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Setting up a Golf Tournament

Behind the scenes

by Erin Groeneveld

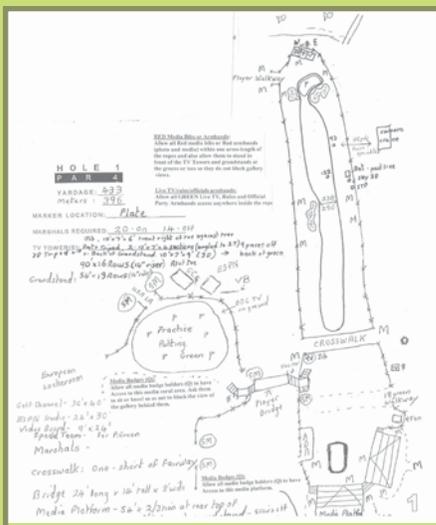
It's Saturday...moving day at the 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open and the TPC Stadium course is totally unrecognizable. A neighborhood park is now elite parking. You need a special pass to walk through the main entrance of the course, which redirects you through a massive tent structure filled with vendors. As you walk down the path and under the tunnel to the course you are bombarded with 80,000 people and it's only 10 a.m. Two weeks ago there was a quiet winding path that led from the club house to the driving range and now it's been converted into a small village of party goers and food vendors. The path is now lined with white crowd control fences and the driving range is nowhere in sight. You decide to brave the walk back to #16, catching glimpses of golf along the way. Now fully encased with grandstands, there is a line to enter to the public bleachers behind the green at #16.

What you probably don't know is that this was all planned quite methodically. Every inch of rope and stakes that line the cart path of each hole...your every step as a patron was pre-planned for you. Each tent, grandstand, bleacher, scoreboard, port-a-john was thoroughly thought through and planned down to the minute detail.

I recently attended a USGA/PGA Tournament Administration Workshop in Palm Beach, Florida. Part of the workshop involved tournament set-up. We were lucky enough to be able to actually walk the course that the Honda Classic was going to be played on, and see the actual set-up of a PGA event. Although the planning for the tournament starts many months prior to the start of the event, the physical process of setting up the course begins approximately two weeks prior to the tournament when the PGA/USGA Tournament Director arrives with a "blank slate" in front of him. With thousands of little orange construction flags in hand the Tournament Director goes to work placing flags for **every** pole of the ropes that separate the patrons from the players. Flags go down at the corners of **every** tent, grandstand, TV tower, vendor structure, scoreboard, all of which have been previously approved by the Tournament Director. From these flags a picture of each hole and the course is sketched so that the Tournament Director has a map of where everything belongs.

The next step is course set up for the players, because after all **they** are the reason we are all here. The Tournament Director begins this process by selecting a team of advance set up officials to walk each hole and compile notes. The team observes everything from hazards, OB markings, the cart path and potential relief options, potential pace of play issues, to the shape and size of the greens and the desired yardage for each hole. Once the hole by hole notes are compiled and yardages are selected, the team separates into two smaller teams to begin marking the course. The first team is in charge of marking (painting) the golf course according to the notes that were taken. The second team separates into 2 smaller groups; one group taking the

