

## President's Message December 2023

Is it really December 1st? The Board has been busy wrapping up 2023 for a clean transition into 2024! There are several important reminders and updates to report this month.

### Member-Member Tournament

Congratulations to Barb Simms and Diana Walton, the overall winners of our 2023 Member-Member tournament! The tournament committee saved the best for last. Everything from the individual tee markers to the shoe/wine center pieces and our polka dot purse tee prizes. A big thank-you to Nanci Messner for opening her home on the 1<sup>st</sup> day and the yummy appetizers made by our social committee. A record 72 members played in this 2-day tournament!

### New Members

A big welcome to our new members Nancy Stirling and Joan Grawe. Nancy will join us on our December 5<sup>th</sup> league day and Joan will be out on the course after the holidays. Welcome ladies!

### Pro Shop Credit Book

Reminder...If you have credit book money in the pro shop you have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to spend it! You can inquire as to your balance with any member in the pro shop. Also, any of your winnings earned during December will roll over to your 2024 account.

### Pro Shop Sale

The pro shop holiday sale runs December 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. You can put items on hold starting December 5<sup>th</sup>! Special orders accepted up to December 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a perfect time to spend your credit book winnings from this year.

### 2024 Membership Renewal

Be sure to renew your SBRWGA membership by December 31<sup>st</sup> for 2024. The 2024 dues are \$90.00, this includes your annual AGA GHIN membership.

Renew online at: [azgolf.org](http://azgolf.org) Click on the Join/Renew button in the upper right-hand corner.

### Tuesday League Day – Update

Throughout the year the Board has received several concerns from the membership regarding the Net Double Bogey rule played on Tuesday league days. Picking up for a Net Double Bogey score and still competing for the prize payouts in flights was not fair/equitable. A work group was formed to discuss this issue. The consensus was to change to the Maximum 10 Stroke rule previously used by the league. The Board approved the change to Maximum 10 Stroke rule at our November meeting. Effective January 1, 2024, players (on league day) will **pick up for** a Maximum Stroke of 10 for any given hole without being eliminated from the game. *League Day chairs will continue to post your scores to GHIN per the World Handicap System (WHS) guidelines of Net Double Bogey.* Our Policy and Procedures will be updated to reflect this change.

### Rules of Handicapping Updated for 2024

The World Handicap system will be receiving a few minor adjustments to the Rules of Handicapping. Each of these updates are intended to make the WHS methods of Handicap index assignment and use even more equitable. Click the link below to preview the (4) main changes for use beginning in January.

[https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/2024-revision.html?utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=284421622&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8CtYVxa60U5PLaXCtAqFq9wcCkN7SYnWPq0cc0r9M4gT60kFXijWU1Ge8GiYJMzL8D4Vf6De5Tq1Erdwvoq\\_1bs7Cp4Q&utm\\_content=284421622&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/2024-revision.html?utm_medium=email&hsmi=284421622&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8CtYVxa60U5PLaXCtAqFq9wcCkN7SYnWPq0cc0r9M4gT60kFXijWU1Ge8GiYJMzL8D4Vf6De5Tq1Erdwvoq_1bs7Cp4Q&utm_content=284421622&utm_source=hs_email)

### Golf Crew Appreciation Fund and Goodie Bags

The deadline for monetary contributions is December 15. Checks should be made payable to SBRMGA and deposited in the donation box in the pro shop. The golf maintenance crew works extremely hard to keep our course looking great and are NOT part of the Robson Employee Appreciation fund. If you've already contributed – thank you very much!

Our league prepares goodie bags in addition to the checks presented to the golf maintenance crew. The pro shop staff will also receive goodie bags for all they do for us! This year we have 32 bags to fill. Please consider making your favorite cookie or treat to fill these bags. Please bring your treats in 32 (sandwich bags, small treat bags with ties, etc.) and deliver them to my home on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12 noon. Volunteers from our Board will be filling the bags! If you are busy that day, please have a friend deliver your treats for you! My address: 61066 E Amur Lane

### SBRWGA Bulletin Board – Seeking Volunteer

After “7 years” of her eye-catching creativity, Carole Ericksen is retiring from keeping our Bulletin Board up to date with our events. This is the perfect opportunity to get involved and volunteer your time. I know we have many creative members out there! Please let me know if you are interested.

### Signing Off

It has been an enjoyable, busy 2023 serving as your President! I have gained so much knowledge and ENJOYED serving in several Board positions these past 5 years! This organization is run by a group of dedicated Board volunteers, and I was very lucky to serve with them. I will miss the “hands on” operation but I’m looking forward to a break. I wish you all a healthy and safe 2024! See you on the course!

~Diane

