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THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON . . . KATHRYN RIDLEHOOVER

By Mary Ann Souter

Some women discover their passion for sports early in life and then are focused enough and lucky enough to be able to spend both their professional and personal life enjoying what they love to do most. Kathryn Ridlehoover is one of those fortunate women who knew what she wanted and successfully accomplished her goal of combining work and play into her everyday life. Her character is admirable and it permeates all she does. She can be described as a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother; a passionate golfer; a tireless volunteer; a creative writer and published author; a resourceful golf coach; a loyal friend; an honest and direct communicator; a forward thinker; and a proactive health advocate. Kathryn fully immerses herself in every aspect of life, helping others along the way and spending her time in both productive and fulfilling venues.

Kathryn has been a member of the AWGA for almost 30 years and her involvement has included positions from AWGA Rep to Committee Chair and Board Member. She served as AWGA Rep when she was president of the Pueblo del Sol WGA from 1978 to 1980 and Mountain View, Ft. Huachuca WGA from 1997-1999. She held the office of Secretary for Southern District from 1999 to 2003. In January of 2003 she was appointed to the AWGA Board replacing a sitting member. Her participation as a Board member has been primarily as Chair of the Communications Committee, on which she began serving in 1999 when it was initially formed. Under her leadership, the new positions of Area Representatives were created to assist club officers throughout the state by providing a resource for help and guidance with club issues. She divided the state into over 20 areas, each having a knowledgeable AWGA Rep to watch over her area. She has also been actively involved in the planning of the annual AWGA Rep meetings, presenting a large part of the information for new and returning representatives.

One of Kathryn's most commendable qualities is her genuine concern for our members. She carefully thinks through each event or matter coming up and is able to anticipate potential issues eliminating sources of anxiety and confusion before they happen. And when problems do arise, she is sure to arrive at a satisfactory solution. Mary Long appreciates Kathryn as a person and a volunteer saying, "Kathryn is passionate about everything she does. She always does what she says she's going to do. And I can count on her to get things done. I really appreciate her knowledge of computers too. She has completed some difficult and time-consuming projects for us. Kathryn feels things very deeply and is willing to share her ideas and comments without reservation. One refreshing characteristic about her is that I never have to wonder what she is thinking. She always tells it like it is." And most of us who know Kathryn will agree that Kathryn openly reveals herself without hesitation.

Kathryn's love of golf started early in life. She

played on her college golf team, where her home course was the East Lake Golf Club in Decatur, Georgia (Atlanta) – coincidentally, also the home course of the legendary Bobby Jones. She taught high school science in both Georgia and Arizona and coached the boys' golf team, which also included two girls in Georgia. To her credit, during the 80s, she was the only woman in the state of Georgia coaching a boy's high school golf team. Respect was hard to come by from her colleagues, but Kathryn fought for her rightful place and for her golf team to be accepted in her school district. Hers was an all black boy's team and because their fathers were not members of local golf courses, they were not given the usual "free practice play" afforded to other teams. For 4 years, Kathryn organized many fundraisers to provide her team with the necessary funds to pay green fees. She has coached many young golfers along the way with several of them winning golf scholarships to college.

Her interest in golf can be described as nothing less than passionate. She played every weekend in Georgia taking time off from her position as a teacher to play in tournaments along with being president of the Central Savannah River Women's Golf association composed of clubs in both Georgia and South Carolina. She has lived in Arizona two separate times from 1971 until 1987 when she returned to Georgia to care for her aging parents. She returned to Arizona in 1997 when she retired. Kathryn now plays with her clubs, presides as president of Randolph North WGA and plays in Southern District and AWGA tournaments. She places in her flight in most tournaments and has won her flight in several tournaments, placed 3rd in flight in Match Play, and 1st low gross in flight in Scotch Play. Her lifetime best score was 79 and her lowest handicap was 12. It's still a respectable 26.

When she realized that she couldn't play golf well anymore and was having difficulty breathing, Kathryn decided to be proactive about her health. Her daily dose of insulin contributed to her weight gain, which affected her golf game. After a discussion with her doctor, they decided to do lap-band surgery. That was in June, and since that time she has lost 70 pounds and is off most of her medication. The aftermath of the surgery hasn't been easy though. "It's a lifestyle change for me," she says happily knowing the good it has done. "I can eat anything I want but just not too much," she adds. "I have learned that when I'm full, I better stop eating or I'll pay the consequences." At 64 years old Kathryn says, "I feel like I've added 20 years to my life." When she puts her mind to something, she has the strength of character to follow through.

