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MODIFIED HANDICAPS

By Annette Wurgler

A Handicap Committee is the committee of a golf club that ensures compliance with the USGA Handicap System, including peer review. The Handicap Committee of a club has the responsibility of making certain that a player's USGA Handicap Index reflects her potential ability, thus having the authority to make adjustments to a player's Index.

Probably the most common circumstance making it necessary for the Handicap Committee to adjust a player's Index is a temporary disability, in which case an increased handicap may be given. For example, a player having had recent surgery may be given a higher handicap while recovering. This increased handicap is not a USGA Handicap Index and is only for local use. If, however, a player's USGA Handicap Index is reduced by the Handicap Committee, usually because the Committee is convinced that the player is manipulating her scores, her lower Handicap Index is the USGA Handicap Index, and should be used in any inter-club competition in which she plays.

The AZHN software has a feature that allows a Handicap Committee to insert a modification into a player's Index, complete with a date trigger after which a modified Index will revert to the calculated Index. While the Index is modified, it is followed by an "M" in the AZHN computer. This is a great tool for the Committee; however, it does not solve all of the Handicap Committee's problems. If a player with a modified Handicap Index belongs to more than one club, when the Handicap Committee of one club modifies her Handicap Index in the AZHN computer, the modified Index is only reflected within that club. The change will not be seen when looking the player up under any other club to which she belongs. This is because the USGA Handicap System gives each club's Handicap Committee the authority to modify or not modify the player's Index for play within that club. For this reason, when a player with a modified Index belongs to more than one club, there is a danger of her playing to the wrong Index if she enters an inter-club competition, such as a state, regional or city tournament, or even a guest day or invitational. It can be very easy for the Committees in charge of those tournaments to be unaware of a modified Index.

According to Section 6-5 of the USGA Handicap System Manual, a player with different Handicap Indexes at different clubs shall be required to use the lowest Handicap Index, so unless there are reasons to use the higher Index, the Committee should use the lower one.

As the Handicap Committee, when modifying a player's Index in EZLinks by reducing it, we suggest that you check to see if that player belongs to any other clubs. If so, the Handicap Committee of that club should be notified of the modification. In matters such as these, it is very important that Handicap Committees are in cooperation with each other.

ELECTION RESULTS

By Sandy Jacobson

Each year the AWGA conducts an election to replace Board members who have fulfilled their term of office. Board members are eligible for re-election to a second three-year term. Nomination forms were sent to State Representatives in March, with a nomination deadline of June 20th. As of that date, each seat up for election had only one qualified applicant. When this occurs, the qualified applicant is considered elected. The 2003 election is closed. Help us welcome the following Board members for their second terms.

Katherine Olson – At Large
Betsy Paul – Central Region
Linda Dalsin – Northern Region

These women will complete their current terms and begin their new three-year terms immediately following the Association's Annual Meeting, which has been scheduled for January 14th, 2003.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Check out our website (www.awga.org) under the News Section for the new Membership Demographic Survey. We need this information to kick off our new Sponsorship program. Please complete ASAP and return to the AWGA office via mail, fax or complete on-line.

WELCOME

To our newest AWGA Associate Club:
(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)

The Phoenician GC

Golf Joke of the Week

“Tales From the Ladies’ Tee” Calendar:

It was a sunny Saturday morning and Joe was beginning his upcoming shot, when a voice came over the clubhouse speaker, “Would the gentleman on the ladie’s tee please back up to the men’s tee.” Joe was still deep in his routine when, again, the announcement came, “Would the man on the women’s tee please back up to the men’s tee!”

Joe had had enough. He shouted, “Would the announcer in the clubhouse kindly shut up and let me play my second shot!”

(Note from editor: of course we know that the correct terminology is “forward tee” not the “women’s tee”)



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YOUR VOICE

We want to hear from you, our members. Starting with this newsletter, we will have a new area to publish letters from our members. If you have a question, a praise, a criticism, or something on your mind, email to comm@awga.org or mail to the AWGA office. We do ask that you put your name on your letter so that we may contact you to make sure the article was written by you before we publish it. We will also ask if you wish your name to be published with the article.

Here is our first note from Meg Quarrie, AWGA member from WWGA, El Caro, and LEGS.

“Just a note to thank you so much for our nice Partners Tournament this week. Mary Beth Maddox and I enjoyed ourselves golfing, enjoyed the nice weather, we played both days with such nice ladies, and we enjoyed the course and thought it was a very demanding but fair test of golf.

