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2012 Weekend Classic  
Overall Champion Mari Miezwa

## 2012 Weekend Classic - Los Caballeros Golf Club Mari Miezwa wins the 2012 Weekend Classic

By Mary Ann Souter

This isn't a first win for Mari but it is definitely a sweet one. Mari is a past AWGA Champion having won the Day in Hades in 2008, and both the 2010 Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship and this year's Season Opener with Tui Selvaratnam, her friend and fellow competitor. But capturing the trophy for the AWGA Weekend Classic was exceptionally satisfying since the field was packed with skilled players and she hadn't practiced for awhile. "It always feels good to win," she said, "but winning while playing with such tough competitors made it even better."

Mari, a scratch golfer, is a talented player with a competitive spirit. She was introduced to the game by her dad and got her first set of clubs at the age of five. At 10 and 11, she played in 9-hole leagues with her brother. In college, soccer was her sport of choice but she still played golf for recreation. Then, in 2002, she started playing competitively in tournaments. Mari, who is originally from Minnesota, spent her first five years in Arizona as a snowbird. She began playing AWGA tournaments in 2008 when she became a permanent resident. Mari works as an employee of the Arizona Country Club.

Mari believes in the value of taking lessons to build sound fundamentals. "It's very helpful to have that watchful eye to make sure you don't get too far off track," she said. "Whenever my short game goes astray, I always go back to what my first instructor from Minnesota taught me." A Pro in Phoenix helped her develop a consistent and reliable putting routine and most recently she worked with Pam Barnett who "taught me to just swing the club and have a more care-free attitude."

This was Mari's first time playing at Los Caballeros which she said was certainly challenging. "I relied on my course management skills and playing smart," she added. She said she drove the ball well and gave herself some good chances for birdies, which definitely worked to her advantage. She ended the round with six birdies, but she humbly admitted she had a few bogeys too!

Mari has made her mark in Arizona women's golf and we are sure to see her name as a champion in the future.

## Vicky Scott – Overall Net Winner

Vicky Scott has had a remarkable start to her 2012 golf year – her first year playing in AWGA tournaments. She played in all three AWGA events to date and in addition to winning at the Weekend Classic, she has enjoyed 1st Place finishes in her flight in both the Season Opener and the Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship. She was excited about her accomplishment and is looking forward to playing in more AWGA events as her work schedule permits. Vicky has been

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## AWGA Course Rating Team Comes Out On Top

When accuracy and consistency count, our course raters are the best. Logan Erickson, Paula Page and Rosa Fowler were the team members representing Arizona at the annual Course Rating Calibration Seminar. Teams from 13 state women's golf associations attended the two day event at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club in Rancho Santa Fe, California. The seminar is designed by the USGA to fine-tune skills and to ensure that all teams calculate and evaluate courses in a uniform way.



On Sunday, course raters performed an on-course rating and completed a team quiz. Their competency in these two facets of the assessment, along with an individual quiz each participant took before the seminar, determined their overall score. On Monday, each team turned in their results to be reviewed and discussed. And although it isn't meant to be a competition, we are proud that our Arizona team came in with the highest combined score of the 13 associations!

Logan Erickson has attended several seminars and said that one of the main reasons for this meeting is to review changes to the USGA Course Rating System so that all authorized organizations are aware of the current standards. Course raters from every state should be following the same procedures to keep with the consistency of the system. "Discussions after the on-course rating at the seminar help

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Overall Net Winner - Vicky Scott

## Weekend Classic

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working at Image Craft for 28 years, a testament to her conscientiousness and diligence, both qualities that transfer well to her golf game.

With a USGA Handicap Index of 28.8, Vicky was apprehensive about playing in AWGA events. But her outcomes show just how important the Course Rating and Slope Rating is in calculating a person's handicap for a particular course. "I just wanted to have fun," she said, "and I did, along with a surprise win."

Vicky moved to the Phoenix area in 1984 from Colorado and learned to play golf by taking lessons at Dobson Ranch. In 2004, she decided it was time to make the game part of her lifestyle. She joined the Country Meadows LGA at Peoria Pines, a short course, which helped to give her confidence. "Playing regularly with a group of supportive women really encouraged me. I am playing better now and I am not as intimidated as I once was." In 2007, Vicky joined the Working Women's GA which gave her the opportunity to play longer courses.

