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2003 Arizona Women's State Amateur Match Play Championship Heritage Highlands Golf & Country Club May 6-9, 2003

University of Arizona freshman red shirt, Rachel Gavin survived 3 days of match play competition against some of Arizona's top veteran amateurs to capture the title of 2003 Arizona Women's State Amateur Match Play Champion.

Rachel shot two over par 74 in the qualifying round to be seeded 5th in the Championship Flight behind top seed Thuhashini Selvaratnam, Phoenix (who shot 68), Donna Marden, Tucson (70) Rita Albertson, Phoenix (71), and Mime Chapo, Tucson (73).

In her matches, she pulled out narrow victories over Mime Chapo, Jody Walters, and past State Stroke Play Champion and three time State Senior Stroke Play Champion Etsu Suzuki, to advance to the final match against Wallace Hamerton, 7th seed, from Prescott. The final match was also a close one, beginning with Hamerton taking an early lead on the first hole when Gavin pushed her tee shot into the desert. Hamerton pressed hard on the 2nd, holing a 25 foot birdie putt, only to be answered by Gavin's 15 foot birdie putt. The contest see-sawed back and forth for the rest of the match, going to the 18th hole all square. Gavin took the final hole to finish 1 Up.

Rachel is studying piano at the U of A. She and her family moved to Arizona from Alabama in 2001, when her father was transferred to Davis Monthon AFB. Rachel maintains her AWGA membership as part of the Arizona National WGA.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Rachel Gavin def Wallace Hamerton 1 Up

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET:

- 1st Flight Mary Fink def Jodi Walters 1 up
- 2nd Flight Pam Treece def Darquise Leduc 2 & 1
- 3rd Flight Barbara Zimmermann def Robin Andrews 4 & 3
- 4th Flight Randi Van Leer def Mary Ann Thomas 5 & 4
- 5th Flight Ginny Favier def Donna Patek by Default
- 6th Flight Mary Ann Tatum def Rita Cameron 3 & 2
- 7th Flight Arlene Betterman def Linda MacKay 3 & 2
- 8th Flight Sue McConnell def Mildred Bigelow in 19 holes

QUALIFYING ROUND MEDALIST

Tui Selvaratnam (68)

QUALIFYING ROUND SENIOR MEDALIST

Rita Albertson (71)

PRATHER TEAM TROPHY

Mary Fink & Tina Huiskamp - Papago WGA (149)

NEVER SAY DIE TOURNAMENT

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|-----------------|---------|-------------------|
| Low Gross | Low Net | |
| Tina Huiskamp | | Donna Allen |
| Deanna Beisser | | Norma Hill |
| Ginny Favier | | Judith Huntsinger |
| Fran Livingston | | Florence Koch |



2003 Match Play
Champion
Rachel Gavin

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Girls Junior Golf Partners Fundraiser

Since January 1, 2003, when the AWGA announced an accelerated fundraising focus for girls junior golf in Arizona, member clubs have donated more than \$4,700 to the AWGA Junior Girls Golf Fund. That's more than double the 2002 annual donations! Great job ladies! Keep up the good work!

2003 Contributors:

Central Arizona Golf District; Arizona Golf Resort WGA; Central Arizona Golf District 9er's; Los Caballeros WGA; Sara Gregory; Legend Trails Ladies; Dorothy Jones; Snowflake WGA; Palo Verde Ladies; Northern Arizona Women's Golf Association; Scottsdale Country Club; Mountain Shadows WGA; Troon WGA; Pinnacle Peak CC WGA; PebbleCreek Ladies; Chaparral WGA; Linda Peterson; Leisure World CC; Canoa Hills WGA

If you would like to know more about the programs these donations support, visit our web page at www.awga.org, click on News, then on Junior Girls Golf Month for a program description and donation form. If you know of an existing program in your area in need of funding, please encourage them to contact us for information on being added to the program list.

In addition to funds provided through member clubs and through your membership fees, the AWGA and Prescott Lakes Golf Club will host the first Girls Junior Golf Partners Fundraiser on Sunday, June 8, 2003, in conjunction with the AWGA Partners Tournament. During this fun day of golf and prizes, we will raise additional funds for the AWGA Junior Girls Golf Fund. Some of the state's best juniors, past, present, and future will be on hand to assist with the activities.