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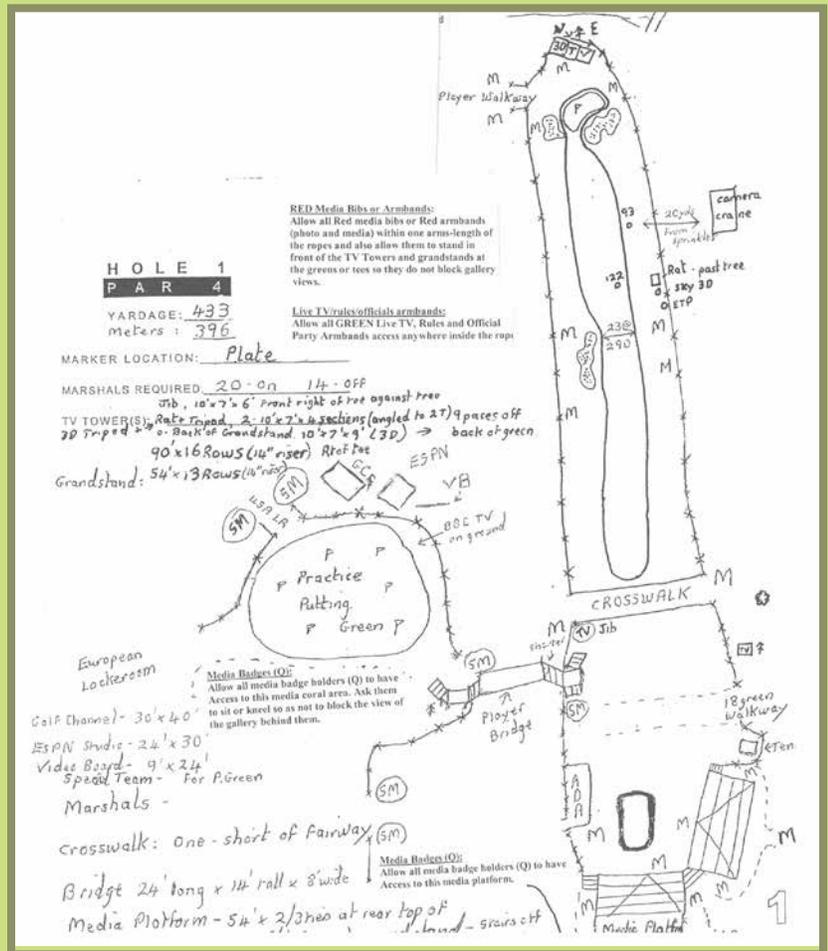
front nine holes; and the other group taking the back nine holes and they work on hole location selection. Setting hole locations is quite a complex and in-depth process. Locations are selected based on design of the green, length and design of the hole, and the desired shot selection and outcome. Each hole will have approximately six to seven locations chosen. There will be one or two practice round locations, four locations for each day of the tournament, and one location to be used as either a backup location, a potential next day playoff, or for a Monday finish if necessary.

Each group spends about 45 minutes per hole for this process. At the end of the course set up day all notes and information are returned to the Tournament Director to be compiled and turned into player information sheets. After all, this preparation is to ensure the players have optimal conditions for playing a fantastic round of golf and therefore keeping the patron well entertained and wanting to return for more.

While our Championships at the AWGA are on a slightly smaller scale, we go through a similar process. Many of our volunteers here in Arizona are quite experienced on a national level and volunteer for the USGA Championships. We may not have the need for ropes and stakes for the crowds or vendor tents and party villages, but the same attention to detail is taken when selecting yardages, hole locations, and surveying the course for marking purposes. The

Tournament Committee, consisting of the Tournament Official, the Rules Official in Charge, and the Tournament Operations Manager will visit the course approximately 2 months prior to the tournament to select yardages and to make our hole by hole notes. We will stay in close contact with the golf course and their staff to ensure conditions and the course has not changed drastically. The Tournament Committee will then arrive one or two days prior to the tournament to finalize hole locations and mark the course for the tournament. Early on the morning of an AWGA event, the rules officials are out on the course, placing the tee markers on the tees, checking that the groundskeepers have put the holes in the right place and double-checking any areas of the course that could cause trouble or confusion for players if they are not marked correctly.

So, whether the tournament is a National event or an AWGA event, there is plenty of training and planning involved in setting up a tournament for both the spectators and the players.



Friends, Competitors & Partners

Eaton & Waynick win Season Opener

For only the second time, Liz Waynick and Kim Eaton have teamed up in an AWGA event – and both times they won. They were the 2012 State Scotch Play Champions and were both State Seniors Champions, Liz in 2012, Kim in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Kim was also the 2012 State Amateur Match Play Champion, Senior Division and 2013 Club Champion at Dobson Ranch. They are both regular players in USGA events, qualifying for

major championships.

