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## GOLF INDUSTRY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

By Mary Ann Souter



On Wednesday, March 18th, Sarah Glover, Executive Director of the Golf Industry Association, stood ready to give all participants their assignments at the annual Golf Industry Day at the Capitol. About a dozen members of the association gathered to meet with our Arizona legislators to promote golf and inform them about the financial and environmental impact of the golf industry upon our state's economy. Sarah had pre-set appointments with many of our representatives and senators who were available to speak with GIA members. The message was simple: The golf industry in Arizona has an economic impact of over \$3 billion annually and golf is an effective, efficient manager of natural resources. Those two significant factors demonstrate the importance of golf to our state.

For everyone associated with the golf industry, this was an important day. With the state budget facing a dramatic shortfall of funds, our legislators are keenly aware of the impact of their choices on the lives of Arizona residents and are called to justify each dollar allocated in the state budget. Knowing the effect of golf on our state's economy can assist them in making well-informed decisions – decisions that will ultimately keep the golf industry competing for state dollars.

Senator John Huppenthal from District 20 not only understands the financial importance of the golf industry in Arizona but also values the positive effects it has on our young people. He sees the game of golf as a positive contributor to the quality of life in our communities. As an advocate for vulnerable children, he was especially complimentary about PGA member, John Gunby's programs at Shalimar Golf Course, which focus on teaching youngsters the etiquette and integrity of the game. Although the Senator is a busy man with many appointments, he graciously

gave us a generous amount of time to confirm his awareness of the importance of Arizona's golf community.

We were also able to meet with Senate President, Bob Burns, as a group. He soberly shared the latest news about upcoming legislation and his concern about our state's budget. As an avid golfer, Senator Burns understands that golf is big business in Arizona – a business that brings 4 million visitors to our state each year. Golf courses also play a positive role in our environment, both as consumers of effluent water and as champions of green space. Senator Burns respects golf's contribution to Arizona's economy.

The members of Arizona's House and Senate are hard-working, caring individuals who genuinely want to see our citizens succeed in this state. Most of them try to put politics aside for the good of all. But many times their efforts are thwarted by "the system" and its limitations. Learning about the procedures of our state government

and being able to see it in action was a revelation for many of us. Meeting with our representatives and senators is a strategy the GIA pursues each year as part of its mission to keep the benefits of golf in the forefront of their minds. Their decisions can either be beneficial to the golf industry or adversely affect it.

Although the governing body of Arizona holds a great deal of power, this event reminds us that we, as citizens, have a voice in the future of our industry as well. But we must be active participants in our government

to have our needs and concerns heard. Write a letter to your district's representative or senator to support the golf industry. Be part of a united voice – one that is influential in reminding our legislators that golf is an integral part of Arizona's economic success. As a member of a golf association, whether it be the AWGA, the AGA, the SWSPGA or the Cactus and Pine Superintendents Association, vow to get involved. Vow to make a difference. Now, more than ever, we need to band together to keep golf a viable industry in Arizona.



## THE AWGA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Our Membership Committee has been steadily growing over the past year as we are beginning and promoting even more programs for women golfers. Seeing that it is easier to recruit volunteers for activities in their own neighborhoods, we have divided the state into areas to better serve our association, our members and local women golfers.

Two areas are in need of some TLC – the Sun Lakes/South Phoenix area and the Tucson area. The primary responsibility will be to lead our Ambassador Program (beginner golf lesson sessions) and grow women's golf for the AWGA and Arizona. Call Barb Kahler, Membership Committee Chair, at (480) 981-9706 or e-mail her at [blkahler@cox.net](mailto:blkahler@cox.net) for more information.

According to an article in the March 2009 issue of Good Housekeeping magazine, "people who volunteer at two or more organizations have a 44 percent lower death rate than those who don't do any charitable work (Buck Institute for Age Research in Novato, CA)." It seems that offering your services helps to boost your antibodies! So get healthier and volunteer! You'll live longer and be a happier person. Make the AWGA one of your two organizations!