"Sometimes moms really do know best," Vicky chuckled. Her mother tried to convince her to learn the game over 30 years ago. "But I wasn't interested then," she said. "Now I wish I had listened to her."

When Vicky meets other high-handicappers who get easily frustrated, she shares some words of wisdom that have helped her. She said, "I've had a good golf day IF in 18 holes: I have one good drive, one good second shot, one good chip and one good putt. It keeps me happy and eager to play more golf."

## Farewell to Leila Turner

Leila Turner was a champion golfer and an active AWGA member for over three decades in the 60s, 70s and 80s. She was a member of the AWGA Board of Directors, serving as President from 1979 through 1981. A member of Mesa Country Club, Leila was an avid golfer and tireless volunteer in their women's group for many years.



As a golfer, she won many tournaments in her early years including the West Texas State Amateur and the Southwestern Amateur. In 1969, she won the AWGA State Match Play Championship; in 1978, she was the AWGA State Senior Champion; and in 1980, she won the title of Scotch Play Champion.

Leila Turner passed away on March 3, 2012 in Sun City. She was 88 years old.

## Girl Golf Day at The Lodge at Ventana Canyon June 4, 2012



Our second Girl Golf Day of the season was held at the beautiful Lodge at Ventana Canyon, Mountain course. 54 ladies attended this non-competitive format. Some of the participants played a regular stroke play round of golf. Some ladies played a scramble in their foursome. Others also played some other games to make their round of golf a little more "interesting".

AWGA Champion Partner – LPGA Teaching Professional – Peggy Gustafson came down to Ventana Canyon, and prior to the round, held short game clinics at the putting green. During the round, she stationed herself at the par 3 16th and gave the players tips and answered any questions they might have had. Thank you Peggy for giving your time to us!

We had some on-course games – Closest to the Hole on numbers 6 and 16. And a new



game introduced to the Girl Golf Days by Robin Lane – "OOPS". This game is played over a Par 3 with water, or some other hazard in front. If you hit your ball in the hazard, you get to put your name on a ticket, and afterwards we draw a winner. This kind of takes the sting out of knocking your wayward shot.

Our on-course winners were: Closest to the hole #6 – Deanna Kennedy | Closest to the hole #16 – Lois Mikrut | "OOPS" – Pauline Gonsior

Congratulations and thank you to all the participants. It was a very fun day. Also a big Thank You to the staff of Ventana Canyon. They really made everything run smoothly, treated us very nicely, and the course was in super shape! Our next Girl Golf Days are: August 6 at Hassayampa Golf Club in Prescott, and October 1 at Blackstone Country Club in Peoria.

## AWGA Course Rating Team

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to answer questions and alleviate any controversy over a team's decisions," he said. "It's always a learning experience for all of us."

Paula Page is a member of the Papago WGA and has been a course rater for 12 years. "I came away from the Calibration Seminar with a renewed enthusiasm for course rating and learned a different way to rate around greens," she said. "There is always something new that we take back from the seminar." Paula added, "Volunteering as a course rater has broadened



and improved my whole golf game and I feel great satisfaction in contributing to the AWGA. There is so much camaraderie among course raters and I have made many good friends."

Rosa Fowler, a member of Silverado said, "Attending the seminar reinforced everything I learned. I play golf with different eyes now because of course rating. It has added another dimension to my game." She added that getting to know raters from other states and especially the master course raters helped her to see that she is performing a positive task for the courses, which was very encouraging for her. Rosa has since moved to California. We expect that she will continue sharing her knowledge with her new association there.

Thanks to all AWGA Course Raters who provide a fundamental service for golfers and golf courses all over the state.



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## Two Feats in One Round Sherry Morris goes Eagle, Ace

April 26th was a special day of golf at Quail Creek Country Club for member Sherry Morris. Playing the Roadrunner course on a very windy (20 – 25 mph) day Sherry had an Eagle at the Par 5 fifth hole; and her very first hole-in-one on the next hole, the Par 3, 6th.