AWGA Junior Girls Golf Fund Programs:

Junior Golf Association of Arizona; Girls Junior Americas Cup Matches; Mary Cave Cup Matches; LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Club; Southern Arizona Junior Golf Association; Southwest Section PGA Junior Golf; Tucson Ricki Rarick Junior Golf

2003 Match Play Winners (cont'd)

CONSOLATION BRACKET: CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Tui Selvaratnam def Donna Marden 6 & 5

- 1st Flight Pat Park def Nancy Hewes 3 & 2
- 2nd Flight Dawnielle Baca def Lois Pacheco in 20 holes
- 3rd Flight Judy Spears def Mary Moisio 5 & 3
- 4th Flight Mary Anne Lofquist def Eila Sallaberry 5 & 3
- 5th Flight Sandralee Myers def Jeanne Piscatella 2 up
- 6th Flight Carol Peterson def Rosemary Beale 6 & 5
- 7th Flight Penny Stigers def Susan Annette Smith 2 up
- 8th Flight Kathryn Ridlehoover def Roberta Van Laanen 2 & 1

WELCOME

To our newest AWGA Associate Clubs:

(An Associate Club is one that doesn't have an established AWGA Women's Club, but wishes to maintain a USGA course rating for play by women)

Phantom Horse At South Mtn. & Sundance Golf Club

2003 AWGA Seminars

Rules of Golf:

- June 24 - Pinewood C C
- October 9 - Ramada Inn(Lake Havasu)
- November 10 - TBD (So.Region)

Handicap Certification:

- June 11 - Oak Creek C C
- October 17 - TBD (So.Region)
- October 20 - Arrowhead C C
- October 24 - Arizona Golf Resort

Mark your calendars now - watch for flyers posted on your club bulletin boards, or check out our website (www.awga.org) under the news section for registration forms.



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2003 Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship

April 14-15, 2003

Gold Canyon Golf Resort



Champions:

Becky Sun & Amy Kamin



Overall Low Net

Barbara Byrnes & Janet Gast

1st Flight Low Gross:

1st	Tina Huiskamp & Rita Albertson	149
2nd	Barbara Erickson & Leeann Morgan	152

1st Flight Low Net:

1st	Ann Warren & Nicole Tombs	
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2nd Flight Low Gross:

1st	Carole Ewy & Sharon Garner	155
2nd	Maryann Tallman & Jan Van Den Berg	159
3rd	Yvonne Brooks & Gayle Johnson	161

2nd Flight Low Net:

1st	Sallie McCutcheon & Jeanne Osborn	134
2nd	Irene Bellville & Mardel Allen	135
3rd	Judy Gayok & Kelly Paterson	136

3rd Flight Low Gross:

1st	Norma Hill & Carol Hisey	161
2nd	Sheryl Maitland & Linda Stewart	166

3rd Flight Low Net:

1st	Pam Heidinger & Carol Howe	137
2nd	Rosemary Beale & Mo Cruikshank	139

4th Flight Low Gross:

1st	Carolyn Morris & Jeanne Merrill	172
2nd	Sharon Tutwiler & Jane Townsend	175

4th Flight Low Net:

1st	Shari Quarty & Karen Heckhaus	136
2nd	Vicki Davis & Shirley Thorne	145

5th Flight Low Gross:

1st	Lynne Lewis & Rose Reynolds	182
2nd	Arlene Beterman & Carol Peterson	183
3rd	Karen Savoy & Carol Matijevich	183

5th Flight Low Net:

1st	Lois Morgan & Norma Elser	138
2nd	Elaine Oursland & Nonda Frey	141
3rd	Nancy Lehman & Sue Kanger	142

6th Flight Low Gross:

1st	Gwyn Mikosz & Jackie Genrich	183
2nd	Sue Hamilton & Norma Hoover	189

6th Flight Low Net:

1st	Linda Jacobson & Jerry Perry	137
2nd	Jo Taylor & Joan McDougal	139

AWGA Hosts Women's Associations Round Table Meeting



Presidents, Board members, and Executive Directors from 6 women's golf associations came together on April 24th and 25th at San Marcos Golf Resort, Chandler, Arizona, to discuss their common issues and challenges, share ideas and successes, and to cement relationships between their Associations. Also joining in the opening day of round table meetings was Maggie Giesenhagen, USGA Western Director of Regional Affairs.