### NEW GOLF MAGAZINE FOR ARIZONA

Look for a new golf magazine at many local retail stores. AZ GOLF Alive is a bi-monthly publication with a mission of growing the game of golf in Arizona. Its first issue, March/April is now available at over 800 locations throughout the state and contains information relevant to all areas of Arizona. The full color magazine will be distributed on the 15th of every other month. Look for the May issue at a golf course, restaurant, hotel, grocery or retail store close to you.

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## 2009 GOLF CALENDAR

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION
<b>APRIL</b>		
6.....	Challenge Series .....	Superstition Course
8.....	CAGD Open.....	Palm Valley
20-21 .....	Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship.....	Yuma Golf and Country Club
<b>MAY</b>		
4-5 .....	SDWGA Spring 4-Ball .....	El Conquistador
11-12 .....	CAGD Partner .....	Wickenburg Country Club
18.....	US Women's Open Qualifier.....	Phoenix Country Club
18-21 .....	State Amateur Match Play Championship .....	Sunridge Canyon Golf Club
<b>JUNE</b>		
1.....	US Women's Am Pub-Links Qualifier .....	Papago Golf Course
1.....	NAWGA Stroke Play Championship.....	Silver Creek Golf Club
8-9 .....	CAGD Partner Tournament.....	Francisco Grande Country Club
14.....	Weekend Classic Tournament.....	Continental Country Club
<b>JULY</b>		
13.....	Day In Hades Tournament.....	The Gallery Golf Club
14.....	SDWGA Summer Scotch .....	Tucson National
16.....	US Women's AM Qualifier .....	Alta Mesa
28.....	NAWGA Seniors Championship.....	Pinewood Country Club

## LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS TO AWGA NIGHT AT CHASE FIELD!

**Diamondbacks vs. St. Louis Cardinals – Monday, April 13th**

Tickets are selling fast and our allotment won't last long! We'll be in the Club Reserve sections 202-205 & 215-218 on the Insight Diamond Level. This area features extra-wide seats with added leg room, in-seat food and drink service, access to the Lexus Club Restaurant and expanded concessions. Members from the AGA and the SWSPGA will also be attending.

**Date:** Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:40 pm

**Cost:** \$20 per ticket (Regular price \$35)

**Purchase tickets online:** [www.dbacks.com/groups](http://www.dbacks.com/groups).

**Use Login Name:** awga

**Password:** ballgame (Remember that the Login and Password are both case sensitive.)

**Payment:** Pay Online by credit card. Or download a flyer from the AWGA website and pay by a check made to "Arizona Diamondbacks" or fill in your credit card information and mail it.

**Deadline:** Tickets must be purchased by 5:00 pm on April 10, 2009

**Ticket Distribution:** Receive by mail or pick up at the Will Call Window the day of the game.

## AWGA NIGHT AT THE PHOENIX THEATRE TO SHOW "COMPANY"

For one show only, May 3rd, AWGA members can buy discounted tickets for yourself and all your guests – whoever may be good company for an evening at the theater.

Performance: Company: Musical comedy about an unmarried 35 year old man who weighs the pros and cons of being married. His married friends provide several hilarious vignettes.

Date: Sunday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm – ONE SHOW ONLY!

Deadline for Purchasing Tickets: May 1st at 4:00 pm.

Cost: AWGA members pay \$32 for each ticket. This price is all inclusive. No other taxes or fees will be added.

Members MUST buy tickets by calling Joseph Benesh at (602) 889-5283. Be sure to tell him you are an AWGA member. This price will NOT be honored by calling the Box Office.

E-mail Joseph Benesh [atm.benesh@phoenixtheatre.com](mailto:atm.benesh@phoenixtheatre.com) for more information.



