

## **Karla Harding to Receive Nancy Oliver Founder's Award EWGA's Highest Honor for Association Volunteers**

Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. - Karla Harding of Windsor, Colorado will be honored with the Nancy Oliver Founder's Award during the EWGA 25th Anniversary Celebration and Golf Experience in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia from April 22-24. Founded in 1991 as the Executive Women's Golf Association, EWGA is the largest women-focused national amateur golf association in the United States with Chapters located in more than 100 cities as well as international Chapters in Bermuda, Canada and Italy.

The award recognizes members who display exceptional long-term volunteer leadership and service to the association and exemplify the spirit and mission of the EWGA which is enriching women's lives through the game of golf. It is named for its first recipient in 2000, Nancy Oliver, EWGA Founder.



Harding joined the EWGA Northern Colorado Chapter in 2002 and served in many local volunteer positions including Chapter President in 2006-2007. In 2008, she joined the EWGA Championship Committee; a team of spirited volunteers that help administer and conduct EWGA's marquee national competitive events with more than 2,500 participants annually. She has served as a key leader on EWGA's Tournament Operations Team with expertise in administering the rules of golf. This team conducts 15 semi-final tournaments plus a 2-Day National Championship Final each year. This group also annually runs eight regional qualifiers and the EWGA Cup

Final. Harding concluded her eighth year of service on these committees in 2015.

Additionally, she serves on the Women's TRANS National Golf Association, the USGA Senior Women's Amateur Committee and is a past member of the USGA's Women's Amateur Public Links Committee.

Karla will receive the Nancy Oliver Founder's Award at the Saturday Night Gala on April 23. The star-studded evening includes Nancy Lopez, who is receiving the 2016 EWGA Leadership Award, a toast from LPGA and Legends Tour professional, Jan Stephenson as well as a keynote address from Dawn Hudson, Chief Marketing Officer of the National Football League.

"We are pleased to recognize Karla with the highest honor EWGA bestows for volunteer leadership," said Pam Swensen, EWGA CEO. "Karla's strategic implementation of a team competition led to the national launch of the 2011 EWGA Champions Cup which has grown from just a few hundred participants to more than 800 in 2015. Volunteers are the lifeblood of EWGA. She exemplifies the dedication, commitment and passion that thousands of EWGA Chapter leaders and national volunteers contribute to our on-going success to connect women through the game of golf."