



February 2024

FEBRUARY 6 MEMBER GUEST POSTPONED TO FEB. 13!!

The LGA Member/Guest tournament scheduled for Feb. 6 has been postponed to Feb. 13 due to impending storms. The tournament committee will be contacting all affected members. So save your chippin, dippin and sippin for a week!



Our LGA President, Susie Lauzier

Can you believe we are halfway through the season? We have seen some interesting weather; a little cold for us (but nothing like the rest of the country). We have also seen our greens the most difficult in my history at Sunrise (just my humble opinion of course)!

Nevertheless, the season has been wonderful so far. We had our first Member/Guest day in December and the ladies who participated had a lovely day. December was a busy month with the holiday tournament, hosting the first match of the Executive League team play, and of course, the holidays which found us all spread out across the country.

January started off with very mild weather and a beautiful and challenging course. We held our annual President's Cup tournament and for the second year we played a match play event with two person teams. There were great matchups and some surprising matches! The two final matches began in the rain on Sunday, but the sun came out and the finish was spectacular. The team of Paula Tole and Francine Hand won over the team of Sandy Fossati and Laurie Mollencop, with Sandy having to play solo. She held her own until the 14th hole. I'm so proud of her, as this was her first competition at Sunrise! The consolation match was won by "the Lori's"! Lori Keibler and Lori Clifton took on the defending President's Cup champions Jeanne Bihm and Karen Cunningham. I want to congratulate all the ladies who participated in the tournament and especially the winners. Extra Spirit Award points are awarded to everyone who competed!

Now we head into February and we are looking forward to a fantastic February Member/Guest tournament. Put on your sombrero and get ready for chips, dip and margarita sips! Michelle Christensen and her team are planning a spectacular day!

I want to thank my board of directors and appointed chairs for all the work they do to make our experience so wonderful here at SCC. It takes a lot of people and effort to put on these events and I can't be more appreciative.

I'm looking forward to a great February with awesome events, and hopefully warmer weather! See you on the course.

Susie Lauzier



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FLYERS

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SCCLGA WEBSITE

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.





Membership Chair, Brenda Thuringer

Our LGA has 120 regular members and 14 social members for a total of 134members.

New members in 2024:

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New members who have joined since January 2023:

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Handbook update:

Christine Fleming phone number now 250-423-1262
 Judy Berzins is now a golf member (was a social member...)
 Jamie Victor corrected phone number is 971-218-0162

All changes to phone numbers and email addresses can be texted to me at 605-212-2437 or emailed to bthuringer@sio.midco.net . Thank you!

Brenda Thuringer, Membership Chair

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The Dirt on Divots

(courtesy of Ron Cressy and Janet Koster, Sunrise Niners Coordinator)

One of the most crucial aspects of practicing good golf etiquette is to leave our beautiful course in better condition than we found it. This includes filling divots in the fairway, fixing ball marks on the green, and raking bunkers.

Golf Superintendent Ron Cressy prefers we don't replace our divots because replaced divots without much soil can be easily knocked out by fairway mowers, especially when conditions are hot and dry. To help ex-

pedite good course maintenance, he and his team provides golfers a mixture of ³/₄ sand, ¹/₄ mulch, and rye grass seed, a combo that promotes faster regrowth.

Here's what we should do: Fill in with the mixture to the level of the turf. Then step on the little sandy mound and shift your foot side to side to get the surface level with the surrounding turf. Under-filling a divot leaves a depression in the fairway that remains even after the grass grows in. Over-filled divots are bad for playing conditions as well as for the mowers that roll over them.

If each golfer does this little bit of turf repair, it makes a big difference how our golf course plays. It also makes us good stewards of Sunrise Golf!



Our 2023-2024 LGA Team



Rear row, from left: Nancy Olson, Captain Jeanne Bihm, Jean Range, Carol Howard, Lori Keibler, Karen Cunningham.

Front row from left: Missie Fennell, Lura Cabaniss, Susie Lauzier, Pat Snyder

Missing, in alphabetical order, are: Diane Brocco, Charlotte Fox, Barbara Goodman, Teresa Harder, Shirley Lee, Marjorie Leslie, Jennifer San Victories, Pam Sorrell, Patty Spady, Donna Summers, Mimi van der Voort, Jamie Victor, Robin Westin-Schmit, and Cherie Zaun.