## BALANCE TRAINING – GOOD FOR ANY AGE, ANY SKILL!

By Mindi Boysen, TPI Level III CGFI

What I've found that separates the good golfers from the GREAT golfers is their sense of balance. It is never too late to work on your balance! The technical term for this is spatial awareness, which means to be cognizant of where your body is in space throughout your golf swing and to be able to control your equilibrium while moving. Inadequate balance leads to inconsistency in your game.

To get a true idea of your ability to balance, take off your shoes so that you force your muscles in your toes, feet, ankles, and shins to do the work instead of relying on shoes which allow your feet to "sleep." If you find each test easy to do for approximately 20-30 seconds, then progress to the next level... if not, then stay at that level until you have mastered it consistently.

1. Two Legged Balance: Stand straight with your feet together and hands at your sides.

2. Two Legged Balance with Eyes Closed: (same as #1) and close your eyes for 20-30 seconds comfortably without swaying.

3. One Legged Balance: Stand with posture centered over one leg and lift opposite leg off floor. Knee should come to hip height forming a 90 degree angle. Do not allow legs/feet to touch each other.

4. One Legged Balance with Slow Blinks: (same as #3) adding the challenge of blinking eyes slowly to "tease" the body by not being able to focus on an object using sight for balance. First start with 1 second blinks, then progress to 2, 3, 4, 5 seconds.

5. One Legged Balance with Eyes Closed: Can you stand on one foot and close your eyes for more than 20 seconds without bobbing or moving your arms from your sides?

Balance is one of the first simple skills to leave us as we age. Why? Because we don't practice! When we stand on two feet all day and are constantly centering our gravity over both feet as we move, tiny muscles known as stabilizers in our inner and outer parts of our legs go to "sleep," just as our feet do when we wear shoes. So, standing on one leg challenges those muscles to do their part and fine tune them for sport specific moves, such as golf, AND helps to prevent injuries from falling. According to the Titleist Performance Institute (TPI), most professional golfers can stand on one foot for 30 seconds to 1 minute without a problem. Now you have something to work on! Practice a little every day to help your balance and your game!

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## COURSE RATINGS

### ARROWHEAD COUNTRY CLUB

White/Back .....	76.5/134
Turquoise/Middle.....	73.8/129
Mixed .....	72.1/127
Copper/Forward .....	70.9/125

### CANOA RANCH GOLF CLUB

Azul.....	73.9/145
Blanco .....	68.9/119
Rojo.....	65.5/108

### LAS COLINAS GOLF CLUB

Roadrunner .....	72.1/120
Quail .....	67.0/108

### LONGBOW GOLF CLUB

Regular.....	73.4/130
Forward .....	69.4/121

### TRAIL RIDGE GOLF COURSE – SUN CITY WEST

White .....	74.8/126
Red .....	70.6/117
Gold .....	70.4/116

## AWGA COURSE RATING TEAM COMES HOME WITH FIRST PLACE HONORS

Each year our Course Raters participate in a competition which includes teams representing several states around the country. This year's event was held at the Arizona Country Club on February 22nd and 23rd. There were 12 teams competing for the coveted first place designation, which denotes their unparalleled skill and judgment in rating courses. Each team actually rates holes and is graded on their performance. The AWGA team comprised of Logan Erickson, Kathy Goldman, Marta Groess and Peggy Iacobelli scored a perfect 100 on their rating!

Congratulations to our AWGA team on a great showing for our state!



## WELCOME TO MACKENSIE JIMISON

AWGA P.J. BOATWRIGHT JR. INTERN

The AWGA office has a new face and new burst of energy to assist our members and staff. Mackensie Jimison graduated from Spring Hill College in

Mobile, Alabama in May of 2

008 with a Bachelors degree in Psychology. She's been an avid golfer since she was a young girl, playing in junior tournaments and through high school in Placerville, California where she grew up. She continued on the college golf team at Spring Hill.

"I think it's great to promote women's golf and I love being part of this association and getting more women involved," Mackensie says enthusiastically. She has a passion for golf and hopes this internship will lead to a career in the golf industry. She's already been a valuable assistant to all of the office staff and offers her support with a smile! Welcome, Mackensie! We're glad to have you on board!

