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There's Something About Mary

By Robyn Noll

A lot can change in 15 years! In 1999, Cindy Carroll, from Desert Mountain, was the Arizona Women's Match Play Champion, Julie Inkster won the US Women's Open, Payne Stewart won the US Open, and we were all preoccupied worrying about the Y2K bug. Remember? Also in 1999, the AWGA hired a new executive director. In May, Mary Pomroy celebrated her 15th Anniversary as our Executive Director. We thought it would be fun to talk with Mary, and several of the past Board members who have worked most closely with her over the years, to find out just how much has changed over that time, with Mary as well as with the AWGA.

The AWGA looks at itself differently today. The activities of the staff and volunteers are focused and measurable. Committees are organized into programs. **USGA Programs**, which consists of Handicap, Rules of Golf and Course Rating; **Player Programs**, which is Tournaments, Adult Player Development, and Jr. Grants and Assistance; **Information & Outreach**, which includes the website, Newsblasts and Newsletters, booth events and Club Visits, and **Volunteer Development**, are overseen by Committees of the same name. Other Committees are Finance, History, Fundraising, Board Development, and Document Control, which organized and publish the governing documents and operating procedures, no small task if you've ever seen the size of the company's Operations Manual!

This article began as an acknowledgement of Mary and what she has accomplished at the AWGA over the past 15 years, but she refuses to let it be about her. In Mary's words, "It's not about me, and although I love golf, for me, it's not even just about the game, it's about the women who make up the AWGA. Golf is the vehicle, but the AWGA is about people, personalities, and interactions, and it's inspiring to see women working together around something they all love, each taking her turn to try to leave things better than she found them."

Chris Giza, a former Board member who has known Mary for 12 years, says: "While Mary has many strengths, the AWGA has truly benefitted from her vision of what the organizational needs are, and then mapping out a strategy to accomplish them. She has the ability to manage her staff and the board, knowing when to provide guidance and direction, and knowing when to leave them on their own to develop ideas and plans, resulting in a product that is the result of many good minds and inputs."

Barbara Simmons, an AWGA Past President who has been with the organization since 1984 says that Mary becoming the Executive Director was "the best thing that ever happened to our Association" and that the company is the best it's ever been thanks to her leadership. Current Fundraising Chair, Judy Polidori says it is Mary's presence and involvement that has made that possible. It's also in large part due to Mary's character. Barb Simmons has worked with Mary for over 15 years, and says what everyone else also knows to be true, that Mary has great integrity and is honest "to a tee". She doesn't push people. She guides them, and has the

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wonderful ability to make things interesting and fun, while still getting people to get their work done. She does a tremendous job balancing between the two. As her husband Steve remarks, failure is not an option for Mary, and when she comes across a hurdle she doesn't say, "We can't." She says "We can, we just haven't found a way yet."

Like Mary, the AWGA is very much still evolving. Mary's vision for what's next for the AWGA is:

- to see the staff continue to develop, not in numbers, but in their expertise, each in her own area and in her relationships with our volunteers;
- to see the Board of Directors become a true governing body rather than handling day-to-day committee functions;
- to see women's golf and all women's golf organizations continue to grow through programs like those run by the AWGA and the many other organizations like us; programs like Golf 101 and Build-a-TEAM.

Mary feels the Build-a-TEAM program is especially important, because in her opinion, "even if the students never play the game as adult golfers, they've gained something they can't get in any other way than by participating in a sport. Sport helps girls grow as individuals and become more capable and confident."

And what's next in Mary's evolution? She'd like to play more golf, especially more competitive golf. "When I first started looking for opportunities to work in golf, I was told that one needed a 10.0 or better Handicap Index just to get an interview. Fifteen years later, I'm getting close! Maybe someday I'll be good enough," she says with a grin.

It's fitting that this is Mary's crystal anniversary. Like crystal, Mary is solid, ordered,

and structured, and like crystal, the world around her is made a little brighter by the many facets of her strong character. Chris Giza says it best: "Mary has been responsible for the AWGA evolving from a group of women with a desire to promote women's golf, into the premier and most professional women's golf association in the nation." We wish her a very Happy Anniversary, and thank her for all she does for women's golf.