She's already feeling the effects of her weight loss on her golf game. "I swing the club better and I'm hitting the ball 25-50 yards farther now," she says with pleasure. "As I keep losing weight, I have to modify my swing. But it seems to be working for me." Kathryn hopes to get back to a 14-16 Handicap and with her motivation and willpower, there is no doubt it will happen.

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2006 AWGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

AWGA SEASON OPENER TOURNAMENT

Estrella Mountain Ranch Golf Club
February 26, 2006

AWGA WEEKEND CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Corte Bella Golf Club
March 26, 2006

STATE FOUR BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Refuge @ Lake Havasu
April 24 - 25, 2006

STATE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Alta Mesa Country Club
May 23 - 26, 2006

AWGA PARTNERS TOURNAMENT

Omni Tucson National
June 12 - 13, 2006

AWGA DAY IN HADES

The Boulders
August 7, 2006

STATE STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mesa Country Club
August 28 - 30, 2006

STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Esplendor Golf Resort @ Rio Rico
September 25 - 27, 2006

AWGA SCOTCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Trilogy Golf Club @ Vistancia
November 27 - 28, 2006

STATE MEDALLION TOURNAMENT

Site TBA
December 14, 2006

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COURSE RE-RATINGS

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 nine details.

Arthur Pack Golf Course
Forward 67.8/116

Desert Lakes Golf Course
Forward 70.7/117
Middle 75.6/134

Desert Mountain GC – Apache Course
Teal 66.4/116
Teal (left 18) 67.1/118
Red 71.5/127
Red (left 18) 72.0/129
White 75.4/143
White (left 18) .. 76.0/145

Foothills Golf Club
Silver 70.6/118
Black 74.1/131

Lake Powell National Golf Club
Rookie 61.3/108
Yellow 69.8/125
Orange 73.1/145

Painted Mountain GC
Red 65.5/103
White 68.6/113

Rio Verde Golf Club – White Wing
Gold 67.8/111
Red 70.6/117
White 74.5/126

Tucson National GC
Catalina Course
Gold 71.5/127
Catalina Course
Red 73.1/131
Sonoran Course
Gold 64.5/106
Sonoran Course
Red 67.5/119
Sonoran Course
White 71.8/131

Whisper Rock Golf Club Upper Course
Green 71.6/126
White 75.2/140

Wigwam Golf Resort
Gold Course
Red 72.3/125
Gold Course
White 78.3/139
Blue Course
Red 66.6/113
Blue Course
White 69.0/116
Red Course
Red 71.8/118
Red Course
White 75.1/126



Scotch Play Tournament

Overall Champions

Tui Selvaratnam &
Lynn Simmons

Overall Net Champions

Virginia Love & Bonnie Latham

First Flight

Donna Marden & Barb Byrnes – First Gross
Tina Huiskamp & Chris Giza – Second Gross
Sallie McCutcheon & Joanne Travis – First Net

Second Flight

Judy Browning & Diane Klein – First Gross
Marlu Allen & Carol Ann Friedl – Second Gross
Kay Daley & Ginny Hoster – First Net
Shirley McClure & Trish Henry – Second Net

Third Flight

Sheryl Maitland & Linda Stewart – First Gross
Rosemary Beale & Sandy Ankeney – Second Gross
Rebecca Crisp & Barb Schutz – First Net
Karen Stensrud & Sherol Erb – Second Net

Fourth Flight

Sue Hyllested & Anita Petrini – First Gross
Katherine Olson & Jane Ross – Second Gross
Lynda Oliver & Chris Middendorf – First Net
Anna Cain & Kathy Ehrlich – Second Net

Fifth Flight

Bruna Vitale & Maryann Fleharty – First Gross
Janet Wietersen & Bonnie Stoekel – Second Gross
Kathryn Ridlehoover & Eila Sallaberry – First Net
Kay Anderson & Jeanne Sawford – Second Net

Sixth Flight

Dona Conzelman & Alice Land – First Gross
Dot Forshee & Shirley Shortlidge – Second Gross
Sharon Wilson & Carol Hisey – First Net
Martie Focht & Joann Walker – Second Net

DEE HORNBAKE IS INDUCTED INTO THE ARIZONA GOLF HALL OF FAME

By now many of you know that one of our most active and long-time members, Dee Hornbake, was inducted into the Arizona Golf Hall of Fame. Dee was not only surprised by the honor but was modestly excited by the evening event on November 21, 2005.

