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4/30	5/7	5/14
5/21	5/28	6/4
6/11	6/18	6/25
7/2	7/9	7/16
7/23	7/30	8/6
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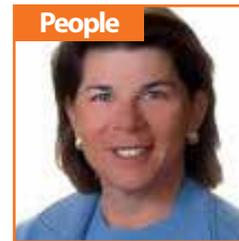
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## Tournaments: For Players of All Abilities

by Julie Fenn ~ AWGA Player Programs Manager

If you heard someone say “Tournaments are for players of all abilities”, would you have a hard time believing that? The AWGA advertises “All handicaps welcome” for our State Championships. A lot of people don’t believe these statements and are too afraid to see for themselves if that might be true. We want to assure you, it is true! If you think you’d like to play, but have been afraid, read on.

Tournaments for professionals and highly skilled amateurs are played with no handicap allowance. The lowest gross score wins. Women’s State Golf Association tournaments are for players of all abilities. At the AWGA, we have worked hard to develop tournament procedures that not only acknowledge the very best players in our state, but also welcome and enable success and enjoyment for a wide range of skill levels.

The average handicap index for women is approximately 26.0, with less than 5% of women having a handicap of 10.0 or less. It is important to offer challenging competitions for those 5% of the players, but if we only focus on that 5%, we are not serving the vast majority of our golfers. And we know we can do both! Consequently, State Golf Associations design their tournaments for the majority of the players – those with handicaps in the 20 – 30 range. How does that work?

The AWGA does a couple of things to make tournaments equitable and enjoyable for players of all abilities. In all AWGA events, the players are divided into classes or flights so that each player will be competing against other players with comparable ability. Flights are based on handicap index or course handicap. If you are a 0 Handicap, you’ll play against players with a 0.0 to approximately 5.0 Index, and in increments all the way up the scale. Most of the flights have a range of 5 to 7 points (e.g. 25.0 – 29.9 could be the handicap range of a flight). Gross and net prizes are paid in each flight. In the State Championship events – Four-Ball, Match Play, Stroke Play and Seniors – there is the additional option of multiple sets of tees available for use. Players with lower handicaps play a longer and more difficult course than players with higher handicaps. A shorter set of tees does not take away the beauty or challenges that courses present, but makes them more manageable and enjoyable. Bunkers, water hazards, rough and the desert still come into play for everyone, but carries over these obstacles and overall hole distances are shorter, making the opportunity for better scores and more fun more likely.



So if you have a 29.8 handicap index and the thought crossed your mind to play at the Phoenix Country Club for 3 days in August at the State Amateur Stroke Play Championship, would you be considered a little crazy? Absolutely not! You would be playing against a group of women with handicaps somewhere between 25 and 35. If your handicap is at the higher end of the range, you would be more likely to win a net prize within your flight. If your handicap is at the lower end of the range, you would be more likely to win a gross prize within your flight. If you fall in love with the course and have a great round or two, you stand a chance of winning the Overall Net Championship! How can this be crazy? On top of that, you are going to meet and play with some great ladies who are of similar ability and love to play golf. Maybe one of them will invite you to play in a member/guest, or you could find a new partner and play in the Partners Tournament at Oro Valley Country Club in November. Any way you look at it, you will have a good time and at least a 1 in 3 chance of winning something at the tournament. What’s crazy about that?

## Golf 101 Play Day

### The Next Step in New Golfers' Journey

Eleven former Golf 101 participants came to the Encanto 9 Golf Course on the afternoon of Saturday, April 25 to take the next step in their golf journey. As with the Golf 101 classes, participant skill levels ranged from brand new golfers to those who were average golfers but had been away from the game for an extended period of time.