## THINK GOOD THOUGHTS

*Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.*

~Marion C. Garretty

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

## RULES TIP:



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## SOME BUNKER RULES

A lot of different rules can come into play in a bunker. We will go over some this month and some more next month.

If your ball is buried, you may probe the sand and move loose impediments (pebbles, leaves, etc.) until a sufficient portion of the ball is visible to play a shot. If too much sand is removed, the ball must be covered up until only part of the ball is visible. (Rule 12-1) Reminder: Rule 12-1 also states you aren't entitled to see your ball when making a stroke.

If you play a wrong ball from a bunker, you lose the hole in match play or incur a two-shot penalty in stroke play (Rule 15-3)

If your ball moves as a result of shifting sand caused by taking a stance, add a penalty stroke and replace the ball (Rule 18-2a)



# PGA PLAY GOLF AMERICA DAYS

- FREE & FUN
- Free Clinics and Lessons from PGA Professionals
- Special Events
- Get Golf Ready Clinics for New Golfers
- Family/Kids Programs
- Demo Equipment
- Free Golf Gifts
- Great for New, Casual & Avid Golfers!



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PGA Play Golf America Day  
Sunday May 3, 2009  
McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
8 AM to 1 PM

## PLAY GOLF AMERICA DAY AT MCCORMICK RANCH

Come out to McCormick Ranch Golf Club on Sunday, May 3rd for this fun-filled day of free golf activities. From 8:00 am until 1:00 pm, golf professionals from all over the state will be on-site to give free clinics, demonstrations and lessons to help you with your game. There will also be many vendors exhibiting their newest equipment from drivers to putters, allowing you to try their most advanced high-tech golf clubs. There are family/kids programs, golf gifts, and Golf Ready Clinics for new golfers.

Mark your calendar now and spend Sunday morning, May 3rd, at McCormick Ranch to sharpen your game with some tips from local golf teaching professionals. The AWGA will have a booth on the grounds to distribute information to women golfers who may not be members so bring your friends and neighbors to this fun event. Whether you're an avid golfer or a casual or new golfer, there's something for you! Go to [www.PlayGolfAmerica.com](http://www.PlayGolfAmerica.com) to pre-register for special events and prizes.

## FORGED OR CAST – IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

You may have heard golfers talk about forged clubs and cast clubs. Irons are made from metal, silver in color, and resemble a common shape. So what is the difference?

Most iron golf club heads today are cast. This refers to the process of manufacturing using a mold and was put into practice in the 1970's. Very simply, think of a brick that is hollowed out in the shape of a club head. In the casting process a hot molten metal is poured into the hollowed out area and allowed to cool. When the mold is removed the club head that was created by the cooled metal drops out. This rough unfinished club head is then put in a tumbler to remove excess metal splinters and sanded to a satin or high polish finish.

Forging an iron is done much the same as a blacksmith creates a horse shoe. A softer metal in the shape of a cigar is heated and then mechanically pressed or stamped into the rough shape of a head. The head is then pounded by hand with a hammer to refine the shape. Again excess metal is removed and the head is polished. Finally, chrome is applied to achieve the desired finish.

Both methods of manufacturing produce great clubs. In general, blades are forged and cavity backs are either cast or forged. For most golfers, playability is more related to design than the metal used in creating the head. Choose the head that works best for your game so you can play better golf!

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## SADDLEBROOKE LADY NINER'S RAISE OVER \$10,000 FOR RALLY FOR THE CURE!

The Lady Niners awoke the morning of the Rally for the Cure to a white winter land. The landscape was beautiful but not conducive for golf unless one felt like playing in one big bunker using bright pink golf balls. However, the Niners are a resilient group of women who gathered at the clubhouse for lunch in a festive, party mood.

