

Hi Ladies-

I can't believe it's February, but the number of snowbird visitors I've had at my house lately proves that it's winter somewhere.

We're off to a great start to the new year, with 11 new golfers in the league, and over 40 ladies playing in some of our Tuesday play days! It's amazing to see all the ladies and feel all the energy on those early Tuesday mornings when the sun hasn't quite warmed up the course, and yet there's no room on the range to hit balls.

I want to thank all 47 members who attended our first general meeting of the year--I promise the next one will have a shorter agenda. We had a lively discussion on a wide range of topics, and it really helps me to hear what everyone is thinking. Thanks to everyone for sharing your viewpoints, ideas and suggestions, and don't hesitate to let me know what's on your mind.

Thanks also to Mike and Ken for the rules seminar at our meeting. I think we all learned a few new things about the rules. We'd like to do this again later in the year, so if you have any ideas about rules topics or different ways to present the rules, talk to Cheri Alfrey (our Rules Chair).

Speaking of Mike and Ken, we'll be seeing a lot of them this month. They are going to do a hands-on chipping clinic for us on Monday February 19 at 9:30. They plan to use one of the greens on the back 9 so we'll have plenty of room to spread out and practice. Stay tuned for more details. Mike and Ken will also join us on Tuesday February 27 for a "play with the pros" day. They will each play a hole or two with each foursome. We don't have the specific format worked out, so if you have any ideas, pass them along to Lorraine Smith.

This month is also our first big event of the year--our pink and red SBR Solheim Cup, sponsored by Dr. Kim Tucker. Marlyce and Mindy and their committees have been putting a lot of work into making this a fun event for everyone. If you're not able to play in the event, you're still welcome to attend the pizza kick-off--see our web site for more details.

Have you checked out the web site (www.sbrwga.com) lately? There are a lot of changes and lots of good information. Member photos are coming soon in the password-protected section (if you don't know the password, just ask any member). Thanks to Terri Fraser and CJ Kerley for these changes and to Lorraine Smith and Alex Anna for their support and training.

The date is set for the mixed Ryder Cup event with the men's league--Monday June 4--so mark your calendar. It will be a one-day event with a Red team and a Blue team, with both teams including women and men. Pairs from each team (one woman and one man) will square off in match play, playing nine holes best ball and nine holes Chapman (modified alternate shot).

We're expanding our Club Championship by adding a club champion title for the low-gross lady who will admit to being 70+ years old. But we need an official title for this new champion. Senior Club Champion? Super Senior Club Champion? Any suggestions?

W&W Physical Therapy is our new range ball sponsor starting this month, so the \$5 you pay to the pro shop each play day will all go to our weekly prize pool.

And just when you thought this note would go on longer than our member meeting, I'll sign off.

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