The AWGA Season Opener was played at Rio Verde CC on the Quail Run Course. "It was the first time we played there," Kim said, "and it was a great course." Kim shot a 70 thanks to a few holes she was able to birdie. Liz added that they usually have a ball in play on every hole which keeps them in the game. "We both played well," Liz said. But the win didn't come easy. Although they had a four shot lead, Liz and Kim both bogeyed a hole giving Tui Selvaratnam and Mari Miezwa an opportunity to tie them. Liz birdied the playoff hole to win it. "Neither one of us likes to lose so that always keeps us fired up," Kim added.

In the volunteer arena, Kim runs the Challenge Series, helps out at AWGA tournaments and volunteers at the AWGA booth during public events. Liz recently served as caddie for Betsy King in the three-day LPGA Legends Tour event in Sun City.

Liz and Kim will be playing as partners in the Trans Senior Women's Four-Ball in April, which will be their first time as partners in a national event. "We hope to keep winning as the year goes on," Liz said, "so you can keep my number on speed dial!" A little humor and a lot of talent!



Getting to Know . . . Rosie Humphries

Rosie Humphries is not only relatively new to Arizona but she's also relatively new to golf and volunteering. Rosie moved to Tucson from Chicago four years ago. She played a little golf in her past defining it as recreational at best. But with newfound freedom and leisure time, she decided to join The Gallery to learn how to play golf. Starting with a USGA Handicap Index of 38, she quickly improved, ending her first year with a handicap index in the low 20s and posting 120 scores! Rosie was voted the Most Improved Golfer at The Gallery in 2009! Today, Rosie is an active WGA member at The Golf Club at Dove Mountain.

Rosie's initial experience at The Gallery was incredible. "The women didn't mind playing with a high handicapper even though they were skilled golfers. They were all passionate about golf and took the time to teach me The Rules of Golf and also etiquette. They were my mentors and they made all the difference in creating a welcoming and fun experience on and off the course for me," she said.

Fast forward to 2013 and meet Rosie Humphries – a gregarious lady, eager to share her talent with the golf community and navigating a golf course with ease. Her handicap has been as low as 16 and she has become a valuable, dedicated and prominent volunteer for the AWGA. "It's easy to get involved," she said as she explained all of her duties. Volunteering takes most of Rosie's free time now but she's enthusiastic and committed to her projects and wouldn't have it any other way. Since January 2012, Rosie has been Chair of the AWGA Communications Committee. "There are committee members from all over Arizona," she said. "When I started in this position, I began a campaign to train them and the 320 AWGA Club Representatives. One year later, 13 of my 17 committee members are educated as Area Advisors and our AWGA Representative meetings are now training sessions to understand the benefits of the AWGA and be more successful in their positions. I am so pleased to see how much our women have learned from these sessions." Rosie not only coordinates these efforts but also sets up club visits for staff members making it a priority to get more one-on-one contact with our members. And if leading the Communications Committee isn't enough, Rosie is currently a trainee on the Course Rating Committee!

In the golf arena, Rosie is a recurrent winner, placing in many events for her flight, both in the Club Championships and member guests. She won the Golf Club at Dove Mountain Member/Guest in 2012 and was first in her flight at the Southern District 2012 Partners Tournament event. Rosie also played in the AWGA Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship in 2012 and acted as the Tournament Organizer for the AWGA State Amateur Match Play Championship held at her home course on Dove Mountain.