Lunch was very good (great desserts) and we appreciated the reduced rates at the hotels. I also enjoyed the “extra” contests on Sunday during the practice rounds. I’m happy for the opportunity to contribute so much to the Junior Golf Program.

Please extend my thanks to the many workers and volunteers who worked so hard for our tournament. We’re already planning next year’s trip!! Thanks again!!”

RULES - MARKING THE BALL

By Linda Dalsin

Q. In stroke play, Player A mistakenly replaced her ball in front of Player B’s ball marker (which was near Player A’s ball marker) and putted. The ball came to rest about one foot from the hole. The mistake was then discovered and Player A lifted her ball without marking it’s position, placed it in front of her own ball marker and finished the hole. Did Player A proceed according to the Rules of Golf?

A. No. When Player A replaced her ball in front of Player B’s ball marker and putted, she played from the wrong place and incurred a penalty of two strokes; the ball was in play – Rule 20-7b. When Player A then lifted her ball from where it lay, about one foot from the hole without marking its position and did not replace the ball, she incurred the general penalty (two strokes) for a breach of Rule 20-1 (see second paragraph of Rule 20-1). Thus Player A incurred a total penalty of four strokes.

USGA RULE OF THE WEEK

Rule 23 - Loose Impediments

Quick Fact - Sand may be removed from the putting green whether your ball lies on or off the putting green.

Term for Rule 23 - Do you know what loose impediments are? Loose impediments are natural objects (such as stones and leaves) not fixed or growing, not solidly embedded and not adhering to the ball. Sand and loose soil are loose impediments only on the putting green.

Rule 23-1 Relief

In stroke play, you may move loose impediments unless the loose impediment and your ball lie in or touch the same hazard (bunker or water). By moving a loose impediment that lies in or touches the same hazard as your ball, you incur a two-stroke penalty.

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

DATE	NAME	CLUB AFFILIATION
2/18/03	Norma Lutzinger	Pebblecreek LGA
4/19/03	Norma Lively	Fountain of the Sun
5/07/03	Sue Stevenson	Fountain of the Sun
5/16/03	Kathy Ell	Fountain of the Sun
6/07/03	Esther Benardino	Rolling Hills Women 9ers (Tempe)
6/12/03	Judy Hauser	Pebblecreek LGA
6/20/03	Ellie Jones	Moon Valley CC
6/21/03	Jane Hanheide	Desert Hills GC
6/22/03	Pat Fitzpatrick	Pebblecreek LGA
6/23/03	Barbara Goad	San Ignacio GC
6/25/03	Laura Hendrick	Skyline Country Club
7/02/03	Wilma Bolton	Lake Havasu WGA
7/02/03	Betty de St Jean	Fountain of the Sun
7/08/03	Doris Rist	Boulders Ladies Golf Club
7/11/03	Mona Chilson	Pueblo del Sol Women's GC



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.

AWGA MEMBERS TO RECEIVE 50% DISCOUNT ON TICKETS TO THE 2003 PHOENIX GOLF SHOW

Attending the Phoenix Golf Show, Arizona's largest consumer golf expo, just got a whole lot easier for members of the Arizona Women's Golf Association. All AWGA members will receive 50% off the price of their tickets, just by displaying their AWGA membership card at the Rawhide Sports Pavilion in north Scottsdale on October 18-19, 2003.

The Phoenix Golf Show will feature some of the industry's top golf club manufacturers in numerous hitting bays where consumers can test the newest equipment lines for 2004. Additionally, numerous putting greens from local manufacturers will be on display and will host contests with some spectacular prizes up for grabs. Prizes will include a golf vacation getaway to Myrtle Beach, PING irons and putters, free rounds of golf at some of the Valley's top golf courses, Phoenix Open and Safeway LPGA tickets among many other great items. Additionally, Hall of Fame Collectibles will be among the 100+ exhibitors at The Phoenix Golf Show and will offer autographed memorabilia by Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. Many other exhibitors, including golf courses, golf apparel, real estate and resorts, fitness and exercise systems, golf carts, clubs, healthcare products, scoring and video systems, and golf instruction will be featured.

"We fully appreciate what the Arizona Women's Golf Association does for the sport of golf in the state and greatly appreciate their support of the Phoenix Golf Show," said Drew Wathey, President and Owner of The Phoenix Golf Show.

The AWGA will be among the many exhibitors. Be sure to come by to say hello! Show hours: Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 19.

For more information on the Phoenix Golf Show, October 18-19, visit the event's web site at www.phoenixgolfshow.com, e-mail to info@phoenixgolfshow.com or call (602) 482-2738.

US WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The local Qualifier for the US Women's Amateur Championship was held July 8th at Phoenix Country Club, in Phoenix. Thirty-two women from all over the world competed for 5 qualifying spots. Thuhashini Selvaratnam, a native of Sri Lanka and resident of Tempe, captured the medalist title with an even par 72. Tui was AWGA Player of the Year in 2001 and 2002 and holds a commanding lead for a threepeat in 2003.

The USGA Amateur Championship will be held August 4-10 at Philadelphia Country Club, Philadelphia, PA.



2003 Medalist Tui Selvaratnam receiving medal from Barbara Douglas, USGA Women's Committee

Qualifiers are:

Tui Selvaratnam	Sri Lanka	72
Lauren Todd	Phoenix, AZ	73
Violeta Retamoza	Mexico	74
Erin Tone	Tempe, AZ	75
Laura Moore	Lake Forest, IL	75

Alternates are:

1st Cathie Williamson	Shelby, MT	75
2nd Eileen Vargas	Colombia	76
3rd Whitney Welch	Las Vegas, NV	76
4th Annie Schlosser	Las Vegas, NV	77

Looking For Your E-mail Addresses:

The AWGA has introduced an e-mail "NewsBlast" which we would like to make sure you receive. Every 2-3 weeks, we will e-mail everyone on our e-mail address list valuable information such as tournament announcements and entry forms, seminar information and registration forms, fun and interesting golf articles and jokes, rules and handicap questions, and other newsworthy events in Arizona golf. We have a considerable e-mail address list but want to make sure yours is included. The easiest way to make sure we get you on the list is to send us a note asking to be included. Please give us your name, club affiliation and e-mail address, and send to comm@awga.org. **Title your e-mail: NewsBlast**



SPOTLIGHT

AWGA's August Spotlight brightly shines on Rose Nehring.

By Kathryn Riddlehoover

This month AWGA turns its spotlight on a very special lady from Catalina Women's Golf Association at Dell Urich in Tucson. Those who know Rose Nehring find her outgoing, personable, and a tiger on the golf course and at the mah jongg table. Of course, her fabulous sense of humor endears her to all her

co-workers, junior golfers and friends.

As one of 14 children growing up in Elmira, NY, Rose learned early how to give and take, and accomplish her goals. Being a registered nurse for 23 years, part of this time with the US Air Force, tempered her to listen with concern, process what was important, and take actions that were needed. She is still doing this today in the golf arena.

It is said that fate has a special way of changing one's life. RN Rose is no exception. She met her husband, Art, a native of Tucson, while caring for his mother. They married in 1978. In 1990, Rose volunteered to help at a summer golf clinic for girls and found her niche in the golf world. From that beginning, her whirlwind of promoting junior golf began. In 1994, she became the Director of the Tucson Roadrunners Girls Golf Club. In 1995, she and a small group of volunteers established the Southern Arizona Junior Golf Association, which sponsors developmental golf programs for both girls and boys in Tucson and Green Valley. In 1996, Rose was asked to be the Team Captain for the team of girls who represent Arizona each year in the Girls Junior Americas Cup Matches. In 2002, she was appointed to the Girls Junior Americas Cup Executive Board. This year, she was appointed to serve as a member of the AWGA Junior Golf Committee. The AWGA could not have selected a more dedicated member to promote girls junior golf programs in Arizona, including the Arizona Girls Junior Americas Cup Team.

The 2003 Arizona Girls Junior Americas Cup Team is a dream come true for Rose, who has sought to find outstanding girl golfers from the entire state. Selection for the team is based on the juniors' scores in any four of the eight designated Junior Golf Association of Arizona tournaments. The team is determined by order of their accumulated point total. This year Rose will take the team to White Fish, MT on July 27-31 to compete against junior golfers, ages 17 years and younger, from the western United States including Hawaii, Canada and Mexico.

Rose's 2003 dream team consists of :

- Morgan Grantham..... Kingman
- Andrea Ratigan Tucson
- Sophia Choi Chandler
- LaRae Smith Sierra Vista

This is the first year in recent memory that all regions from the state have been represented. This team is truly representative of junior girl golfers around the state and a tribute to the hard work of all the volunteers and promoters of junior golf programs in every corner of our state.

Rose has an even larger task ahead of her. Arizona will host the Girls Junior Americas Cup in 2006 at Oro Valley Country Club near Tucson. She and the AWGA Junior Golf Committee have begun a statewide campaign to raise awareness of this competition and to promote girls' junior golf in the state. Rose's dedication to the success of this project is infectious. Many have already caught the desire to make the Girls Junior Americas Cup event the premier junior amateur golf tournament for the state in 2006. Donations from AWGA women's clubs and District associations have increased significantly this year, as has the grass roots effort to promote regional tournaments where these girls, our future members, will be showcased.

