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80th ANNUAL MEETING CAPS THE NIGHT IN CELEBRATION OF REMARKABLE WOMEN

By Mary Ann Souter

It was a night to remember – a celebration of 80 years giving exceptional women well-deserved awards. Although it was the closing part of the evening, the presentation of awards was absolutely the most memorable. From the hilarious and creative words the presenters chose to honor the recipients to the accomplishments of the winners, nothing could compare to the women in the spotlight for 2004. The line-up of incredible talent, skill, and spirit demonstrates the caliber of women who make up the AWGA.

Our list of winners this year included:

Tui Selvaratnam Player of the Year
 Barbara Byrnes Senior Player of the Year
 Dr. Anne Pittman Lifetime Achievement Award
 Tina Huiskamp Special Achievement Award
 Judi Lorenzen Volunteer of the Year
 Shirley Staelens AWGA Representative of the Year
 Tubac Golf Resort ... Host Club of the Year

Once more, Phoenix Country Club was the hospitable and elegant venue for our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. The atmosphere was warm and inviting. The tables were beautifully set with dessert adorning each place before dinner, beckoning people to sit down and enjoy. The servers were quick and attentive to provide our meals, which were superior in both taste and presentation. And the company at each table topped off the amenities by providing

congenial interaction with other members — some old friends and some new acquaintances.

It was a night of business, entertainment, and tributes. It gave each of us the opportunity to know the AWGA just a little better and to become more aware of the many services it provides. Representatives from peer organizations in the golf community including the Arizona Golf Association, Cactus and Pine Golf Course Superintendents Association, Junior Golf Association of Arizona, and Northern Arizona Women's Golf Association participated in the festivities of the evening, giving their support and affirmation to not only the award winners but also to the ranks of women who comprise the AWGA.

“Congratulations” to our 2004 Award Recipients and a heartfelt “Thank You” to our dedicated and hard-working Board of Directors for hosting this annual event. If the lively spirit of the attendees is a barometer for the success of the event, this year's will be hard to beat. But – as always – our next celebration will undoubtedly be again unforgettable offering a new group of recipients, presenters, and attendees. The only way to know will be to join us for our next Annual Meeting in January 2006.

The AWGA would like to thank all of its members for a productive and enjoyable year as we look forward to continuing our work as the voice for women's golf in Arizona.



Tui Selvaratnam & Barb Byrnes



Katherine Olson & Anne Pittman



Judi Lorenzen & Linda Dalsin



Tina Huiskamp & Barbara Simmons



Shirley Staelens & Kathryn Riddlehoover



Chris Giza & Barb Byrnes



Dennis Palmer & John Vayre
Tubac Golf Resort



2005 AWGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SHORT COURSE TOURNAMENT

Augusta Ranch Golf Course - Mesa
March 12, 2005

FOUR-BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Heritage Highlands Golf Club - Marana
April 25 - 26, 2005

STATE AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Los Caballeros Golf Club - Wickenburg
May 24 - 27, 2005

PARTNERS TOURNAMENT

Antelope Hills Golf Course - Prescott
June 16 - 17, 2005

MIXED STIX TOURNAMENT

Tubac Golf Resort - Tubac
July 23 - 24, 2005

STATE AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Moon Valley Country Club - Phoenix
August 23 - 25, 2005

STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Pinetop Country Club - Pinetop
September 27 - 29, 2005

SCOTCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Yuma Golf and Country Club - Yuma
November 14 - 15, 2005

STATE MEDALLION CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT TBA

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AWGA REPRESENTATIVE MEETING BRINGS OUR WOMEN TOGETHER

Even Torrential Rains Couldn't Put A Damper On Our Spirits

The annual AWGA Representative meeting held at Moon Valley Country Club on January 26th was a big success despite the lack of cooperation from Mother Nature. Over 100 women from all over the state came to learn, share their experiences, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow representatives. The sun wasn't shining outside but it was certainly warm and cheerful inside.

