

President's Message – November 2019

Hi Ladies–It's November, and the mornings are letting us know that the seasons are changing. Just a reminder that our shotgun starts remain at 8:00 through November and then move to 9:00 starting in December.

I think a lot of us have been going a bit stir-crazy with the golf course having been closed for some time, but the reopening is near! And what better way to start than by having our Solheim Cup start on our first day back (GO Pink!) or (GO Red!)

This Tuesday, November 5, will also be our Rally for a Cure event. Throughout October various clubs at the Ranch held fundraisers and events to raise awareness about cancer. We're probably the last club to have an event, so let's go out big. We're focusing on skin cancer since "Golfer's have skin in the game". We'll have a donation box in the Pro Shop from Tuesday through Saturday this week. Feel free to leave a cash or check donation, with all donations going to the American Cancer Society.

The Mountain View/Preserve WGA is also holding their annual cancer event--Take a Swing at Cancer--which raises money for the University of Arizona's Cancer Center. It's on Tuesday November 19 and we're all invited to participate. See the attached flyer for more information.

If you've looked at your calendar, you might notice that it's getting to be a very busy time golf-wise. The first Kachina event was this week and over a dozen Ranchers played. If you signed up for the City League, the first event is next week at The Preserve. The City League events often fill up, so you might want to get your registrations in early to guarantee your spot. The Catalina Cup matches start on November 20 with our first match at The Preserve. If you're interested in playing on our Cat Cup team, talk with Barb Simms or Gaye Ohanian. And the annual Robson Challenge is next week at Mountain View. Representing us (as defending champions) are: Barb Simms, Mary Snowden, Carol Mihal, Trish Kelly, Cheryl Reddy, Marlyce Mycka, Carole Ericksen, Jeanne Osterlund, Lorraine Smith, Mary Anderson, Cheri Alfrey and Mary Hoover. Closer to home, we're having our annual Member-Member tournament on December 3, and our holiday luncheon on Friday December 13. You can find more information about all these events on our website: <https://www.sbrwga.com/>.

A group from the Arizona Golf Association is coming to our course on November 22 to update our course rating and slope. This will include an official rating for our Gold tees. The course ratings and slopes for the existing tees are not likely to change much, but there have been modifications to the course, such as the recent work on the bunkers, since it was last rated about 10 years ago. Toni Graves and I will go out with the rating team to provide local knowledge about the course. We should probably have the new ratings before the end of the year.

Coming in 2020, the World Handicap System will change the handicap process for everyone who plays golf. One of the big changes will be that the maximum score you can post on any hole will be net double bogey. This will require everyone to know which holes they get "pops" on in case they have to adjust a hole score. Trish Kelly and Alex Anna will be going to a training session in December about the new system. We're all going to have a lot of questions about this, so stay tuned for more updates. In the mean time, you can check out the AGA website and the World Handicap System website for more information.

Just a reminder to get in your membership renewal for 2020. Please go to azgolf.org to renew. Click on the JOIN button in the upper right corner and choose Saddlebrooke Ranch for your club. All your personal information from last year will populate for you.

And lastly, the Pro Shop is holding their Fall Demo Day on Monday, November 11, from 10:00 to 2:00. This is a great time to try out some new clubs and be able to see how you hit them outside.

Happy golfing!
Jean