

President's Message - November 2018

Hi Ladies-I think we're all eager to get back on the golf course after the long over-seeding break. While there hasn't been a lot of golf here, other things keep moving along.

The Nominating Committee -- Sue Wells, Barb Simms and Susan Pharr -- is working on finding nominees for the SBRWGA Board positions for 2019. If you are interested in any of the positions, please talk with one of these ladies. There's more information on the various positions on our web site.

The Ringer winners by flight for the 3rd Quarter are:

Net - Janice Mihora and Carol Mihal (tied at -18); Susan Pharr (-20); Sue Wells (-18); Pam Horwitt and Terri Fraser (tied at -19)

Gross - Jean Cheszek, Debbie Shelton, Deb Lawson and Susan Ness

Your gift cards for winning the ringers will be available our first Tuesday back playing.

It's tournament season in Arizona. There are a lot of opportunities to play golf in fun, competitive events at some great golf courses.

We're hosting the Robson Challenge on November 12. Twelve of our ladies will compete against the other Robson communities for the low net team prize. In addition, we'll need lots of volunteers to make the event a success, so if you're interested in helping, contact Jeanne Osterlund.

The Catalina Cup matches start with our first match at The Views on November 19. You can find more information on the Cat Cup here, and talk with Barb Simms or Gaye Ohanian if you're interested in participating.

The Tucson City Women's Golf Association has its first event at Tucson National on November 5. If you joined CWGA this year, you should send in your event registrations as soon as possible. If you haven't joined, you can check their web site for more information. The exciting change this year is that we will have a Saddlebrooke team. By combining the Ranch, HOA1 and HOA2 we have 29 ladies which makes us the largest team in the CWGA. There's a season-long prize for both the low gross and low net teams. They count our best 3 scores (gross and net) each week towards the team scores. I think we have a good chance at taking one of the team prizes!

We are all members of the Southern District Women's Golf Association. SDWGA is having its first event on December 4 and 5 at Ventana Canyon. It's a fun team event that unfortunately conflicts with both our year-end Queen of Swing tournament and a Cat Cup match. However, the next SDWGA event is here at the Ranch on February 25, so I hope we get a good turnout for that one.

The Arizona Women's Golf Association holds a number of tournaments and fun days throughout the year. Two upcoming tournaments are right in our neighborhood--the Partners Tournament at El Conquistador on November 11 and 12, and the Holiday Mixer at Oro Valley CC on December 3. Check their web site for more information.

The Rules of Golf are changing on January 1. There will be a free rules seminar on Monday October 22 at 2pm in the Mountain View Clubhouse. Everyone is invited to attend. However, if you can't make it, here's a good video which summarizes the changes (thanks to Pam Horwitt for finding this). And the USGA has all the new rules on their web site as well as tons of other information about the changes.

The SBR Green Committee is off and running. You can find the meeting minutes on our website under the Organization tab. As a reminder, the committee members from the SBRWGA are Kathy Brennan, Gaye Ohanian, Jeanne Osterlund and Jean Cheszek.

One of the things the Green Committee is working on is setting up a proper set of tees shorter than the current Plum tees, and the golf course is committed to putting in tee boxes (once we figure out the best placement for the tees). The goal is to provide more tee options (and more fun) for both new golfers and for experienced golfers who hit drives less

than about 165 yards. In order for a course to be the proper length for golfers to have a chance to hit the greens in regulation, the rule of thumb is that the yardage should be about 30 times longer than the golfer's typical drive. From the Plum tees, that means you should be hitting your drives almost 170 yards to have a chance to hit all the greens in regulation. The new short tees will be about 4100 yards, giving people who drive the ball about 135 yards a chance to reach the greens in regulation. Once the short tees are established, we'll also set up one or two sets of "blended" tees using the Plum and the short tees to provide more options.

We are not planning to routinely use the short tees for league play. However, we will all play from the short tees on October 23 and October 30. The Green Committee is looking for feedback on the short tees (placement, yardage, etc.) and we'll use the cart-path only restriction to test out the new tees. I'll be sending out a separate note to all the women golfers with more information about these new tees.

Happy golfing, and let's hope all this rain brings us a nice, green golf course.

Jean