Rosie's background is interesting and unique. She is definitely an intrepid soul who gives 100% to achieve her goals. In order to attend Gonzaga, a private college in the state of Washington, she worked as a union machinist in a salmon cannery in Alaska for five summers. "It was hard work," she said, "but I made enough money in the summer to pay my tuition and it evolved into a good job

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June 2012

22 Elaine Carlson | Pebblecreek Eagle's Nest

December 2012

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January

5 Agnes Cho | Copper Canyon Golf Club

8 Barbara Gregory | Arizona Traditions

14 Kay McKee | Arizona Traditions

25 Judy DeKalb | Pebblecreek Eagle's Nest

February

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17 Pat Tressler | Desert Springs GC

17 Joanne Hamilton | Lakes West GC

17 Doreen Silcox | Sunbird Golf Club

17 Grace Vos | Rio Verde

18 Dorothy Swehla | Antelope Hills North

18 Nancy Goff | Scottsdale Silverado GC

Rosie Humphries (continued from page three) after I graduated." Comparing herself to the WWII icon, Rosie the Riveter, she excelled at what was considered a man's job! In college sports, she played on the Gonzaga NCAA Women's Basketball team for two years. Prior to graduation she was a Legislative Intern for one year in Washington, DC. Her first job after college was as a Sales Associate for American Can Company. She moved three

times in 10 years and was ultimately promoted to Director of one of their divisions. In 2007, her husband was diagnosed with cancer and underwent treatment. When he recovered, realizing that life is fragile and short, they decided to travel. Rosie retired and they set out on an eight month adventure in Europe, living for short periods in Germany, France, Italy and Spain and immersing themselves in European culture.

Rosie and her husband never returned to Chicago. She left Europe for a new home in Tucson. As much as we appreciate Rosie's contribution to the association, Rosie is just as thankful for the AWGA and the warm and wonderful relationships she has made because of golf and says it has truly changed her life!

WARM Sizzles with Ideas

By Mary Ann Souter

Welcome to a world where women lead discussions, recommend ideas and suggest solutions on issues relating to women's golf. Welcome to WARM - The Women's Association Roundtable Meeting! Founded in 2003 with only four states represented, the group has grown to 40 participants from 14 states and 17 women's golf associations. This annual event continues to draw new members who meet each year to exchange ideas and discuss ongoing challenges and successes. Using their collective wisdom, they are developing a nationwide outreach to attract women to the game, offering players a fun and challenging experience on the course and showing the golf industry that women's associations are effective catalysts for growing the game of golf. The three-day event is filled with expert speakers, breakout sessions, roundtable discussions and time for questions, sharing and networking. Since women's golf associations are so diverse in their management style and membership, they often glean valuable pointers from each other. No association is looking for accolades. The women of WARM meet to keep each other informed, update their sister organizations about new and innovative ideas they have implemented and help those struggling with issues.

This year's meeting was led by Robin Jervey, Executive Director of the Colorado Women's Golf Association. Her efforts to stay on subject were often redirected by participants whose questions brought up several topics worthy of discussion. This is an example of how women work together to solve problems. Nancy Early, Executive Director of the Women's Metropolitan GA led the discussion about leadership roles and responsibilities.



Robin Jervey & Kim Nissen

"What is the WARM norm?" she asked. Members agreed that the role of the leader is to "keep the train on the track". Cindy Reimers, Director of the Montana State Women's GA, reported on the volunteer officers session which was a lively discussion centered around the duties of Board members. Louise Wright, President of the Women's Southern California GA, said their Board members personally visit clubs each year. Our own Executive Director, Mary Pomroy, described the new Speaker's Bureau Workshop initiative of the AWGA which enables Board members to learn public speaking skills from a professional and subsequently visit member clubs to share their enthusiasm. She also told about the success of our GEM program and our newest initiative, the Build-a-TEAM program for high school girls. Kim Nissen of the Colorado WGA discussed Rules and Competition. Many ideas for tournaments, prizes, tee placement, online registrations and surveys were introduced. A novel idea for reminding players about Rules was to place what they termed "Potty Poetry" in the restrooms - posters educating golfers about the Rules of Golf. Emily von-Doehren, Senior Director of Regional Affairs, attended as a guest representative of the USGA to clarify questions concerning USGA regulations.