The clubhouse was wonderfully decorated thanks to the tremendous efforts of Pat Avery and Michael Bennett. The Rally for the Cure Headquarters provided us with wonderful prizes, Adam's 3-woods, pink golf balls, and entries into a national drawing for tremendous prizes. Included in the day's events were a raffle, a Memorial Tree decorated with the names of women and men who individuals chose to honor, and an auction. The honoring of our Niners' breast cancer survivors brought tears to many eyes.

Thanks to all who participated and for the generosity of so many individuals, groups, and businesses who made donations for the raffle baskets, auction items and hole sponsorships. Because of their support, the Lady Niners were able to make a donation to Rally for the Cure of \$10,332.20!

## 3RD ANNUAL CANCER TOURNAMENT HELD AT CANOA HILLS GC

On January 29, 2009, the Canoa Hills WGA and San Ignacio LGA hosted their 3rd Annual charity tournament to benefit cancer research. 132 golfers participated in the event which raised \$8,565 for the Arizona Cancer Center for Cancer Research. The 2010 tournament will be held at San Ignacio Golf Course and their hope is to raise even more for this worthy cause.

## MESA COUNTRY CLUB CELEBRATES 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SWEET SWINGER INVITATIONAL

In 1979, Revy Neely and Leila Turner ( past AWGA State Seniors Champion, Scotch Play Champion, and State Amateur Match Play Champion) started a tournament at Mesa Country Club which has since become



one of the most popular events of the year. Each year the tournament reaches its full field of 192 players with women coming from all over the United States. This year 12 states were represented as well as Canada. Relatives and friends of women in the Mesa Country Club WGA

eagerly wait for this tournament each March. It is "By Invitation Only" but you can be one of the lucky participants by calling and asking to be on their list for next year.

Lilly Deyden, Chairman of the tournament, did an amazing job organizing the event and enlisting volunteers from their WGA. "I've been truly touched by the outpouring of help from all parts of our organization," she said. "Thank you is hardly enough." But Lilly received her thanks in an even more exciting way than knowing the tournament was a huge success. Lilly shot a hole-in-one and won the First Flight with her partner, Pam Goodey from Oklahoma! Another player, April Riggins from Encanto, also shot a hole-in-one during the tournament.

The photo from the event is Revy Neely, Lilly Deyden and Dale Tomlinson who is a low handicap player from South Africa currently living part-time here and part-time in Canada.

## REGISTER NOW FOR THE ANNUAL LADY BUG TOURNAMENT

Each year for the past 23 years a committee of 20 women prepare for one of the most welcoming and enjoyable tournaments in the Valley. This year the Lady Bug Tournament will be held at Gainey Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale on Monday, May 4th.

The committee, headed by Ellie Johnson, is expecting a full field of 128 players. Realizing the state of the economy, they reduced the fee to \$180 this year. As Evie Hill said, "The charities still need help and the more participants we have, the more we can donate." She continued, "Last year we raised about \$30,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Scottsdale and Stepping Stone Foundation. We hope to match that amount this year."

Players will begin at 7:30 am with a shotgun start followed by lunch, awards and an abundance of fantastic prizes for lucky winners. Although the format is a foursome, individuals are invited to register. The only qualification is that all players must have a handicap. There is no handicap minimum or maximum.

Call Joyce Seiferth at (602) 954-5686 to register. The deadline date is Friday, May 1st. Many women have played in the Lady Bug Tournament for over 20 years. That, in itself, says this event is a season must! See for yourself by registering for this fun tournament today! You'll not only have a great time but you'll also be helping two highly regarded local charities.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To The Following Ladies on Their HOLES-IN-ONE!!!