Moderate temperatures and a good breeze allowed golfers to walk the course in comfort. **Peggy Briggs**, an LPGA teaching professional who has supported the Golf 101 Program since its inception in 2007, kicked things off with a short putting clinic. Then each group was assigned an Ambassador to help in any way possible and continue their golf education on the golf course. Games started on the second hole with a closest to the

hole contest, then a couple of long putt contests and a straight drive competition. For new golfers, the concept of other games and contests during a round of golf is often foreign, as are golf terms and rules. Ambassadors took this opportunity to provide education in a casual but practical application environment.

Two hours later the fun was winding down, but not before phone numbers were exchanged with new golf buddies and future tee times worked out. Even those participants who have found a group to play with or have a home course had a great time playing a new course and making new friends.

If you know someone who is interested in taking up golf or coming back to it, check out our web site in the fall for the next session of the Golf 101 Program at courses around the state.



*Peggy Briggs and the Golf 101 Ladies*



*The Golf 101 Participants*

## 2016 Tournaments and Events Schedule

### Just 4 Fun Days

**Desert Hills Golf Club**, Green Valley, Monday, February 8

**Troon North Golf Club** – Pinnacle Course, Scottsdale, Monday, May 9

**Blackstone Country Club**, Peoria, Tuesday, May 19

**The Boulders Golf Club** – Carefree, Wednesday, June 1

**Troon North Golf Club** – Monument Course, Scottsdale, Monday, June 20

**We-Ko-Pa Golf Club** – Cholla Course, Ft. McDowell, Saturday, June 25 (discount hotel rates!)

**We-Ko-Pa Golf Club** – Saguaro Course, Ft. McDowell, Sunday, June 26

**The Boulders Golf Club** – Carefree, Tuesday, July 5

### Tournaments

Medallion – 18-Hole – Saturday & Sunday, January 16 & 17 @ **Tuscany Falls at Pebblecreek** (1/2 the field each day)

Medallion – 9-Hole – Sunday, January 17 @ **Tuscany Falls at Pebblecreek** in Goodyear

Four-Ball Championship – Tuesday & Wednesday, April 26 & 27 @ **The Gallery Golf Club** – South Course in Marana

Mixed Stix – Saturday & Sunday, July 23 & 24 @ **Sedona Golf Resort** in Sedona

Stroke Play Championship – Wednesday through Friday, August 3-5 @ **Torreón Golf Club** – Tower Course in Show Low

Scotch – Monday & Tuesday, October 17 & 18 @ **Antelope Hills** – North Course in Prescott

## 2015 AWGA Match Play Championship On Fire . . . in More Ways Than One

by Julie Fenn ~ AWGA Player Programs Manager



Alexa Schendelman



Donna Patek



Open Champion Saki Iida



Senior Champion Liz Waynick

The 2015 edition of the State Amateur Match Play Championship was held on the **Ambiente** course at **Camelback Golf Club** in Scottsdale June 15 – 18. The course was recently redesigned and is a challenging, yet fun, venue well suited for match play. Wide, generous fairways are made more interesting with deep bunkers; undulating greens await approach shots; and wild flowers and grasses collect errant shots to the right of every hole. The service provided by the course and the food and beverage staff is first class. If you haven't gone out to play it yet, book a tee time and check it out for yourself.

Monday was a qualifying day to determine seedings for flights. The Open Division participants played from almost 6,000 yards while the Senior Division had to navigate more than 5,500. Players that would be playing in the Field flights found the 5,000 yards they played to be challenging yet fun, regardless of their handicap. **Saki Iida**, the 2014 AWGA Player of the Year, shot a 71, to beat out 11-time Player of the Year **Tui Selvaratnam** by 1 stroke for Medalist honors in the Open Division. Newcomer to the Senior Division, **Kelly Loeb** tied **Edwina McKay** for Co-Medalist honors, each shooting 76.

Matches started on Day 2. It was warm and humid as the matches teed off on Hole #1, typical for an Arizona June morning. Then the competition and temperatures got hot! The thermometer reached 115° before the day was done and there was no breeze to help it feel better, until after the players were off the course. Lower seeded players won matches in all flights. Six matches had to go extra holes to determine a winner. But the most remarkable thing was that as matches came off the course, you couldn't tell who had won the match. Players were laugh-

ing, hugging, talking about good shots and bad, demonstrating good sportsmanship in the true spirit of the game.

