

December 2023



Tee Time Newsletter



## Our LGA President, Susie Lauzier

Wow! We've already had a month of golf and festivities! We hope you enjoyed our "Groovy Golf Gathering" at the Mixx on Friday, November 10. It was so nice to see so many ladies.

By now you should have spent some time with our 2023-2024 LGA Handbook. I want to thank Barbara Goodman, Charlotte Fox, Brenda Thuringer, Missie Fennell and Mimi van der Voort for all their hard work during the summer. We hope you enjoy the format changes that make navigating the roster and calendar a little easier. Please contact Brenda Thuringer if your contact information is incorrect or has changed so she can update our database.

We have a huge event calendar planned for this season. Along with our regular Tuesday golf days and our special events, we are rolling out the online registration system with Golf Genius. This was tested on a group of ladies during the summer who found it very easy to handle and much easier to sign up for events and keep track of who is playing. As the season rolls on, we will have more information put out about how to use the program. If you have any questions or need help with the app, please do not hesitate to approach any of the board members and also Smitty and Lanny in the pro shop.

The golf course is looking fantastic and I want to thank Ron Cressy and his crew for their hard work. Please remember to pair up in carts and use the 90 degree rule on our Par 4 holes and cart path only on Par 3 holes. Our grass is new and fragile and we need to keep it growing and looking green all year!

We have started a new tradition with the LGA and that is the Hole in One Cash Pot! It is totally voluntary and costs \$5 to join. Cash only please. Lori Keibler is keeping "the pot". This is separate from our official hole in one program and the hole in one drink insurance fund. Any lady who has signed up and paid her \$5 who gets a hole in one at Sunrise (witnessed of course by a SCC member), wins the pot! The cash pot will then start over with a \$5 buy-in. Who knows? You could be the winner of some fast cash!!! You can contact Lori Keibler for more details and to give her your money. Good luck!

I hope everyone has a great holiday season this year. Safe travels to those who are returning to their other home for the holidays.



# SCCLGA

### In this Issue:

#### INFO GALORE!

All the info you will need for the next month of 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 2.

#### PHOTOS OF LGA COCKTAIL

Some of the photos of the Opening Cocktail Party are on Page 7, with the entirety of photos on our website under the Photos tab. Thanks to Chris Olsen!

#### SCCLGA WEBSITE

To see our website, log into your Sunrise account, then under PLAY tab, select Golf and scroll to Ladies Golf Association at bottom right and then click on Visit SCCLGA website,



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COUNTRY CLUB



## Tournament Chair, Missie Fennell

We had a wonderful LGA opening day on Nov. 14, with 66 players in the two person scramble format. Congratulations to all the flight winners: Jeanne Bihm & Susie Lauzier (gross) and Teresa Harder & Patty Spady (net); Jean Range & Mary Lou Thun (gross) and Polly Skone & Pam Sorrell (net); Sue Mannos & Pat Porter (gross) and Barbara Coonce & Mary Thoreson (gross) and Mary Lee Guiss & Carol Hart (net). I also hope you all enjoyed the LGA/MGA Mixer on Nov. 28 & 29. It was fun to mix things up with the MGA.

December will have many opportunities for LGA golf. I hope to see you all at the Member/Guest Day (golf and lunch) on Dec. 5. After formal registration we will open registra-

tion to LGA members who don't have a guest, based on availability. And don't forget our first 4 person Saturday Breakfast Scramble on Dec. 16th. GGID will be available for online registration by the time you read this, but you must register as a team. As always, breakfast is optional.

And to kick off 2024, the first day of our President's Cup will be Thursday January 11th. This is a **two person net match play format** which includes a consolation bracket, so all teams will be guaranteed two rounds of golf. The final round is on Sunday January 27th with a no-host celebration in the Mixx after the final match. Match play is exciting to watch, so even if you don't play in the Cup, plan on watching the final round and

celebrating with us after the match. Registration will begin on Wednesday December 27th.