This meeting was initiated by the Arizona Women's Golf Association, with the Women's Southern California Golf Association, Pacific Women's Golf Association, Women's Golf Association of Northern California, Northern Nevada Women's Golf Association and Colorado Women's Golf Association heartily joining in.

At the USGA Volunteers Orientation Seminar held in January, 2003, in Far Hills, NJ, Carole Ewy, AWGA President, discussed the needs and successes of our organization with members from other women's state golf associations. A common theme among the women's association is that they are much smaller than most men's associations, and therefore do not have the budget for a staff as large as their male counterparts. Women's association Boards and volunteers are therefore much more involved in the details of managing their associations. Hence, women's associations have different problems and issues to address than their men's associations counterparts. As a result of conversations with one another, the women's associations representatives determined it would be an exciting and enlightening experience to meet together to share ideas, issues and experiences.

Mary Long, Executive Director of the AWGA, took the idea to the Executive Directors from the other states and found that they were also enthusiastic to join in the discussions. Mary and staff went to work and made all the arrangements for the two-day program of meetings, golf and social events. The AWGA set the agenda for the program which was attended by eighteen representatives from the six associations.

As a result of the success of this meeting, the associations decided to hold similar events every two years. Participants in attendance wanted to create a forum for having this kind of sharing occur on a regular basis. Hence, the associations will all be stronger if open to the experiences of others. "We don't have to keep reinventing the wheel."

PACE OF PLAY AND THE RULES OF GOLF

Rule 10 – Order of Play

One of the major concerns our golf professionals have these days is pace of play. Not only does slow play affect the number of rounds our courses can sell in a day, and therefore their bottom line, it also affects how people feel about playing golf. In our busy lives, we all feel like we don't have enough time. When a round of golf takes five or six hours, many people opt for a form of recreation that doesn't consume an entire day. You may think this only affects those who are concerned about making a profit at running a golf course, but it affects all of us who love the game. If our public and semi-private golf courses are not making a profit or are barely staying in business, we as golfers are going to suffer the consequences. Fewer golf courses, worsening playing conditions as corners are cut to make ends meet, higher greens fees..... not good for any of us.

One of the ways our golf professionals and golf course managers address this problem is to encourage "Ready Golf". You will even see signs posted on the course and on golf carts telling you to "Play Ready Golf." Rules aficionados will know that under the Rules of Golf there is no penalty in stroke play for playing out of turn unless it is for the purpose of giving one of the players an advantage. But is it ok to agree to play ready golf, or is that "agreeing to waive the rules", which results in a disqualification penalty? We consulted the USGA for some clarification on this rule. This is what they said.

- It is not recommended nor endorsed for a committee (including the committee in charge of the course) to make it a condition of play to waive Rule 10-2. To do so is a violation of Rule 33-8b, Waiving or Modifying a Rule of Golf.
- While there is no penalty in stroke play for playing out of turn, unless it is for the purpose of giving one of the players an advantage, individuals should be careful about verbally agreeing to play out of turn. Decision 10-2c/2 speaks to this issue. The distinction made by this decision is that the agreement was for an individual circumstance, not for the entire round. To stand on the first tee and agree amongst the group to "play ready golf" would be looked at entirely differently, and in a competition could result in disqualification under Rule 1-3.
- The Rule is very different for Match Play, see Rule 10-1.

So the advice we have long given still applies, if you are going to play out of turn in stroke play, don't agree to it, just do it.

Better yet, don't play ready golf. Know when it is your turn to play and be ready to play in the proper order. Playing fast is not a function of playing well. Some of our quickest players are 25 to 30 handicappers. They are quick because they know how far they can hit the ball with each of their clubs. They prepare for their shot before it is their turn by assessing the yardage and the next landing area while on their way to their ball. They are willing to walk a little way to their ball instead of waiting until their cart partner has played her shot and then riding to the other side of the fairway. They know where to leave the cart to make exiting the green a forward motion instead of a backward motion. They have a deliberate and efficient pre-shot routine. I'll bet you can think of many other tips for speeding up pace of play that are in accordance with the Rules of Golf and good golf course etiquette!

A medium to fast pace of play will do wonders for your game, and it will leave a couple of extra hours in your day for some other fun and fulfilling activities.