Then	Now
The AWGA had two employees - Mary and an administrative assistant.	The AWGA employs 5 full-time staff people, plus 2 part-time, and an Intern funded by the USGA.
Mary was Mary Long.	Mary married her husband Steve Pomroy in 2006. They met playing golf.
No AWGA employee had ever played in an AWGA tournament.	Mary and other staff often use vacation time to play in AWGA Championships and other events. Mary recently played and won the second flight in the 90th anniversary presentation of the Arizona Women's Match Play Championship at Troon North Golf Club.
The AWGA had never engaged in Long Range Planning.	In 2014, the AWGA Board of Directors will do its 5th update to its strategic plan.
Committees of the AWGA consisted of Tournaments, Sites, Rules, and Course Rating. Handicapping was a purely staff function.	The initiation of strategic planning triggered the expansion of the Associations Committees to include Handicapping, Membership, Information & Outreach, History, Volunteer Development, Player Development, Junior Grants and Assistance, and Fundraising.
Mary's July 1999 USGA Handicap Index was 18.7.	In July 2014, Mary's handicap is 10.4.
The AWGA was a 501(c)7, primarily a social organization.	Under the guidance of the Board of Directors, Mary led the Association's project in 2007 to petition the IRS for a status change to a 501(c)3 public charity, with a focus on growing the game of golf for women and girls, and promoting golf competition among women.
Despite celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 1999, the AWGA was virtually unknown outside of Arizona.	Today, the AWGA is represented on the Boards of the Women's Golf Alliance, the International Association of Golf Administrators, two USGA Committees: the Joe Dey Award Committee and the Regional Associations Committee and is a leading women's golf association nationally.



It's Been a Great 10 Years

by Mary Ann Souter

For the past 10 years, I have been an independent contractor working with the AWGA. This has been the longest time I have spent in one contract and it has been such a rewarding experience in my career. As it comes to an end this month, I will have many happy memories to savor. From the early days of building the Ambassador Program (now Golf 101) and staffing booths at PR events to the past few years when my main responsibility has been to write articles for the newsletter, my time with the AWGA has been enjoyable and challenging.



My longevity is second only to our Executive Director, Mary Pomroy. When I started with the AWGA, she was still Mary Long and I was lucky to have been at her wedding a couple years later. Katherine Olson was Board President at the time. I have worked with and grown to admire many staff members, LPGA professionals and dozens of dynamic women on the Board over the years. And I have been fortunate to meet hundreds of you, our AWGA members, either in person or on phone interviews for newsletter articles. Through my interactions with you, I have learned so much about our women's golf community. You are a most generous, encouraging and friendly group, enthusiastic and passionate about golf, willing to share your expertise in many areas as a volunteer for the association. It doesn't get much better than that in a job!

The most significant lesson I have learned from working with women golfers is that it is much easier to write about golf than it is to play the game! I respect each and every one of you and hope that I have adequately praised your skill and optimism in the pieces I wrote. I am sure I will miss my writing tasks but I am also looking forward to starting the next chapter of my life – more time with my hubby, my family and checking off travel destinations on our bucket list. Thank you, everyone, for making my years with the AWGA both satisfying and happy. Keep on golfing and supporting the AWGA!

Arizonan Helps Lead USA to Victory

by Robyn Noll



We're happy to report that Chandler resident Kyung Kim helped lead Team USA to a win at the Curtis Cup last month. She and two other teammates finished with top scores, each winning three out of their four matches against players from Great Britain and Ireland. Kyung -- a JGAA alum who just wrapped up her sophomore year at USC is racking up quite an impressive golf résumé. In 2012, she won the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, the same year she graduated from Chandler's Hamilton

High School. In 2013, she was a member of the NCAA Division I Championship team. Not only did she earn All-America and All-Pac-12 First Team honors in her freshman year, she was also named as an All-American Scholar-Athlete. Now in 2014 she's been named as a First Team All-American for the second time, and helped return the Curtis Cup to the USA. With that kind of success, it's exciting to think what 2015 will hold for this young lady. You will likely see her ever-cheerful smile on the pro tour after she finishes college.



Q. I try to use the Rules of Golf book to answer questions at our club. But sometimes the Rule just doesn't make sense to me. Where can I go for rules help for the visual learner?