I want to thank all of you who volunteered to check in members on Tuesdays. We're looking good until February – March. Online sign-ups are available at this address: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oXB\\_YiRTPcmB87s3erq-UXVWKK4QMCRd9pmC5MWv-JD\\_w/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oXB_YiRTPcmB87s3erq-UXVWKK4QMCRd9pmC5MWv-JD_w/edit?usp=drivesdk)

Or you can call/text me at 650-714-7074. If you're a new member, being at the registration table is a great way to get to know our members.

Have fun out there!

### Our Board of Directors

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## ARE YOU A GOLF GENIUS?

The Sunrise Country Club is now using Golf Genius for all women's golf events and regular play on Tuesdays. We will keep the paper sign up in the women's locker room but it is our hope that by the end of the season, we will all be Geniuses. Here are some tips to signing up with Golf Genius:

**FIRST:** Each week, Smitty will send out the GGID password for the following Tuesday. That is your password to get into this week's game.

On your computer or iPad, go to [www.golfgenius.com](http://www.golfgenius.com). In the upper right hand corner is the SIGN IN block. Click on that block and it will take you to a screen that asks for the GGID. That's where you enter the GGID that Smitty has sent out for the week's play. Follow the prompts to register for the "event".

OR

Download the golf genius app to your iPhone or Android device. Once the app is installed, click on GGID and enter the GGID for the week's play.

Once you are in the GGID screen. Go to MEMBER PORTAL. Select PLAYER REGISTRATION (unless it is a team event). Select NEW REGISTRATION. Enter the 1st 3 letters of your last name. Complete the EVENT REGISTRATION online form (it should be filled out for you)

The information for the upcoming week's game will be preloaded. So basically all you have to do is tell Golf Genius that you will be participating. You can also poke around the site and learn who is already signed up to play.

See? We can all become Geniuses!!!

## **Sunrise Executive LGA Team wins first match of the season. By: Jeanne Bihm, Team Captain**

The Sunrise ladies team had a rousing start to our team play season on Saturday November 18th. The matches were played here at Sunrise and our team competed against Chaparral.

We won our match gross 69 to 39 and are in first place, 12 points ahead of Palm Desert Greens. All 6 of our 2 person teams won their match in gross.

Our next match is December 1st at Marrakesh playing against Palm Desert Greens, so wish us luck!



## Handicap Chair, Diane Brocco

### 6 Simple Golf Rules to Know

It's down to us, the player, in the spirit of the game to play by the rules of golf. To do so, here are Six Basic Rules to know and use in your everyday round of golf.

#### **1. Clubs**

The maximum number of clubs you can carry is 14, with the penalties for going over that number harsh. The penalty for carrying more than 14 clubs is two strokes per hole with a maximum penalty of four strokes. You can pretty much carry whatever combination of clubs you like, just not more than 14.

#### **2. Teeing Area**

The teeing area is between the two tee markers and up to two club-lengths behind the tee markers. The ball must be teed up in this area. If a player tees off outside the teeing area, the stroke does not count and the player incurs a 2 stroke penalty. However, you can take your stance outside the teeing area.

#### **3. Search Time for a Lost Ball**

Search time was reduced from five minutes to three minutes in 2019. The three minutes starts when you get to the search area where the ball is believed to be.

#### **4. Impediments**

You must play the ball as it lies. However, if your ball is surrounded by loose impediments, you can move the impediments (things like twigs, stones, leaves, etc.). But if your ball is moved as a result of moving an impediment-you must put the ball back where it was and incur one penalty stroke.

#### **5. Immovable Obstructions**

Fixed, artificial objects such as paved roads and paths or sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions. If your ball is within one of these areas and it interferes with your stance or the line of your swing, you are given free relief. To take relief, place the ball no more than one club-length from the obstruction, no closer to the hole.

#### **6. Play It As It Lies**

You must play the ball as it lies even if your ball has found a patch of dirt or a divot.