Sherry said, "On the par 5, I holed out from about 110 yards for my 17th Eagle. It was funny because the ball rolled up against the pin and did not drop in until the wind changed and moved the pin over. We were all laughing about that, and when they asked me how many holes-in-one I had, I had to say none. At the next hole, the 120 yard par 3, and against the wind, I clubbed up to my Adams 6 rescue and aimed 20 yards to the right of the flagstick. I just watched in amazement as the wind knocked it down and it just rolled right in!"

To celebrate, her husband bought her a tandem skydiving jump and a Dairy Queen Blizzard. It's nice to know that the wind can be your friend on the golf course some days.



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## Fountain of the Sun Supports The First Tee of Phoenix

It all started with a First Tee of Phoenix "These Girls Rock" Flyer that the AWGA mailed to all the AWGA Reps. Sue Whitehead, AWGA Rep for the Fountain of the Sun Country Club



18-Hole Ladies League received that flyer. She noticed that at the top of the flyer was a request to donate time, money or equipment to "These Girls Rock," which is a program for girls 5 – 17.

Sue went to her Ladies League monthly meeting and made an appeal for used equipment. Sue said, "As we are a retirement community with many snowbirds, we asked that they go through their garages and attics and

consider donating their used golf equipment to the First Tee's summer clinics."

The ladies put a box in their club room, and the donations just started pouring in! Pretty soon, they had to start shuttling the donations to an office room. A few members asked that Sue go by their homes and pick up equipment, and they donated golf bags with full sets of irons. The Pro Shop even donated clubs and bags from their storage room as well. The people of Fountain of the Sun were more than happy to donate clubs to promote golfing to younger folks.

In total, the Fountain of the Sun Country Club donated 138 irons, 95 woods, 4 putters, 24 golf bags, 1,350 golf balls and 4 pairs of shoes in support of "These Girls Rock", and the First Tee of Phoenix.

The ladies are planning to revive donations in the fall, as many members didn't have time to go through things before they headed north for the summer.



## Fountain of the Sun

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In response to the donation, First Tee Executive Director, Hugh Smith said, “We are very appreciative of the support of the AWGA and their groups, like Fountain of the Sun 18-hole Ladies League. I encourage others to do the same because it really makes an impact on what we do and on the young people in the programs we offer.”

To Sue Whitehead, the Fountain of the Sun 18-hole Ladies League, and all the people of Fountain of the Sun – thank you for taking the time and effort to give young ladies of limited economic opportunity the chance to participate in the wonderful game of golf.

### January

- 13. Kathy Cohen | The Gallery
- 24. Linda Adams | PebbleCreek Lady 9 Hole GA

### March

- 1. Jeanean Kirk | Encanto WGA
- 3. Cathy Carruthers | Fountain of the Sun
- 3. Mary Ann Erickson | Fountain of the Sun

### April

- 6. Lou Ann Golphenee | Fountain of the Sun
- 10. Carolyn Hoffland | Palo Verde CC
- 25. Dyan Griswold | Grand Ladies
- 26. Sherry Morris | Quail Creek CC

### May

- 6. Colleen Prust | The Gallery
- 10. Eleanor Hinerichsen | Ironwood Ladies
- 12. Teri Baker | Torres/Ranch Ladies
- 15. Shirley Kosikowski | Briarwood
- 15. Sandra Hoffman | Dell Urich
- 15. Pat Fleckenstein | Prescott Lakes
- 16. Karen Bouse | El Rio CC
- 19. Carmen Smith | Quail Creek CC
- 21. Mary Cutlip | The Gallery
- 24. Linda Peterson | Trilogy @ Power Ranch
- 24. Candy Watkinson | Ironwood Ladies
- 25. Marlene Trempe | Palo Verde CC

### June

- 5. Fran Petrucci | Prescott Lakes

## Generations Bond Playing Golf in Mother/Daughter Tournament

This year’s Tucson Mother/Daughter tournament was held at El Rio Golf Course where a group of girls spent the day golfing with special women in their lives. It was a great way to

spend time together-- having fun, getting exercise and strengthening family relationships.



Lynn McLaughlin played golf with her granddaughter, Zoe, at the tournament. Lynn, a 10 year member of the 49er Country Club, has been a golfer since she was 12 years old, with a respite during her working years. “When I heard about the tournament, I

thought it would be a great experience for Zoe, who is 11,” Lynn said. “When she was younger, she loved driving in the cart with me and we’d practice hitting balls on the range. Now we can play together and it’s even better. It’s a special time for both of us.”