A. The USGA has just what you need at their website (www.usga-rules.com). *Rules of Golf Explained* is an excellent video series covering the most commonly used rules. Videos include:

Play the Course as You Find It
Abnormal Ground Conditions
Ball Lost or Out of Bounds
Ball Unplayable
The Flagstick
Loose Impediments
Immovable Obstructions
Movable Obstructions
Nearest Point of Relief
Provisional Ball
Water Hazards

If you still have questions on the Rules of Golf, call the AWGA for answers or to schedule a rules seminar at your course.

News on Multi-Function and Distance-Measuring Devices

The USGA has a new poster titled *Understanding the Rules of DMDs*. Check it out at www.usga.org/rules/distance-measuring-devices/



THREE
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2014 AWGA State Amateur Match Play Championship

by Robyn Noll

The 90th anniversary of the AWGA Match Play Championship took place at Troon North Golf Club in Scottsdale at the end of June, and a brand new Champion was crowned. The final match was a showdown between Arizona State University student Saki Iida and University of Arizona student Shelby Martinek. The two also tied for Medalist honors in qualifying. Both women played very consistently, but Martinek ultimately got the upper hand and won, 2 & 1. An exciting chip in for eagle on the 9th hole contributed to her victory. In the Senior Division, Kim Eaton came away with an impressive 5 & 4 win over 2008 Senior Match Play Champion Becky Sun. This marks Kim's third year in a row winning the Senior Match Play Championship. See full field results and photos [here](#).

Anything can – and does – happen in Match Play. This year, three different #8 seeds made it to the finals in their flight. And on the first day of play, despite there being a 14 stroke difference in their handicaps, Ann White-Watkins held her own for longer than might be expected, taking eventual runner-up Saki Iida to 14 holes. Match Play itself may be unfamiliar to some people, and even a little intimidating. Our new State Champion, Shelby Martinek, says Match Play “gives you a different perspective on golf. Usually you’re playing against the course. In Match Play you can go for it and you don’t have to worry as much about making mistakes.” Third Flight Consolation winner Linda Torkington has been playing golf for seven years, and this was her second Match Play event. She encourages everyone to compete in Match Play tournaments. She has some advice for people who may have hesitated about participating in the past:

- Remember, you don't **have** to play in the championship flight (only the low 1/3 of the field does)
- If you're **not** playing in the Open Championship or Senior Championship flights, then you're matched in a flight with people of similar abilities, making the playing field even. You get your strokes based on the difference between your handicap and that of your opponent, and you play from shorter tees.
- If you blow up on one hole, move on! You get to wipe the slate clean on each hole and start fresh on the next one.
- The nice thing about Match Play is that everyone is guaranteed to play at least 3 rounds.
- Play the course ahead of time if you can, practice, and take notes before the tournament.
- Come out and get to know people, that's the best part!

The AWGA's new Player Programs Manager, Julie Fenn, adds “Don't be intimidated, it's just you and a new friend playing head to head.”

Weather for the tournament was as perfect as it gets for late June, with the temperature in the low 100s and a nice breeze. Troon North is the flagship of Troon's operations, so not surprisingly the course was immaculately groomed for the event. The Monument Course is a great Match Play course. There are a lot of risk-reward opportunities if you can keep your ball out of the desert, and there were some impressively low scores, including Senior Medalist Judy Miller's 1-under-par 71 during qualifying.

There is no consensus as to which of Troon North's holes is the hardest to play. Champion Shelby Martinek finds the #1 hole the most challenging because of the tight fairway. Second flight winner Mary Pomroy, who was putting lights out during the tournament, finds the par 4 #5 hole to be the most challenging, since getting the ball on the green and keeping it there is difficult. Her unusual advice? Concede the hole and move on! The #3 hole, a par 5 known as “The Monument” is the course's signature hole and is one of the toughest, with a tall boulder in the middle of the fairway that anchors a 90 degree dogleg. Left-handed Martinek got caught behind the rock several times and had to draw an 8-iron around the boulder.

They may not agree on which hole is the toughest, but one thing the players do agree on is that it's a fun course to play. It has a dynamic layout, with many hills and a lot of interesting shot-making potential. One thing you need to be able to do is read the contour of the greens versus the surrounding valleys. Mary Pomroy says she overshot some greens in practice, and thinks that the only uphill hole that players might need more club for is the par 5 #14 “Spanish Dagger”.

