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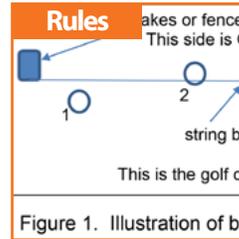
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## 2016 AWGA Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner



2016 AWGA Board of Directors



2015 Awards

The 2016 AWGA Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner was held on January 26th at Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino. The Annual Business meeting was held first with various reports read, and old business and new business discussed. Followed by that was a cocktail reception. The Recognition dinner was led by incoming AWGA Board President Sally Larson.

### Annual Award Winners

**AWGA Lifetime Achievement Award**  
*Colleen Green, Great Eagle GC*

Lifetime Achievement Awards are given to individuals who have performed exceptional service throughout their careers, who work hard, give of themselves tirelessly, know how to get things done, and can be relied upon under any circumstances, people who truly make a difference. Colleen Green is such a person, and this year it was our great honor to present her with the AWGA Lifetime Achievement Award. Along the way she's picked up a number of accolades, including the 2000 CAGD Nell Ellenberger Award, and she was also named the 2005 AWGA Rep of the Year and 2007 AWGA Volunteer of the Year.



**Kathy Ehrlich Volunteer of the Year**  
*Kathy Cline, San Ignacio Golf Club*

We're delighted to announce that Kathy Cline is the 2015 recipient of the AWGA Kathy Ehrlich Volunteer of the Year award. When told of the award she was surprised and honored, saying she just likes to keep busy and help people. Outgoing, enthusiastic, and never one to say "no" to a challenge, she joined the Tournament Committee, became an Advocate for the Build-a-TEAM Program, and is also an important part of the AWGA Information and Outreach Committee, helping with the GEM survey and conducting AWGA Rep meetings.



**Dorothy Pease Achievement Award**  
*Rose Nehring, Dell Ulrich Golf Club*

The Dorothy Pease Achievement Award was created in 2011 to honor women prominent in our Arizona golf community who, like Dorothy herself, exemplify the spirit of the game. The 2015 award goes to



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Rose Nehring, whose name is synonymous with junior girls' golf in Southern Arizona. Rose helped establish the Tucson Roadrunners Girls Golf Club, serving as Director from 1994-1997. Under her leadership they created a developmental golf program designed for girls ages six years and older. Rose and a group of volunteers also established the Southern Arizona Junior Golf Association. Rose was also selected to be Team Captain for Arizona's Girls Junior Americas Cup team, a position she held for 19 consecutive years.

### Host Club of the Year *Forest Highlands, Flagstaff*

Flagstaff's Forest Highlands is a first-class course that boasts breathtaking mountain views and spectacular scenery. During October's Scotch Play, however, thunderstorms made those views hard to come by. But the Forest Highlands staff was able to mitigate the effects of the foul weather and provide a pleasant experience for all. Both players and tournament staff appreciated their skillful handling of the challenging circumstances, voting to make them the 2015 AWGA Host Club of the Year. Bill Griffon accepted the award for Forest Highlands.



### AWGA Rep of the Year *Charlotte James, SaddleBrooke GC*

AWGA Rep duties include encouraging club members to play in AWGA events and attend Handicap & Rules seminars, keeping club members updated through meetings and various communications. 2015 AWGA Rep of the Year, Charlotte James of the SaddleBrooke Lady Niners, does all that and **much more!** When Charlotte first became the AWGA Rep in 2012, she made a point to get AWGA Directories into as many members' hands as possible. She also convinced the



Board of Directors to provide Rules books for all members. She posts items to the bulletin board and website, writes an article every month for the newsletter, and makes members aware that they are part of a larger women's organization, the AWGA.

### Senior Player of the Year *Kelly Loeb, Omni Tucson National*

It's not often that you hear someone say, "I couldn't wait to turn 50!" But that was exactly how Kelly Loeb felt about turning the big Five-Oh, since it allowed her to compete in Seniors golf tournaments. She took advantage of her relative youthfulness by coming in second in the Senior Division of the AWGA Match Play Championship. She qualified for the USGA Senior Women's Amateur in her first year of eligibility. In October, Kelly also placed fourth at the AWGA State Amateur Seniors Championship. She closed out the year in grand fashion, finishing first in the Tucson City Women's Championship to earn the AWGA Senior Player of the Year honor!