The fire continued on Days 3 & 4. A breeze picked up to make the temperatures more bearable, players shared hydration tips and supplies, a lot of shade umbrellas popped up and not one person complained. Personal best scores were shot, more friendships formed, and matches continued to go back and forth before winners were determined. **Saki Iida** improved on her runner-up finish last year to take the Championship. **Liz Waynick** came from behind to beat a "junior senior" (50-year-old **Kelly Loeb**) to win the Senior Championship. The #8 seeded **Rita Albertson** won the 1st Flight, #7 seeded **Leigh Alexander** won the 2nd Flight and #4 seeded **Diane Vanderveen** won the 3rd Flight. [For complete results, pictures and brackets click here.](#)

As usual at AWGA events, old acquaintances were renewed and new friends were made in addition to a lot of fun and good golf being played. The perfect example of this occurred on the final day. Players who have lost 2 matches are encouraged to come and play for fun behind the final matches of the event. Due to the high temperatures all week, most players decided they were done with golf for a little bit and wanted to stay in the air conditioning and watch the U.S. Open on TV. But 21 year old **Alexa Schendelman** said "Why not!" and came out to play with the elder stateswoman of the group, **Donna Patek**, who is 82 years young. Donna's comment after the round was "She has a great game as well as personality. The whole tournament was worth the chance I had to play with this young woman!"



*with Sally Larson*

## **Q. What's the difference between a substituted ball, a wrong ball and a wrongly substituted ball?**

### **A. Let's start with definitions.**

#### **Before we can understand these terms, we need to know the definition of a ball in play.**

- A ball is in play when the player has made a stroke on the teeing ground and remains in play until it is holed. A ball that is lost, out of bounds, lifted or another ball has been substituted is not “in play.” A ball so substituted becomes the ball in play.

- A wrong ball is any ball other than your ball in play, provisional ball or a second ball played under Rules 3-3 or 20-7c in stroke play. It may be another player's ball, an abandoned ball, a ball lying out of bounds or the player's original ball when it is no longer in play. If a player makes one or more strokes at a wrong ball, she must add two strokes to her score AND correct her mistake by playing the correct ball or proceeding under the rules. Strokes played with the wrong ball are disregarded. If she does not correct her mistake, the player is disqualified. The penalty in match play is loss of hole.

- A substituted ball is a ball put into play for the original ball that was either in play, lost, out of bounds or lifted. Think of it as a replacement ball.

- A wrongly substituted ball is a substituted ball put into play when the rules require that the original ball be put back into play. For example, relief from an immovable obstruction, or abnormal ground conditions require you to put the ball back into play, unless the original ball is not immediately recoverable. A stroke at the wrongly substituted ball results in the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play). Once you have made that stroke, you must continue to play out the hole with that ball. NOTE: Rule 20-6 gives you one last chance to correct your error before you make a stroke at the wrongly substituted ball.



Let's test your understanding of the difference between a substituted, wrong or wrongly substituted ball. In each case, determine the status of the ball, penalty if any and what to do next.

1. I find a ball with my brand and number in deep rough and play it to the green. When I lift the ball, I discover it has a different identifying mark than mine.
2. A fellow-competitor marks my ball on the green with my authority while I rake the bunker. She lifts my ball and sets it off to the side. When it's my turn to putt, I play from where my fellow-competitor left my ball.
3. I find a ball in an unplayable lie in the bunker, lift and drop it within two club-lengths of where it laid. I make a stroke at the ball. When I go to make my next stroke, I discover the ball is not my original ball.
4. The same scenario as 3 above, but as I am about to make my next stroke, I discover it is not my ball.
5. My ball lies in a pile of debris awaiting removal by greenkeepers. I can identify it, but I can't retrieve it quickly. I take a ball out of my bag, drop within one club-length of my nearest point of relief and play.
6. I am taking relief from a bench. There is a stray ball near my original ball. I properly determine my nearest point of relief and drop the stray ball within one club-length and play the ball to the green.