Linda Torkington, who won her match after 21 holes, loves Troon North and says it's the location that drew her to the tournament. Who can blame her, the scenery is spectacular, especially on the back nine which butts up against the McDowell Mountain foothills. There are huge putting and chipping greens for practice, a helpful staff, and delicious food.

Would you like to play Troon North? The AWGA has a Troon Summer Special running until August 31st. [Click here](#) to see all the great Troon courses you can play this summer.”



Overall Champion Shelby Martinek



Senior Champion Kim Eaton



Kylee Duede Makes a Big Showing on Big Break

By Mary Ann Souter

She won the AWGA State Amateur Match Play Championship in 2011 and 2013. She was also selected to play on the Arizona's 2013 USGA State Team. Described as a tough competitor by other AWGA champions, Kylee admits she doesn't like to lose. With a goal of becoming an LPGA Tour player, being chosen as a contestant on Big Break Florida was a thrill for her. "Thousands of players compete for just 12 spots on the show," she said, "so not many get this incredible opportunity." Kylee turned professional to participate in this highly popular Golf Channel series noting that it was a fantastic launch for her career.

"The audition process consisted of both swing ability and interviews," Kylee said. She waited several months before receiving the call inviting her to be a contestant on the show. "It was both exciting and nerve-racking," Kylee said, knowing that she would be competing against highly skilled golfers in challenges testing both her physical and mental strength.



"The days were very long," she said. "We started at 6:00am and participated in golf practice and challenges until 4:00pm. Then we'd have our hair styled and make-up applied to prepare for evening interviews. We didn't finish until 10 or 11pm." Although she was tense during the first challenge, not knowing what to expect, she used the tips experienced AWGA players had given her in the past to control her anxiety. At the end of the first day, she felt more confident and during the second episode she relied on her proven skills to keep her in the contest. On the fourth show, Kylee won the Skills Challenge which not only gave her a cash prize but also granted her immunity from the Elimination Challenge. Kylee survived the Elimination Challenge in episode 5 and moved on to episodes 6

and 7. The players were presented with new challenges every day and each day brought both another opportunity to succeed and another possibility to be in the next Elimination Challenge.

The show eliminated one player each week with the final contestant winning a spot in the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic and exemption status on the Symetra Tour for the 2015 season. There was a lot at stake -- \$175,000 in cash and prizes. Kylee didn't win The Big Break Florida, but she had an outstanding showing and wasn't eliminated until the 8th episode.

Kylee had many positive interactions with the other players. "Most of the time we enjoyed being together," she said. "But I wasn't there to make friends. I was there to compete. Fortunately, I made three close friends on the show, which was a consolation prize for me."

"The Big Break Florida jump-started my professional career," Kylee said about the benefits of being on the series. "It brought me sponsors, media attention and people supporting my efforts as a pro golfer." Kylee, 22 from Glendale, is currently playing on the Cactus Tour and is also competing on the Canadian Tour this summer. Focusing on a promising career, she's scheduled for Q-School this fall to test for her LPGA Tour Card. Look for Kylee Duede, our hometown player, to be on the LPGA leaderboard in years to come!





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November 2013

6 | Luanne Johnson | The Gallery GC

December 2013

12 | Maureen Cox | Tonto Verde GC
13 | Leslie Olson | The Estancia Club
24 | Sue Hatfield | The Gallery GC

January

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14 | Marilyn Yeo | Camelback GC
22 | Carol Colton | The Gallery GC
26 | Joan McHugh | The Gallery GC

February

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24 | Sue Cannon | The Gallery GC
25 | Becky Palumbo | Continental GC
28 | Val Jessen | Tonto Verde GC

March

9 | Linda Shostak | Coyote Run GC
14 | Mona Divine | The Preserve GC
14 | Joan Saxon | Trilogy at Vistancia
15 | Kathy Ozan | The Estancia Club
15 | Colleen Mitchell | Palo Verde CC

15 | Joanna Hotzler | Desert Springs GC
18 | Lynn Van Buren | Desert Mountain
18 | Janet Biehl | Corte Bella Golf Club
20 | Ann Ghezzi | Pueblo El Mirage GC
21 | Kris Kugel | Fountain of the Sun CC
21 | Mary Jo Burke | Red Mountain Ranch CC
25 | Colleen Knibbs | Lone Tree GC
25 | Erika Hambly | Coldwater GC
27 | Ruth Rees | Ironwood GC
30 | Deb Norman | Highlands @ Dove Mtn
30 | Pamm Knoth | The Estancia Club
31 | Donna Gray | Fountain of the Sun CC