### Player of the Year *Hannah O'Sullivan, JGAA*

Hannah O'Sullivan, the 17-year-old phenom from Chandler, made quite an impression on the women's golf scene in 2015. In February Hannah won the LPGA Symetra Tour Gateway Classic at Longbow Golf Club, becoming the youngest winner in LPGA Symetra Tour history. She went on to a second-place finish in the US Women's Four-Ball Championship at Bandon Dunes in April, and made the cut at the US Women's Open in July. But her greatest accomplishment came in August when she captured the National Title at the US Women's Amateur Championship.



## The 2016 AWGA Board of Directors

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## Suttles Settles In

### Desert Mashies' First Female President

by Michael Dean ~ The Duffer

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Carolyn Suttles is a long-time member of the AWGA and of Pebblecreek Golf Resort. She was the AWGA Volunteer of the year for 2013.

In the storied 70-year history of the Desert Mashie Golf Club in the Valley of the Sun, there has never been a female president. On Friday evening that all came to a screeching halt after Mrs. Carolyn Suttles stepped forward to take over the reins after successfully running and being elected by the members. She will serve for two years 2016-2017.

Leadership certainly has not been a problem for Suttles, who has been a loyal and dedicated member of Desert Mashie for 18 years after moving to the area with her husband, Rodney, from Detroit Mich. She intimated, "I was told when I arrived in Arizona, that Desert Mashie was a prestigious Black golf organization that my husband and I had to be a part of, so we joined immediately." She has been golfing for about 30 years.

In her 18 years as a Desert Mashie member, Suttles has served as Membership Chair, Social Director, co-tournament chair, worked on the Annual Tournament and Tournament Committee for 10+ years. She also served on the Scholarship Committee, board member 10+ years, vice president for four years and recently became a part of a newly formed assistance program for members in a financial dilemma. She readily steps up when called upon.

Some of her goals for the upcoming year are:

Get Desert Mashie inducted into the African American Golfers Hall of Fame. We have the needed recommendation from a Hall of Fame member (a pre-requisite), we have the contact in Florida and every effort will be made to make it happen.

Reopen the Desert Mashie Golf Foundation's Scholarship Program to new and returning college students or students who have received Desert Mashie Golf Foundation awards previously. We would provide a forum for the scholarships to be presented to the students in the form of a luncheon that could be used as a fundraiser for the club.

Reach out to other clubs and form partnerships. We had



Carolyn Suttles & Jane Hee



Carolyn Suttles, 2013 AWGA Volunteer of the Year

a partnership with Mexican American Golf Association (MAGA) at one time. I'd like to renew it and see a joint tournament at least one time during the year.

Reach out to the schools to recruit junior golfers and to the churches to attract new memberships.

Form a committee to review and update the By-Laws

Broaden our social activities to include attending events at the Black Theatre Troupe and other art venues.

Congratulations President Suttles!

# Rules & Etiquette

with Lyman Gallup & Marilyn Reynolds



Lyman Gallup  
AWGA Rules Committee Chair

## Is My Ball In or Out?

During a round of golf the question may arise about whether a player's ball is in bounds or out of bounds. Section II of the Rules of Golf provides a definition for out of bounds that clarifies the situation. The committee should ensure that the boundary line is marked by some stationary characteristic, often white stakes or fence posts are used. But regardless of the size of those boundary markers, the actual boundary is a razor thin straight line. Imagine a string stretched between the nearest inside points at ground level of adjacent markers; that is the boundary line. If the ball touches that string, it is in bounds. If the golf ball is beyond the string, it is out of bounds. Figure 1 illustrates the judgment process with three

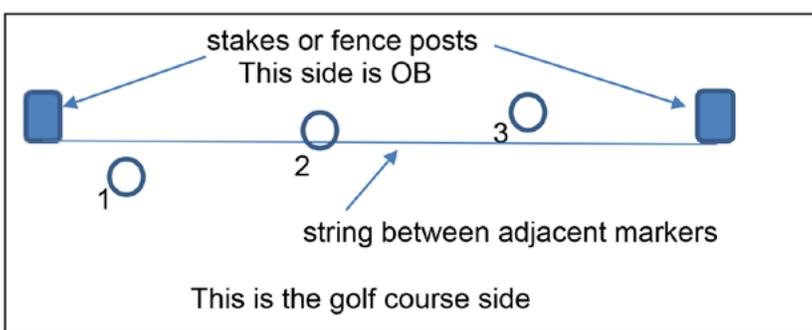


Figure 1. Illustration of boundary line with 3 balls

numbered golf balls. Ball #1 is in bounds since it is on the golf course side of the string. Ball #2 is in bounds since it touches the string. Ball #3 is out of bounds since it is beyond the string.

