

April 2024



Tee Time Newsletter



**NEWS FLASH! The LGA raised over \$1500 in raffle sales and donations for the First Tee during the month of March! The winning tickets will be drawn 5pm this Wednesday in the Mixx.**

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by buying a ticket or donating cash or golf gear. Special thanks goes to the MGA for their donation, the pro shop for their help and to all of the volunteers who made this fundraiser be a success. The generosity of Sunrise Country Club residents is amazing.



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



SUNRISE COUNTRY CLUB

### Our LGA President, Susie Lauzier

Dear Ladies of the LGA:

As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun", which is certainly true in the case of our 2023/24 golf season here at Sunrise.

We started out with our Groovy Golf Gathering in November which was so much fun to see everyone dress up and get into the spirit! Thank you to Polly Skone for coming up with this wonderful theme and all her work throughout the year in her Hospitality role. And speaking of "Spirit" we started the Spirit Award race with ladies making an effort to accumulate their points. That award will be announced at the Annual Meeting on April 9.

We have played some wonderful games throughout the season and had wonderful events with our December Member/Guest Day, our "Chippin, Dippin and Margarita Sippin" February Member/Guest Tournament and culminating with our annual Stampede Tournament. I want to thank Vickye Sippel, Nancy Mullard, Michelle Christensen, Mary Lou Thun and Sharon Garbarino for all their great ideas, hard work and support!

On the competition side, we had a very strong showing in our Team Play. We led the field throughout the season but came oh-so short in winning the Executive Team Play trophy. We had some new ladies play and hopefully next year, we can do it! I want to thank Jeanne Bihm for her leadership and also for her commitment to being our captain next year!

Our President's Cup tournament was a huge success with hard fought matches and some ladies playing solo! Congratulations to our winners this year: Francine Hand and Paul Tole. They played super steady and in some rainy conditions. In the consolation bracket, the "Lori's" prevailed: Lori Clifton and Lori Keibler.

Finally, our Club Champions played in March, also with some unpredictable and crazy weather! Congratulations to Jean Statler on winning her third championship and Karen Cunningham on her second Senior Championship win.

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## ***Susie's Article cont'd***

We partnered with the First Tee Coachella Valley this year and raised over \$1,500 in donations through our raffles during the month of March. We also collected a huge amount of golf clubs and other related items for donations to this wonderful organization. I want to thank Jan Slawson for her leadership in making this fund raiser so successful.

As they also say, "It takes a village", but in our case here at Sunrise, it takes a wonderful group of women who support their club and work super hard to create an environment of support and inclusiveness and fun! Especially, the ladies on the Board of Directors: Charlotte Fox, Barb Boswell, Lori Keibler, Missie Fennell, Brenda Thuringer and Diane Brocco, who have all graciously agreed to continue in their roles for the 2024/25 season.

We officially start our Summer Season on May 1, 2024. Many of you will remain at Sunrise during the summer (more and more every year) and we will continue to have Tuesday Ladies' Day, as long as we have golfers who want to play.

Again, thank you to all of you who have supported the LGA throughout this past year and prior years. It has been a privilege to be your President and I look forward to next season. Safe travels to those of you who will be leaving Sunrise and see you in the fall.

## **Meet New Member, Linda Spurrier**



Hi, my name is Linda Spurrier, and I am a new member of the LGA this year. I was born and raised in Lincoln, NE, and moved away for college in 1981, where I attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX.

Upon graduating from SMU, I began my career as a meeting planner at the historic Adolphus Hotel in downtown Dallas, TX, which was the hotel of choice for many US presidents, international royalty, and other world leaders throughout the 1900s. Later in life, I moved back to Lincoln, and took over my Mom's interior design and gift business, which is when I met my husband, Michael.

Michael and I have one son, Cameron, who is 27 and lives in Austin, TX, while we continue to live in Lincoln, when we are not enjoying our second home at Sunrise. Michael and I discovered Sunrise in 2019 when we were invited to a friend's 60th birthday party on the property, and loved it so much, we bought our home on 81 La Ronda in early 2020 before the pandemic hit.

I started golfing after raising our child in 2016, and struggled mightily, until a junior golf pro at our Lincoln club figured out I was left handed and left eye dominant, after learning my favorite stroke in tennis was the 2 handed backhand, which was a game changer for me. I'm not very good, but love being able to play with Michael and friends. And I especially love Sunrise because it is not that long and has given me the opportunity to meet so many interesting people and new friends, particularly during my time as an LGA member this year.

Thank you for being so welcoming!



## Membership Chair, Brenda Thuringer

Our LGA now has 123 regular members and 13 social members for a total of 136 members.