April

3 | Ann Dobbie | Ventana Canyon GC
3 | Maggie McMurtrey | Corte Bella GC
4 | Candice Robertson | Trilogy at Vistancia
4 | Madelyn Botta | Trilogy at Vistancia
4 | Karen Kummerfeldt | Sunbird Golf Club
5 | Terry Barker | Wigwam Golf Resort
7 | Karen Bell | Arizona National GC
8 | Patty Rodeman | Desert Springs GC
8 | Cyndie Spencer | McDowell Mountain GC
10 | Carole Petralia | Copper Canyon GC
11 | Deb Smith-Shoemaker | Wigwam GC

11 | Carolyn Hayes | Corte Bella GC
15 | Karen Moorhead | Copper Canyon GC
15 | Linda Wangner | Copper Canyon GC
15 | Gail Overstreet | Mountain View GC
17 | Linda Peterson | Trilogy @ Power Ranch
17 | Susan Sterling | SaddleBrooke CC
17 | Bonnie Law | Willowcreek GC
18 | Loretta Brown | Corte Bella GC
20 | Mary Klein | The Gallery Golf Club
21 | Mary Ann Schimke | Scottsdale Silverado
23 | Debbie Darling | Hammock Beach Resort
27 | Karen Erickson | Mountain View GC
28 | Janice Kelley | Ironwood GC
28 | Dagmar Thorin | La Paloma CC
29 | Dawn Tyson | Red Mountain Ranch CC

May

2 | Mary Hahn | The Gallery Golf Club
5 | Karen Ellis | Tonto Verde GC
13 | Dolly Schaedel | Palo Verde CC
15 | Kaye Morgan | Arizona Traditions GC
15 | Carol Myers | Palo Verde CC
17 | Julie Odenreider | Encanterra CC
19 | Shirley Risedorph | Palo Verde CC
20 | Norma Sorensen | Coyote Lakes GC
20 | Cheryl Potter | Tonto Verde GC
20 | Caroline Whitt | Preserve at SaddleBrooke
20 | Judy Jorgenson | Lakes West
22 | Sandy Knight | Ironwood GC
29 | Nancy La Montagne | Anthem CC
30 | Jane Richards | Pebble Creek GR

June

9 | Val Watts | The Club @ Prescott Lakes
12 | Gail Kloppel | Saddle Rock GC
19 | Vicki Day | Pinewood CC
20 | Wanda Johnson | Palo Verde CC
20 | Virginia Smith | SaddleBrooke CC
20 | Nancy Emmons | Mountain View GC

July

2 | Barbara DeNapoli | Oakwood CC
4 | Stevie Booker | Superstition Mountain CC
7 | Lorna Lincoln | Tuscany Falls @ PebbleCreek



Lynn Zmistowski Inducted into Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame

Born and raised in Rochester, MN, AWGA Member Lynn Esau Zmistowski won seven state titles in a span of nine years before she relocated to Colorado. Lynn won two Minnesota Junior State Championships, two MWPGA Public Links Championships, and three Minnesota Women's Amateur Championships.

After moving to Colorado, Lynn won two Colorado State Amateur Championships and two Colorado Senior Stroke Play Championships. She is also a member of the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame and Rochester, MN Sports Hall of Fame and received the USGA Ike Granger Award for Volunteer service.

Since living in Arizona as a member of Alta Mesa Golf Club, Lynn has won the AWGA Four-Ball Championship three times, the Senior Match Play Championship twice, and also our Scotch Play tournament twice.

We congratulate Lynn on her induction into the MGA-PGA Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame.



Say-WHY-Lo

By Robyn Noll

April's Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship took place at Arizona's newest golf course, Sewailo Golf Club in Tucson. The club's name is pronounced "Say-WHY-Lo" and means "flower world" in the Pascua Yaqui language. True to its name, it's been designed to be a desert oasis filled with wildflowers, meandering streams, and ponds, framed by stunning mountain vistas. Cathie Bishop and Cathy Bradley, both of Tucson, were Net Champions at the tournament. Cathie has high praise for the course, saying the lakes, streams and waterfalls "made me step back and remind myself that I was still in the Tucson Valley and not at some Southern or Midwestern resort."

