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2002 AWGA ANNUAL MEETING

With approximately 140 members and guests in attendance, the Arizona Women's Golf Association held its 2002 Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, January 29, at the Phoenix Country Club. The evening began with the association's annual business meeting at which individual board members gave their reports.

There was no new business conducted.

The business meeting was adjourned to a no host cocktail hour, during which the Highland High School Violinists provided entertainment. This marks the third time the troupe has entertained at an AWGA annual dinner in return for the opportunity to perform and a modest donation to their school's music department. These young people are incredible! They add a true feeling of elegance to the evening.

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2001 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Thuhashini (Tui) Selvaratnam, a native of Sri Lanka, has certainly made her mark on Arizona women's amateur golf, beginning with her college career at Arizona State University, where Tui assisted the Sun Devil team to NCAA titles in 1995, 1997 and 1998 and was a two-time Pac-10 All-Academic honoree.



After she earned her bachelor's degree in 1999, Tui returned to her native Colombo, Sri Lanka for a few months, during which she won 10 of the 11 national and international events in which she

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In this month's spotlight, we are featuring three women who were recently recognized at the 2002 AWGA Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner held in January. Barbara Simmons, Linda Moses and Mardel Allen were all given awards for their extraordinary participation with the Arizona Women's Golf Association.

2001 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

BARBARA SIMMONS



Go ahead! Just try to keep up with her! Barbara is a tireless advocate for women's golf and an equally tireless volunteer for the AWGA. In her role as Course Rating Administrator, a labor of love as she calls it since 1997, Barbara heads up the largest and most active committee of

the association, the Course Rating Committee. Barbara recruits, trains and directs the activities of this very skilled group of approximately 60 women. Under her direction, the Arizona Women's Golf Association's Course Rating Team is considered one of the very best in the nation. Barbara is also a member of the AWGA Standing Rules Committee and the Sites Selection Committee and is an active member of the USGA Women's Regional Affairs Committee.

Barbara and husband Warren reside in Scottsdale and Flagstaff. She carries a 6 handicap at her clubs, Papago Women's Golf Association, Forest Highlands, and Arizona Country Club. Barbara is also a past Arizona Senior Women's Stroke Play Champion, winning the title in 1993.

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RULE 28 BALL UNPLAYABLE

This year's guest speaker was Coach Greg Allen, the University of Arizona's Women's Golf Coach. Coach Allen was accompanied at the dinner by his wife Julie, assistant coach Holly Carriker, and two U of A teammates Senior; Cathie Williamson, and Junior; Anne Lee.

The association celebrated a successful year in 2001 by recognizing several outstanding achievers. The Arizona women's team of **Thuhashini Selvaratnam, Missy Farr-Kaye and Lynn Simmons** were congratulated for their third place finish in the USGA State Team Championship last fall. All of the 2001 AWGA Tournament Champions in attendance were recognized, including **Missy Farr-Kaye, Thuhashini Selvaratnam, Cheryl Jones, Gail Bavis, Shirley Mukhar, Sallie McCutcheon, Ellen O'Hara, Norma Hill, Helen Grassbaugh, Janie Denmark, and Karen Willey**. Recognition awards were presented for Volunteer of the Year to **Barbara Simmons**, and most Outstanding Rules Officials to **Linda Moses and Mardel Allen**. **Teddi Lewis** was given a special recognition award for her six years of service as an AWGA board member, as she completed her final duty as a Board Member. **Thuhashini (Tui) Selvaratnam** was honored as 2001 AWGA Player of the Year.

We appreciate the support of our members and look forward to another successful year.

Becoming familiar with Rule 28 may save you strokes. For example, if your ball lies adjacent to a tree root, it will most likely take more than one stroke to get the ball in a position where a successful stroke can be played. Rule 28 allows you to take a penalty of one stroke to move the ball so that it is in a more playable position.

Rule 28 Ball Unplayable as listed in the USGA 2002-2003 Rules of Golf, states that a player may declare his ball unplayable at any place on the course except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable.

If a player declares his ball unplayable, he must, play a ball as close as possible to the spot from which the original ball was last played, or drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not closer to the hole; or drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay keeping that point directly between the hole and the place on which the ball is dropped, without limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped. All of the above choices are under penalty of one stroke.

Many become confused about the relief procedures under this rule. To clarify, nearest point of relief does not apply (as in relief from an obstruction, abnormal ground condition or ground under repair). Measurement and relief is from the position at which the ball lies unplayable. The USGA Decisions on the Rules of Golf, clarifies this and all other rules and is available for sale at AWGA cost of \$12.00 plus shipping and handling through our office.

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CONGRATULATIONS
To The Following Ladies On Their
HOLES IN ONE!!