### New Members in 2024

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### Handbook update:

Sarah Kirby: phone 760-408-6653  
Judy Berzins has become a golf member. (Was a social member.)  
Christine Fleming: phone 250-423-1262  
Jamie Victor, phone number area code correction: 971-218-0182

### New Members in 2023

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*Please let me know if your email or phone number in our Handbook needs correcting or updating. I will share any corrections and updates with Mimi so you will continue to get the email blasts concerning our LGA. Changes can be texted to me at 605-212-2437 or emailed to [bthuringer@sio.midco.net](mailto:bthuringer@sio.midco.net). Thank you!*

## Our Board of Directors

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# April Calendar

APRIL			2024			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	LADIES DAY!	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>LGA Board Meeting</b> 2:30 PM Garden Room	<b>2</b> <b>Beat the Pro</b> Check-In: 8:00 AM • Shotgun 8:30 AM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Speed Scramble</b> Check-In: 8:00 AM • Shotgun 8:30 AM <b>LGA General Meeting after Lunch</b> <b>LGA Spirit Award Presentation</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Twilight Golf</b> 1:30 PM Shotgun	<b>12</b> <b>Aloha Tourney Horserace</b> 2:00 PM	<b>13</b> <b>Aloha Tourney Day 1</b> 7:30 AM Shotgun
<b>14</b> <b>Aloha Tourney Day 2</b> 7:30 AM Shotgun 5:30 PM Dinner Outside	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Member/Member Game</b> Check-In: 8:00 AM • Shotgun 8:30 AM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>LGA/MGA Scramble</b> Choose your own foursome 7:30 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM Shotgun
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Stableford</b> Check-In: 8:00 AM • Shotgun 8:30 AM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>End of the Season Party</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Nassau</b> Check-In: 8:00 AM • Shotgun 8:30 AM				

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## Rules of Golf by Pat Snyder

Pat's LAST Rules Clinic of this season will be held:

April 23rd @ 8:10 AM Questions & Answers (this is a great time to ask those "what about..." questions for future rounds or to answer questions that arose this past season).

Be the one in your group that knows how to use the rules! Look for the Rules flag near the 18th green.





## LGA Club Championships

Here are some photos taken by our intrepid photographer, Chris Olsen, of this year's Championships. For more photos go to our website under the Photos tab.



LGA Senior Club Championship was won by Karen Cunningham, who managed to beat out Nancy Olson and Jean Range.



Carol Hart was the Net Club Champion among 14 ladies who played



The LGA Club Champion was Jean Statler who went four extra playoff holes to win over Mimi van der Voort



## 2024 Stampede

Here are some photos taken by our great photographer, Chris Olsen, of this year's Stampede tournament. For more photos go to our website under the Photos tab.



Mary Lou Thun and Sharon Garbarino, with their committee, provided a wonderful event. Even the weather cooperated. What a day!



The final three in the Pony Race, won by Susie Lauzier and her Partner, Ron Shelley! There were 12 teams who played and had a ball!





## SPIRIT AWARD STANDINGS

Top 10 Spirit Award Standings as of Jan. 31, 2024

**Make sure to come to the annual LGA meeting on Tuesday April 9 to learn who won the 2024 Spirit Award....**

NAME	TOTAL	NAME	TOTAL
1. CAROL HART	121	6. SHARON GARBARINO	81
2. LORI CLIFTON	113.5	7. CHRISTINE FLEMING	80.5
3. PAULA TOLE	103.5	8. JAMIE VICTOR	80
4. JEANNE BIHM	85	9. ANN NOEGGERATH	79.5
JENIFER SAN VICTORES	85	10. SUE MANNOS	79

**There were apparently no changes to this in February....and we want to make it a surprise for the winner, so, make sure to be at the Mixx on Wednesday at 5 for the drawings...**

## Tournament Chair, Missie Fennell

### Where has the time gone?

April is the last month of our regular season. Things are getting hot out there (and I'm not necessarily talking about the weather)! We'll be awarding our Spirit Cup Award, after all the March points are tallied, at our April 9th meeting after golf, so make sure to be there. It's been quite the season, hasn't it?

This month brings our Beat the Pro game, a Speed Scramble, Member/Member, Stableford and concludes with Nassau (oh, the tale of two nines! – anything can happen). Please check out your handbook for details. Games for the summer season are yet to be determined and the times for starting will undoubtedly be moved up as the heat rises.

Our final LGA/MGA Saturday Scramble is scheduled for April 20th with 8:30 AM shotgun. As of this writing I believe it will be an optional walk-through breakfast, but those men have been fickle about this. Of course, you can always meet upstairs in the Dining Room or in the Grille for lunch afterwards (right?), but I encourage all those interested to participate in whatever meal is selected. The GGID for the final scramble will be out the second week in April.

I want to encourage each of you to participate in our annual survey (coming soon) so you can give hard evidence to the games you love and those you want to see dropped from the calendar.

I'm sure it's elsewhere in this newsletter, but I wanted to give my congratulations to Jean Statler, Karen Cunningham and Carol Hart who were victorious in our Club Championships (Open, Senior and Net Divisions respectively). It's a challenge to compete in this way and I'm so proud that so many chose to participate. Well done.

### Check-in Volunteers needed

I still need volunteers for the last few weeks of April. Please add your name to the spreadsheet posted in the Ladies Club Room and X the date(s) that work for you. Please call/text me at 650-714-7074 and I'll add you from here if you have any difficulties.

