



## **SBRWGA December Message**

### **Happy Birthday**

Karen Jordan – 7  
Janice Mihora -7  
Faye Puelston -9  
Sally Clinard -12  
Debra Byrne – 12  
Tippy Weisz - 12  
Trish Minard - 18  
Jeanne Hansel – 28  
Trish Kelly - 28  
Joanne Garcia - 31



### **New Members**

Irene Harvey

### **Suggestion Box**

There were no suggestions this month for the board to consider. We would like to hear from you so please present your ideas in our suggestion box.

### **USGA Capped Scores**

*by Stephanie Gaskill*

Any score you have that has either a soft or hard cap applied to it is figured on the lowest index you have had in the past year. It is the baseline for the cap procedure.

1. Soft Cap...After a three stroke increase, your index upper movement is slowed by 50%
2. Hard Cap....This cap sets a maximum increase of five strokes within a year

Caps act as a safeguard to ensure that handicaps don't change too much or too quickly and prevent manipulation. It is unfair to say that golfers who are impacted by a cap are sandbaggers as most honest golfers will experience a cap at some point.

Caps exist as part of the handicap calculation and are shown as an exclamation point in a circle beside your Handicap Index on the GHIN system home page. If you click on it, it will show which kind of cap you have.

The USGA estimates that your underlying abilities don't change more than 3 to 5 strokes a year. At any given time more than 15% of golfers are impacted by caps.

So... keep posting your scores; previously exhibited low scores are sure to return soon.

### **2023 SBRWGA Membership Renewal**

*Jeanne Jensen*

If you want to continue to play in our league in 2023, you need to renew your membership. You can renew online between Oct 1 – Dec 31. Total fees will be \$85. Go to AZGolf.org. Look for join/renew in the upper right-hand corner.

### **Upcoming Tournaments**

Kachina Dolls – Monday, January 23 at Quarry Pines.

SDWGA Winter Scotch – Monday, February 20 at Skyline CC

There are links on our webpage to both these events.

### **2023 SBRWGA Major Tournaments Set**

The board and Pro Shop have set our major tournament dates for 2023. Save these dates on your golf calendars:

- President's Cup – March 27 and 28
- Member-Guest – April 25 and 26
- Sadie Hawkins – September 9
- Club Championship – October 9 and 10
- Updegraff Cup – October 30 and 31
- Member Member – November 27 and 28 (increased to two-day tournament)

### **2023 Budget Approved by Membership**

At the annual meeting, the membership approved the 2023 budget. If you missed it, you can find the approved budget on our webpage – [www.sbrwga.com](http://www.sbrwga.com)

### **Club Championship**

Congrats to Jean Cheszek, Club Champion, and Karen Jordan, Senior Club Champion. Jean shot 82 on both days. Karen came in with scores of 86 and 85.



### **9 am Shotgun Starts on Tuesdays**

Beginning Tuesday, December 6, playdays will start with a 9 am shotgun. This 9 am time will continue through February.

### **Hole in One**



Congratulations to Beth Chamberlin for earning her first hole in one on #14!

### **Pro Shop Credit**

If you earned Pro Shop credit during 2022, you must spend your credits prior to December 31 or they will be lost. Also, any earnings during December will be posted to your 2023 account.

### **Pro Shop Sale**

December 6-12 is our Pro Shop Holiday sale. This is a great opportunity to spend your SBRWGA winnings with a discount on clothes, hard goods and accessories. Hint: You can shop on the 5<sup>th</sup> and ask the staff to “hold” your items to take advantage of the

discount.

### **State Medallion**

Congratulations to Karen Jordan and Kay Johnson for winning the SBRWGA 2022 State Medallion tournament. They will represent our league in the state tournament in January. Karen will represent us as the gross score winner and Kay as the net score winner.

### **Golf Crew Appreciation Goodie Bags**

Every year our league presents delicious holiday goodie bags to the golf maintenance crew and Pro Shop staff. Please consider donating one dozen treats (preferably home made but commercially bought will be appreciated too and individually wrapped).

**You can drop off your goodies on Wednesday, December 14 between 10am and 5pm at Maggi Leyburn's house – 30766 South Jeans Way.** Please let her know if you will be participating. If you signed up at the annual meeting, Maggie has your name already. Her email is [maggileyburn@gmail.com](mailto:maggileyburn@gmail.com)

### **Thanks for your support this year**

I have had a great experience representing the SBRWGA as President this year. We have had a well run organization thanks to the board volunteers who dedicated their time to improving ladies golf at the Ranch. I have all confidence it will continue to improve next year. I wish everyone a happy and healthy '23.