Most women's golf associations can attribute the success of their programs and services as well as

the growth of their membership to the multitude of volunteers who work for the love of the game. They range from associations with complete volunteer leadership to larger associations with paid staff as well as volunteer Boards and Committees. And every association has members who offer to help even though they are not formally on committees. The participants agreed their members are their "salesforce" - the indispensable women who unknowingly volunteer to promote women's golf just by inviting a friend or relative to join the fun. And although other strategies are employed to attract new golfers, it is well documented that women prefer to try the game when someone they know will support and encourage them. This method leads to better results than most marketing tools. Bottom line: Member volunteers are priceless!

The women who attend WARM meetings cover a wide spectrum of ages from young adult to seniors which gives them a diverse view of the needs of golfers of all ages. They have many responsibilities as leaders but the most important aspect of their job description may be to guide and direct others to keep the association thriving. They are learning how to empower other women to help fulfill the mission of the association. Women in the forefront of issues and cutting edge solutions! Women coming together to further the interests of equality for women golfers around the nation! Yes, the Women's Association Roundtable Meeting has a definite place in today's world of amateur golf. And their purpose is refreshed each year when they come together committed to make our experience on the golf course more enjoyable!

Great Tips from LPGA Golf Legends

By Mary Ann Souter

Watching celebrity players navigate Grandview Golf Course at the Walgreens Charity Classic on February 23rd couldn't have been better. The talent was incredible, the weather mild and the gallery engaged. Golf enthusiasts circled the 18th green waiting for each Legend pairing to finish. Sunday brought 40 mph wind gusts which dramatically changed course conditions, the crowd and the leaderboard. The greatest names in women's golf competed and this year's event was a hit among fans once again.

Some of the LPGA Legends Tour players talked with me after leaving the scoring tent. Here are some of their comments and tips for a better game.

LPGA and World Golf Hall of Famer, **JoAnne Carner** (T18), has had a legendary career in women's golf with 43 LPGA wins including 2 Majors. Her sense of humor permeated the conversation as she made jokes about every question posed. "How do you prepare for competitive events," I asked. "At 74 years old, I pray a lot!" she answered. When asked if she played golf for fun, she quickly said that in her home state of Florida, she plays for fun all the time. They make side bets for drinks after the round and for money too. "But we never pay up," laughing as she said it. A golf tip from JoAnne: Posture is the biggest flaw of women golfers, "Keep your butt out or you can't turn properly."

Danielle Ammaccapane (T9), an ASU graduate inducted into the ASU Golf Hall of Fame in 1997, has 8 LPGA wins and was a member of the U.S. Solheim Cup Team in 1992. As a Legends Tour Rookie, this was her first competitive event in six years and she admitted to being quite anxious. "Do you carry a lucky charm to help calm you down?" I asked. She pulled out a ball marker from her pocket and said, "This is an Italian coin. I'm Italian so it's a great reminder of my heritage too." Her tip for amateur players: Chipping and putting are so important to your game. "We have good and bad days on the course," she said. "When you have a bad day, your chipping and putting can save you – just like it did for me today!"



LPGA and World Golf Hall of Fame Member JoAnne Carner

Donna Caponi, LPGA and World Golf Hall of Famer, served as assistant captain of the victorious U.S. Solheim Cup Team in 2005 and has 4 Major wins among her 24 LPGA titles. Her theory is not to stress over any golf tournament. "Just get out there and play," she said with confidence. Donna's tip for women golfers: No matter what you hear, you don't need a straight left elbow!

Cindy Rarick lives in Tucson and has 1 Legends Tour win, 5 LPGA wins and 6 career holes-in-one. Cindy still loves to compete and wants to give back. "Golf has been so good to us," she said. "It's great to hang out with old friends and play in these tournaments. We all feel good about helping our communities." As Cindy and Lori Kane were coming off the 18th green, we could hear Lori giving Cindy a tip. Jane Blalock, founding member and President of The Legends Tour, was standing by and I asked if it was unusual for competitors to offer each other tips. She said, "When we see something that could help, we want to do it. We're all friends here." Cindy's tip to amateur women golfers: Work on your game from 100 yards and in. That will lead to positive results.