"The induction was awesome," Dee commented. "So many of my friends I have made over the years were there and all of my family." One close friend for many years and current Pro on the Champions Tour, Dale Douglass, has a long history with Dee. They learned to play golf at the same 9-hole course in Fort Morgan, CO in the 1950s. In 1960 he joined the PGA tour and won the Phoenix Open in 1970. He was Dee's Pro in the Pro Am Tournament. She was delighted to discover that he would be participating in the induction ceremony by reading her biography. "These past few weeks have been so incredible," she says still amazed with all the attention. One friend called to tell her to search her name in Google to see what would come up. She did and as she says, "I was shocked!"

Everyone has their moment of fame and with the news spreading faster than ever over the worldwide internet Dee has found herself immersed in the accolades she so well deserves. Congratulations, Dee, from all of your friends at the AWGA.

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND RECOGNITION DINNER

It's time to catch up with old friends, learn about the progress of our past year, and celebrate with those players being recognized. Everyone's invited so gather up your club members and send in your reservations. The date is Wednesday, January 25th at the beautiful Phoenix Country Club. The event begins with our business meeting followed by our customary no-host cocktail party and dinner. The 2005 AWGA Awards will be presented after our meal. It's the perfect time to congratulate those who have excelled during this past year as champions. For more details or to complete a Registration Form, visit our website at www.awga.org. Meet our newest staff members and let our newly elected and returning Board members know what's important to you. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

AWGA REP MEETINGS ON FEBRUARY'S CALENDAR

February 15, 2006 – Central Region

February 22, 2006 – Southern Region

Whether you're a new representative or a returning one, the annual AWGA Rep meeting is the one time of the year when you can learn about newly introduced programs, ask those questions that have been burning inside just waiting for the right opportunity to come up, or refresh yourself on the responsibilities of being a liaison between your club members and the AWGA. It's a shared experience with others who hold the same position in their club. Take part in a brainstorming session which always produces ways to make your job easier and fresh ideas for club participation. The day promises to help you become more successful as an AWGA rep. So circle the date of February 15th for Central Region and February 22nd in Southern Region. Suggestions for locations, particularly in Southern, are welcomed. Registration forms are available online so sign up now and enjoy a day of learning, sharing, and fun with women who share your passion for golf.

DON'T FORGET TO EAT

Sometimes in our busy schedules, whether it's at work or on the golf course, we "forget" or choose not to eat lunch. This can result in both a shorter attention span and inadequate energy for your daily activities. So, if you're playing a round of golf, be sure to eat some snacks along the way.

A recent study revealed that hypoglycemia, a low blood sugar condition that can develop when a person doesn't eat enough, contributes to not only lower stamina but also weaker mental power. In the study, people experiencing hypoglycemia processed information more slowly than they did when their blood sugar levels were normal. That lack of focus could mean the difference between a birdie putt and a bogey putt. Eating just a small amount of food can reverse hypoglycemia. So don't forget to eat along the way, especially as the temperatures get colder and we are expending more energy to stay warm!

(Information provided by www.realage.com. Sign up for your free tips on health and nutrition today.)

LPGA SAFEWAY INTERNATIONAL NEEDS YOU!

Are you interested in volunteering in the Media Tent at the LPGA Safeway International event at Superstition Mountain? It houses the LPGA staff, scoring center and work space for all the media covering the event. The tent is located by the water next to the 18th green – can't beat that for location, location, location. And you may be lucky enough to have front row seats as the pro golfers are being interviewed in press conferences for both local and national media. Every year we let our members know the volunteer opportunities and this is one of the more exciting ones available.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday 3/13/2006 through Sunday 3/19/2006. We are trying to fill spaces for two shifts per day (7-1 and 1-7) but they will work with you to be more flexible. Individual or multiple days are fine.