As for Zoe, she enjoyed playing with Grandma and with other girls. “I didn’t know it could be so much fun,” she said. “Grandma helped me on the course when I didn’t know what to do. She taught me that a bad shot can always be followed by a good one.”



Rose Nehring, Junior Girls Golf Site Director, opened Lynn’s eyes to all the possibilities for her granddaughter. “The golf tournament was fun, plus they had lunch and gave prizes to the girls,” Lynn said. She also mentioned that coincidentally the 49er WGA contributes their “pig” cash (money collected over the year from bunker shots) to this program. Now she knows first-hand how it is spent and delights in its purpose to provide playing opportunities for girls.



## When Half the Job is Good Enough

by Guest Writer Judy Hedding



There are few times in life when we can honestly say that doing half of anything may not only be good enough, but it might be better than doing the whole thing. So it is, I say, with golf.

When people ask me if I play golf, I naturally say, "Yes, I do." Then, before the inevitable follow-up query, I quickly pose another question to delay (hopefully prevent) a discussion relative to handicaps. "What's your favorite course in Arizona?" or "Have you ever played Pebble Beach or St. Andrews?" usually diverts attention sufficiently so that I am not required to admit that my handicap is over 30.

I play in a nine-hole league. There, I said it. If there was a program for nine-hole golfers to accept that fact directly, without excuses or becoming defensive, I would NOT sign up (unless there were snacks involved). It isn't a problem for me to admit it. You see, I can play 18 holes of golf, and I even played 36 holes in 110° weather once. (I was too delirious to recall my score.) But I also enjoy nine holes of golf. I don't buy into any stigma associated with being a nine-holer. Did you know that about one out of every seven women golfers in Arizona are nine-hole golfers?

### Myth: Playing nine holes is only for old folks

Reality: Hey, I am not old! There are many reasons that people might prefer to play in a nine-hole league. For example, many of us

work during the day, making it difficult to eke out between 4 and 6 hours, including warm-up and travel time, to play 18 holes. I know of companies that have groups that go out and play nine holes each week after work. Some people are quite comfortable playing nine holes, but don't have the stamina for 18. Some people in Arizona who live in the lower desert can play nine holes during the first couple of hours May through October, but can't handle the heat much after 10 a.m.

### Myth: Playing nine holes is only for beginners

Reality: Yes, beginners often play in nine-hole leagues. Some clubs might have requirements regarding having taken lessons first or showing evidence of having played a certain number of rounds before joining. Let's be honest -- golfers have to start somewhere, whether they are 5-year olds, 25-year-olds or 55-year-olds. Still, I can tell you that many ladies who play in nine-hole leagues are not beginners. They have played for years, understand the etiquette and rules, and know how to swing a club. Admittedly, the average handicap of a nine-hole golfer is a bit higher than those who play 18 holes, but that differential amounts to quite a bit less than one stroke per hole. Many ladies (and men) find it convenient to belong to both 9-hole and 18-hole leagues. The course on which they play nine holes might be more difficult, or it might allow people to practice different aspects of their game.

### Myth: Playing nine holes isn't real golf

Reality: According to the USGA, it most certainly is! All players, whether playing nine holes or 18 holes, who have a USGA Handicap Index are responsible for posting scores and following the provisions of the USGA Handicap System. Nine-holers are even eligible for 18-hole AWGA tournaments. The Committee will simply double their 9-hole Index.

### Myth: People who play nine holes don't follow the rules

Reality: Lots of people who play 18 holes

don't follow the rules! Yes, the Rules of Golf apply to nine holes just the same as they apply to 18 holes. Any player who has completed at least 7 holes has a postable round for handicap purposes. The calculation of Equitable Stroke Control for nine holes is consistent with ESC for 18 holes. The only rule that doesn't apply to nine-hole golfers is the one about counting strokes. Just kidding. We all count strokes. We do. Really.

### Myth: Nine hole golfers are more interested in chatting and making friends than playing golf

Reality: This one may or may not be true -- it depends on the group. Playing only nine holes gives everyone a little extra time to socialize, either before or after golf. I prefer after - after I've had a Bloody Mary. I usually revel in my exceptional shots and totally forget about the rotten ones, and then it's nap-time. Seriously, just like every sport with a league system, you'll find some groups, whether nine or 18 holes, that are more social than others. You just need to find the golf league where you feel the most comfortable. There are more than 40 official 9-hole clubs in Arizona from which to choose!