DATE	NAME	CLUB AFFILIATION
11/18/01	Nita Fish	Quail Creek CC
11/20/01	Betty Zuicarelli	Sun City South GC
12/18/01	Nancy Coover	Sun City South GC
01/07/02	Joyce Kuehl	Oakwood CC
01/10/02	Sally Stewart	Arizona Biltmore GC
01/15/02	Joanne Waterman	Granite Falls North
01/15/02	Patsy Boyce	Stardust Golf Course
01/22/02	Elaine Rodgers	Granite Falls South
01/23/02	Alice Nowakowsky	Riverview Golf Course
01/26/02	Sheila Wolf	Ventana Canyon CC
01/28/02	Marsha Garland	Country Club of Green Valley
01/29/02	Sandy Costello	Granite Falls GC
02/02/02	Inga Ano	Oak Creek CC

Please report all holes-in-one as they occur. Holes-in-one occurring prior to the previous newsletter publication date may be excluded from publication.

POINT QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

Would you like to be Player of the Year? Do you have what it takes? You'll never know if you don't try. The AWGA uses a point qualification program to name the AWGA Player of the Year and to choose the three (3) individuals, who will represent our State at the USGA State Team Championship, next scheduled for September 16-18, 2003. AWGA members interested in qualifying for either, or both, should visit our web page at www.awga.org and read the information carefully, making sure to take appropriate action in order to have all qualified accomplishments considered.

To be named Player of the Year, an individual must; be a member of the AWGA, and have competed in at least two (2) tournaments sponsored by the AWGA during a calendar year, January 1 through December 31. The AWGA Player of the Year will be named on the basis of points earned in accordance with the qualified tournament list on our website at www.awga.org. Point allocations for each tournament are based on size and strength of the field. The selection process is reviewed and updated annually. The 2002 review is currently under way. Please check the web page frequently for updates.

Player of the Year Continued ...

competed. Tui returned to Phoenix to look for a job in golf and was hired by the Arizona Golf Association as its USGA P.J. Boatwright, Jr. Intern in 2000. The AGA brought her on board full time as its operations manager in 2001.

Tui began competing in Arizona Women's Golf Association Championships in the fall of 2000. She won her inaugural event, the Arizona Women's Stroke Play Championship at Tonto Verde Golf Club, leading the three-day event start to finish.

Ms. Selvaratnam had an outstanding year in 2001, amassing 1845 points in the AWGA Point Qualification Program to claim the title of 2001 Player of the Year.

AWGA Weekend Classic	Second Place (Sudden Death Play off)
AWGA Short Course Championship	Second Place
Arizona Women's Match Play Championship	Quarter Finalist
Heather Farr Trophy Matches	Qualified Second in Field
USGA Public Links Qualifier	Co-Medallist
USGA Public Links Championship	2 nd Round of Match Play
USGA Women's Amateur Qualifier	Medallist
USGA Women's Amateur Championship	Qualified for Match Play
Arizona Women's Stroke Play Championship	Champion
USGA Mid-Amateur Qualifier	Medallist
USGA Mid-Amateur Championship	2 nd Round of Match Play

Tui was recognized at the Arizona Women's Golf Association's Annual Meeting and recognition dinner. Her father, sister, and fiancé accompanied her. Congratulations Tui! You are a most worthy Champion.

Spotlight Continued ...

OUTSTANDING RULES OFFICIALS FOR 2001

When it came to naming our most outstanding Rules Official for 2001, no one could choose, so we have two. Linda Moses and Mardel Allen.

Linda will tell you that she first became interested in the Rules of Golf out of self-defense. When she became the USGA Committee person in charge of the local qualifier for the USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, she couldn't afford to have her players know more about the Rules than she did. So she committed herself to becoming an expert, and is now so much of one that she has been invited to officiate at the US Women's Open Championship for two years running. In addition, Linda is always willing to lend her expertise to officiating at Arizona state championships as well as many other local, regional and national events. She also serves as a Rating Captain for the AWGA Course Rating Committee.



A full time resident of Arizona and member at Troon Golf and Country Club, Linda spends her summers in cool North Dakota, closer to her two daughters and two granddaughters.

Mardel Allen is our other most outstanding Rules Official for 2001. One characteristic most excellent Rules Officials have in common is a quiet demeanor and even disposition. Mardel Allen epitomizes this characteristic. She is truly unflappable!

Mardel moved with her husband John to Sun City from LaCrosse, Wisconsin. While in LaCrosse, she coached the Central High School girls golf team for 18 years, leading the team to four state championships. Mardel also served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Women's Golf Association. Once in Arizona, Mardel served a three-year term on the AWGA Board of Directors concluding in 1999. She continues to nurture her passion for the Rules of Golf by serving as Rules Chairman at her club, Palmbrook Country Club, officiating at AWGA Championships whenever called upon, assisting with AWGA Rules of Golf workshops from time to time and officiating at Arizona high school and city championships as well as the Arizona Silver Belle Championship.