See how well you understand Rule 15. The answers can be found on page 8.

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

# Aces



## September 2012

22 | Beverly Murphy | Dave White Municipal GC

## June 2014

24 | Dawn Ainger | Elmcrest CC

## July 2014

25 | Claudia Gallegos | Couer d'Alene Resort

## November 2014

19 | Cheryl Smith | Skyline CC

19 | Dee Dee Huffer | Skyline CC

19 | Terri Camp | The Gallery GC

23 | Dee Dee Huffer | Skyline CC

## December 2014

23 | Lee Parker | Red Mountain Ranch CC

26 | June Petrusich | Red Mountain Ranch CC

28 | Jackie Goupil | Red Mountain Ranch CC

## January 2015

8 | Julie Embleton | Palmbrook CC

9 | Laura Gaston | Red Mountain Ranch CC

26 | Annette Russell | The Gallery GC

28 | Betty Cole | The Preserve GC

## February 2015

5 | Mary McNicholas | The Desert Mountain Club

6 | Diane Thomas | The Desert Mountain Club

12 | Val Cruickshank | Las Colinas GC

12 | Jill Hostrawser | Pebblebrook CC

13 | Lani Calbert | Paradise Valley CC

14 | Martha French | Falcon GC

14 | Cathy Evans | Red Mountain Ranch CC

15 | Marlene McLaren | Leisure World GC

16 | Linda Shostak | Leisure World GC

17 | Connie Franklin | Sunbird GC

17 | Barbara Hall | The Views GC

17 | Karen Pattie | Red Mountain Ranch CC

18 | Carla James | Briarwood CC

19 | Giovanna Bakken | Anthem CC

19 | Sharon Kittle | The Desert Mountain Club

21 | Joanne Florance | Ironwood GC

21 | Joie Taylor | Bellair GC

22 | Kim Marklow | Red Mountain Ranch CC

23 | Kathy Pensinger | Forty-Niner GC

23 | Sandy Manor | Canoa Ranch GC

24 | Joanne Weiss | Leisure World GC

26 | Carol Ann Whitler | Starfire GC

26 | Vera Hietter | Arizona Golf Resort

27 | Marcy Schlosser | Silverbell GC

## March 2015

3 | Shirley Fennell | Sun City South GC

3 | Tammy Visser | Palo Verde CC

4 | Kay Woodman | Paradise Valley CC

10 | Jean Poley | Mirabel Club

10 | Pat Eaton | La Paloma CC

11 | Terry Kojtila | Fred Enke GC

12 | Lori Jaros | Los Caballeros GC

12 | Lillian Goodman | Briarwood CC

12 | Mary Kunkel | Ventana Canyon GC

13 | Karen Gilman | The Desert Mountain Club

13 | Bernie Colburn | The Gallery GC

14 | Chris Falasco | Pebblebrook Golf Course

14 | Patti Zimmerman | Arizona National GC

15 | Lynn Zmistowski | Alta Mesa Golf Club

17 | Denise Holmes | Pueblo Del Sol GC

18 | Jan Van Court | Fountain of the Sun GC

20 | Marie Heimerdinger | Arizona Biltmore CC

22 | Emma Page | Pebblecreek GR

24 | Priscilla Harand | Antelope Hills GC

25 | Jody Heiman | Palo Verde CC

25 | Bev Wellen | The Gallery GC

26 | Lila Slater | El Mirage GR

29 | Donna Roth | Henderson GC

29 | Jean Miazga | The Desert Mountain Club

30 | Mary Dawson | Bear Creek GC

31 | Midge Kullberg | Corte Bella GC

31 | Laura Bryden | Wickenburg Ranch

## April 2015

1 | Elaine Friesen | Sunbird GC

1 | Peggy Findlater | Coyote Run @ Leisure World

2 | Darthea Tilley | Quail Creek CC

4 | Connie Siple | The Highlands @ Dove Mtn

6 | Beth Smith | Ironwood GC

6 | Leslie Sweet | Mountainbrook GC

8 | Pinky Kubiak | Sun Lakes CC

8 | Sharon Kittle | The Desert Mountain Club