### Myth: Golf courses don't offer just nine hole play

Reality: Of course they do! Time or money may be a determining factor when you are arranging a tee time. As a matter of fact, there are quite a few courses that are set up with nine-hole courses, and not just one 18-hole course. Each set of nines usually has a different look and feel to accommodate all styles and experience levels.

Here's the point: if, for any reason, playing nine holes of golf is more convenient, economical, comfortable or allows you to appreciate and enjoy the game of golf, then that's what you should do. The nice folks at the AWGA can help find a nine-hole league near you.



## AWGA Members Run USGA Qualifiers

By Mary Ann Souter

Volunteers serve in many capacities in the golf community. But the ladies who run USGA Qualifiers are a distinctive group. They are highly educated Rules Officials who must score high on the USGA Rules test to serve as the Official-in-Charge of a USGA Qualifier. They must also be a member of the Committee for the National Championship for the qualifier to which they are assigned. These may not seem like difficult qualifications, but being invited to serve on one of these Committees is quite an honor in itself. The USGA, conscious about its image and those who represent it, is judicious in its appointments.

Each summer there are five Qualifiers in Arizona which are run by four experienced and capable AWGA members. Their responsibilities include contracting a site, handling administrative tasks, contacting the players with details and local rules, and following USGA procedures for the event. Each one of them works diligently to make the qualifier a success, and each one will say that not only has she learned a great deal from the experience, but she also feels a deep satisfaction from being part of the larger golf community.

**Mary Pomroy -- U.S. Women's Open Qualifier:** Because the USGA has a high regard for the work and reputation of the AWGA, Mary was appointed as the Official-in-Charge for this qualifier even though she is not on this USGA Championship Committee. She is, however, on the USGA Regional Associations Committee. The U.S. Women's Open Qualifier was held on May 23rd at Terravita Golf Club. In addition to performing her duties as Executive Director of the AWGA, she has run the U.S. Women's Open Qualifier for the past three years. Terravita, playing at 6,882 yards for the qualifier with a course rating of 80.6 and a slope rating of 145, proved to be a challenging course even for the skilled players in this event. The field consisted of 47 professionals and 31 amateurs, whose handicaps were 4.4 or better.

Mary, 13 volunteer Rules Officials and the AWGA Tournament Operations Manager, Erin Groeneveld, assisted the 78 players during their qualifier. "It was difficult to get 36 holes played in one day," Mary said. "We were at the course at 5:30 am and stayed until 8:00 pm., on a day that was over 100 degrees! Our AWGA volunteers are a genuinely committed and totally dependable group of women and men who should be proud of the work they do." The U.S. Women's Open will be held July 5 - 8 at Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wisconsin.

**Mary is also the Official-in-Charge of the U.S. Women's Amateur Qualifier,** which will be held on July 18th at the Country Club at DC Ranch in Scottsdale. Those qualifying will play at the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship at the Country Club in Cleveland, Ohio on August 6-12.

**Ellen O'Hara -- U.S. Women's Public Links Qualifier:** Ellen, a member of Mesa Country Club for 22 years, has been the Official-in-Charge for the past 12 years. She was appointed to the U.S. Women's Public Links Committee in 1999 and immediately took charge of the qualifier. "I came from a family of volunteers so when I was selected for this USGA Committee, I immediately saw it as a great opportunity," she said. Barb Byrnes was appointed to this committee in January and quickly learned how much time and money volunteers spend before and during the qualifiers and at the Championships. "Everyone working in the event does so at their own expense," she said. "We all do it for the love of the game and for the players."

This year's qualifier, at Whirlwind Golf Course, was on May 30th. "I chose Whirlwind because it's a quality course providing the players with a significant challenge," Ellen said. There are 24 players competing for five spots in the US Women's Public Links Championship on June 18-23 in Neshanic Valley Golf Club in Neshanic, New Jersey. Golf House, the USGA

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Steve Mallory and Mary Pomroy



Ellen O'Hara



Barb Byrnes



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Headquarters, located in nearby Far Hills, makes this a unique site for the event. Ellen and Barb will be traveling to volunteer as Rules Officials for the Championship, touring Golf House and meeting Annika Sorenstam, the keynote speaker.