Mardel's son Paul and 4 grandchildren live in Phoenix. Her daughter, Nancy lives in LaCrosse, and daughter Janet resides in Texas.

(Submit recommendations for be "In the Spotlight" to Maureen at the AWGA office.)

NEW AWGA CLUBS

WELCOME

to our new AWGA Member Clubs:
Grande Valley WGA
Springfield Golf Resort
Trilogy LGA
Sanctuary Golf Club

WELCOME

to our new AWGA Associate Clubs:
Raven @ South Mountain Golf Club
Mirabel Golf Club

WELCOME

to our new AWGA
Member Clubs Without Real Estate:
Viewpoint Golf Club

(An Associate Club is one that has not yet established an AWGA Women's Club, but wishes to maintain a USGA course rating for play by women.)

FAQ

1. If a player has a USGA nine-hole index and would like to participate in an eighteen-hole competition, how should they calculate their 18-hole handicap?

The player will need to double her nine-hole index when playing in an eighteen-hole competition. Please note the 9-hole Index is not considered as accurate as an 18-hole Handicap Index because it is based on half as many hole scores. The player will typically receive one or two fewer strokes than they most likely would have received if they had an 18-hole Handicap Index.

2. If a member of the AWGA wants to maintain both a 9-hole and an 18-hole USGA Handicap Index do they have to pay for two separate association memberships?

Yes, because they are receiving two completely different indexes and will have two different association numbers.

3. Is there ever a situation that allows an amateur golfer to accept **CASH PRIZES** without losing their amateur status?

No, but note the difference between playing for cash prizes and wagering between friends. The USGA Rules of Amateur Status does not object to informal wagering among individual golfers or teams of golfers when the players know each other. Participation in the wagering must be optional and limited only to the players. Any money won is advanced by the players on themselves or their team.

(The above information can be found in your 2002 USGA Handicap System Manual and 2002 Rules of Amateur Status)



Four Ball Stroke Play Tournament April 15 - 16, 2002

OPENING DATE: February 19, 2002

CLOSING DATE: April 5, 2002

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PLAYER #1 NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____ AWGA# _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY/ZIP _____
 CLUB REPRESENTED _____ I am age to 14-17 _____ I am a past board member _____
 PLAYER #2 NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____ AWGA# _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY/ZIP _____
 CLUB REPRESENTED _____ I am age to 14-17 _____ I am a past board member _____
 I have read and agree to abide by the Conditions for AWGA Competitions as published in the current AWGA Directory and at www.awga.org
 SIGNATURE PLAYER #1 _____ SIGNATURE PLAYER #2 _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for **\$125 per player** payable to the AWGA.

Mail entry and fee to: **Arizona Women's Golf Association** 141 E. Palm Lane, Suite #210, Phoenix, AZ 85004-1555

ONE ENTRY PER ENVELOPE PLEASE

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN WRITING. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION WILL BE PROVIDED AT THAT TIME

San Ignacio Golf Club, 4201 South Camino del Sol, Green Valley, AZ 85712 (520)648-3468

The tournament shall consist of 36 holes of four ball stroke play. The champions shall be the low gross and low net teams over the field. Flights will be determined by handicap index. Maximum handicap index, 32.5. Partners may have no more than 10 strokes difference in handicap. The field is limited to the first 66 teams. Play will begin with an **8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start** each day.

Entry fee of \$125.00 per player will include green fees, cart fees, lunch, prizes and awards. Entrants must use an official entry form available in this newsletter, in the 2002 Tournament Calendar and Directory or on the AWGA web page at www.awga.org.

**Make checks payable to: AWGA, and mail to:
141 E. Palm Lane, #210, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004-1555.**

OPENING DATE: February 19, 2002 CLOSING DATE: April 5, 2002

Only one entry per envelope is permitted.

Juniors 14-17 years of age must have a USGA handicap index of 12.0 or less to participate.

San Ignacio is an exciting course in the southern part of the state. It is nestled among the canyons and ridges of the Santa Cruz Valley. This 18-hole Championship course was designed by noted golf course architect, Arthur Hills. **San Ignacio** features well-placed bunkers, grass bunkers, dynamically shaped Bermuda fairways, and smooth bent grass greens. It will play to just over 5300 yards. The handicaps in our tournaments generally run from the scratch player right up to the maximum of 36. It will be flighted, of course, and we will keep the flights to a maximum of 10 strokes difference from the low to the high handicap, whenever possible, thereby giving everybody a shot at winning their flight. There will be equal prizes for both the gross and net winners in each flight, as well as overall low gross and net. That's the standard practice for all of our tournaments.

We try to make our tournaments a fun occasion. Come on out, play some golf and meet some new friends. No pressure, just a couple of days of golf and fun. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Betsy Paul, Tournament Director

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