12/9/08.....	Darrell Bakeman.....	El Conquistador CC Women
12/30/08.....	Alice Patton .....	Sun City West - Echo Mesa Women
1/03/09.....	Rosa Castillo-Fowler .....	Tonto Verde WGA
1/06/09.....	Dorthey Spurek.....	Great Eagle Golf Club Women
1/08/09.....	Wally Grant .....	Las Colinas WGA
1/08/09.....	Carrie Unger.....	Seville Women's Golf Club
1/12/09.....	Norma Elser.....	Gold Canyon WGA
1/13/09.....	Ricki Packingham.....	Sun City West - Stardust Ladies
1/13/09.....	Denise Di'Domenico.....	Sun Lakes CC WGA
1/13/09.....	Jan Boggs.....	Wigwam Ladies
1/14/09.....	Eva Hatch.....	Desert Hills WGA
1/16/09.....	Jan Lents .....	Tonto Verde WGA
1/17/09.....	Davie Schonewald.....	Heritage Highlands Women 18
1/18/09.....	Judy Meiner.....	Rolling Hills Women (Tucson)
1/18/09.....	Joann Hoffine .....	Desert Hills WGA
1/20/09.....	Mary Ann Tatum .....	Heritage Highlands Women 18
1/20/09.....	Eithel Donoghue .....	Sunbird Womens 18
1/20/09.....	Cherri Baxter .....	Pebblecreek LGA
1/20/09.....	Lalah True .....	Sun City West - Stardust Ladies
1/20/09.....	Cherri Baxter .....	Pebblecreek LGA
1/23/09.....	Diana Bolt .....	Tatum Ranch WGA
1/26/09.....	Judy Jewell .....	Sun City Lakes West Women
1/27/09.....	Shirley Cooper.....	Pueblo El Mirage Womens Assn
1/27/09.....	Sue Herndon.....	Tonto Verde WGA
1/30/09.....	Colleen Weule.....	Desert Hills WGA
1/30/09.....	Gloria Slack .....	Palo Verde CC WGA
1/31/09.....	Sandy Mayhew.....	White Mountain CC WGA
2/01/09.....	Margaret Paton.....	Lakes & Vistas WGA
2/03/09.....	Jean Georg.....	Great Eagle Golf Club Women
2/03/09.....	Peg Wells .....	Saddlebrooke WGA
2/05/09.....	Julie Schneider .....	Ironwood Golf Club WGA
2/05/09.....	Lynn Kolstad .....	Encanto Women's
2/06/09.....	B.J. Schuller .....	Oakwood CC WGA
2/06/09.....	Elsa Mandy.....	Rio Verde CC WGA
2/06/09.....	Barbara Frislie.....	El Conquistador CC Women
2/07/09.....	Sharon Graham.....	WWGA
2/07/09.....	Ingrid Sigovich.....	Pebblecreek LGA
2/11/09.....	Alice Nelson.....	Fountain of the Sun WGA
2/12/09.....	Nolie Howard.....	Las Colinas WGA
2/13/09.....	Lorraine Malloy .....	Palmbrook CC Ladies
2/15/09.....	Sherry Ames.....	Arizona Sunset WGA
2/17/09.....	Barbara Graves.....	Ahwatukee CC WGA
2/20/09.....	Irma Spade .....	Heritage Highlands Women 18
2/21/09.....	Ginger Pence .....	Desert Hills WGA
2/22/09.....	Laverne McKague.....	Coyote Run WGA @ Leisure World
2/23/09.....	Kathy Petersen.....	Canoa Ranch WGA
2/23/09.....	Shirley Rimmell.....	Fred Enke Women's Golf Assn.
2/24/09.....	Ardis Vandenbos.....	Coyote Run WGA @ Leisure World
2/25/09.....	Jeanne Lentz.....	Fred Enke Women's Golf Assn
2/27/09.....	Rita Weihe.....	Pueblo El Mirage Womens Assn
3/03/09.....	Anne Connelly.....	Beaver Creek Golf Resort WGA
3/03/09.....	Lois Stiteley.....	Sun City West - Echo Mesa Women
3/04/09.....	Sharon English .....	Quail Creek Country Club WGA
3/05/09.....	April Riggins .....	Encanto Women's
3/05/09.....	Lilly Deyden.....	Mesa Country Club WGA
3/05/09.....	Bonnie Baker.....	Mountain Shadows Women I
3/06/09.....	Sally Nielson .....	Pebblecreek LGA
3/06/09.....	Betty Fetzer.....	Pebblecreek LGA
3/06/09.....	Cindy Burkhardt.....	Legend Trail Women
3/08/09.....	Janet Chidester.....	Palo Verde CC WGA
3/09/09.....	Jody Epperson-Hikes.....	Desert Mountain WGA
3/10/09.....	Kate Harris.....	Willowbrook WGA
3/12/09.....	Loella Speer.....	CC of Green Valley Women
3/12/09.....	Jean Georg.....	Great Eagle Golf Club Women
3/12/09.....	Nancy Segee.....	Rio Verde CC WGA
3/12/09.....	Helen Grassbaugh .....	Cave Creek Women
3/12/09.....	Eva C. Gunnoe.....	Cottonwood CC WGA
3/12/09.....	Judy Boyle.....	Pueblo El Mirage Womens Assn
3/15/09.....	Sherry Fickes.....	Pueblo El Mirage Womens Assn
3/17/09.....	Retha Chappellear.....	Sun City West - Echo Mesa Women