9 | Joyce Nefs | Apache Wells CC

12 | Kathy Duff | Ahwatukee CC

13 | Kaye Morgan | Arizona Traditions

15 | Lani Calbert | Paradise Valley CC

16 | Linda Betts | Las Colinas GC

16 | Elaine Reed | Grandview Golf Course

16 | Gail Birkeland | La Paloma CC

17 | Carolyn Hoagland | Cocopah RV & Golf Course

17 | Fran Kelly | Palo Verde CC

18 | Charlene Osborne | The CC @ DC Ranch

20 | Betty Martens | Quail Creek CC

23 | Jolene Frazier | Terravita GC

23 | Myrna Barnard | Copper Canyon GC

27 | Lisa Robidoux | Willowcreek GC

28 | Monica LaDouceur | Troon North GC

30 | Sheila Weickum | Elephant Rocks GC

## May 2015

2 | Cindi Sheppard | Alta Mesa GC

2 | Kathleen Houser | SaddleBrooke CC

3 | Sue Clinch | Camelback GC

11 | Joanne Perez | Westbrook Village GC

12 | Rita Benfer | Palo Verde CC

14 | Ann Cates | Capitol Hill GC

16 | Aurora Gehr | Shadowridge GC

21 | Patti Zimmerman | Arizona National GC

22 | Sharon Yeakley | Anthem G & CC

23 | Deborah McCardle | Quail Creek CC

26 | Nancy Stevens | Briarwood CC

26 | Rae Farley | Coyote Run @ Leisure World

28 | Sue Clinch | Starfire GC

## June 2015

1 | Faith Martin | Palo Verde CC

1 | Leslie Wittmann | Incline Village GC

14 | Doris Northorp | Starr Pass GC

18 | Julia Elenbass | Anthem CC

21 | Peggie Sullenberger | Desert Hills GC

22 | Sandy Miezwa | Bear Creek GC

23 | Aurora Gehr | Coyote Lakes GC

23 | Sandy Scanlan | Trail Ridge GC

## Double Eagle

June 20 | Suzan Doran | The Club at Prescott Lakes



## Marie Heimerdinger - Stroke of Luck

by Robyn Noll ~ Staff Writer

More than 100 Xavier College Prep parents, alumni, and friends played at this year's Heather Farr Memorial Co-Ed Golf Tournament. Hosted by the Dads' Club at the **Biltmore's Adobe Course**, the event benefitted Xavier's newly renovated Activity Center. **Marie Heimerdinger** created quite a stir on Hole #12 when she flew her ball 165 yards, over an elevated bunker, to the back right corner of the green for her very first hole-in-one. As a breast cancer survivor she thought her pink Bridgestone would be her lucky ball, and it seems to have done the trick because this hole-in-one earned her a NEW MERCEDES, which she says "was the most exciting thing I have ever experienced!" Congratulations, Marie, and we hope you enjoy your new ride!!



## Robin Donnelley

by The Boulders WGA ladies

On March 23, 2015, **Robin Weiss Donnelley**, a member of the Boulders Women's Golf Association, shot a 64 on the South Course, rating 70.1/123, at **The Boulders** in Scottsdale, Arizona, breaking the Women's Course Record. At the time, she was playing in a Mountain League match against **Pinnacle Peak Country Club**.

She posted no bogeys, and included three birdies on the front and an amazing 5 birdies on the back, making a 33 on the front and a 31 on the back.

Robin has given much to the game, long before coming to **The Boulders**. After finding that she liked this game of golf at age 21, following her love of horseback riding and skiing, she developed into an obviously very talented and successful player.