Kris Tschetter has 5 Legends Tour Top 10s and 1 LPGA win. Before each tournament she thinks about her shots by studying the course. And after the round, she heads to the driving range for more practice, as I witnessed after she left the scoring tent. A tip from Kris: Work on the speed of your putts rather than the aim. Controlling the speed of the ball will help you more.



LPGA Champion and 5 time Legends Tour Top Ten Winner Kris Tschetter



Donna Caponi, LPGA and World Golf Hall of Fame Member



ASU Golf Hall of Fame Member Danielle Ammaccapane



Cindy Rarick, 5 Time LPGA Tour Winner



Season Opener: Penny Walker & Cathi Brock win Overall Net

By Mary Ann Souter

Penny Walker and Cathi Brock were surprised to hear they were the Overall Net Winners of the AWGA Season Opener. Both are fairly new golfers and this was only the second AWGA event for each of them so it was especially satisfying to finish on top.

"Cathi and I play regularly together at Silverleaf," Penny said, "but this is the first time we've played as partners in a tournament. When one of us was out, the other was doing well and we took advantage of some pops where my handicap provided strokes. But it's golf, so I'm never sure who will show up to play! I play one shot at a time – one hole at a time. One of the highlights for me was that I made a birdie. My tee shot landed so close to the hole!"

"Tournament play is more competitive and each shot is more important," Cathi said. She played in the Season Opener three years ago at the request of Kathy Ehrlich, past AWGA President of the Board. But the

event was marred by cold and rainy weather. Cathi wasn't planning a second attempt but she agreed to give it another try. So Cathi's participation this year was to keep a promise to her friend, a friend whose passion for golf knows no bounds. "I thought about Kathy throughout the tournament and sent her a picture of me with the trophy saying "This one's for you!"

About Penny: After spending several years as snowbirds from Colorado, Penny and her husband, Bud, made Arizona their permanent home in 2012. She became a committed golfer about seven years ago when she retired from a career as a computer software systems designer. She attended golf school in 2006 and played regularly but not in competition. "Golf didn't come easy to me," she said. "I had to work at it, but once I started to improve, I wanted to keep getting better." She moved from recreational golfer to avid golfer when she joined the Silverleaf WGA in 2008. "I'm addicted now," Penny joked. "I play a lot of golf – with Silverleaf ladies, with my husband, with other couples. I even joined Papago's WGA this year. But this is my first Overall Net Win and this gives me hope for future wins."

About Cathi: Cathi Brock is a native Arizonan



who became interested in golf at age 30 due to the encouragement of her father. As the owner of a flooring company, she occasionally played in golf scrambles for business. Eventually her company was sold to a private equity firm which kept her as CEO until she retired four years ago. That's when she joined Silverleaf, became an avid golfer and now boasts a USGA Handicap Index of 12. She plays at least four times a week and joined the Papago WGA in 2012. Cathi injured her hand and couldn't play golf for several months but now she's back and this win has given her new motivation for tournament play. Cathi beamed, "Golf has made a big difference in my quality of life and my happiness."

Making a difference

It's time again for nominations for the AWGA Board of Directors. The AWGA is governed by an elected Executive Board of 9 members who reside in all areas of the state. In order to ensure that those elected to do the important work of directing the Association are very well versed in the purpose and operation of the AWGA, nominating procedures include looking first to the working committees of the Association to select candidates. This process begins in July. Each Committee Chair will submit recommendations to the Nominating Committee who will then select the best

qualified candidates for election and present you, the members, with a ballot.

So why should you care?

1. Volunteering with the AWGA is fun and rewarding! Just ask those who are already involved. We all play golf because it's fun, and we volunteer for the same reason. Get involved now and see how enriching it is to work with this group of fun and passionate women at this very exciting time in women's golf.

2. The long term health of women's golf in Arizona depends on it! The right people doing the right things makes all the difference. Now is the time for you to take action to help us make sure that our Executive Board continues to be made up of the best our membership has to offer.