**Barb Simmons – U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Qualifier:** Barb was appointed to this Committee in 2002 and has been the Official-in-Charge of the Qualifier for two years. For 10 years previously, Barb served on the USGA Regional Affairs Committee where she assisted at the U.S. Women’s Open. “Being the Official-in-Charge does take energy and focus,” she said, “but it’s not an insurmountable amount of work. My passion for golf keeps me involved.”

The qualifier will be held on August 8th at Desert Forest Golf Club in Carefree with about 40 players ages 50 and older competing for approximately eight spots. “Desert Forest is quite demanding with a good layout,” Barb said. “Their staff is excellent to work with, always engaged in trying to help us.”

Barb, along with her husband and fellow Rules Official, Warren, will be heading to Hershey Country Club in Hershey, Pennsylvania September 8 – 16, to serve as Rules Officials for the US Senior Women’s Amateur. “We enjoy the social gatherings with those from other states and root for the gals from our state. It’s a great feeling to see them excel.”

**Kathy Ehrlich – U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Qualifier:** Kathy has been on the Committee for three years and has been the Official-in-Charge for two years. Kathy is an avid golfer and enthusiastic volunteer who has chosen to give back to the golf community for the immense joy and satisfaction it has added to her life.

The 2012 qualifier will be held at Quintero Golf Club, a challenging and scenic course. Fellow USGA Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship Committee member, Pat Trimbell, works with Kathy on the event. This is one of the smaller qualifiers with less than 20 players competing for six spots. “Last year four of the six players from my qualifier made it to Match Play of the National Championship,” Kathy said, “so it was exciting for me to cheer for them.”

The U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship will be held at Briggs Ranch in San Antonio, TX October 6 - 11. Kathy will be a Rules Official then and hoping for clear skies. “They are long days. We walk 36 holes and in the evening we gather for a Rules Hash. But I wouldn’t trade the experience for anything. Last year I received a note from a player after the National Championship who thanked me for working on the event. She said this was her dream and I was part of making it happen. Knowing it is so meaningful to the players makes even working in a deluge of rain (which happened two years in a row) worthwhile!”

Kathy is hoping to increase interest in the Mid-Amateur qualifier, which is for women ages 25 and up. There is an enormous group of women who have the skill but haven’t participated. In time, Kathy hopes her enthusiasm and contact with so many talented Arizona women golfers will attract more participants.



Barbara Simmons



Kathy Ehrlich

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## Summer Golf Specials from our Northern Clubs

Can't take the heat anymore? Need a little getaway to the cooler climes of Arizona? Our Northern Golf Clubs are offering some specials:



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Sedona Golf Resort | Sedona



Los Caballeros | Wickenburg



Quintero Golf Club | Peoria

**Antelope Hills:** There are a few stay and play options for Antelope Hills.

**Springhill Suites** is offering a Two-night package that also includes four rounds of golf at Antelope Hills Golf Course. Rates from: \$338 - \$358.

Stay at **Forest Villas** Sunday through Thursday for \$155.00 a night for two people and get breakfast and 18 holes of golf with a cart at Antelope Hills Golf Course.

**Hampton Inn Prescott:** Two rounds of golf at Antelope Hills Golf Course, including cart and range balls, plus discount coupons for 20% off at the Manzanita Grille and Pro Shop. One standard room for two people, one night. \$169.00. Follow this link for more specials: [Antelope Hills Golf Specials](#) or call: 928-777-1888.

**Oakcreek Country Club:** \$49 + tax any time after 10:30 a.m. This special is good thru September 14. Call 1-888-284-1660, or the check out the website: [Oak Creek Country Club](#).

**Sedona Golf Resort:** Two people will be able to play golf at the beautiful Sedona Golf Resort (or 1 person twice)- including cart, and stay one night at the Las Posadas of Sedona luxury boutique inn (Double Occupancy) for just \$328 (Regularly \$445 - a 27% SAVINGS). Follow this link to savings: [Sedona Golf Resort Specials](#) or call 1.888-776-3051.