Opening the meeting were Katherine Olson, President of the Board, and Mary Long, Executive Director. They gave an overview of the day and informed the attendees about the line-up of presenters in our new format. Kathryn Riddlehoover, Director of Communications, guided the new representatives through the responsibilities of their positions. With years of experience and some fresh ideas for the coming year, Kathryn introduced excitement and challenge to the newly-named AWGA Representative position. She unveiled the most recent program, the Area Reps, which was designed to support AWGA Reps in their positions. Armed with notebooks containing information to be successful reps, the ladies were ready to accept their charge of being involved and approachable liaisons between the AWGA and their women's groups. Returning representatives were guided by Mary Long and Norma Scuri, Membership Chair, discussing the past year's successes and issues. Input from the representatives is invaluable in helping the AWGA do its best in keeping communications open for a mutually beneficial relationship. After the meetings, the women attended break-out sessions designed for both fun and learning. Presenters included Pam Barnett and Kim Haddow, LPGA teaching pros; Barbara Kahler, Executive Coach; Mindi Boysen, Golf Fitness Specialist; Bryan Pierce from Magique Golf; and Chris Dorris, Sports Psychologist. Everyone agreed that the classes added a new dimension to the meeting and members were pleased to have the opportunity to learn practical tips taught by experts in their respective fields.

From getting reacquainted with old friends to meeting newly elected representatives, women were connecting because of one common interest – their love of golf. Conversations about club activities, tough holes, charity tournaments, job responsibilities and the pure enjoyment of playing golf filled the room. Members drove from places as far as Show Low, Flagstaff, Sierra Vista, and Tucson to spend the day in an atmosphere of promoting women's golf in Arizona.

A special thanks to Kathryn Zatzke, Business Operations Manager, for her attention to details that made this meeting run smoothly. And for all of the AWGA Representatives who were unable to attend this year, we're looking forward to seeing you next year. Your feedback is important to us and we're hoping to have you participate in this dynamic gathering dedicated to promoting the best interests and true spirit of golf among women in Arizona!



The following courses have been re-rated or have made changes since the 2005 AWGA Club Directory was printed. Please make a note of this updated information. These ratings have been entered into the Arizona Handicap Network, including front and back 9 details.

Arizona City Country Club

Gold 68.2/109
White 73.2/120

Gold Canyon Golf Resort

(Sidewinder Course)
Red 66.1/110
White 70.0/125
Blue 73.7/137

Lone Tree Golf Club

Red 68.0/114
White 73.6/130

Starr Pass Golf Club

Rattler/Roadrunner
Red 68.2/119
Blue 71.2/136
Rattler red/
Roadrunner blue 69.6/129
Roadrunner/Coyote
Red 67.6/120
Blue 71.1/136
Roadrunner blue/
Coyote red 69.0/129

Coyote/Rattler

Red 70.8/125
Blue 74.5/140



THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON ... ETSU SUZUKI

By Mary Ann Souter

Mention the name "Etsu" and invariably you'll be looking at a person with a big smile on her face. Etsu Suzuki is a highly regarded player among those who frequent tournaments at the AWGA. Her skill and ability are quite distinguished in the rolls of the AWGA, but it's her supportive personality that everyone admires. Mary Long, AWGA's Executive Director, says it succinctly. "Etsu is a delightful lady, has been an active AWGA state champion for many years, and is tremendously liked and respected by everyone who knows her." It's difficult to add to that BUT there are others who would like to add their comments as well!

Rosie Beale, our Sites Director, said, "I felt totally intimidated when I first found out that I was playing in Etsu's group, but she was so helpful and gracious to me. It didn't matter that I shot 30 more strokes than she did. She kept encouraging me and smiling." That's just one. Kathryn Riddlehoover, our Director of Communications, describes her this way. "Whether she wins or loses, she is always a shining star. Her pleasant nature makes everyone around her comfortable." Linda Dalsin, our Rules Director, noted, "The word that comes to mind about Etsu is "NICE". She always smiles. Her playing partners must love her because she has a very calming influence on them. And she's a great player too!!" Linda hasn't had the opportunity to play with Etsu because she is usually on the course available to make Rule's decisions. "Etsu is a wonderful lady and an outstanding golfer. She's a real delight to be around," Betsy Paul, our Tournament Director, commented about her. Are you getting the idea yet? She is known for her courteous and cheerful personality in addition to her skills and talent in the playing arena. There is no doubt that this article could be filled entirely with testimonials about her from women all over the state.

