

President's Message March 2024

Good morning, everyone! Spring is nearly here, so we should have lots of great golf days ahead!

February weather interfered with our Day 1 Del Sud, and also made us realize we need a dynamic notification system when play is canceled at the last minute, or during a round. Fortunately, it turns out our Premium Golf Genius software supports the ability to do that. League Chair Cathy Steel and Assistant Pro Ken Steinke have put together a notification process using Golf Genius text messaging functionality. Cathy already communicated the process to the Day 2 Del Sud players.

In addition, our Board will be establishing protocols for cancellation of play during bad weather. Those of us from the Midwest know to get off the course immediately if there is thunder and/or lightning. Lightning can strike even if it's not raining. Golfers are particularly vulnerable to lightning strikes, and standing under a tree is one of the worst things you can do. Since our course does not have a "get off the course" horn, we will establish another method of telling our golfers when it's time to stop everything and exit the course.

We'll be sending a communication to all League members once both of the above processes are fully defined.

New Members:

We have three members who joined in February. Please welcome:

- Pat Olsen
- Pam Garrison
- Trudy Hanley

Current membership: 115

Volunteers Needed:

Communications: Our VP Nanci Messner is seeking volunteers to write articles for the Ranch Roundup. You can write just one article for a particular tournament, or take on the task for the year. The choice is yours! Please consider helping out - contact Nanci at nancilee8385@gmail.com.

Southern District Women's Golf Association Liaison: Do you participate in the SDWGA events? We need a liaison to be the contact person for communications from the SDWGA. Any SDWGA news that should be shared with our membership can be sent to me for distribution through Golf Genius.

SBRMGA Help: Our League and the Men's League have agreed to lend helping hands to each other for some of our respective major tournaments. Susan Pharr is coordinating

this for the Men's League and Nanci Messner for our League. Some of the help needed includes arroyo ball spotters, hole-in-one verifiers, golf bag schlepping for guests, etc.

President's Cup photos: We need a volunteer who will take photos on Day 2 of the President's Cup tournament. Barb Simms is playing in MV/P's member guest on that day. Please contact Barb or me if you can help with this.

Get Well Cards:

If you hear of a League member who is seriously ill or hospitalized, please let me or another Board member know. We recently had a member in this situation, and those of us on the Board were not aware of it. Once we did hear, our Sunshine coordinator Joyce DeYoung sent a get well card from our League. We don't want any member to feel she's been forgotten. We all strive to be supportive of our fellow members.

Financials:

Thank you to Suz Schuster, Patti Jo Lewis and Diane Coughlin for conducting the audit of our 2023 books. The books were in order, but they did uncover a minor but essential invoice item that was not quite supported by documentation. They've recommended an update to that process, and we laud their thoroughness and attention to detail.

Tournaments:

Congratulations to **Kay Johnson**, our 2024 *Del Sud* winner, who scored a net 12 under par over the two days of play!

President's Cup: March 18 & 19 is our President's Cup. Signup is open on Chelsea. See the flyer from Nanci Messner for more details.

The Cactus Flower: April 22,23,24. You should have received Nanci's "Save The Date" flyer already. The theme this year is The Cactus Flower, so plan your togs accordingly!

Mark your calendars: our League shotgun start on April 2 will be at 1:00pm. The Lady Niners are holding their first Invitational on that day, and our Board agreed to give up our morning shotgun slot for them.

Outside Play:

Kachina: March 4 at SaddleBrooke One.

City Women's Golf Assoc: March 11 at Del Lago.

Catalina Cup: March 25 at El Conquistador; April 1 at SaddleBrooke HOA1.

Fun Fact:

Are slicing or hooking off the tee? Does your ball end up in the rough or OB? Did it catch that bunker on #1 or the hill on #11 and now you have a bad 2nd shot or a difficult drop? Put away your driver! According to Pro Caddie Brian Vranesh, hitting a fairway wood off the tee will keep the ball in play more often. A 3-wood or 5-wood can have more

loft and is easier to control. Try it! You also might be surprised that your fairway wood gets nearly as much distance as your driver, and more importantly, your ball will be findable.

That's all for this month. Wishing you only sunny golf days,

Pam Horwitt