Have fun out there!

Missie Fennell  
Tournaments Chair



## MARCH WAS FIRST TEE MONTH

The response to our fundraiser has been absolutely phenomenal! The First Tee is our chosen recipient of our efforts and people have been great about buying raffle tickets for both the University of Oregon golf bag, and another Raffle bag full of very nice items including a putter purchased by the LGA from the pro shop, gift cards, wine, SCC wine glasses, and many more items given by members. Committee members, volunteers, and donors include: Charlotte Fox, Diane Brocco, Susie Lauzier, Linda Sullivan, Mary Thoreson, the board of the LGA, Sunrise Country Club, Kristen, Terry and Smitty in the Pro Shop (what help they provided!), the cooperation of Kyle at First Tee, and a donation of \$250 from the MGA towards our efforts as well! To date, we have raised over \$1300 and have had many items donated, such as new clothing, used clothing, shoes, clubs, golf bags.

It would be worth your time to go over on a weekend and see the kids being given lessons, putting on the greens and hitting balls off the driving range. The items we donate are first matched with kids to use or wear, then put up for sale to make money for the programs they offer. They are off of Cook Street just down the road from Golf Alley. 74-945 Sheryl Ave, Palm Desert.

THANK YOU! Our committee counts on all of you to make this successful and you and the rest of the community have been so generous.

Jan Slawson, Fundraiser Chair for the LGA

### The First Tee

The First Tee is an international youth development organization introducing the game of golf and its inherent values to young people. Through after-school and in-school programs, we help shape the lives of young people from all walks of life by reinforcing values like integrity, respect and perseverance through the game of golf. And it's making a difference.

[firstteecoachellavalley.org](http://firstteecoachellavalley.org)



### **Handicap by Diane Brocco**

Golf Digest came up with this list of 10 rules of golf quiz questions. You can get the complete list to see how well you did at this link: <https://www.golfdigest.com/story/rules-of-golf-review-pop-quiz-penalty-or-no-penalty-10-questions>

To wet your whistle, here are a few of them:

1.) You hit a tee shot into a penalty area. Before leaving the tee, you announce a provisional ball and hit again. Penalty or no penalty?

2.) You shank a shot that ricochets off your golf cart and hits your foot on the rebound. Penalty or no penalty?

3.) You're about to take a drop in a relief area but you notice there are some stones all around you that might interfere with your next shot. Before you drop, you sweep away as many as you can. You then drop and play your next shot. Penalty or no penalty?

4.) You and your opponent are using the same type of ball in a match and inadvertently play each other's ball into the green. You're not sure who played a shot with the wrong ball first, so you finish out the hole as if nothing happened. Penalty or no penalty

5.) After an impressive drive, your ball came to rest outside of a pretty sizeable divot hole. Bad news: To hit the shot you want, you have to stand with one of your feet partially in the hole. You see its divot pelt nearby and decide to fix the hole with the divot before playing your shot. Penalty or no penalty

5.) Your opponent shows up with a long putter and hits his first putt of the day with the shaft away from her body but anchored against the inside of her upper arm. Penalty or no penalty?

***Answers on next page....***





ANSWERS:

1.) Penalty (18.3a). You can't play a provisional ball if you're certain your ball is in a penalty area. The second ball you struck (the one you said was the provisional) from the tee is actually now in play and the original ball must be abandoned. Also, you incur a one-stroke penalty as part of your options for proceeding when a ball is in a penalty area, so you're now lying 3.

2.) No penalty (11.1). Doesn't matter who the ball hits. In most cases, you'll now play the next shot as it lies.

3.) No penalty (15.1a/1). When a ball is to be dropped or placed, the ball is not being put back in a

specific spot and therefore removing loose impediments before dropping or placing a ball is allowed

4.) No penalty (Rule 6.3c(1)). If you knew who played first, that golfer would lose the hole. But if you're not sure, you're supposed to finish the hole with the wrong ball as if you were playing your own

5.) Penalty (10.1b). He can't rest it against his upper arm. However, he could have rested the shaft against his forearm without being assessed the general penalty

**We hope you all have a great summer and see you next fall for more fun and golf with the LGA!**



You can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two inch branch 90% of the time.

## Golf Goodies...

*Greg Norman said*

*"Happiness is a long walk with a putter"*

## New Golf Rules...*Not really...*

Rule 5.a.6 - Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.



## Golf Rules Clinics hosted by Pat Snyder

Our resident Rules Chairperson, Pat Snyder, will be providing short rules clinics on the following dates, prior to our shotgun starts (about 8:15 (or 8:00 March/April)) on Tuesday's Ladies' Day:

- ~~December 19 - 2023: Match Play Rules and Tips~~
- ~~January 23 - 2024: Out of Bounds - What to do!~~
- ~~February 27 - 2024: Penalty Relief~~
- ~~March 26 - 2024 : Ball Played as it Lies and Rule 9~~
- April 23 - 2024: Q& A Session

If you have a specific question you would like addressed by Pat please contact her or Missie Fennell.