Etsu was born and raised in Japan. She was an active golfer in Japan, volunteering on the Rules Committee and assisting with Junior Golf for 10 years. Her uncle taught her to play when she was 12 years old, during a time in history when few women played golf in Japan. He gently pushed her although she was not very interested at the time. Then one day she discovered the 3 wood. That was the real beginning of her passion for golf. She was 18 then, and that's when her involvement in golf changed. As a young adult in the 1970s, she began visiting her sister who lived in the United States, which became an annual vacation for her. She took advantage of her trips and played golf all over the country, from the east coast to the west. Finally, in 1990, she decided to move to the U.S. and settled down near her sister in Tucson.

Shortly after, she contacted the AWGA and started playing in tournaments in 1991. The rest is history! Her impressive record over her 14 years in Arizona includes:

- Stroke Play Champion in 1991, the first year joined, and again in 1994
- State Senior Champion in 1994, 1999, and 2000
- State Southern District Champion in 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2003
- State Southeastern Champion in 1999
- Played in the U.S. Senior Tournaments three years – 1996, 1999 and 2001
- U.S. Women's State Team Play Captain – 1997
- Tucson City Champion in 1992, 1993, 2000, 2001 and 2004
- Set a course record at La Paloma Country Club when she shot an impressive 68 in 1994
- Club Champion at Silverbell and Ventana Canyon – 12 times. The only year she did not win since she joined was in 2003, when she developed tendonitis in her arm.
- She has had 5 holes-in-one, 2 in Japan and 3 in the United States. Two of them were in 1994.

With all of her experience in playing golf, it's not surprising that others look to her for inspiration and tips for the game. She has developed some unique habits over the years that have undoubtedly contributed to her achievement on the course. Barb Byrnes, AWGA Seniors Champion and Board member, said, "Etsu is a wonderful person and a real pleasure to play with — when you play with her or against her. I would love to have the graphics she draws for every green when she does a practice round. They are masterpieces. She maps slopes, hills, direction, size, etc. with arrows and other signs so she knows which way her putt will go or the way the green slopes." This is one of the little secrets of Etsu's success. She takes the time to plan ahead and her practice rounds are more than just "practice."

Etsu is not only a champion golfer and beloved in the golf community, but she is also a dedicated wife and mother. Although her daughter still lives in Japan, Etsu goes once a year to visit and enjoy time with her two small grandchildren who are 4 and 7.

Moving to Arizona also gave Etsu another chance in marriage. She met her now husband, Bob, through her sister. They were friends first and after a few years, decided they could build a happy life together. That was in 1995 and their intuition was right. They have been happily married for 10 years. Interestingly, Bob was not a golfer when Etsu met him. She introduced him to the sport and like many men, he became mildly obsessed with it. Now he plays 5 or 6 times a week and she plays a mere 3 or 4 times. Although she is the one who has the passion for golf, she now calls herself a "golf widow."

She couldn't hide her pleasant personality and encouraging demeanor. Although

she would like to volunteer, she doesn't feel confident enough in her English to work on most committees. "But," she says, "I can work on Course Rating, measuring, because I won't have to talk much." Her humility was amazing considering her stellar record and command of the sport. Not one word was said in a boastful manner. "Golf is an individual game," she said. "Every player can play together because you play against the course, not each other. It's a nice game." And so it is. And so she is. A small word - NICE - but one that carries an enormous impact.

The AWGA is delighted to place Etsu Suzuki in the Spotlight for the first issue of 2005. She has added so much in skill, helpfulness, and kindheartedness to our membership. We're glad you moved to Arizona, Etsu!

