

President's Message February 2023

Arizona Golf Association 2022 State Medallion Tournament

Karen Jordan and Kay Johnson represented our league in this statewide tournament that was held Saturday, January 14 at Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes, Arizona. They won SBRWGA's qualifying tournaments held in 2022 and earned the right to compete in this annual tournament. Congratulations ladies!

Annual Audit

Marge Rodgers, Diane Coughlin, and Fran Harrington reviewed last year's deposits, reimbursements, and bank statements. They found everything to be in order with no discrepancies. Thank you for volunteering your time!

2023 USGA Rule Changes

I have attached a PDF of the 5 key changes to the Rules of Golf for 2023 in case you did not have a chance to attend Mike's rules update on January 25th.

Local Rules – SaddleBrooke Ranch

There are local rules that are specific to our golf course. It's a good idea to have these handy in your golf cart or golf bag for easy reference when playing at the Ranch. The local rules are available to print from our web site SBRWGA.com. There are also some laminated smaller print copies of the local rules in the pro shop by our treasure box while they last.

Del Sud - February 21 & 28

The Del Sud is a two-day net ringer tournament (an eclectic) played on two regular league days. It is funded by members' dues to the Southern District Women's Golf Association (SDWGA). The league will cover your \$5.00 entry fee both days. Join us on the event patio after our round on the 28th to "CROWN" the winner with the La Conquistador helmet!

Membership

Fun fact! Our total membership is currently 105 members. 53 members are under the age of 70 and 52 members aged 70 and over.

Suggestion Box

Keep your suggestions coming! The board reviews all suggestions at our monthly board meetings. The suggestion box is in the pro shop by our treasure box.

~Diane

2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES

New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



Replacing Damaged Clubs

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



Ball Moved by Natural Forces

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.

This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.



Simplified Back-on- the-Line Relief

When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.



For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](https://www.usga.org) or [randa.org](https://www.randa.org).

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