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Tee Time Newsletter



## Our LGA President, Susie Lauzier

Hello to our LGA members and welcome back to Sunrise!

We have had a very interesting summer in the desert. It included unpredictable weather and many changes to our golf course and driving range. Through it all, our summer ladies prevailed and still enjoyed some fun golf, thanks to Missie Fennell and Smitty.

As you may know, Sunrise Country Club is celebrating 50 years of fun life in the Valley. In honor of our 50 great years, our handbook looks a little different, including some format changes and a cool cover!

And speaking of 50 years, where were you in 1974? Our LGA welcome back event on November 10 at the Mixx promises to take you back to the groovy past. So, dust off your wedge sandals and find your tie-dye shirts and join us for some great appetizers and a libation!

Our LGA season begins the Tuesday, Nov. 14 with great golf and our first general meeting of the season. If you don't plan on playing golf, please join us for lunch and the meeting after.

Your LGA board has been working very hard since April to plan our 2023-24 season. I want to thank all the ladies who are assisting us. We have some new ideas for our upcoming season, so stay tuned to hear all we have in store.

This newsletter is written especially for all of you. It will keep you informed about everything going on with your LGA. Thank you to all the people who contribute and especially to Charlotte Fox and Mimi van der Voort for putting it together every month.

If you have any suggestions or questions for the board, please do not hesitate to approach any of your board members.

Safe travels to those of you who are still on your way to Sunrise and welcome back to everyone!

Susie Lauzier

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# SCCLGA

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#### INFO GALORE!

All the info you will need for the season

#### GOLF GENIUS

We are instituting the Golf Genius electronic signup system this year. Please read details on how to do this on Page 7, in Smitty's article

#### WELCOME BACK HAPPY HOUR

Have you sent in your RSVP to this event planned for Friday, November 10 at 3pm in the Mixx. Lots of goodies here... for more info, see page 2



SUNRISE  
COUNTRY CLUB



## Tournament Chair, Missie Fennell

Let the games begin! Tuesday November 14th will be the opening of our regular season. This year starts off with a 2 Person Scramble. We've tried to mix up the games every week so that you can enjoy a friendly round of golf and meet new friends while improving your game. You'll see the games listed in our Handbook along with special events and tournaments for you to participate in. If there is a game you like to play that's not listed in our book, please drop me an email or text so we can get it included this summer or next season.

I'd like to thank the dozen or so ladies who helped us to test out the new Golf Genius electronic sign-up system this past summer. You'll hear more about this from Smitty, but by using the GG app (easy to download for free from the Apple Store or Play Store) it will save a lot of last-minute computer entries. Also, having one person keeping score per group will make getting results all that much faster and again, a lot less time at the computer for our Pro and his staff. The game identification (GGID) will

be provided a week in advance each week by email (at least once 😊).

There will continue to be a paper sign-up in the locker room, but we are **STRONGLY** encouraging everyone to go digital and use the Golf Genius app.

In addition to our regular Tuesday gatherings we'll be joining the MGA for five Saturday Breakfast Scrambles (breakfast optional). The first will be Saturday Dec. 16th. These will be 4 person teams so put on your thinking caps. In November we'll have our **LGA/MGA Mixer 2 Day event**. You will join up with another LGA member and the Pro will match you with an MGA Twosome to create a **4 Person Scramble Team**. The teams will play both Tuesday and Wednesday Nov. 28th and 29th in lieu of regular Ladies and Men's Golf Days.

Other events to look forward to this season are:

**Member Guest** December 5th

**President's Cup** (net match play) starts January 11th 2024

**Member Guest** February 6th

**Niner's Invitational** February 20th

**Club Championship** (Open and Net Divisions) start March 12th

**Sunrise Stampede** March 19th

Don't worry, all the details will be in your handbook, on the bulletin board, in future Tee Times and in our weekly email blasts.

We're still looking for a few more volunteers to act as greeters for Tuesday check-ins. If you are interested or if you told me you would help please confirm by sending me an email or text. I appreciate your help!

If you have questions about any of our games/tournaments please feel free to contact me by email, text or phone.

Fairways and Greens,

Missie Fennell, Tournaments Chair  
[ljfennell@live.com](mailto:ljfennell@live.com), 650-714-7074

## Hospitality Chair, Polly Skone

It's that time of year to get your Groove Thang back on at the LGA Welcome Back Happy Hour," A Groovy Golf Gathering "

**Friday November 10, 3-5 pm**  
**The Mixx**

In the spirit of the 1970's and the 50th Anniversary of Sunrise Country Club we'll enjoy specially prepared appetizers by Chef Mark, a cool libation and some great fun and chatter.