If a white line has been painted on the ground to mark the boundary then the effective razor thin line is the inside edge (golf course side) of the line regardless of the width of the painted line. So in Figure 1, if the inside edge of the white paint line is marked by the string, Ball #3 would still be out of bounds because it is beyond the string even though it might be sitting in the middle of a 4"-wide painted line.



## The Problem: Pace of Play Are you part of the solution?

by Marilyn Reynolds

One of the biggest problems in golf is Pace of Play. It is a source of headaches for course owners, golf associations, and tournament officials. The issue of Pace of Play consumes much time and effort from the hiring of marshals to time-par schedules. Are you doing everything you can to help in this concerted effort to make the game more enjoyable? Check this list:

1. **Be Ready!** From the time it is your turn to play until the time your ball is on its way, should take no more than 40 seconds. This is the time officials allow when timing a player. Take no more than one practice stroke. Time your pre-shot routine. Is it comfortably within the time allowed?
2. **Be Alert!** Know what is going on around you. Watch when other players are hitting the ball, particularly when on the teeing ground. If a shot is errant, mentally note the landmarks near where the ball landed so it is easy to find.
3. **Be Helpful!** If a playing partner blasts out of a bunker and across the green, and you are standing nearby, rake that bunker so that player may proceed without delay. When another player is last to putt out, pick up her clubs and hand them to her as you leave the green.
4. **Be Direct!** Go directly to your golf ball. Just because we have golf carts does not mean you should not do some walking. Unless you are unable, walking will do you good and speed up play. As soon as a golf cart arrives at the player's ball that is farthest from the hole, the other player in the cart should gather a few clubs and head to her own ball.

How did you do on this little review? The next time you play, pay attention. Are you doing everything you can to be a part of the solution? We hope so.

## Handicap Corner

Q - Our club is hosting an invitational. We will have mulligans and magic putts. Do we need to post scores?

A - Section 4 of the USGA Handicap System Manual contains the following definition: “The game of golf is based on the premise that a player will play as well as the player can play. Under the USGA Handicap System, each player is required to record a hole score for a hole not finished, not played, or not played under the Rules of Golf.....”.

If the golfer plays at least 13 holes under the Rules of Golf (seven holes for a nine-hole game) the player must post a score. For posting purposes the following adjustments can be made for holes not played under the Rules:

- \* Mulligans - post par plus allotted handicap strokes
- \* Magic Putts - post most likely score
- \* Free throw or kick - post par plus allotted handicap strokes
- \* Pro hits a shot for the player - post par plus allotted handicap strokes
- \* Hole not finished - post most likely score
- \* Hole not played - post par plus allotted handicap strokes

The Tournament Committee must inform participants of these requirements and must also decide who is to be responsible for posting the scores. The committee must also decide if the scores are to be posted as “T” scores or regular scores. Individual golfers are to be aware of the conditions of competition.

And so, in answer to the above question - If you play, you post!

*References: USGA Handicap System Manual sections 4-1 and 4-2*

## Just for Fun Days 2016 Kickoff

The 2016 season of Just 4 Fun Days kicked off on February 8 at Desert Hills Golf Club in Green Valley. Thirty-seven players, of whom 31 were participating in their first AWGA event, braved the chilly morning, knowing the sun would warm things up nicely soon after their tee time. Players were greeted by an enthusiastic and helpful staff. After being escorted to their starting holes, everyone was welcomed by a great course in peak condition.