How can you take action?

- Help us staff our Committees with the best.
- Go to the AWGA website, go to "About AWGA"
- select "Volunteer" from the dropdown menu
- Print out the list of AWGA Committees and their responsibilities and the volunteer interest form.
- Think about the membership at your club. Do you have members who you think would make wonderful additions to the governance of women's golf in Arizona? If so, give them the volunteer interest form and suggest that they might consider volunteering.
- Think about yourself. Are you one of those women?
- If you know women who have already had successful experience on an AWGA or other State Association Committee, talk with them about stepping forward to be nominated directly to the Board of Directors.

AWGA members can nominate themselves. All nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than July 31st.





Games Women Play

by Kelly Hollister

As I was trying to come up with new games for my Women's Golf Association to play, I got to thinking; maybe other women would like some fresh ideas. So, I reached out to all the AWGA Representatives asking them to send me some of the games that they play. The response was overwhelming. I received many emails and all sorts of different games. So many, that this will run as a series of articles.

Thank you to all the AWGA Representatives who took the time to answer me. I hope this gives you some new ideas.

Partner Games

The Eliminator:

1st hole: Use one best net ball of all 4 players, then that player is eliminated. 2nd hole: Use one best net ball of remaining 3 players. Then that player is eliminated. 3rd hole: Use one best net ball of remaining 2 players. Then that player is eliminated. 4th hole: Use net score of the remaining player. Do this thru remaining holes.

It all Adds Up Gross + Net + Putt. Each hole add together low gross, low net and low putt.

The Gross, Net and Putt must be a different player for each hole. Add together the three scores for each hole.

Gross and Net Par 3's – 2 gross scores. Par 4's – 1 Gross and 1 Net (can't be the same player). Par 5's – 2 net.

Solheim Cup Divide the WGA into two teams. Play a 2 day Solheim/Ryder Cup format: 1st day – 9 holes 2-ball match play and 9 holes 4-ball match play. 2nd day – individual 18 hole match play.

Partners Blind Draw Partners are drawn at the completion of play. Subtract full handicaps, net best ball on each hole is team score. Lowest team score wins.

ABCD Sweet & Sour each player counts 8 best holes and 1 worst hole. All four scores are totaled.

One, Two, Three Each player will play her own ball. On handicap holes 1 – 6 you will take one ball of the group. On handicap holes 7 – 12, you will take 2 balls of the group. On handicap holes 13 – 18, you will take 3 balls of the group. Use Net Stableford to score the event.

Money ball (or Devil Ball, Lone Ranger, Yellow Ball) There are some variations, but the basics of this game are these: On each hole there will be 2 scores for the hole: The Money Ball and usually the low ball of the other 3 players. The Money Ball will rotate to each player every hole.

Mutt and Jeff A tournament format or side bet in which the focus is on par 3's or par 5's only. After the round is completed, the total net score for each player, or each group on the par 3's and par 5's is recorded. The low net on those long and short holes is the winner.

6-6-6 A game for groups of four golfers. The game pits the group members against each other, 2 on 2. The catch: players rotate partners after every six holes so that each member of the foursome, over the round, partners with every other members. Any scoring format can be used, and each 6-hole segment is a separate wager. If you have been on 2 winning sides, you come out ahead. Sixes is best played by partners of similar skill levels, or by golfers using full handicaps.

3's, 4's, 5's (cha-cha-cha) choose the team low ball on three par 3's; four par 4's; and two par 5's.