Oh and , 70's attire is encouraged. I spy with my little eye... lots of Tie Dye !

If you are a current member of the SCC LGA and did not get your Evite , please contact: Polly Skone at [Pollysskone@gmail.com](mailto:Pollysskone@gmail.com)

Peace out,

Polly



## LGA Spirit Award

Race to the LGA Spirit Award Do you have the Spirit?

The LGA Spirit Award is open to all current LGA members regardless of handicap index. Points toward the award (detailed in the LGA Handbook) will be awarded to every golfer for placing in the Tuesday Ladies Day matches (net scores). When scramble games are played, each player on the team is awarded points in all flights. Individual scores such as best ball games will also be awarded for all flights. Everyone who participates each week earns at least 1 or 2 points. (This is one time where participation awards are appreciated 😊)

The Pro Shop maintains the running totals through our last regular Tuesday in March 2024 and the running total is posted on the LGA board outside the pro shop. The winner will be announced at the LGA General Meeting in April.

The member with the highest number of points wins a personalized Sunrise Country Club golf bag. Past winners include Ann Noeggerath, Brenda Thuringer and Jeanne Bihm. Winners cannot win again for three years so that gives time for their bag to wear a little before earning a new one and the rest of us the opportunity to win the Spirit Award.

There's no need to sign up for this award, you're already on your way. Let the race begin and good luck to all!!



## Team Captain, Jeanne Bihm

As we await another season at Sunrise, we also prepare for team play. Our league consists of Sunrise, Marrakesh, Chaparral, Palm Desert Greens, 7 Lakes, and Oasis, all executive courses. Sunrise will host on Saturday November 18 followed by 1 match on December 1st and 3 more in January. The team consists of the 25 lowest handicap ladies who wish to compete. 12 ladies play in each match in 6 pairs of best ball competition.

This is a fun way to experience other local courses in friendly competition. We enjoy a round of golf and then a delicious lunch after each match. This is also a great opportunity to find fun ladies to invite to our member guest days. At season's end trophies are awarded for the teams with the most points in both gross and net categories.

If you would like more information, don't hesitate to contact me, your Sunrise Team Captain,

Jeanne Bihm

PS: WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP! If you can loan us your golf cart for the team play here on November 18, please let Smitty in the Pro Shop know as we will need extra carts. Best is if you could drop them off the evening before so that cart signs can be affixed in a timely manner. Thanks in advance!



## Handicap Chair, Diane Brocco

Remember when, after a round of golf, we had to post our scores on an old computer or kiosk tucked away in a dark corner or, worse yet, in the bathroom of the pro-shop? In 2020, the new USGA GHIN app for our phones made the kiosk a thing of the past. The app has quickly become the score-posting device of choice. After each hole just enter your score in the app like you would on the scorecard. Maintaining a Handicap Index isn't just useful for more experienced players. It's for everyone.

Every year since its arrival on the scene, the USGA GHIN app has added new and cool features, based on feedback from golfers, clubs, and other golf associations. GPS was the first feature added. The app provides distances to the center of the green and touchpoint distances to anywhere on the course. Just like having a trusty caddy, knowing the accurate yardages for your next shot gives all of us, regardless of playing ability, more confidence and

better chance at success. However, the feature I like the best, is, once my round is over, to just hit the post button and I'm done. This is the simplest way to keep my handicap up-to-date.

There are two options of the app available. The GPS version is free, armed with thousands of course maps. For free, I'd recommend using it for the convenience alone. However if you are like me, you want all the information you can get to help better your game. The upgraded version has an annual subscription cost of \$49.99. Some of the upgrades I use are the Apple smartwatch application, stat-tracking, and reports. I have found the reports showing percentages and bar graphs to be the most helpful. Try it out!

And no matter what tool you use, from Apple watch to good old paper scorecard, don't forget to post your score after every round.

Diane Brocco, Handicap Chair

## SCC General Manager, Hale Kelly

Dear Sunrise Ladies Golf Association,

Welcome to the 2024 Season and, for those who are returning, welcome home. It has been a very busy summer with many improvement projects we are excited for you all to see. Many of our full-time members have witnessed a lot of dust and debris while we have been preparing for this season. Thank you all for your patience! I am looking forward to spending time and getting to know you better this season!

"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it."