## THIS IS OUR GOLF COURSE

**This is our golf course, let's take care of it!**

- **Pairing up in carts is strongly recommended. We are already seeing wear and tear around some of our greens.**
- **Be mindful of the rope placements around our greens.**
- **Repair divots in the fairways by keeping plenty of seed in your cart.**
- **Repair ball marks on the greens, yours plus one more.**



## December Calendar

DECEMBER			2023			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	LADIES DAY!	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1 Executive Team Play</b> @ Marrakesh CC 9:00 AM Shotgun <b>Holiday Golf Cocktails</b> 5 PM	<b>2 Holiday Tournament Day 1</b> 9:00 AM Shotgun
<b>3 Holiday Tournament Day 2</b> 9:00 AM Shotgun Dinner 5:30 PM	<b>4 LGA Board Meeting</b> 2:30 PM Garden Room	<b>5 Member/Guest Day</b> Check-In: 8:30 AM • Shotgun 9:00 AM <b>Luncheon Following</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Golf Cart Parade and Toy Drive</b> Time: TBD	<b>8</b>  Hannukkah begins	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Red, White &amp; Blue Scramble</b> Check-In: 8:30 AM • Shotgun 9:00 AM <b>LGA General Meeting after Lunch</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16 LGA/MGA Breakfast Scramble</b> 7:30 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM Shotgun
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Best Drive</b> Check-In: 8:30 AM • Shotgun 9:00 AM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Christmas Eve</b>	<b>25</b>  Christmas Day	<b>26 T's and F's</b> Check-In: 8:30 AM • Shotgun 9:00 AM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 New Year's Eve</b>						



# Cash Hole in One

Besides the glory and satisfaction of a hole in one, winning cash is fun, too. The LGA has begun a Hole In One Cash Pot. For a \$5.00 buy in, you can win the pot if you get a hole in one. The more women who participate,, the bigger the prize. Contact Lori Keibler, LGA Treasurer, on Ladies' Day and she'll add your cash to the fund. You may win it all! Hole in One must be witnessed by another Sunrise Country Club member.



## Meet New Member, Jamie Victor



After coming to the desert for over 20 years my husband and I are finally homeowners. About 10 years ago my mom owned two units and we occupied one for a season and I was able to play with the ladies under the “umbrella” of my mother. Being here now feels like we are finally home. Having had both my parents here in the desert, and at

Sunrise for many years I am flooded with memories and love having it feel as if they are still here with me.

Brad and I are from Salem, Oregon. We have been married since 1994. When I turned 50 I was able to retire and be available to help with our granddaughter. Once Willow started school I volunteered in her classroom until

she started middle school. In her 4th and 5th grade class her teacher and I found a wonderful connection and I stayed in her classroom for another 5 years. We were able to implement “the art of zentangle” and I taught hundreds of students.

My passions/hobbies include being creative with either painting, sketching or designing a zentangle. Taking long walks with our dog Raven, being an avid swimmer and enjoy swimming laps. Last but not least... I was introduced to golf in grade school. Having always enjoyed playing golf, but didn’t have the lifestyle that allowed me to play consistently until my 40’s. I am thrilled to be playing Sunrise and find every hole to offer an amazing view. How fortunate we all are.

My husband and I are looking forward to our new chapter here at Sunrise. We love the community and the activities it has to offer.

## Membership Chair, Brenda Thuringer

Our LGA has 128 regular members and 14 social members for a total of 142 members.

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

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Here are the new members since the last issue of TeeTime:

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Linda Spurrier	402-580-7192	<a href="mailto:lindaspurrier63@gmail.com">lindaspurrier63@gmail.com</a>

Please change the phone number for Christine Fleming in your roster to 250-423-1262

All handbooks that have not been picked up are in the locker room. Changes to phone numbers and email addresses can be texted to me at 605-212-2437 or emailed to [bthuringer@sio.midco.net](mailto:bthuringer@sio.midco.net). Thank you!