In 1989, she was the U.S. Women's Mid Amateur Champion. As one of the top ranked woman amateur players in the nation, (in 2000, she was ranked 2nd by Golfweek/Titleist), she qualified for the Curtis Cup Team three times. In addition, she and her partner, **Leslie Shannon**, were Champions of the International Four-Ball Tournament three years consecutively. In 1998, she was a Finalist in the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. She has also won the Southern Amateur Championship three times.

With too many championships and other great performances to mention, just let it be said that we have a fine player, an outstanding inspiration to all women and a special friend to all, in our midst. We are honored to be fellow competitors and friends of **Robin Weiss Donnelley!** Congratulations Robin, for a wonderful round!



## Just for Fun Days

### Great Courses, Great Friends, Great Fun

by Julie Fenn ~ AWGA Player Programs Manager

The 2015 series of Just 4 Fun Days started with a small but enthusiastic group enjoying the fabulous, and somewhat famous, **Briarwood Country Club** brunch Sunday, March 29. Some could barely move after that feast of pastries, fruit, seafood, prime rib, eggs, and too many more entrees to mention, as well as the vast array of desserts and the ice cream sundae bar. 18 holes of challenging golf on a wonderful course on an unseasonably warm March afternoon followed. A number of the group had not played Briarwood Country Club before and used this event to take advantage of the opportunity. A quick round (less than 4 hours) with friends always makes for a good time. Then getting to know the other golfers at the 19th hole made a perfect end to a great day.

The second edition of the 2015 series moved from the west valley to the east valley, stopping at the award winning short course **Augusta Ranch Golf Club** on Saturday, April 18. Twenty-nine participants played from each of the 3 sets of tees the course had to offer. Some players let the yardage (2800-3700 yards) fool them into thinking this was going to be an easy day. Fun, yes. Easy, no. A great time was had by all, and The Vue restaurant, overlooking the 9th green, was a great place for sharing stories after play. Golf, lunch, and camaraderie, yet still on the way home before 1 PM. Not a bad way to spend a Saturday morning.

The third edition of the Just 4 Fun Days was the sold out event on the Monument Course at **Troon North Golf Club** in Scottsdale Monday, May 11. A good number of the participants had never played there before. But lunch at the Dynamite Grille made for a tasty start to the afternoon. It was followed by a nicely paced 18 holes of play on Troon's flagship course. A sunny afternoon with a little breeze was great for the players. The traditional 19th hole wrap up completed a wonderful day with friends, old and new, from the AWGA.

The North Course at **The Gallery** in Marana on Saturday, June 20 sold out in 24 hours! Members were encouraged to make this event part of their Father's Day weekend celebration. Twenty gentlemen joined the ladies on a warm but breezy morning. Beautiful views of the area west of Marana and the hills surrounding the course made for a wonderful day. How bad can your day on the course be when the ranger gives you an Otter Pop on the 10th tee to thank you for playing quickly?!? One of the closest to the hole winners was only 5 feet away and a long putt winner drained one from more than 30 feet!

Due to the sell-out of our first day at **The Gallery**, the members and staff were nice enough to give us an additional day, Thursday, June 25 on the South Course. Forty-six more people came out to have some fun. Tournament players and duffers, men and women, members and volunteers all came out to enjoy a



*The Gallery, Marana, Arizona*



*Troon North Monument Course, Scottsdale, Arizona*



*Just for Fun Participants  
at The Gallery Golf Club, Marana, Arizona*

beautiful course on a warm and humid morning. The longest line of the day was at the ice machine, but people waited patiently and made new friends along the way. There was some serious horse-trading going on in the restaurant after play as contest prizes were bartered and exchanged (the going price for a flask was a very large and cold margarita!).