The snow-capped Santa Rita’s to the East added a nice touch to the scenery. Players were challenged throughout their round, but enjoyed the opportunity to play casual golf in a relaxing environment — welcome to Just 4 Fun Days! Don’t miss out on the upcoming dates in May. May is Golf Month in Arizona. Check out all the Just 4 Fun events on the tournament page of the AWGA website. Registration will open in late March and is on a first-come first-serve basis for the May events.



# Aces



## January 2014

02 | Dianne Papaioannou | Cottonwood CC

## April 2015

22 | Lynn Berman | Shalimar

## July 2015

25 | Mary Huebner | Rolling Hills GC

31 | Roxy Port | Sunland Village Golf Club

## August 2015

14 | Denise Crowley | Rolling Hills GC

28 | Deb Zinser | Desert Mountain Club, Apache Course

## September 2015

04 | Sally Christensen | Greenfield Lakes

24 | Deb Zinser | Desert Mountain Club, Renegade Course

29 | Marcea Reuther | Gleneagles CC

## October 2015

10 | Sheila Seaton | Desert Mountain Club, Apache Course

## November 2015

05 | Pat Fox | Rolling Hills GC

06 | Roxy Port | Superstition Springs

## December 2015

08 | Cheryl Brodbeck | Pebblecreek Eagle's Nest Golf Course

21 | Carol Loignon | Dove Valley Ranch Golf Club

22 | Lynda Bronzetti | Pebblecreek Eagle's Nest Golf Course

22 | Kathy Hutchinson | Willowcreek Golf Club

30 | Elsie Wilner | Wigwam Heritage Golf Course

## January 2016

01 | Paula Miller | Desert Mountain Club, Apache Course

01 | Marcy Bartolini | The Country Club at DC Ranch

01 | Chris Rinker | Mountainbrook Golf Course

02 | Julie Hamlin | Sun Lakes Country Club

03 | Leal Roberts | The Gallery, South Course

10 | Carol Hocking | Quail Creek CC

10 | Joanne Foster | Corte Bella GC

12 | Carolyn Radomsky | Corte Bella GC

14 | Lois Foerster | Ironwood Golf Club

14 | Kathy Engelen | Ironwood GC at Anthem CC

17 | Mary Liepold | Sun Lakes GC

18 | Chris Crum | SaddleBrooke CC

18 | Allison Highmark | The Country Club at DC Ranch

19 | Vickie Herz | Persimmon Course at Anthem CC

19 | Bobbi Hatfield | Rio Verde CC

19 | Marilyn Reynolds | Pebble Creek Golf Resort

19 | Marge Wunderlick | Riverview GC

20 | Kitty Duval | Cave Creek GC

22 | Susan Lukawski | Corte Bella GC

23 | Connie Coutcher | Willowcreek GC

25 | Jo Helms | Skyline Country Club

26 | Karen Arrendondo | Ken MacDonald GC

27 | Mary Beth Groves | Legend Trail GC

28 | Cindy Tollefson | Pebble Creek Golf Resort

28 | Carolyn Bueler | Peoria Pines GC

30 | Judy Sevier | Tonto Verde GC

30 | Barbara Rossi | Pebble Creek GC

## February 2016

02 | Kathi Hall | Lone Tree GC

02 | Joan McKeever | Corte Bella GC

02 | Gloria Michalenko | Cocopah RV and Golf Resort

05 | Laura Le Salisbury | Mountainbrook GC

05 | Sally Harvey | White Wing, at Rio Verde CC

06 | Jan Van Court | Fountain of the Sun CC

06 | Diane Sloan | Ironwood GC, Sun Lakes

07 | Vernie Tupa | Quail Creek Country Club

09 | Sue Hoag | Corte Bella GC

10 | Carol Clifford | Quail Creek Country Club

11 | Bobbie Littou | Rolling Hills Tempe

11 | Carol Wright | The Legend at Arrowhead GC

11 | Wendy Bertacchini | The Views, Oro Valley

12 | Irma Spade | The Highlands at Dove Mountain

14 | Diane Cain | The Preserve Golf Club

20 | Barb Adams | Tatum Ranch Golf Club

22 | Sallie Wilhelmi | Phoenix Country Club

## Balance for Better Timing

by Debra Pentz, DC



We've all gone through periods of time when our golf swing is "off."

Of course the golf swing is complicated, and the reason could be any one, or combination of a hundred things. Balance is one of the first things to check.