The AWGA and all golfers will always be grateful for your untiring dedication to our youth and promoting the future of a game we love.

THANK YOU, ROSE NEHRING

REMAINING 2003 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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

The Duke at Rancho El Dorado, Maricopa -
February 22

SHORT COURSE TOURNAMENT

Palm Valley Exec. GC, Goodyear - March 28

FOUR BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Site TBD- April

STATE AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Red Mountain Ranch CC, Mesa - May 18-21

PARTNERS TOURNAMENT

Canoa Ranch GC, Green Valley - June 7-8

DAY IN HADES TOURNAMENT

Moon Valley CC, Phoenix - August 2

STATE AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Site TBD - August

STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Site TBD- September

SCOTCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Apache Stronghold GC, San Carlos - Oct. 25-26

STATE MEDALLION CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT

TBD

2003 SEMINARS

Rules of Golf:

- October 9 Ramada Inn - Lake Havasu
- November 12 Heritage Highlands CC

Handicap:

- October 20 Arrowhead CC
- October 24 Arizona Golf Resort
- October 28 El Conquistador CC

WEEKEND LEAGUES PROVIDE PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING WOMEN

As more and more younger women become aware of the many benefits of including a sport like golf as an important part of their lives, the demand for leagues that provide playing opportunities on the weekend continues to grow. The tradition of Saturday being “Men’s day” may be alive and well at private clubs, but especially in Arizona where public and daily fee resort courses outnumber the private clubs astronomically, this tradition has seen its day. Working women and women with families and other demands on their time are choosing to join clubs that play on the weekend. Welcoming these women to our ranks and providing opportunities for them to partake of the added fun created by playing with a group is vital to the growth of our sport. The AWGA has several “Clubs without Real Estate”. These clubs do not have a direct affiliation with one golf course. They typically play at several different courses and provide outings on weekends or evenings. The following are the AWGA’s “Clubs Without Real Estate”:

Women’s Weekend Golf League (WWGL)

The WWGL was founded in 1991 with 14 members. Several years back they dropped the “Working” part of their name since many of their members are retired or not working full-time. What their members all have in common is that they’re committed to Saturday league play and the camaraderie that comes along with a golf league. They have now close to 50 members and continue to grow, as many women find the Saturday league appealing. They play all year round and at a variety of golf courses. Although their official home course is Randolph North Golf Course in Tucson, they play all over the city and county. In the summer, they frequently take advantage of the bargains at many of the city and county semi-private courses with upcoming league summer events at San Pedro GC, 49er’s GC, Canoa Hills and The Haven. If you’re interested in joining them or giving WWGL a try (you can play up to 3 times as a guest), contact their voice mail at 520-547-5464. Sign up for play by Wednesday before 3:00 p.m. if you want to play on Saturday. Terri Burchett is the 2003 President WWGL.

Working Women’s Golf Association (WWGA)

The WWGA was established in 1984. It provides working women the opportunity to play golf in a fun non-intimidating environment. The WWGA is run solely by volunteers. The league plays one Sunday per month with prime, early morning tee times. Play alternates between the 5 Phoenix city courses (Encanto, Cave Creek, Aguila, Papago and Maryvale). There is a \$10.00 tournament entry fee that goes towards a prize fund issued in pro shop credit. The green fee and cart fee are paid at the time of check in. The WWGA currently consists of approximately 80 members. For more information, contact Karen Hughes by phone at 480-759-5813 or by e-mail to (khughes@wos.com). All skill levels are welcome!

Executive Women’s Golf Association (EWGA)

Founded in 1991, the **Executive Women’s Golf Association** is a national golf association for women. Since 1991, it has grown to over 17, 000 members with over 100 Chapters across the United States and Canada. The AWGA has two EWGA Chapter Clubs among our membership.