Duties may include:

- Registering the media and checking credentials
- Clipping and pasting articles in books and on daily boards
- Answering the phone (training will be provided)
- Distributing, copying, or faxing documents
- Making coffee and keeping the area tidy
- Some transporting of media or pros

Benefits include: a Shirt, Tickets to the event, Free Food, an incredible view of the course, the opportunity for future leadership position in the event, if desired, and volunteering at a fun event that contributes to local charities

If you are interested in being part of this exciting event, please contact Alice Scott at alice@buttheadcovers.com.

QUILT RAFFLE FOR JUNIOR GIRLS GOLF

The new year has arrived and it will soon be time for the Junior Girls Americas Cup in July. We are still trying to reach our goal of \$45,000 in donations to help fund the event.

Mardel Allen has graciously donated a hand-made designer lap quilt to raffle with the proceeds going to the Junior Girls Americas Cup. The quilt is approximately 3' X 4' and has a woman golfer in the center. It can be used as a beautiful wall hanging or as a small throw. Tickets are \$1.00 each: 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00. We will be selling the tickets at all of our tournaments, Golfest, the Phoenix Golf Show, and many other venues. The raffle date has not been determined yet but we will let you know through our newsletter and on our website when to expect the drawing. You can see a photo of the quilt by visiting our website at www.awga.org.

GIRLS JUNIOR AMERICAS CUP DONATIONS

\$45,000

\$25,995	Nov. 2005
\$18,849	Oct. 2005
\$18,429	Sept. 2005
\$18,007	Aug. 2005
\$17,447	June 2005
\$15,897	May 2005
\$9,517	Dec. 2004

Spotlight, continued...

Friends are a very important part of Kathryn's life and she has made many close friends through golf. One long-time friend in Georgia is more like her sister and they make time to play together at least twice a year. "Since I am an only child, friends are even more important to me," she says. "I enjoy being with people and playing golf is a great way to get together," she adds.

She originally met one woman in Sierra Vista whose husband was in the military. When Kathryn moved back to Georgia, she ran into her again and discovered her husband was now transferred there. To make the story even more coincidental, when they retired Kathryn moved to Sierra Vista and the friend moved to Tucson. They remained very good friends and partner in many tournaments. When Kathryn needs a place to spend the night after coming back from Phoenix meetings or tournaments her friend's home in Tucson is always open. Yes, some friendships are meant to be.

So what else does Kathryn enjoy besides golf? She is a woman of many talents. She writes poetry and children's stories. She has one book published titled "Grits and Country Ham" that is loaded with poems and recipes. It has tidbits about unusual foods that she mentions in the poems. "Did you know that kudzu can be used to help alcoholics?" she says with a smile knowing I never heard of kudzu or what its curative qualities are. I found out later that it primarily grows in the deep south, which is why it never appeared on my table as a youngster! As she described the contents of her book, she became animated and excited to share some of its snippets. As often as I eat tomatoes I didn't know that southern Europeans used them as an aphrodisiac! What other things could one learn from her interesting compilation of facts? Her book is fun to read and filled with down home recipes and related bits of information.

Kathryn is also spearheading a project at her church for a fundraiser. She is instrumental in both the creating and the formatting of a cookbook. "I'm the only one who is familiar with the technical side of preparing a book so I volunteered to set it up," she says. "It's been fun to do and keeps me busy when I'm not golfing." She also plays duplicate bridge and mahjong with friends in the area.

Her family is a vital part of her life and Kathryn eagerly talks about her two daughters, one in Baltimore and one in Augusta. Although they are both grown and mothers to their own children, Kathryn still brags about her youngest daughter's natural talent for golf. "She was a junior golf champion," Kathryn says. Just like mom, she is also a teacher and plays golf with mom when they are together. Kathryn's

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CONGRATULATIONS

To The Following Ladies on Their HOLES IN ONE!!