Team Captain, Jeanne Bihm

The Sunrise LGA Executive Team completed their season on Wednesday by winning all 5 matches in gross for the season. Unfortunately, our team was edged out of the gross title by 2.5 points (297-294.5) by Palm Desert Greens.

In the January 18 match, played at Palm Desert Greens against Oasis we squeezed out a 55-53 win. A big congratulations goes to Patty Spady for competing solo due to a last minute illness. Patty tied her match against 2 opponents 9-9.

It was a terrific season and every team member represented Sunrise well. Our roster consisted of the lowest 25 handicap ladies who wished to participate. Thanks to all the team members for their excellent play.



SPIRIT AWARD STANDINGS

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

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

Tournament Chair, Missie Fennell

Games, Games, Games:

January saw Miracle Sand Shots, 2 Best Balls, Member/Member Mystery (1 Best Ball), Stableford scoring, Scramble and The President's Cup 2-person net best ball. A great variety of games including good old golf!

Due to the addition of the Sunrise Country Club Anniversary Party, our **February Saturday Scramble with the MGA has been moved to Saturday February 10th**. The Sunrise Cup will be held sometime in April. So update the calendar in your Handbook and join the fun!

February games include our Member/Guest Chippin', Dippin' and Margarita Sippin', Smitty's Shamble, our Invite a Niners Lady to play 4 person scramble, and the Member/Member Eclectic (Day 1, Day 2 is in March) which is a 2 person 1 best ball. A little something for everyone!

President's Cup

We lucked out on the weather for our President's Cup Semi's and Finals and it showed with the close matches. Congratulations to our Champions Francine Hand and Paula Tole who defeated the team of Laurie Mollencop and Sandy Fossati. In the Consolation Bracket the team of Lori Clifton and Lori Keibler overcame the team of Jeanne Bihm and Karen Cunningham. Many of the competitors joined for a celebratory drink in The Mixx after the round. It was so good to see the comradery amongst the competition. Well done ladies.

Spirit Cup Award Standings

There's still plenty of time to move up the leaderboard for this award, so continue to participate each week. Congratulations to the current top 5 who are : Carol Hart (86), Lori Clifton (84.5), Jenifer San Victores (70), Paula Tole (66.5) and Sharon Garbarino (65). These standings are as of 01/22/24 (after The President's Cup). Keep watching the bulletin board outside the Golf Shop for the latest info!

Check-in Volunteers needed

I want to thank all of you who volunteered to check-in members and would love to ask you to join in the fun. Most of March and all of April need you! Please go to this address [Volunteer](#) to add your name to the spreadsheet and x the date(s) that work for you. Also, I've posted the current schedule in the Club Room where you can add your name and mark the date(s) you'd like to help. Not computer savvy? Please call/text me at 650-714-7074 and I'll add you from here.

Have fun out there!



Handicap Chair, Diane Brocco

ONE GOLFER, ONE GHIN NUMBER

Do you have more than one GHIN number (Handicap number)?

GHIN numbers are like Social Security numbers, unique to each golfer. Even if someone takes a multi-year break from the game, their GHIN number will be stored until the golfer decides to play again. Whether a golfer belongs to one club or five, in California or in another state, they must use the same Handicap GHIN number for all of their club memberships. Golfers should always provide a new club with their existing GHIN number along with their email address. Members should NOT have a different GHIN number at different clubs or multiple active GHIN numbers.

If you think you have multiple GHIN numbers, please contact the SCGA as soon as possible so they can merge or link those files under one GHIN number. The SCGA Member Services Department can be reached at 818-980-3630 ext 801 or membership@scga.org



SUPPORT FIRST TEE IN MARCH

By: Jan Slawson, Fundraising Chair

Once again this year the Sunrise LGA will be supporting First Tee of the Coachella Valley and we have named March as First Tee Month. During that month there will be a box in front of the pro shop for donations of golf gear and lightly used golf clothing. You will also see banners and posters encouraging all of us to support this wonderful organization. The LGA also will be collecting donations for a huge basket raffle at the end of the month, in addition to other fundraising opportunities. As always, cash donations are WELCOME! The LGA also deeply appreciates the generous support of the SCC Men's Golf Association for the First Tee.