Without balance it's difficult to make a proper weight transfer in the golf swing.

In addition, balance helps us maintain proper timing and rhythm through the golf swing.

To check your balance, stand tall with your arms down at your sides, but not touching your sides. Lift one leg until the thigh is parallel with the ground. Count the number of seconds that you can maintain your balance. The test is over if there is any repositioning of the foot or flailing of the arms. More than 25 seconds is considered normal. Now try the other leg. If you passed this test, try the same thing with your eyes closed (have something close by to grab onto if you start to fall). If you passed this, balance is not likely to be an underlying problem in your golf swing.

If you did not pass, the corrective exercise is much like the test. Simply practice standing on one leg.

If your balance does not improve in a few weeks, there may be other issues. The eyes and the inner ear are important sources of information for the brain to determine where we are in space. Problems with either of these systems may require consultation with a specialist.

More balancing exercises can be found on our YouTube Smashing Golf channel.

[youtube.com/user/SmashingGolf](https://www.youtube.com/user/SmashingGolf)

## Balance in Your Golf Swing

by Peggy Briggs LPGA

Have you ever had someone tell you to finish your swing? Do you fall away while you are swinging either backwards or sideways? To keep our swing "in Balance" here is a simple drill you can practice to keep your body from too much movement in the wrong direction. Start by taking a golf club and get into your golf set up. Take your trail leg and move it back and balance on your toe. Make some golf swings while standing on your lead leg. You should feel the stability of your leg and body while rotating around your lead hip and leg. I have seen Brittany Lincicome do this on the range many times when she comes to town. She actually balances on one leg and tucks the other similar to a stork while making swings and hitting golf balls.

You should try using your toe as a balance point before lifting your other leg. The golf swing is balance in motion, we don't want to eliminate motion, just direct it in the proper direction. Bonus: Your golf ball may start to go straighter and farther with good body motion "in balance".

Check out our videos on [youtube.com/user/SmashingGolf](https://www.youtube.com/user/SmashingGolf).





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*Marilynn Smith*



*9-hole winners  
Debbie Allen & Pattie Horning*



*18-hole winners  
Becky Sun & Sandi Siggins*

## Medallion: A State-wide Showdown

The 2015 Club State Medallion Tournament was a true representation of club golf from every corner of Arizona. Sierra Vista to Lake Havasu, Yuma to Show Low and everywhere in between was represented. Eighteen teams from 9-hole clubs and 119 teams from 18-hole clubs made the trip to Pebblecreek Golf Resort in Goodyear for this event on January 16 & 17. Each club sent their 2-person team, a gross winner and a net winner. The gross winners played with no handicap and the net winners played at 100% of their handicap. But history has shown that both participants must play well for a team to win.

Before sun up each day, AWGA and course staff, along with volunteers, arrived to prepare for the golfers. On Saturday, a frost delay could not cool off the 118 players, as a few people posted personal best scores and there were players from every flight shooting below par rounds. Flight winners came from Foothills (Ahwatukee), Yuma Golf & CC, Skyline (Tucson), Johnson Ranch (San Tan Valley), Peoria Pines (Peoria), and Quailwood Greens (Dewey). A great start to the weekend! Sunday was a little warmer, so without delay 120 players took off to try to win. It was a real battle before the team from Paradise Valley Country Club took home the trophy with a one-stroke victory over the teams from Desert Mountain (Scottsdale) and Trail Ridge (Sun City West). Other flight winners were Tucson National, Pebblecreek (Goodyear), Grand Ladies (Sun City West), and Villa de Paz (Phoenix). At the same time, 36 players were competing in the 9-Hole Tournament. Ten teams across all the flights had players that shot under par. When all the scores were tallied, The Views Golf Club was happy to put their name on the trophy - for the 3rd time. Flight winners were Pebblebrook (Sun City West), Tucson National, and Ironwood (Sun Lakes).

The Sunday players had the very special treat of hearing LPGA co-founder Marilyn Smith speak during the awards luncheon. Marilyn regaled the group with stories of her time on tour and anecdotes from people she has met in her travels. Her favorite golfer to play with was Ben Hogan.

For a list of all the award winners, go to the Tournament page on the AWGA website.