The EWGA Phoenix-Valley of the Sun Chapter, founded in 1994, is one of the largest chapters in the nation, with over 300 members. One does not need to be a high-level executive nor an expert golfer to join. Their members include women on sabbatical raising a family, retired women, small business owners as well as women employed in business and industry. They all have one thing in common – their love for the game. While they offer low handicappers the challenge of a three level association-wide championship, there are many opportunities for the novice, intermediate or advanced golfer to learn, improve and practice their skills in a friendly, non-threatening environment. In addition to clinics, the EWGA

teaches and encourages members to practice the Rules and Etiquette of the game in an effort to live up to its mission “to promote and foster a spirit of acceptance, dignity and respect for the career-oriented woman interested in golf.” Monthly outings, informal leagues, and play dates provide opportunities to get out on the course. The EWGA also provides networking opportunities for members to expand their professional contacts and circle of friends. This year, part of their membership effort is specifically targeting minority women. Their association and local chapter encourages and actively supports Junior Girls’ Golf through fundraisers and equipment contributions. The yearly Rally For A Cure Tournament will be held again this October. If you would like to discover for yourself why the EWGA is so much more than just another golf league, visit their local website (www.ewgphx.com), their association website (www.ewga.com), or contact Judi Davis, Chapter President at 480- 836-9046 or Judy Decker, Membership Chair at 480-782-9673.

The **Tucson Old Pueblo Chapter of EWGA** has been in existence since 1994. Many of its charter members are still there today and are a testament to its importance for working women in the Tucson area. The group provides numerous opportunities for women to find not only organized golf on the weekends and weekday afternoon leagues, but also is a place where women can learn the game of golf in a friendly environment with clinics available for learning and improving their game. The many golf and social events throughout the year are a great way for networking among many working and professional women. Since they are part of a national organization, there are additional opportunities to find golf games, golf partners and great courses across the United States as well. Please visit the website, (www.ewgatucson.org), for more information or call Linda Hartsig, Membership Chair at 520-721-7294.

LEGS (Ladies Executive Golf Society)

LEGS is a women’s golf organization consisting primarily of working women who want to play in a weekend golf league. The group has been in existence for more than a dozen years and has been hosting an annual Women’s Pro-Am Golf tournament at Bellair Golf Course in Glendale for the past nine years. The LEGS group has two play days each month (either Sat. or Sun.), alternating play dates at Bellair Golf Course (executive length) in Glendale and the other dates at longer courses (Aguila, 500 Club, Great Eagle and Cave Creek). They have members spanning all handicap ranges. Their emphasis is not only on playing golf, but especially on having fun at the same time!! They always welcome new members. If you would like more information, please contact Helen Grassbaugh at 602-439-9236 or email her at (heleng17@msn.com).

STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

September 26-28, 2003

OPENING DATE: August 1, 2003

CLOSING DATE: September 16, 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: _____
DATE OF BIRTH ____-____-____ Past board member _____ Years? _____ 2001 or 2002 Overall Gross or Net Winner? _____
(Please check appropriate age group-as of first day of competition)
Freshman (50-54) _____ Sophomore (55-59) _____ Junior (60-64) _____ Senior (65-69) _____ Postgrad (70-74) _____
Super (75-79) _____ Masters (80 and up) _____
I have read and agree to abide by the Updated 2003 Conditions for AWGA Competitions as published in the current AWGA Directory and at
w.awga.org SIGNATURE _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ 165 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.

OAKCREEK COUNTRY CLUB

6900 Bell Rock Blvd., Sedona AZ 86351
(928) 284-1660

Oakcreek Country Club, designed by the famous father and son team of Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Robert Trent Jones Jr., can truly be described as a work of art. The par 72, 18-hole championship golf course is nestled among the red rocks of Sedona, Arizona with views beyond compare and the golf course design a masterpiece.

The golf course is a traditional layout similar to those that you may find in the midwestern United States. In the usual Trent Jones manner, the fairways are classic tree lined doglegs with fairway bunkers strategically placed in the landing areas, and the greens are all slightly elevated and surrounded with large swirling greenside bunkers. The course is "player friendly", allowing plenty of room for error but always with an opportunity to recover and get errant shots back into play.

The Championship shall consist of 54 holes of stroke play. Age divisions (as of first day of Championship) are:

50-54 Freshman	70-74 Postgraduate
55-59 Sophomore	75-79 Super Senior
60-64 Junior	80 + Masters
65-69 Senior	

The Champion shall be the low gross scorer over the field. Division winners shall be the low gross scorers in each of the seven (7) Divisions. Other Division prizes shall be awarded as determined by the Tournament Director. Number and composition of flights, within the Age Divisions, shall be determined by the Tournament Director. Prizes shall be awarded on both gross and net scores. A perpetual trophy is awarded to the Champion.

Special Prizes:

1) The Mary Lou Sauer Memorial Trophy shall be awarded to the member club which has any two of its participants with the lowest combined net score over the field for the Championship.

2) The Minnie Lemons Plaque shall be awarded to the member club whose individual participant has the lowest net score over the field for the Championship.

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