

Remember, we're having a league photo taken on Tuesday at 7:15. Please wear your turquoise team shirt if you have one, or else something blue or white.

Speaking of team shirts, you'll soon get an email with an order form for the new team shirts. You'll be able to choose from multiple shirts and optional matching skort or shorts. I believe the orders will be due in mid-September, so be sure to respond promptly. The League is subsidizing \$8 towards your first shirt.

Congrats to Janice Mihora for winning the Telegraph tournament with a score of 68. This is a one-day low net event that is part of our membership in the Southern District Women's Golf Association. The SDWGA has a Fall Partner's Stableford tournament at Ventana Canyon on Dec. 4 and 5, so find a partner and sign up.

We played our first Hot August Team Event a couple weeks ago with members of the SBRMGA. The two-day event used different formats on each 9 holes and the 2-person teams could be 2 women, 2 men, or mixed. We had a great turnout with 24 ladies participating out of 92 players.

Here are some of the results:

Closest to the Pin on #5--Sterlyn Robertson

Closest to the Pin on #14--Mary Hoover

1st place Couples Flight -- Janice Mihora and Terry Mihora

2nd place Fowler Flight -- Melanie Timberlake and Paul Knott

3rd place Johnson Flight -- Kathy Brennan and Jean Cheszek

4th place tie (but lost in a scorecard playoff) in the Speith Flight -- Marlyce Mycka and Mike Mycka

We are having an all-member meeting on September 18 after golf. I'll eventually get an agenda out. One of the items will be the Nominating Committee for next year. We need at least one more volunteer for this Committee. This committee is responsible for coming up with the slate of candidates to fill the Board positions for next year. As a reminder, the Board positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Chair, Play Day Chair, Events Chair, Social Chair, Membership Chair, Sponsorship Chair and Communications Chair. We will have several Board members stepping down at the end of the year, so we'll need some people to fill their shoes. The members of the Nominating Committee cannot become nominees for the various Board positions, so if you'd like to help out, but aren't ready to take on a Board position, the Nominating Committee might be a good fit. If you're interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please let me know.

Hot Topic for the Month -- Pace of Play

I just endured a very slow early Sunday morning round of golf, which wasn't a lot of fun. We waited on every tee and on every approach shot. There's really no reason for slow play if everyone just adopts a few good habits. I want to set a goal for everyone in the League to take 5 seconds fewer to hit each shot. This should be easy and there's no need to feel rushed. The key is to be efficient and ready to hit your ball. If you're waiting for someone else to hit, assess your distance and get your club ready, or line up your putt if you're on the green. Drop one player off at her ball and drive to your ball so you can be ready to hit (do make sure to do so safely!). If you like to walk, by all means let your partner take the cart while you walk to your ball (taking with you whatever clubs you might need). Some of us don't move as quickly as we used to, so use the carts wisely to help people get to their ball. After hitting a shot, it's usually quicker to get back in your cart and drive to the next ball and then put your club back in your bag. On the green, if you like looking at your putt from multiple sides, try to do so while walking onto the green or while others are putting. Feel free to putt your ball out if you're near the hole and want to finish--marking your ball for a "happy tappy" is a real time waster. The person marking the scorecard should do so during her downtime--don't delay hitting your ball or driving to the next tee to write down scores. When a group gets to the next tee, one of the people, usually in the first cart, should promptly get to the tee and prepare to tee off. If you've lost sight of the group in front of you, it's probably time to take steps to catch up. This doesn't mean rushing or running, but focus on being efficient. When two people have finished putting, they can go to the next hole and tee off while the other two complete their putts. This will go a long way to closing the gap in just a few holes. If we all take just 5 seconds less to hit each shot, our rounds of golf will be 30 minutes and 55 seconds faster. We'll also have more fun and more time to enjoy everyone's company at the 19th hole.

Happy golfing,
Jean