Laughter and friendships have been the common denominator across all the Just 4 Fun Days this year. Don't forget about our last event of the year – Tuesday, October 13 at **Torreón Golf Club** in Show Low. It will sell out, and these events are on a first-come first-serve basis, so put it on your calendar and sign up the day registration opens! Next year's Just 4 Fun Day calendar will be bigger. You can look forward to courses like **Blackstone Country Club**, **Desert Hills Golf Club** (Green Valley), **Troon North Golf Club** and **We-Ko-Pa Golf Club**.

# Tee it FORWARD

## Why You Should Try it and How it Works

by Robyn Noll ~ Staff Writer

One club that has successfully implemented the “Tee It Forward” approach is **Briarwood CC** in Sun City West, who started doing Tee It Forward events about three years ago. At first just a few ladies played from the forward Gold Tees, which are a wonderful option for new or injured players, or for those who are unable to hit the ball or walk as far as they once could. More and more ladies at Briarwood have moved forward since then, and now they have at least one and often two Gold Tee flights in every event. Granted, the ladies at the forward tees can’t compete for tournament championships, but they’re playing from a set of tees better suited to their driving distance.

While the Course Rating on **Briarwood’s** typical tee set is 71.1, the Gold Tee Course Rating is only 66. In order to equalize the 5 stroke advantage of those playing at the Gold Tees, players at those tees have five strokes deducted from their course handicap during the President’s Cup, Club Championship, and other tournaments. It works like a charm!

Getting ladies at **Briarwood** to move forward has mainly been a process of educating them at meetings. It also helped when respected long-time member **Jane Colrud** told the group that she never thought she’d move up, but found it was an easy change to make and that it brought her renewed joy in golf. When asked what she would tell someone who was considering teeing it forward Jane said: “Give it a try. You’ll probably really like it. And, when you find you’re hitting the green in regulation, or almost, what JOY.... Now, that’s what I call fun.”

## Saving Lives: Charity Event Provides Mammograms

by Robyn Noll ~ Staff Writer



In the time it takes to play one round of golf, 120 women in the United States will hear the words “You have breast cancer.” Many of them will be uninsured women who could not afford a mammogram that could have caught the disease earlier.

That’s why a group of ladies in the **Johnson Ranch** community have made it their mission to raise money for local, uninsured women to receive free mammograms through their “Rally for the Cure” golfing fundraiser. Last year, the tournament funded eight mammograms, three of which had irregular results that required further testing. This year, proceeds raised from the tournament, dinner, Silent Auction, and raffles run by the volunteer committee funded 14 mammograms, and also allowed them to donate almost \$3,000 to the local Susan G. Komen Association.

Another \$3,000 was donated to Mobile Onsite Mammography (<http://mobileonsitemammography.com>) to help fund assessment for women who need it after their initial mammogram. Their goal for 2016 is to fund mammograms for 40 women. They’ve come up with a tremendous way to both have a chance to play and to give back to the local community. **Johnson Ranch’s Karen Guthrie-Mehlert** would be happy to share her experience and advice if your league either wants to attend their event in 2016 or is interested in creating its own Rally for the Cure tournament. You can contact her at [kikicoug@gmail.com](mailto:kikicoug@gmail.com).

## Answers to Wrong Ball / Substituted Ball Quiz *(continued from page 4)*

1. Wrong Ball, 2 strokes in stroke play and must correct by finding my original ball or play a substituted ball under stroke and distance as near as possible to the spot where the original ball was last played. Loss of hole in match play.
2. Wrong Ball (the ball had been lifted), 2 strokes in stroke play and must place the ball from where it had been marked. No penalty to the fellow-competitor. Loss of hole in match play.
3. Substituted ball, 2 strokes under Rule 28- Ball Unplayable (ball dropped in a wrong place) and I must either play a ball under stroke and distance or find the original ball so that I have the correct reference point to proceed under Rule 28.
4. I’ve substituted a ball, but in this case I am able to invoke Rule 20-6 and correct my error. No penalty.
5. Substituted ball, no penalty. The ball was not immediately recoverable.
6. Wrongly substituted ball, 2 strokes and continue play of the hole.