The Desert Rule

Another way some golf courses attempt to address pace of play issues is to apply the "Desert Rule". If you have ever read the Rules of Golf, you know that there is no such thing as the "Desert Rule". Basically, what this invalid rule does is make everything on the perimeter of the fairway a lateral hazard, allowing relief under penalty of one stroke, within 2 club lengths of the place where the ball left the fairway and entered the desert area, thus the term, "The Desert Rule".

While this certainly would speed play, assuming no one went into the desert to search for their balls, applying it also affects your score and your handicap. This invalid rule should not be used at any time. The penalty for a lost ball is stroke and distance, meaning you must play your next shot from the place you played the last shot. So rather than just one stroke, you are basically paying a two stroke penalty for a lost ball because you must use another stroke to advance your ball to where it would be dropped under the so called "Desert Rule". Depending on how erratic you are, your score will be affected a great deal by playing under this invalid rule. If you have established a handicap using this made up rule, you will be at a tremendous disadvantage if you then play in any competition under the Rules of Golf. You will have an artificially low handicap and will not be able to hold your own against others who have true handicaps.

The Rules of Golf provide for speeding pace of play in the case of lost balls by allowing us to play a provisional ball, Rule 27. If used correctly, this rule will speed play just as much as the so-called "Desert Rule", and it is in accordance with the Rules of Golf. If you think your ball may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, play a provisional ball immediately from the place where you last played, the teeing ground or through the green. Announce it as provisional. Then follow the rest of Rule 27 and spend no more than 5 minutes in search of your ball. Also, use good course management. You may be able to tell by looking at the area where your ball is most likely to be, that your better option is to continue play with the provisional ball because chances are that, if found, the ball will be in an unplayable lie in the desert. You are not obligated under the Rules to search for your ball. You are obligated to identify it and play it if it is found.

Bottom line, just like any game, the game of golf is best enjoyed when played by the Rules. Playing by the Rules is not the cause of slow play. Slow play is the cause of slow play!

CONGRATULATIONS

To The Following Ladies On Their HOLES IN ONE!!

DATE	NAME	CLUB AFFILIATION
1/08/03	Alberta Teale	San Ignacio GC WGA
1/10/03	Sherry Beer	Silverbell Ladies GC
2/07/03	Beth Davis	Quail Creek CC WGA
3/05/03	Shirley Piazza	Papago WGA
3/07/03	Maurine Stoll	Desert Hills GC WGA
3/17/03	Joan Teague	Rio Verde CC WGA
3/20/03	Colleen Ritter	Ironwood GC WGA
3/21/03	Idella Antle	Willowbrook WGA
3/22/03	Judy Sevier	Tonto Verde WGA
3/23/03	Benita McGinn	SCW-Trail Ridge Ladies
3/24/03	Jan Stickel	Rio Verde CC WGA
3/25/03	Donalu Diestler	SCW-Echo Mesa Women
3/27/03	Marlene Obringer	Palmbrook CC Ladies
3/27/03	Sharon LaFrance	Union Hills CC WGA
3/27/03	Marge Chesler	Pinewood CC 9ers
3/30/03	Janelle Hunt	Union Hills CC WGA
4/01/03	Darlene Bloom	CC of Green Valley Women
4/01/03	Sue Phelps	Legend Trail Women
4/01/03	Helen Swift	Rio Verde CC WGA
4/03/03	Ann Mrazek	Stone Canyon Club
4/04/03	Terry Boss	Springfield GC Women
4/04/03	Karen Gerhart	La Paloma CC Women
4/05/03	Marian Crissman	Sun City CC Women
4/05/03	Helen Grassbaugh	L.E.G.S
4/08/03	Kathy Haight	Sunbird Womens 18
4/09/03	Ginny Mann	Sahuaro GC WGA
4/09/03	Erla Burleson	Show Low CC WGA
4/11/03	Judi Saeugling	SC-Riverview WGA
4/11/03	Arpy Williams	Quail Creek CC WGA
4/13/03	Ann Thomsen	SaddleBrooke WGA
4/14/03	Evelyn Erickson	Briarwood CC WGA
4/14/03	Diane Ehrhardt	Ironwood GC WGA
4/15/03	Ethel Miller	Bellair Ladies GC
4/19/03	Alex Brundage	Westbrook Village W18
4/22/03	Beverly Spencer	Sunbird Womens 18
4/22/03	Donna Walsh	SCW-Stardust Ladies
4/25/03	Carmen Ericksen	Granite Falls Ladies 18
5/01/03	Judy Sevier	Tonto Verde WGA
5/06/03	Eileen MacDonald	Palo Verde CC WGA
5/09/03	Marty Wheeldon	Ironwood GC WGA
5/11/03	Nancy Wyllie	SaddleBrooke WGA
5/13/03	Sharon Garner	Oakwood CC WGA