“Andrew Carnegie”

If it weren't for all the men and women who work tirelessly for Sunrise, there would be not a club for our members to enjoy. The Sunrise team, like Smitty and Ron Cressy, deserve all the credit in the world and are immensely appreciated. Please take a moment to show your appreciation as well when you see them. Enjoy the 2024 season and I look forward to seeing you around the club.




All the best,

Hale Kelly,  
General Manager/COO



## November Calendar

NOVEMBER			2023			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	LADIES DAY!	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6 LGA Board Meeting 2:30 PM Garden Room	7	8 Driving Range Tourney 9:00 AM	9	10 LGA Welcome Back The Mixx 3-5 PM  Veterans' Day	11 Golf Course Opens
12 Season Opening Tourney Golf 8:30 AM Dinner 5:00 PM	13	14 2-Person Scramble Check-In: 8:00 AM • Shotgun 8:30 AM  LGA General Meeting after Lunch	15	16	17	18 Executive Team Play @ Sunrise CC 8:30 AM Shotgun
19 Glo Ball Tourney Dinner 4 pm Shotgun to follow	20	21 2 Best Balls 4-Person Teams Check-In: 8:00 AM • Shotgun 8:30 AM	22	23  Thanksgiving	24	25
26 Info	27 Info	28 2-Day MGA Mixer Breakfast 7:30 AM • No Lunch Ladies and Men pick their partners Pro Shop puts twosomes together for a 4-person Scramble Team	29 LGA-MGA Mixer Shotgun 8:30 AM Lunch to Follow	30		

## Rule of the Month...Ball Out of Bounds

Ball out of Bounds (USGA Rule 18) If you hit your ball out of bounds you must hit another ball from the same spot. If you are in the tee box you can tee up another ball. If you are not on the tee box take a drop within one club length (no nearer the hole) of your previous stroke. There is a one stroke penalty for a lost or out of bounds ball.

The Provisional Ball.(USGA Rule 18.3) It is best to play a provisional ball if you think your original ball is out of bounds or lost. This saves time and ensures that the pace of the game will continue. You must an-

nounce that you are playing a provisional ball. If you discover that your original ball is not out of bounds nor lost, you must continue to play with it and pick up the provisional ball – with no penalty.

If your original ball has landed in a Penalty Area, you cannot play a provisional ball but instead must proceed with the Penalty Area rule. (USGA Rule 17).

An excellent tool to have handy is the USGA Rules of Golf app. It is easy to navigate and can really help you on the course if there is confusion about a rule.



## Meet New Member, Mona Mack



Hello, my name is Mona Mack.

As a child, I lived on a family dairy farm in rural Idaho. I still enjoy being outdoors, doing physical work, caring for animals, and growing things.

I love learning. I hold undergraduate degrees in political science, business with a finance emphasis, and accounting and an advanced degree in law. Most recently, I've worked toward a fine arts degree.

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I practiced law for approximately 25 years. First, as a partner with a west coast law firm, where I focused mostly on federal tax issues involving not-for-profit organizations. Later, I helped found a boutique law firm representing Idaho government entities. My pro bono work has challenged government approvals of developments with harmful environmental impacts.

My favorite thing is spending time with Fred, my husband for 35 years, who is also an attorney. We divide our time between our condominiums in Sunrise and Boise, Idaho, and our principal residence, a home on Payette Lake in McCall, Idaho. Together, we enjoy traveling to new places and working on our golf games.

I look forward to getting to know all of you better!

## Membership Chair, Brenda Thuringer

We are very excited to kick off the 2023-2024 golf season!

Our LGA has 126 regular members and 15 social members for a total of 141 members.

Help me welcome these new members who have joined since January 2023:

Pat Correa	415-246-6207	<a href="mailto:patcorrea221@gmail.com">patcorrea221@gmail.com</a>
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Mona Mack	208-484-4695	<a href="mailto:jfrederickmack@gmail.com">jfrederickmack@gmail.com</a>
Andrina Meier	415-340-9310	<a href="mailto:ammeier@comcast.net">ammeier@comcast.net</a>
Patrice Merritt	313-530-4265	<a href="mailto:PRM0354@yahoo.com">PRM0354@yahoo.com</a>
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I hope to see all of you at the welcome back reception on November 10. You will receive your 23-24 handbooks, have a chance to visit with friends and to make new ones. See you all there!