AWGA WEEKEND CLASSIC TOURNAMENT GOLD CANYON GOLF RESORT February 6, 2005



Barbara Byrnes



Carole Matijevec

OVERALL GROSS WINNER: Barbara Byrnes 73

OVERALL NET WINNER: Carole Matijevec 68

FIRST FLIGHT

GROSS	NET
1 st Rita Albertson 77	1 st Darquise LeDuc 74

SECOND FLIGHT

GROSS	NET
1 st Tina Huiskamp 75	1 st Ellen O'Hara 72
2 nd Janet Weber 79	2 nd Becky Sun 73

THIRD FLIGHT

GROSS	NET
1 st Iris Owings 78	1 st Carol Pallas 70
2 nd Mary Beth Maddox 82	2 nd Leslie Harbison 74

FOURTH FLIGHT

GROSS	NET
1 st Wendy Stone 85	1 st Ardis Vandebos 73
2 nd Heidi Middleton ... 87	2 nd Brenda Turner 73
3 rd Nadine Sanders ... 91	3 rd Carolyn Morris 78

FIFTH FLIGHT

GROSS	NET
1 st Diana Linton 88	1 st Anna Cain 75
2 nd Claudia Vaughan ... 92	2 nd Nancy Harden 77
3 rd Nora Piotrowski ... 96	3 rd Rose Reynolds 78

SIXTH FLIGHT

GROSS	NET
1 st Gloria Kerszykowski 91	1 st Barbara Lail 72
2 nd Lea Fagerud 92	2 nd Fran Rayhawk 72
3 rd Barbara Haley 96	3 rd Ruby Hamilton 76

SEVENTH FLIGHT

GROSS	NET
1 st Jean Hedberg 100	1 st Jane Hee 76
2 nd Kathy Ehrlich 102	2 nd Kathy Malone 80
3 rd Janet Cowan 104	3 rd Carol Schade 81

EIGHTH FLIGHT

GROSS	NET
1 st Deanna Streit 98	1 st Katherine Rother 74
2 nd Dianne Bucich 100	2 nd Kathy Barrett 76
3 rd Harlene Bowman 105	3 rd Mary Byrd 80

TURN YOUR CHANNEL TO AN ARIZONA GOLF SHOW

In addition to the Golf Channel, Arizona golfers can now watch a locally produced TV golf show on Saturday afternoon that features everything players want to know about golf in Arizona. Whether you're a full-time resident or a winter visitor, this show is a comprehensive resource for golf in Arizona's player-friendly environment. The show highlights courses all around the state, showcases people in the industry (including some of our own members), has teaching pros demonstrate tips for a better swing, presents an exercise specific to the muscle groups used in golf, explains the Rules of Golf in easy to understand language, features the latest in golf equipment and gives an interesting bit of golf history each week. It has something for everyone who loves golf and is packed with a half hour of both education and entertainment.

You can see **Golf Southwest** on KAZ-TV, Channel 27, Cox Channel 13 at 5:00 p.m. every Saturday. Bruce Devlin, an 8 time PGA tour winner as well as course designer and TV commentator, is a regular on the show. They also feature guest hosts for specific segments, which range from Golf 101 and Tip of the Week to New Gear and Fit for Golf Fit for Life. The show takes you to a different course every week, which helps golfers all over the state see a variety of courses throughout the year. **Golf Southwest** takes you down the fairway to the green introducing you to the course's signature hole and coaxing viewers to take the challenge. You may find some "must play" courses just by watching TV.

If you miss the show on Saturday, you can go to their website, www.tvgolfshow.com, to view it in its entirety. So sit down, relax, and enjoy a half hour on Saturday afternoon to watch a show that's all about golf in Arizona.

CONGRATULATIONS

To The Following Ladies on Their HOLES IN ONE!!