Carolyn Terwilliger	05/03/05	Rio Verde Country Club WGA
Judi Karnes	05/06/05	Rio Verde Country Club WGA
Barbara Hall	10/07/05	CC of Green Valley Women
Jean Hickey	10/26/05	Sunbird Womens 9
Jacque Twitty	10/29/05	Ventana Canyon GC Women
Carmen Higashi	11/01/05	Sun City West Trial Ridge Ladies
Marsha Ritt	11/03/05	Rio Verde Country Club WGA
Jeanne Lucas	11/05/05	Apache Wells CC WGA
Isabella Sockrider	11/08/05	Payson Golf Club WGA
Dianne Luckett	11/08/05	Granite Falls Ladies 18
Linda DeWitt	11/08/05	Mountainview Women's Association
Pam Upayokin	11/10/05	Sundance Women's Golf Club
Laura Johnson	11/15/05	Antelope Hills WGA Niners
Natalie Kirkham	11/15/05	Wickenburg Country Club WGA
Barbara Cooper	11/15/05	Wickenburg Country Club WGA
Betty Desrochers	11/20/05	Sun Lakes Country Club WGA
Christine Schwentick	11/21/05	TPC of Scottsdale WGA
Barbara Rice	11/23/05	Prescott Lakes Women's Golf Assoc.
Lois Daeschler	11/24/05	Canoa Hills WGA
Jonette Wylie	11/26/05	Pebblecreek LGA

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.



THE PHOENIX GOLF EXPO IS COMING SOON!

Find out about the most advanced equipment for sale, hear famous instructors, and check out the newest gadgets on the market at the **Phoenix Golf Expo on January 13th, 14th, and 15th at the Arizona State Fairgrounds**. The AWGA will be sponsoring a booth to give information to prospective members and to offer our new Individual Membership to those who cannot join a women's club at a course. If you would like to help us out as a volunteer at the booth, please contact Jody at (602) 253-5655 or you can e-mail her at jody@awga.org to let her know which day you are available. We also have a limited number of tickets **that will give you \$2.00 off the regular \$5.00 admission fee to the Expo** for those who would like to meander around the show area and visit the many vendors and organizations that will be represented – first come, first served. You can pick up your tickets at our office or you can call or e-mail the office.

RULES TIP: UNPLAYABLE BALL

When you hit into a terrible lie from which you cannot make a stroke, what are your options? Knowing them may save you a stroke or two.

A player may declare his ball unplayable at any place on the course except when it lies in a water hazard (in that case, water hazard relief is available). If you do declare the ball unplayable, *under penalty of one stroke*, you may:

1. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played ("stroke and distance"), or
2. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay unplayable, but not nearer the hole (note this is *not* two club-lengths from a nearby point of relief, the edge of the bush, the margin of the woods, etc.), or
3. Drop a ball behind where the ball lay unplayable, keeping that point directly between the hole and where you drop (you may go back as far as you wish along that line).

If the ball is unplayable in a bunker, under options 2 and 3, you must drop in the bunker within two club-lengths or on a line behind the ball. The only way to drop outside the bunker is, if the previous stroke was played from outside the bunker, to choose the stroke and distance option.

Notice that the Rule says "a ball," which means another ball (other than the original) may be substituted.

When option 1 is chosen, if stroke and distance is back to the tee, the ball may be teed anywhere within the teeing ground. If it is back to a spot through the green or in a hazard, the ball must be dropped. If it is back to the putting green, the ball must be placed. Have you ever hit a putt into an unplayable lie? You might consider declaring a ball unplayable after you have missed a short, makeable downhill putt that rolls thirty feet on a slick green. Making the second try is the same as two-putting from those thirty feet!

Warren Simmons, warnsimmn@aol.com

Spotlight, continued...

oldest daughter played softball in college (also one of Kathryn's loves) and is a mechanical engineer in the midst of changing careers to become a physician's assistant. Kathryn has four grandchildren, two in Baltimore and two in Augusta who, as she says, "are all brilliant." She travels often to visit them and affectionately says, "If I didn't have the best husband in the world, I wouldn't be able to do all the things I do."

Asked about her most memorable experience in golf, she says, "It would have to

be playing Augusta National in 1993." She continues with delight, "The father of a friend of mine is a member there and I was invited as their guest. "It was a whole day affair," she says. "We played the par 3 course, ate lunch, then played the championship course. It was a real thrill and a day that I'll always remember."

The AWGA is grateful to Kathryn for all of her contributions to the organization and to women's golf. She has been a spark of creativity, leadership, and dedication that will be missed as she goes off the Board next year. Thank you, Kathryn, for being part of our team. We hope to keep you active and involved for many years to come.