Reminder, 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.

Welcome to the NEW AWGA Member Club:

Quail Creek Golf Club LGA



## SUNRIDGE CANYON TO HOST MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

SunRidge Canyon Golf Club, nestled in the valley around Fountain Hills, will be hosting the AWGA State Match Play Championship on May 18-21. With views of the McDowell Mountains to the north, the Mazatzal Mountains to the northeast, the majestic Four Peaks to the east and the Superstitions to the southeast, it will be hard to concentrate on the golf game at hand. Although it's a must for the players to focus on their games, those that decide to come to watch the tournament will be amazed with the beauty of their surroundings. Golf World magazine readers selected SunRidge Canyon as #26 of the top 50 public courses in the country to play and the consensus is that this course definitely lives up to that distinction.



So whether you're a championship player or an observer there to root for your favorite golfer, come out to SunRidge Canyon in May. The charm of their Spanish hacienda flavored clubhouse, full-service golf shop and large dining area, indoor and outdoor on the patio offers a most enjoyable experience. The spectacular environment coupled with the caliber of players in this event makes it a must-see among AWGA tournaments.

### LPGA LEGEND, KATHY WHITWORTH, HOLDS CLINIC FOR RIO VERDE CC MEMBERS

On Thursday, March 5th, prior to the start of the 7th Duramed Collegiate Invitational at Rio Verde Country Club, LPGA Hall of Famer, Kathy Whitworth held a clinic for nearly 200 members of Rio Verde Country Club. Whitworth, all-time leader in professional golf tour victories, showed her skill on the practice range as she demonstrated hitting every club in the bag.

Rio Verde's WGA took an active role in volunteering with Helen Quigley coordinating the housing for all 125 golfers, coaches and team staff. Lucy Lucas, President of the Rio Verde CC WGA, and six WGA neighbors hosted the team from Missouri State University which included a player from Thailand and one from England. They provided sleeping accommodations and meals for the team, parents and host families and were rewarded with interesting interactions and conversations with the players. Many of the women volunteered all three days as scorers on the course and staffing a hospitality table. The Rio Verde WGA also donated funds to purchase the trophies and snacks and water for the girls on the course.

"The Duramed Collegiate Invitational at Rio Verde, hosted by Western Michigan University, is truly a unique and special experience for the teams and our members," Lucy says. "It's a fabulous event that promotes women's golf and is a great showcase for the state of Arizona. We're already looking forward to next year's event and invite all our AWGA friends to come out and watch these talented collegiate players."

### STATE AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sun Ridge Canyon Golf Club

May 18 – 21, 2009

Entry Opens - April 6, 2009

Maximum Handicap Index - 30.0

Entry Fee - \$155

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