected when venturing into enemy territory!). Every player saw week over week improvements in her game, particularly 100 yards and in category, our collective focus for the season.

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This competitive spirit and strong work ethic helped us fight our way to a handful of top five finishes. We are looking forward to building on these successes in the spring when we welcome back the three members of our junior class who are currently studying abroad in Europe. I am proud that our team is considered a fun playing partner among our competitors. We are unique among the Amherst teams in that we have the opportunity to spend countless hours in between shots getting to know players from other schools weekend after weekend, year after year. This year we held the first ever Amhelbury Ball, a 9-hole round of golf and celebration with the Middlebury women’s golf team. We are looking forward to strengthening these interschool relationships as they can only make us stronger as a team and as individuals. Thank you for your continued support of the women’s golf program and here’s to a great spring season! Go Jeffs!!!

Katherine Britt ’15

Western Massachusetts Hall of Fame

Amhelbury Ball” Fall 2014

HOLYOKE, Mass. – Amherst College women’s golf coach Michelle Morgan was formally inducted into the Western Massachusetts Golf Hall of Fame on Friday, October 3rd as part of the Tournament of Champions and Hall of Fame Day at Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke. Festivities included a golf tournament, social hour, and dinner banquet. The 2014 honorees were inducted as the eighth class of the Western Massachusetts Golf Hall of Fame and included Robert Bontempo (longtime pro); Ed Polchlopek Jr. (accomplished amateur player); Morgan (successful collegiate coach); and superintendent Doug Stachura. Honored in memoriam were Bob Healey, Steve Kelly and Ed Twohig Sr. “I don’t feel particularly ‘illustrious’ as Webster’s Dictionary defines fame because who I have become is a collection of bits and pieces of so many people who have influenced me and have allowed me to be successful throughout my career and my life,” Morgan said of being inducted. “So my ‘hall’ of fame is quite full of those who have touched my life.”
When I started on the golf team freshman year of high school, my friends teased me. Back in 1992, golf was still an old, waspy, gentlemen’s sport and it wasn’t really considered a “real” sport, especially one for a small, Asian girl. My girlfriends, who were on the other school sports teams (i.e. basketball, softball, soccer), jokingly asked if we actually sweat during practices. I smiled and proudly wore our khakis and collared shirts. At the time, I did not realize the impact or the importance golf would play in my life, but it has literally changed my life. Let me illustrate my point. When I was playing for the Amherst’s Women’s team, I was not a particularly skilled or outstanding player (thank you for loving me anyway, Coach Morgan😊), but just the fact that I was on the women’s college team and I understood the golf lingo, that gave me an advantage, which landed me a summer internship at the White House working under the Clinton Administration. There were only 3 student interns selected for the Gift Division in the White House and because President Clinton was an avid golfer and received many golf gifts, they needed someone who knew the difference between a pitching wedge and a sand wedge. I was their girl. I met President Clinton on several occasions, not in a blue dress sort of way, of course, but because we were located next to the Presidential Radio Station he would always stop by to see the latest and greatest of the gifts that he received that week. (He received over 400 gifts a week from people all over the world!) Apparently, this was one of the main reasons they hired me that summer. I know, because I asked. That and they thought my name would be fun to say around the office, “InnyHu, as I was saying...ha ha ha.”

On the course today, I’m still about a bogey player, but as a 5’ 4”, small build Asian woman, this is apparently an anomaly in the noncompetitive world of regular sports. I’m not a power hitter, but more of a straight shooter and while I may not “wow” you with long, rainbow-arched, power drives, I’m pretty consistent. This has allowed me to be invited to countless golf tournaments where I have made many business connections and profitable opportunities. As a matter of fact, I recently played during a business conference and received the “Longest Drive Award” for women’s division. Again, it was just a stroke of luck and the wind, because while everyone else’s ball apparently landed outside of the narrow fairway disqualifying them, mine landed straight down the middle, not far, but on the fairway nonetheless. (Coach Morgan, you would’ve given me a big “O” with your arms off in the distance! Do you remember that?? 😊) Anyway, from that accomplishment, other business owners were intrigued and introduced themselves to me. That is how I actually grew my education business (www.ivyegg.com) overseas to China, Korea, Brazil, and Mexico. Many well-connected, business owners, and philanthropists mingle on the field and golf has a way of showing a person’s true personality through successful and ugly shots - patience, ability to overcome failure, sportsmanship, and manners to name a few. Through these exhibitions, golf has literally changed the trajectory of my business too. Finally my last example of golf’s influence can be seen in my personal life. I recently was named the winner of the 2015 Ms. United States America, Woman of Achievement Pageant. This is an honor because this pageant is not only about beauty but it’s more about community service, passions, and accomplishments and I was among many dynamic, excellent delegates from all over the U.S. who were all qualified to win the title. One of the categories was athletic wear. Most women wore flattering bathing suits,
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