**StoneRidge Golf Club:** Mid-day green fee rate: \$40 from 11 a.m. to 2 pm. Golf and Grille: \$45 every day after 11 a.m. Twilight rate: \$25 – after 2:00 p.m. Follow this Link to their website: [StoneRidge Golf Club Specials](#) or call: 928-772-6500.

Their Stay and Play options include:

**Hampton Inn Prescott:** Enjoy a Golf Stay & Play Package at Stoneridge Golf Club which includes a one night stay at the Prescott Hampton Inn with a free hot breakfast buffet and all amenities. One round of golf for two people at the challenging 18-hole Stoneridge Course including cart, lunch, range balls, package of tees, divot, bag tag and a bottle of water. \$199

**Prescott Resort and Conference Center:** One night Deluxe Room accommodations with 18 holes of golf, cart with GPS included, range balls, lunch, bottle of water and a cheese snack are provided at the course. \$150 Deluxe Room or \$170 Deluxe Suite.

There are also Stay and Play options on their website: [StoneRidge Stay and Play Hotels](#)

**Quintero Golf Club:** Women can play Quintero during the week of June 18 - June 24 for just \$25. Quintero also offers a package of 10 rounds for \$395. You may divide these rounds up within your group of players or use them for yourself. These particular rounds are good June 1 through August 30. Quintero is also offering a corporate rate for businesses to entertain clients or announce as a perk to their employees - \$55. Available June 1 through August 31, 2012. Visit Quintero's website at [Quintero Golf Club](#) or call Quintero at 928-501-1500 for more information.

**Torreon Golf Club:** Torreon is offering their 3br/3ba Villa Rentals for \$250 Monday – Thursday; and \$300 Friday – Sunday. This grants you and your family immediate access to both 18-hole courses, family center, fitness center, pool and spa. Your pets are welcome as well! Check out more specials at [Torreon Golf Specials](#).

For Private Club members: Flagstaff Ranch Golf Club is accepting reciprocal play from other Private Clubs. They ask that the golf professional from the player's home club call the Flagstaff Ranch golf shop at 928-226-3111 to arrange the tee time. The rate is \$85 Monday – Thursday, and \$100 Friday – Sunday. Only one of the foursome needs to be a member of another Private Club.

**Los Caballeros Golf Club:** Los Caballeros in Wickenburg is offering \$49 including lunch until September 23. The club is closed on Tuesdays. Follow this Link to their website [Los Caballeros Golf Club](#) or call: 1-928-684-2704



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## DEAR CADDY



**Q** What are the rules for attending to the flagstick? I don't mean "tending" the flagstick, but attending to the flagstick – pulling it out of the hole and then replacing it when everyone has putted out. Sometimes it feels as if I'm the only one who ever takes the flagstick out of the hole, and puts it back. It really makes me mad when I am the last one to finish putting AND I have to put the flagstick back in!

**A** First, I must commend you for calling it a flagstick. Nowhere in the "Rules of Golf" is the flagstick referred to as a pin, which most people (and some golf commentators) call it. Second, I think we should clarify terminology "tending" the flagstick and "Attending" the flagstick. Most of us use the term "tending" the flagstick when we are actually "attending" the flagstick. According to rule #17 (USGA Rules of Golf) a "player may have the flagstick attended, removed, or held up to indicate the position of the hole." Now as for "tending" to the flagstick (removing and replacing the flag during play of a hole) there are no rules, per se. Common sense would dictate who takes the flagstick out and who replaces it. However, common sense and golf do not always make a good combination! My best response comes from an AWGA golf partner who played junior golf in her youth. She was taught that once everyone is on the green, the person who is then closest to the hole should pull the flagstick. The first player to putt out would be responsible for replacing the flagstick. She also shared a few other insights that are frequently ignored.... When taking the flagstick out, lay it in an area that will not interfere with a putt or line of vision. Do not lay your extra clubs, water bottles, towels, etc on the flagstick – this could get noisy. Finally, the person responsible for replacing the flagstick (the first player to putt out) should stand by the flagstick waiting for the last person to finish the hole. Holding the flag stick and letting it blow in the wind while your friends are putting accomplishes nothing - it is rude. Resist the temptation – let the flagstick lie until everyone has putted out. If you must pick it up, at least hold the flag – This could save a friendship!



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