There is nothing to protect the course from wind, and Overall Champions Leigh Klasse and Kim Eaton advise players to use more club when hitting into the wind. Cathie Bishop adds that it was hard to convince herself, but sometimes she needed to club up as many as three clubs. When the wind is with you, you need less club, but the wind will not effect you as much as when you hit into it. Kim recommends hitting the ball short of your target so your ball will roll up, since its forward momentum will be enhanced by both the wind and the drier, harder playing surface.

Its many hazards make Sewailo a challenging course, especially when you play it for the first time. There's a lot of water, some blind spots, and while there are no unnecessary bunkers, some are quite

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deep. The #10 hole is particularly difficult because of its combination of doglegs, water, streams, and bunkers. Cathie Bishop says she paid close attention to the GPS and tried to calculate the carries over all the hazards and that usually led to good club selection. Still, the hills can be severe, and some shots that seemed fine at first ended up lost in the water. Pat Kuntz joked about the course's name, saying it "S-Wall-Ows" your golf balls, and it's definitely been designed to favor

those who are skilled at ball placement. There are, however, plenty of landing areas, most of the fairways are wide and forgiving, and the greens during the tournament were relatively slow and easy to read.

Having a golf course, resort hotel, and casino on the same property makes playing at Sewailo a unique experience, and for the tournament it was a great perk for players to be able to socialize with friends old and new. If you are playing Sewailo for the first time, Kim Eaton suggests you watch the people you're playing with and learn from their successes and failures. She says if you play the course a lot, you'll learn where the landing spots are. Leigh Klasse's philosophy is to strive for par and be happy if you're putting for a birdie. She recommends that if you're playing poorly, just put the last hole behind you and start fresh on the next hole. And Cathie Bishop reminds you to "play safe" and enjoy the day!

Would you like to play Sewailo? The AWGA has a Troon Summer Special running until August 31st. [Click here to see all the great Troon courses you can play this summer.](#)



Deb Hart, a member at Tatum Ranch Golf Club passed away at her home in Arizona on June 15.

Deb will be remembered for her appreciation and love for the game of golf,



at which she was humbly very proficient, her friendly disposition, and her kindness to her playing companions and friends. She is survived by her husband Frank Korzeniowski, who, along with Deb, made one of the best-liked couples at the Club.

DEAR CADDY

Q Where did the tradition of buying a round of drinks for other golfers when you make a hole in one originate? It seems that it would be the other way around. I've been playing golf for many years and find this interesting.

I too find this an interesting tradition and thought your question would be easy to research and answer. But nowhere could I find the origin of the tradition of celebrating a hole in one – buying a round of drinks for the clubhouse!

A As many of us know, proper etiquette requires, and tradition holds, that the lucky golfer buys drinks in the clubhouse after the round for anyone playing in the same group and anyone else who may have witnessed the hole-in-one. Over time, this tradition has evolved to golfers buying a round of drinks for everyone in the clubhouse after making a hole-in-one. This seems somewhat credit card defying until you find yourself in Japan aching a hole and the expectation is to celebrate your achievement by giving extravagant gifts to each and every individual club member!

So where did this all start??? Like many traditions, there is an incredible amount of speculation over who started this tradition and where it began. There is one theory that makes sense to me - I always thought most golf traditions were rooted centuries ago in Scotland. However, this custom is said to have initiated in 1921 here in the US at Pebble Beach. Pebble Beach Golf Links opened in 1919, right at the peak of the prohibition era. Prohibition laws applied to those who could not afford to get around the laws. Basically, if you could afford to play Pebble Beach, you could afford to get the good stuff and also knew where and how to get it... James B. Marker was the fortunate player who aced the par 3, 17th hole, in March of 1921. To celebrate with his playing partners, he offered a snort of "the good stuff" to his group. One of his opponents is reported to have said, "Why don't you buy a shot for the whole damn clubhouse, you lucky SOB?" Marker accepted the challenge and the 21 gentlemen waiting in the clubhouse (remember there was no "bar" at that time) were treated to imported Canadian Club Whiskey!

By the way, your Dear Caddy had to explore the bookstore – Golf Section – to get this little tidbit of history!

Please send your unique questions or comments to dearcaddy@awga.org. Your question could be selected for publication in the AWGA Newsletter."

