

President's Message

April 1, 2024

Good morning golfers! The sun is out, and let's hope it dries the course. Mother Nature has been making us nuts this past month. Just when we think warm days are here to stay, she sweeps in and laughs!

New Members:

We did not have any new member signups in March, but Susan Ness and her mentor committee held a fabulous brunch to welcome all the new members who've joined in the past year. Breakfast casseroles, muffins, pound cakes, fruit and of course mimosas were served. Big thanks go to Susan and Barb Simms, who baked the casseroles, and to Charlotte Graham, who volunteered her beautifully decorated home and her chocolate zucchini muffins for the brunch. We all went around the room, introducing ourselves, where we came from, and which golf club was our favorite on the course. Our Handicap/Rules Chair, Deb Lawson, gave a brief overview of some key local rules. More on rules later in this newsletter. Charlotte read a Charlotte Original poem, which we may publish later. It was so spot on! Lots of laughs and new friendships made were the order of the day!

Tournaments:

Congratulations go to our 2024 President's Cup winner, Evie Thompson! Evie shot an impressive net 138 over the two-day event. Evie credits both moving to the Plum/Gold tees and just good playing for her win. We also know she practices and works hard at her game. It certainly paid off!

Our next tournament is the Cactus Flower member guest event on April 22, 23, 24. Two days of golf, and a fun putting contest on the 22nd. If you are still looking for a guest, or you know someone who'd like to be a guest, contact Nanci Messner.

On the heels of the Cactus Flower is the SaddleBrooke Women's Classic, on May 21. We are the hosts this year, with the SaddleBrooke One and MountainView/Preserve clubs as our guests. Our tournament committee is currently planning for a great day of golf and lunch. We will be allotted 40 slots, so sign up as soon as the flyer comes out in a few weeks.

League Play:

A quick reminder to make sure your attested scores match what was logged in Golf Genius.

Rules/Handicaps:

In future newsletters, Deb Lawson, our Rules/Handicap Chair, will be providing a Rule of the Month. This month, she has a few to cover:

1. Relief from landscaped areas: Relief is *one club length* from the nearest point of *complete* relief. Take your initial stance one club length from the ball in the landscaped area. If you are still in a free relief area (ie the cart path), take another stance one club length from there. By now, you are likely to be in a playable area, even if you are in the desert. NOTE: You may not go back several feet or yards along the line of your shot for relief, unless it is one club length from the ball, as you could do if you are taking penalty relief.

2. Damaged hole on green: Damage to the hole is covered by [Rule 13.1c](#) as part of damage on a putting green. The player may repair a damaged hole unless the damage is natural wear, which is not allowed to be repaired. For example, if the hole is damaged in removing the flagstick, it may be repaired by the player, even if the damage has changed the dimensions of the hole. This rule is important to remember, because most of us have been under the impression that damage on the lip of the hole is not repairable.
3. Posting nine holes: You must play all 18 holes *or* 1-9 *or* 10-18 to post a round. There is no course rating and slope rating for nine holes that overlap the front and back nine. GHIN will not let you post in that situation. You must complete the front nine or the back nine of a course before you can post your score. Also, we no longer post holes that we do not play as “net par”. Post your complete front nine or back nine, and GHIN will calculate the unplayed or blank holes.

General League Stuff:

Thank you to Patti Jo Lewis, who has taken over the job of populating our bulletin board. Stop in the hallway the next time you are at the Pro Shop and check it out. It looks great!

The Board has made a few minor updates to our Policies and Procedures, and it is now posted on our website. You can print a copy from the website if you like to maintain a paper version of the P&Ps.

VP Nanci Messner consolidated our first survey results following the lunch at the President’s Cup and we provided the results to the Robson Events Management team. I’ve attached the consolidated results to this newsletter, if you are interested.

Other Leagues:

Our League is hosting the May 6 *Kachina* at Canoa Ranch. Please check out the flyer that was recently distributed, or get in touch with our Kachina rep, Jeanne Jensen.

The Southern District Women’s Golf Association is hosting the *SDWGA Spring Partners* tournament on May 13 & 14 at the Tubac Golf Resort. See the flyer recently distributed, or contact Toni Graves, SDWGA Secretary.

The last *Catalina Cup* for this season was held this morning at SaddleBrooke. We’ll have our SBRWGA team’s results in next month’s newsletter.

As I wrap up this newsletter, it is AGAIN raining and dreary. Mother Nature played an April Fool’s joke on me!

Still, wishing you only sunny golf days (are you listening, Mother Nature??),

Pam Horwitt

SaddleBrooke Ranch Women's Golf Association

PRESIDENT'S CUP Lunch held March 19,2024 SURVEY

Menu: TURKEY WRAP OR VEGGIE WRAP WITH VEGETABLE SOUP BAR AND COOKIES

FOOD SERVICE: Excellent & prompt. Food was brought out as our players sat down at their tables. Plates were cleared promptly before the awards were announced. There were no complaints on food service.

FOOD: Majority said the Turkey and veggie wrap were delicious. Three ladies said that the veggie wrap was soggy. A few said the lunch was plentiful with soup and a whole wrap and cookie. Some suggested ½ wrap would be sufficient, several asked for take home containers.

SOUP STATION: Soup Station was a big hit for the majority! Everyone loved how they could serve themselves as they arrived while waiting for their lunch to be delivered. Some said the green beans needed to be cut to a smaller size. Majority said the soup was delicious and hot just the way they like it!

COOKIES: Delicious and a nice touch! Several said this was the best lunch ever, some said the lunch matched this tournament. Several said "no complaints" all was great!