Darline Jenks	10/26/04	Sun City South Women
Jane Ryan Sugrue	11/08/04	Granite Falls Ladies 18
Hollis Ellis	11/18/04	Great Eagle GC Women
Billie Kuhn	11/30/04	Leisure World CC WGA
Lois Hanske	12/07/04	Rio Verde CC WGA
Ingrid Fisher	12/02/04	Oro Valley 9 Holers
Ellen Hodgins	12/03/04	Dobson Ranch WGA
Mabel Heckelman	12/07/04	Heritage Highlands W18
Sally Kelley	12/09/04	500 Club WGA
Karen Nauman	12/10/04	Pebblecreek Ladies
Barb Younker	12/12/04	Pebblecreek Ladies
Jane Kelly	12/15/04	PCL9GA
Sue Underwood	12/15/04	Fountain of the Sun 18
Shirley Musich	12/18/04	Great Eagle GC Women
Carol Strzepak	12/20/04	Westbrook Village w18
Barbara Christensen	12/21/04	Echo Mesa SCW
Caroline Willis	12/21/04	Echo Mesa SCW
Mabel Heckelman	12/22/04	Heritage Highlands W18
Marilyn Blair	12/23/04	CC of Green Valley Women
Sandy Ross	12/28/04	SCW Deer Valley Women
Barbara Hall	12/30/04	SC Vistoso GC Teal WGA
Kathy Oty	01/01/05	Desert Hills GC
Bonnie Heimbrock	01/03/05	Ironwood GC WGA
Sherryl Nelson	01/03/05	Fred Enke WGA
Jackie Glossner	01/04/05	Mountainview WGA
Mary Henson	01/07/05	Cottonwood CC WGA
Nancy Harden	01/09/05	WWGL
Kathy Eichman	01/12/05	Sahuaro GC WGA
Dee Tartaglio	01/13/05	Encanto Ladies GC
Deanna Mae Fulton	01/13/05	Ironwood GC WGA
JoAnn Hicks	01/14/05	Palo Verde CC WGA
Fran Alexander	01/15/05	SCW Grandview Women
Martha Mulholland	01/20/05	Palo Verde CC WGA
DeLora Coffelt	01/20/05	Mesa del Sol Women
Janet Robbins	01/21/05	Palo Verde CC WGA
Gwen O'Neil	01/23/05	Oro Valley CC Women
Nancy Tyler	01/25/05	Granite Falls Ladies
Carole Kinderman	01/25/05	Palo Verde CC WGA
Sue Underwood	01/25/05	Fountain of the Sun Ladies 18
Dorothy Kidwell	01/27/05	Ironwood GC WGA
Judie Blacerzak	02/03/05	Granite Falls Ladies 18

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.



ASK THE PRO

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Q. What can I do to be more consistent and closer to the hole in my chipping around the green?

A. I'll explain this answer from the perspective of a right-handed golfer. Any lefties out there will know what to do to apply this to themselves!

Most people when chipping around the green tend to break their wrists and rotate their lag (or right) hand over in front of the lead (left) hand, in a kind of a swivel motion. This is usually done in an effort to create spin, but is more motion than is necessary. You don't want to rotate your wrists here.

One helpful way to correct this is to insert a small dowel or rod through the hole in the butt end of your grip, so that it extends out about two feet. Then, when you set up for a chip shot, keep your hands forward so that the rod runs along under your left arm, on the left side of your body. When you swing, this rod should not come back into your body or turn back into your body –something that will only happen if you rotate your wrists.

Keep your hands firm through the shot, rotating your lower body first, then your shoulders. This is all that's needed to create the desired spin. The ball should check, then release to the hole. Once you get used to this, try to incorporate it into your full swing for more consistent shots.

THINK GOOD THOUGHTS

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything that comes their way. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.



LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR AWGA MEMBERSHIP AND DISPLAY YOUR NEW DECAL TODAY

Dear Arizona Women's Golf Association Member,

Thank you for your 2005 membership in the AWGA. Whether you are a new or renewing member, we appreciate your participation and support! It is through your support that we are able to continue to promote and maintain the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf among women in Arizona. Your membership provides you with many benefits that we hope you will remember to take advantage of throughout the year.

USGA Course and Slope Ratings

Through your membership fees, the AWGA issues USGA Course and Slope Ratings to every golf course in Arizona, allowing you to post scores made on all qualified Arizona courses to your USGA Handicap record.