(*Editor's Note: You can purchase Kathryn's book for \$3.00 by e-mailing her at gacracker@cox.net. It'll be the best \$3.00 you've spent in a long time.*)

BREAK THRU GOLF™

OFFERS PROGRAMS TO PUT FUN BACK INTO THE GAME OF GOLF WHILE TEACHING YOU TO PLAY YOUR BEST

As AWGA members, we are often offered deals for programs that are hard to beat. BREAK THRU GOLF™ is one of them. This new two, two-day weekends program offered by Chuck Hogan guarantees that you will never be confused or frustrated by the game again! The instructors promise that you will find golf to be simple and rewarding for as long as you play the game. You get what you want from the program or your money back—no questions asked—no matter what level of experience player you are! It doesn't get much better than that. The full price for the four-day workshop is \$415 but AWGA members receive a 10% discount making your cost **\$373.50** for 4 days of instruction beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at 5:00 PM each day.

The sessions are January 28th and 29th and February 11th and 12th. It's being held at the Fiesta Inn at 2100 South Priest Dr. in Tempe. Contact John Gunby at (602) 628-4243 or gunnergolf@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up for the program. Include the session number (#402) in your e-mail.

2006 OFFICERS ELECTED TO AWGA BOARD

The newly elected officers for the AWGA are:
Betsy Paul, President, Moon Valley CC
Chris Giza, Vice President, Dobson Ranch GC
Barbara Byrnes, Treasurer, Red Mountain Ranch GC
Rosemary Beale, Secretary, Moon Valley CC

Their combined experience represents thirteen years of service to the AWGA Board of Directors. As officers of the AWGA, they comprise the Executive Committee who, along with the remainder of the Board, are responsible for the overall policies and procedures set for the organization.

The complete roster of the Board and their respective responsibilities include Katherine Olson, Immediate Past president, Dobson Ranch Golf Club; Sandy Jacobson, Tournaments, Starr Pass country Club; Linda Dalsin, Rules, Aspen Valley Country Club; Barbara Simmons, Arizona Country Club, Course Rating; Norma Scuri, Antelope Hills Golf Club, Membership; and Kathy Ehrlich, Silverleaf Golf Club, Sponsorship.

THINK GOOD THOUGHTS

Always bear in mind that our own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing.

Abraham Lincoln, 16th President

WEEKEND CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

March 26, 2006

OPENING DATE: January 30, 2006

CLOSING DATE: March 16, 2006

NO ENTRIES WITH A POSTMARK DATE PRIOR TO THE OPENING DATE.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PLAYER _____ TELEPHONE _____ AWGA# _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY/ST/ZIP _____
CLUB REPRESENTED _____ Email Address _____

I have read and agree to abide by the Updated 2004 Conditions for AWGA Competitions as published in the current AWGA Directory and at www.awga.org

SIGNATURE _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for **\$90.00** per person payable to AWGA. **One entry per envelope .**
Mail entry and fee to: **Arizona Women's Golf Association 141 E. Palm Lane, Suite #210, Phoenix, AZ 85004**
(Maximum Handicap Index: 30.0)

Check here if you are between and including the ages of 14-17 _____

Past Board Member? _____ Year _____

2004 or 2005 Overall Gross or Net Winner? _____



WEEKEND CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

CorteBella Golf Club

March 26, 2006

(623) 556-8951

Spend the day at Corte Bella. The surroundings are beautiful and there is plenty to do before and after the tournament. Their management is offering AWGA tournament players a 20% discount on Saturday and Sunday on their spa services. Call 623-328-5504 to make your appointment. Start your day with a massage or a facial and let the staff cater to your every need. The restaurant is not only first-class in its food and presentation, but also offers impeccable service.

Corte Bella has a wide practice facility, 18 putting holes for practice, and two comfort stations on the #6 and #14 holes. And that's just the extras. The course provides a classic layout with wide, generous fairways surrounded

by red granite rocks and scenery that will help to make this golf tournament an experience you'll remember. With a mountain backdrop and tall pines, lush cypress and flowers that adorn the perimeter, you won't even notice the 50 bunkers carefully blended along the fairways! The well-defended, undulating greens add an extra bit of challenge along with three holes where water comes into play. Although the course has no blind shots, target greens, or desert brush to navigate, don't think of it as easy. Their #14 par 4 is their signature hole with a fountain spilling over into a large lake on the right side of the fairway and several bunkers along the left. There is sloping ground surrounding the green and if you miss to the left, the upslope will make it a tough chip to the green.