About 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. Learn more at www.firsttee.org



Meet New Member, Patrice Merritt



Born and raised in, Massachusetts, Patrice Merritt never thought of California as a place where she would ultimately settle. Earning a degree in History at Clark in Worcester, Patrice completed a degree in Library Science at Simmons College, Boston. As a public services librarian, Patrice worked in special and

academic libraries throughout the New England area. Marriage brought her to Detroit where she continued her career in libraries. Committed to civic activities, Patrice served on the Boards of a historical Detroit pottery, a beautification organization dedicated to the planting of trees in the city and lived in a national recognized historic neighborhood. In 2016, she retired as Executive Director of the Detroit Public Library Foundation. Presently, as the chair of the Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory Foundation Board, "I am able to continue to enjoy my love of libraries and promote their importance to our communities."

Marrying an avid golfer prompted her to take up the sport. Having never held a club in her hand, one lesson and she was hooked quickly understanding that "the best thing about golf is where it is played." Patrice and her husband, Grady, were members at the Detroit Golf Club for over 35 years. No longer willing to tolerate cold weather, they purchased a home in Rancho Mirage 15 years ago, where they joined Desert Island Country Club and later joined Thunderbird Country Club. With her husband no longer playing golf, Sunrise welcomed her as a single member and provided her with a course best suited to her playing level and continuing interest in the game. People matter and Patrice has stated "that I have been more than welcomed by the women at Sunrise and the transition to a new club has been greatly enhanced by the graciousness of Joan, Smitty, and Lanny".

In addition to her Rancho Mirage Library service, Patrice is a volunteer at the Lifestream Blood Bank in Rancho Mirage. Her favorite saying is: "All the important work in this world is done for free."



**A Hole-in-One was made on January 23
by Robin Westin-Schmidt. Well done, Robin!
And thanks for the drink!!**



February Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	LADIES DAY!
The MGA/LGA Saturday scramble is now Feb. 10 instead of Feb. 26. The Sunrise Cup is postponed to April		
4	5 LGA Board Meeting 2:30 PM Garden Room	6 Member Guest Tournament Check-In: 8:30 AM • Shotgun 9:00 AM Luncheon & Awards following
11 Sunrise Cup 9:00 AM Shotgun	12	13 Smitty's Shamble Check-In: 8:30 AM • Shotgun 9:00 AM LGA General Meeting after Lunch
18	19  <i>President's Day</i>	20 Niners' Invitational 4-person scramble Check-In: 8:30 AM • Shotgun 9:00 AM Invite a Niners lady to play
25	26	27 Member/Member Eclectic Day 1 Check-In: 8:30 AM • Shotgun 9:00 AM

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Twilight Golf 1:30 PM Shotgun	2	3
7	8	9	10 Sunrise Cup 8:00 AM Shotgun LGA/MGA Saturday Scramble
14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Twilight Golf 1:30 PM Shotgun	16	17
21	22	23	24 LGA/MGA Scramble Choose your own foursome 7:30 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM Shotgun
28	29 Twilight Golf 1:30 PM Shotgun		

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Mark your Calendar for Niners/LGA Day!

The LGA will be hosting Sunrise lady Niners on February 20 for another fun 18-hole scramble. We're hoping to build on last year's success so reach out and invite a Niner you may know. Niner contact information will be posted in the locker room.



Presidents Cup 2024

And the winners are: Francine Hand and Paula Tole! Congrats for a well fought battle.



Sandy Fossati came in second to Francine and Paula



In the Consolation round, winners were the Lori's...Lori Keibler and Lori Clifton

Pictured with the Lori's are the second place Consolation winners, Michelle Christianson and Robin Westin-Schmidt





A Note from Smitty...