## Thanks to our Generous Women's Leagues

by Robyn Noll ~ Staff Writer

The AWGA and its member WGAs work together to make great things happen in the golfing community. The AWGA advises and provides resources for league operation to ensure that members and volunteers have positive experiences. In return, ladies' leagues have graciously donated nearly \$15,000 to support AWGA community programs since 2009. This year a number of clubs found they had money left in the coffers at the end of the season and generously donated over \$750 to benefit the AWGA's numerous programs, like Adult Player Development, Competitive Women's Programs, Junior Programs and more (which you can learn about on our website: [www.awga.org](http://www.awga.org)). Thank you to this year's donors, whose assistance helps us offer the sport of a lifetime to young girls and women throughout Arizona:

Alta Mesa Golf Club WGA  
Tonto Verde WGA  
Leisure World Heron Lakes Ladies 18  
Wigwam WGA  
Arizona Country Club WGA  
Desert Hills GC WGA  
Sunbird Women's 9  
Cobre Valley WGA

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## Mentoring Young Golfers

by Robyn Noll ~ Staff Writer

The Lady Niners at Quail Creek have come up with a great idea to help grow the game of golf. For the last six years they've conducted a Junior Golf Tournament for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from Continental Middle School in Green Valley. Each team in the 9-Hole scramble consists of 1 female student, 1 male student and 2 Quail Creek Lady Niners. Students are very competitive for the 36 available slots, and must earn the right to participate by exhibiting outstanding behavior, grades, attendance, effort, and golf test scores.

During the tournament, the ladies help students with course management, rules and encouragement, and both the students and Lady Niners have a lot of fun. The tournament is aimed at giving the kids an opportunity to play on a golf course, which many of them have never done before, and to inspire them to develop a long-lasting interest in the game. We applaud the Quail Creek Lady Niners for giving these young people such a wonderful introduction to the game.



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**Carol Duszak** of Green Valley, AZ passed away May 9, 2015 after a very strong struggle with a brain tumor. Her friends from Canoa Hills WGC and San Ignacio LGA will miss her.

## **Leigh Hilton**

December 20, 1943 - June 19, 2015

This year Pinetop Country Club Niners dedicate our annual tournament to Leigh Hilton. Leigh was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Leigh and her husband Brian have been members of the Pinetop Country Club for 20 years. She loved being a member and participated in all the many activities offered. She was always ready to travel anywhere and Africa was her favorite place to be. Leigh helped so many people often without them knowing. She adored golf and would play at the drop of a hat. She felt a game of golf should always be followed by a glass of red wine - Pinot if given a choice.

We will miss you Leigh - your dedication to charitable acts, your smiling face and your always positive, loving attitude. Rest in peace our friend.



The Phoenix Country Club WGA lost a long-time active member when **Pat Gurley** died on June 23, 2015.

Avid golfer Pat Gurley recently completed participating in her 40th Club Championship at Phoenix Country Club where she has quite a golfing resume. She began her golf career in 1934 in Chicago but didn't take it seriously until she began playing with her husband Bob at Glen View Club. Pat played in her first Club Championship in 1973 and won her first in 1978. She then went on to win four more. Pat has played in city, state, senior and AWGA tournaments over the years. In addition to her five Club Championships, she played team for PCC for 30 years. In 1992 Pat posted 403 rounds of golf. Until recently she walked and carried her own clubs, but health issues slowed her on the course.

Pat was preceded in death by husband Bob and daughter Susan. She is survived by daughters Patricia, Janette and George Anne, sons Michael and Joe.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to AWGA c/o Junior Grant & Assistance for Girl's Golf at 141 E. Palm Lane, Suite 210, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

**Rita Blaine** of Green Valley passed away on April 6, 2015. She was a member of both Canoa Hills WGC and San Ignacio LGA, we have a very special place in our heart for her and will miss her dearly.



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