Greg Nash designed Corte Bella to blend challenge, playability and visual appeal making it a premier course offering both enjoyment and competition. Come see for yourself and pamper yourself at their exquisite spa.



ASK THE COACH:

Marc Chandonnet

Women's Golf Coach – Grand Canyon University
mrc@chandon.net

The Dreaded Bunker shot:

Make your trip too the beach a short one! The sand trap shot should not be feared. Practice these tips and you should start to see more consistent results out of the bunker.

1. Take a fairly wide stance with some knee flex.
2. The ball should be positioned well forward in your stance, just off the instep of your front foot.
3. Work your feet into the sand a little to solidify your stance and to get a feel for the softness or hardness of the sand.
4. Your stance and clubface should be slightly open. Remember, when you open your clubface, open the clubface first, and then take your grip.

Now that we have covered the setup here is a drill that will help you develop into the bunker player your friends will be envious of. The best drill I have seen for learning how to control where your club enters the sand is to practice using a line drawn in the sand. Before you hit any practice shots draw a straight line in the sand about 6 feet long. Then practice by hitting the line (without a ball) and you will be able to see where your club is entering the sand. When you have learned to hit the line every time, put a ball in front of the line and keep practicing. Focus on hitting the line and not on hitting the ball and you will find that the cushion of sand will carry the ball out with ease.

Ooops...

Sorry these results were left out last issue!

2005 State Seniors Championship

Masters

Division Winner	Shirley Shortlidge	308
1 st Gross	Vash Matlon	313
2 nd Gross ...	Betty Shafer	318
1 st Net	Dorothy Boyle	222
2 nd Net	Margie Bonini	233

Special Awards

Legends Gross Champion	Mary Hines	297
Legends Net Champion	Dot Forshee	218

Minnie Lemons Plaque

Cheryl Shepard

Antelope Hills
Mo Cruickshank Memorial Award
Barb Simmons & Betsy Bro, Forest Highlands

Mary Lou Sauer Memorial Trophy

Cheryl Shepard & Margie Bonini, Antelope Hills

AWGA SEASON OPENER

February 26, 2006

OPENING DATE: January 2, 2006

CLOSING DATE: February 16, 2006

NO ENTRIES WITH A POSTMARK DATE PRIOR TO THE OPENING DATE.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PLAYER _____ TELEPHONE _____ AWGA# _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY/ST/ZIP _____
CLUB REPRESENTED _____ Email Address _____

I have read and agree to abide by the Updated 2004 Conditions for AWGA Competitions as published in the current AWGA Directory and at www.awga.org

SIGNATURE _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for **\$90.00** per person payable to AWGA. **One entry per envelope .**
Mail entry and fee to: **Arizona Women's Golf Association 141 E. Palm Lane, Suite #210, Phoenix, AZ 85004**
(Maximum Handicap Index: 30.0)

Check here if you are between and including the ages of 14-17 _____
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AWGA SEASON OPENER

Estrella Mountain Ranch Golf Club

February 26, 2006

(623) 932-3714

The AWGA begins its 2006 tournament year with an exciting one day competition on Sunday, February 26th. The Season Opener will be held at the beautiful Jack Nicklaus II designed course, Estrella Mountain Ranch in

Goodyear, rated by Golf Magazine and Golfweek as one of the top public courses in the U.S. Challenges for experienced and novice players abound, with holes that play over natural desert and wash areas and 90 bunkers to make you plan ahead for each shot. Views are spectacular. The Bermuda fairways roll about the natural desert topography, while elevated tees offer an unrestricted view of the majestic Sierra Estrella Mountains. The greens of dwarf tiff grass will keep all on their toes.

The signature hole is #17, a 157 yard par 3, which sits in the shadow of the Sierra Estrellas. The green is large, but an accurate tee shot is necessary to avoid bunkers on the left and mountains to the right.

The course is located 18 miles west of Phoenix. From Phoenix, take I-10 traveling west to Estrella Parkway. Then head south for six miles on Estrella Parkway to Estrella Mountain development and follow signs from there.

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