Sanctioned USGA Handicap

A USGA Handicap is required to enter most organized golf outings and tournaments. Your club is licensed by the USGA, through its membership in the AWGA, to issue USGA Handicaps. The Arizona Handicap Information System, the computerized Handicap system administered for you by the AWGA, allows you to post your scores at all Arizona golf courses. The AWGA and the AGA work together to provide the computer hardware to the golf courses for this purpose. The system also provides excellent management tools for your club administrators to ensure fair and accurate handicaps. The AWGA provides the ability to post scores on-line for members of clubs that authorize it, through our website @ www.awga.org.

Communications

Access to the AWGA Newsletter, Email NewsBlast, Membership Directory and web site, with comprehensive golf calendar, golf course details and many other items pertaining to women's golf in Arizona.

USGA publications available at cost.

Discounts from business partnerships

Alliances with vendors offering member discounts on golf products, equipment, and services (this list will be growing as more alliances are formed).

Educational Seminars

Expertise in Handicap/Rules/Club Administration/Tournament administration is available to you through formal seminars at your club or informal help via email or telephone consultations.

Sponsorships

We are an organization that promotes women's golf. Your membership fees provide sponsorships of junior girls golf events and organizations, charity tournaments, Arizona Golf Hall of Fame, turf grass research, and other valuable programs.

Tournaments and State Championships

AWGA tournaments are conducted throughout the year and are open to **all** members, subject to individual tournament eligibility criteria. Four of these events are Arizona State Women's Championships.

Club State Medallion Competitions

Sponsorship of net and gross competitions within each club, the winners of which are eligible to represent their clubs at the state wide State Medallion Club Team Tournament.

In addition to these, several new benefits are in development for 2005-2006. We have added a new tournament that will alternate each year with the Day In Hades, called Mixed Stix that you can play with your favorite male, if he belongs to the AGA. We are also looking at a product offering that will allow local club administration through a web site designed especially for your club. This product will allow new members to join your club, pay dues on-line, sign up and pay for tournaments, and to check weekly play pairings and tee times.

Our email NewsBlast goes to our members with events, business discounts and information we want you to get quickly, so be sure to get your email address in the Handicap Information System database. Your Handicap Chair can do this for you or call the AWGA office at 800-442-2942.

In appreciation for your membership, enclosed is a decal that we hope you will proudly display to show your support for women's golf and the AWGA.

Wishing you a year of great golf!

Your AWGA Board of Directors

FOUR-BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

April 25-26, 2005 • Heritage Highlands Golf Club - Marana

OPENING DATE: February 28, 2005

CLOSING DATE: April 15, 2005

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

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PLAYER #1 NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____ AWGA# _____
CLUB REPRESENTED _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
PLAYER #2 NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____ AWGA# _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST/ZIP _____
CLUB REPRESENTED _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

Maximum Handicap Index: 30.0

SIGNATURE PLAYER #1 _____ SIGNATURE PLAYER #2 _____
I am age 14-17 _____ Past board member _____ Years? _____ I am age 14-17 _____ Past board member _____ Years? _____
2003 or 2004 Overall Gross or Net Winner? _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for **\$140 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**

One team 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.



Heritage Highlands Golf and Country Club

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Heritage Highlands, AWGA's Host Course of the Year for 2003, will be the venue selected for the Four-Ball Championship on Monday and Tuesday, April 25th & 26th. Located north of Tucson at the base of the Tortolita Mountains Heritage Highlands has many gorgeous views of several surrounding mountain ranges and is a very popular competition site for the state and southern organizations. It's a desert course with some tricky carries and elevation changes. Heritage Highlands presents a challenge to players of all levels. You must think through your shot placements weighing risks versus rewards.

The front nine is flatter than the back where the more interesting elevation changes await. From the visually refreshing par 3 number 12 hole with its pond and waterfall to the intimidating signature hole which follows,

this course will keep you intrigued. Some holes have wide forgiving fairways, and others will not allow you to retrieve an errant shot. "Arthur's Hill" is one hole that demands a perfectly placed tee shot to permit even a look at the green below and around a hill. The final hole allows no let-up in concentration as the tee shot crosses a fairly wide, bush and cactus filled rocky ravine.

Heritage Highlands has year-round bent grass greens which could prove interesting putting. Check their website at www.heritagehighlands.com.

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