Brenda Thuringer, Membership Chair



## Our Groovy Opening LGA Cocktail Photos

Our welcome back cocktail party was a grand success. So many showed up in their 70's finery, and some of you were unrecognizable!. Here are some of the photos of the event by our master photographer, Chris Olsen...if you want to see more of them or want to download them, go to our website (instructions on Page 1 on the left side).

**SAVE THE DATE**



**DATE: NOVEMBER 10  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: THE MIXX**

**THE LGA EXECUTIVE BOARD IS HOSTING THE WELCOME BACK EVENT.**

**THE CHEF HAS SPECIALLY PREPARED APPETIZERS FOR OUR EVENT.**

**ONE COMPLIMENTARY DRINK TICKET FOR YOUR FAVORITE WINE OR BEER.**

**A TRUNK SHOW FEATURING LADIES GOLF ATTIRE FROM THE VENDOR SAN SOLEIL.**

**YOU MAY BE A WINNER IN ONE OF OUR RAFFLES, ONE BEING "GUESS WHO" PHOTO BOARD.**

**HANDBOOKS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT CHECK IN.**

**SO WEAR YOUR FAVORITE PAIR OF BELL BOTTOMS AND TIE DYE SHIRT IN YOUR PLATFORM SHOES TO THE 2023 LGA WELCOME BACK GROOVY GOLF GATHERING HAPPY HOUR**

**A GROOVY GOLF GATHERING**





## A Note from Smitty...



Welcome, to December and the Holidays in the Desert. Cool mornings and mid 60's days are the norm. This is why we go to 9 am and 1 pm shotgun times for December, January and February. What happens to the Golf Ball when the temperatures drop? Answer: It goes shorter. Those of us that live here year round know this. As an example, the

12th hole here at Sunrise. In May, I would hit a 9 iron to the middle of the green, in December, I probably have to use a 8-iron to hit the middle of the green. Another thing that all of us year round residents see is that the ball does not roll this time of year. The Ryegrass is immature and usually longer with a softer floor than the Summertime Bermuda grass. If you have an adjustable driver, set it to the most lofted setting possible this time of year. When we get to mid-March, return the setting back down in loft to allow for the ball rolling more in the fairways. This should help people understand why they don't hit the ball the same distance off the tee in cooler and softer conditions.

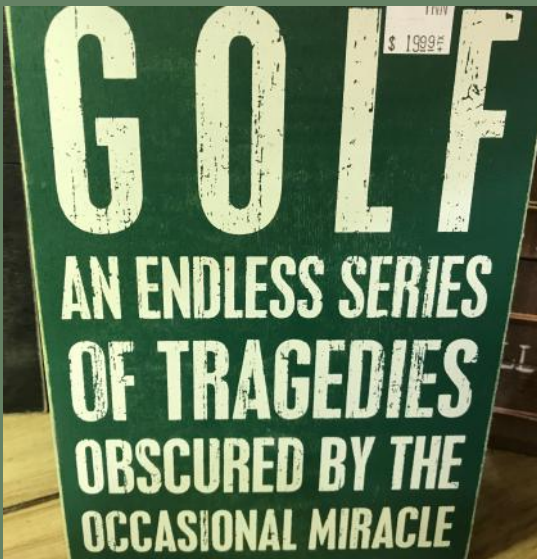
We have some fun events in December for the LGA that are touched on in another part of the the newsletter.

### GOLF SHOP MERCHANDISE

We have some really fun new merchandise arriving in December (some arrived in late November). Glove it Vissors, Glove it Golf Bags, new Glassware, a new line to our shop of resort wear called VERVE. We will have some new hats with the 50th anniversary logo. Footjoy jackets, Golf Shoes from Puma and various other items. We have some really great gift ideas for the holidays as well. Come in and see the staff to see some of the fun new merchandise in the Golf Shop at Sunrise.

Have a great December and see you in January, Smitty.

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## Golf Goodies...

*"I have two tickets for the final round of the US Open. I just realized I am getting married on that day and cannot go. If you are interested in taking my place, the wedding is at St. Pauls Church, and her name is Emily."*

## New Golf Rules...

*Rule 1.a.5 – A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.*