Brenda Thuringer, Membership Chair



## A Note from Smitty...



Opening Day is November 11 and the course looks amazing! Despite the problems with our well water, Ron and the Grounds Crew have Sunrise looking outstanding. The greens are already being cut as of the day of this article (Sat, Oct 14) and the fairways and roughs have been seeded and are being

watered. The course should be outstanding!

The LGA had decided to add online registration for LGA Events. We will still keep the signup sheet in the Ladies Locker Room for those who wish to use that method and players can also signup these two ways as well:

Download the Golf Genius app to your phone. Once downloaded to your phone, you will enter the GGID (this is tournament ID in Golf Genius software) where it says GGID. Once you have logged in, go to MEMBER PORTAL, then click on REGISTRATION. Once registration is completed, you will receive confirmation email to let you know you have registered. The email with the GGID will go out the Tuesday before the event after the LGA Shotgun has begun.

Go to [golfgenius.com](http://golfgenius.com) and enter the GGID in the space marked GGID. Once entered, at the home page for the

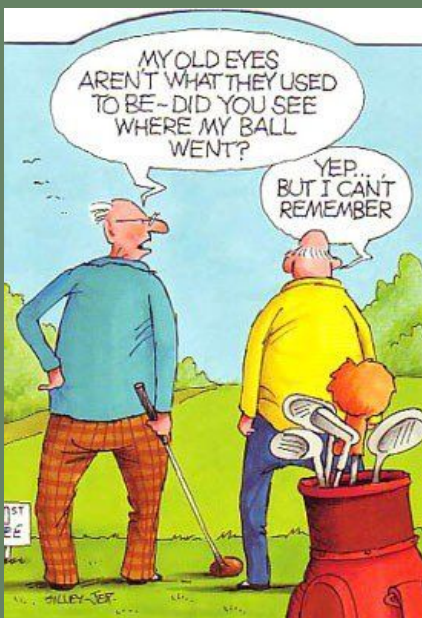
event, go above and click on REGISTRATION. Once REGISTRATION is finalized, you will receive a confirmation email to let you know that you have registered for the event.

If anyone has any questions, let the Golf Shop know as well.

Ladies Merchandise for 2023/2024 season will be plentiful. This year we have a great product line for the Golf Shop that includes, TAIL, FOOTJOY, SAN SOLIEIL, 7 DIAMONDS (NEW), KINONA (NEW), EP PRO, VERVE (NEW), BERMUDA SANDS AND PUMA. We will also continue to offer 20% off on all SHOES & APPAREL.

Golf tip to start the year: PRACTICE HITTING BALLS, PUTTING AND SHORT GAME EQUALLY. Hitting the ball is fun and a better workout, but practicing your short game and putting will typically lower scores faster than working on your swing.

We have a new assistant pro, Lanny Callahan. Lanny has been working at Desert Island Country Club the last 3 years and has been working here in the Desert for a few years past that. He has a few years of experience and is a very nice person. Please come in and say hello to Lanny, Joanie, Kris and myself when you get back to Sunrise.



## Golf Goodies...

*"Golf can best be described as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle."*

## New Golf Rules...

*Rule 9.k.3 – If a tree is between the ball and the hole, and the tree is deemed to be younger than the player, then the ball can be moved without penalty. This is so because this is simply a question of timing; when the player was younger, the tree was not there so the player is being penalized because of his age.*



*Tuesday, December 5, 2023*

Welcome to Sunrise LGA Golf! We are proud to show off our wonderful golf course and country club. This is a simple, play-your-own ball format with lunch following golf. Choose your own foursome with your guest and another LGA Member and her guest, or sign up with your guest and the Pro Shop will pair you with another twosome. LGA members are welcome to play and have lunch even if they do not have a guest, but first priority will be for LGA members and outside guests. There is a limited number of foursomes, so please sign up early. Your guest's fee will be charged to your Sunrise account.

*Cost:* \$30 per person (includes lunch and golf)

*Check in Time:* 8:30 AM

*Shotgun Start Time:* 9:00 AM

*Lunch Selections:* Best Ever Strawberry Salad with Chicken and Avocado

**OR** French Dip with French Fries

*Contact Person:* Vickye Sippel at 508-633-9490

*Deadline for Signups:* December 1, 2023.

After the December 1 deadline, LGA members without guests will be entitled to play. If you do not have a guest, please contact the golf shop. The first 29 entries (foursomes) properly submitted to the golf shop will make up the field. Those submitted after that will be put on an alternate list in the order they are received.



*SCCLGA Guest Golf Day ❄️ Tuesday, December 5, 2023*

Member/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  Chicken Salad or  French Dip

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