

President's Message January 2018

Welcome to 2018!

With the new year we have some new members in our league: Lynn Fidler, Susan Ness, Pam Horwitt and Debby Felzien have been around the Ranch for a while, and Alison Livett and Norma Barnes are fairly recent arrivals. If you haven't already, be sure to introduce yourself to these ladies.

The new year also is the start of the new (and larger) Board for the SBRWGA. A lot of us are rookies in our jobs, so please bear with us as we figure out what we're supposed to be doing. With the League and the Ranch both growing we're always looking for ways to keep the League fun and fresh. We can only do that with your ideas and input, so be sure to let any of the Board members know what you're thinking...you can usually find us on the course or in the Bistro after golf.

Some of the changes you'll be seeing include the use of Golf Genius to help us manage the League. Lorraine is already using the software to schedule pairings and tee times and to create the score cards (which you now need to print yourself). Official League emails will come from Golf Genius (like this message), and it has a web portal that we'll be able to use to track results and pairings. We're still learning all the capabilities of this free software, so there are probably other things it can help us with.

Our first big event of the year is coming up--the SBR Solheim Cup. It's a two-day team event on February 12 and 13. The participants are divided into two teams and then play with a partner in different match play formats against two people on the other team. It's a lot of fun--just ask Bonnie and Mary Hoover who almost beat Joanne and me last year (we had to battle back to tie them). You'll soon be seeing more information on this from Marlyce.

Our first Board meeting will be next Tuesday January 9. We're meeting in the La Montana room right after golf, and the meeting is open to all members.

We will have a general member meeting on Tuesday January 30, also in the La Montana room right after golf. Mark your calendar for this -- more details to come.

The weather's been perfect for golf (can't say I'm missing Chicago right now), and the course, especially the greens, is in great shape. Let's help keep it that way. If you make a ball mark on the green, or see someone else's, take a few seconds to fix it, and remember to put sand in any divots you leave in the fairways.

Looking forward to a great year!

Jean