Please report all holes-in-one as they occur. Email to comm@awga.org or contact the office at 602-253-5655. Holes-in-one occurring prior to the previous newsletter publication date may be excluded from publication.



REMAINING 2003 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

PARTNERS TOURNAMENT

Prescott Lakes Golf Club - Prescott , AZ
June 9-10, 2003

DAY IN HADES TOURNAMENT

Legacy Golf Resort - Phoenix, AZ
August 4, 2003

STATE AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Quintero Golf & CC - Peoria, AZ
September 8-10, 2003

STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Oakcreek Country Club - Sedona, AZ
September 26-28, 2003

SCOTCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Pueblo Del Sol CC - Sierra Vista, AZ
November 4-5, 2003

STATE MEDALLION CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT

Starfire GC at Scottsdale CC - Scottsdale, AZ
December 1, 2003

2004 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

WEEKEND CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Site TBD - February 22

SHORT COURSE TOURNAMENT

Palm Valley GC, Goodyear - March 28

FOUR BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Emerald Canyon GC, Parker - April 26-27

STATE AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Red Mountain Ranch CC, Mesa - May 18-21

PARTNERS TOURNAMENT

Site (So. area) TBD - June 8-9

DAY IN HADES TOURNAMENT

Moon Valley CC, Phoenix - August 2

STATE AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Site TBD - Tentative Dates:
week of August 23

STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Site TBD - Tentative Dates:
week of September 20

SCOTCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Apache Stronghold GC, San Carlos -
October 25-26

STATE MEDALLION CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT

TBD

DAY IN HADES TOURNAMENT - OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

August 4, 2003

OPENING DATE: June 9, 2003

CLOSING DATE: July 25, 2003

No entries will be accepted with a postmark date prior to the opening date.

PLAYER NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____ AWGA# _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/ST/ ZIP _____

CLUB REPRESENTED _____ Email Address: _____

I have read and agree to abide by the Updated 2003 Conditions for AWGA Competitions as published in the current AWGA Directory and at www.awga.org

SIGNATURE _____

I am age 14-17 _____ Past board member _____ Years? _____ 2001 Overall Gross or Net Winner? _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ 80 payable to the AWGA.

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

One entry per envelope . All entries will be acknowledged in writing via email, if provided. Additional information regarding registration and conditions of competition will be provided at that time.

LEGACY GOLF RESORT

6808 S. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85042 (602) 305-5550



Site of the 2000 LPGA Standard Register Ping tournament, The Legacy Golf Resort is the former setting of Dwight B. Heard's 7,500-acre ranch from the early 1900's. Rich in heritage and history, the resort has taken great pride in preserving the remaining

structures and monuments along its 18-hole championship golf course - giving golfers an added opportunity to experience a taste of Arizona history and the Heard legacy.

Designed by renowned golf course architect Gary Panks,

The Legacy's lush green fairways, forgiving rough, well-placed hazards, and manicured greens offer a challenge for golfers of all skill levels. Indigenous grasses, flowers, shrubs and trees surround the rolling terrain. Its elevation provides exceptional views of Camelback Mountain, Piastawa Peak and the downtown Phoenix skyline.

This tournament shall consist of 18 holes of individual stroke play, flighted by handicap index for fun and fair competition. The field is limited to 100 players. The Champion shall be the low gross scorer over the field. Gross and Net flight prizes will be awarded.

Entry fee of \$80 per player will include green fees, cart fees, club cleaning, range balls, prizes and awards, and lunch following play. Entrants must use an official entry form available in this newsletter, in the 2003 Tournament Calendar and Directory, or on the AWGA web page at www.awga.org. Registration will be held from 6:00am to 7:00 am, and play will begin with a 7:30am shotgun start.

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