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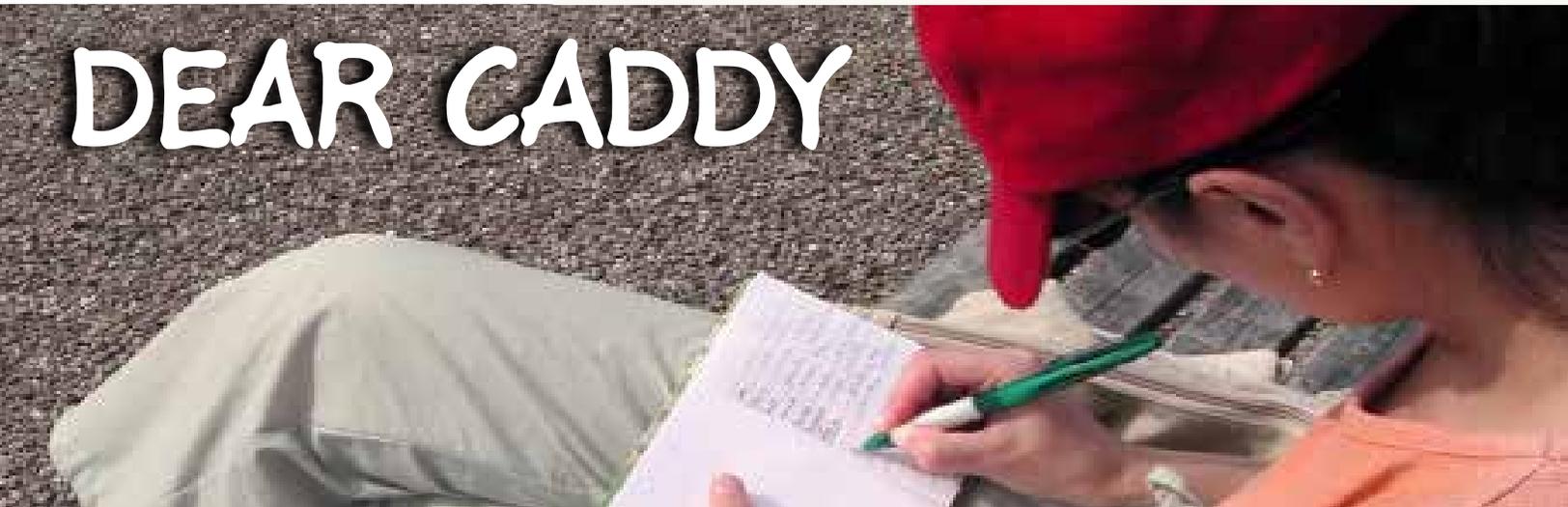


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DEAR CADDY



Q Often people walk all over my putting line. The excuses I hear are “I don’t weigh that much” or “I have on soft spikes,” or “the greens are so hard you will never know it,” etc. You get the picture. How long does it actually take for those foot impressions to disappear?

A Simply put, it will take roughly ten to fifteen minutes for the grass to rebound back to its original condition. Arizona has plenty of modern, over-seeded golf greens which are built with a large percentage of sand, or sand only. Sand doesn’t compact much, so a sandy green will recover fairly quickly, especially when the cool-season bent grass is cut very low. Keep in mind there are a multitude of variables involved in answering your specific question and I have provided a fairly general answer.

I am a bit curious about your “timeline” question and I sense you may be searching for a tactic to rectify this offense on the golf course. When an opponent walks on your line of putt, you have to ask yourself “was this done intentionally or by accident?” If done intentionally, rule 1-2 would apply (check your rule book!) which means loss of hole in match play and a two-stroke penalty in stroke play. The penalties apply to the bad actor that blatantly walked on your line. Let your fellow competitor know they have incurred a few penalty strokes and your problem should disappear. It should not happen again and I hope the offender would exercise proper etiquette in the future. If by accident, and conditions weren’t altered with “intent,” you are entitled to have your line restored to its original condition by decision 16-1a/13 (see rule 16-1.) This unintentional offense will often occur with a newer golfer who has little experience in golf course etiquette. I say, hold their hand, explain the importance of not walking on the line of putt, and then, get creative and restore your line to its original condition as quickly as possible. In closing, I beg of you - please do not wait the ten to fifteen minutes for the grass to rebound on its own! No one likes watching grass grow – especially those golfers playing behind you!



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