February, the weather is starting to get warmer and the desert really gets busy. I am very excited for LGA Member-Guest on Tuesday, February 6. I love the theme of the event (Chippin, Dippin, Margarita, Sippin sounds right up my alley) and can't wait to see who gets Closest to the Pinata. We have some fun events on LGA Tuesday's including at

the end of the month, The Member-Member Eclectic. Who doesn't like a mulligan?

I would like to congratulate our LGA President Cup Winners, Paula Tole and Francine Hand. They really embody the spirit of the club, FUN and obviously pretty good players. I would also like to congratulate our Consolation Bracket Winners, Lori Clifton and Lori Keibler. We have 4 very deserving winners.

February Golf Shop News:

We have more merchandise coming in February from Vendors like TAIL, PUMA, KINONA (NEW LINE) and

we will have new clubs coming in from XXIO, MIZUNO, COBRA AND CLEVELAND. We will also have 50th Anniversary Logo Glassware available by mid Feb for the 50th Anniversary Gala.

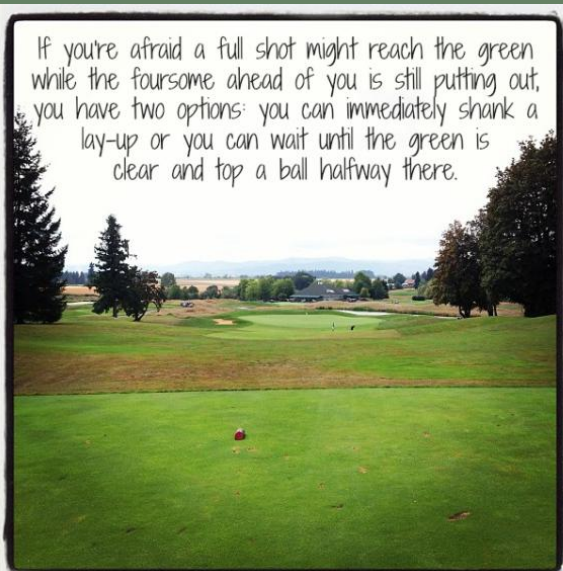
Clinics are back on schedule, every Saturday. Myself and Lanny can help you with your golf game as we get ready for this busy two month stretch of February and March.

Golf Tip of the Month: Practice putting from 2 feet from the hole on a straight putt to check your "Putter Face Angle" at impact. If the ball goes right or left it could be your face angle. This also helps align the putter to the line of putt.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Brent Smith (Smitty) PGA
Head Golf Pro Sunrise CC/Brent Smith Golf/3 Deep Golf

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If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.

Golf Goodies...

Billy Graham said

"The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course."

New Golf Rules...Not really...

Rule 3.b.3 – There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.



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.



SUNRISE COUNTRY CLUB LADIES MEMBER/GUEST DAY

Now Feb. 13, 2024 ~~February 6, 2024~~

7:45 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM Shotgun Start

Chippin' 

Dippin' 



Margarita
Sippin'

Format:

Higher Handicaps:

4 Person Scramble

Lower Handicaps:

2 Best Balls of the Foursome

Special Prizes:

Chip into the "Dip"

Closest-to-the-"Pin"ata

Closest-to-the-"Chihuahua's Leash"

Entry: \$75 per person

Raffle Tickets: \$5 for 6 or \$10 for 15

available for purchase at registration, cash only.

Return the entry form to the Golf Shop (760) 328-1139.

Questions? Call chair Michelle Christensen (909) 283-8695



Please circle lunch choice: Taco Salad: V=Vegetarian C= Chicken B= Beef

Lunch Choice:

Member _____	GHIN# _____	V C B
Guest _____	GHIN# _____	V C B
Member _____	GHIN# _____	V C B
Guest _____	GHIN# _____	V C B

You must sign up as a foursome.

If you need help finding another twosome, please check with the Golf Pro Shop.

All fees are billed to your Sunrise account.

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.

March is our



First Tee®

Month at Sunrise

Gather together your used golf gear and lightly used golf apparel and watch for the donation boxes beginning March 1 near the Pro Shop. Help the Sunrise LGA support a really good cause!

Thank you thank you thank you.

