

Rolling Hills Women's Golf Association 2018-19 NEWSLETTER #1

Greetings everyone and welcome to our **54th year** as an active 18 hole league. League enrollment currently stands at 39. We extend a warm welcome to our **newest member, Barbara McMullen**. Barb comes to us from, Davis-Monthan's (former) Blanchard Golf Course, where she served as President of the 18 Hole ladies league. Hmmm, seems we ought to be able to put Barb's talents to use for us in short order!

Since last writing, much has happened and/or changed. It's enough to make your head spin. But, let's start with a "constant". This is our love of long time League member, Betty Clarke. In recognition of Betty's 92nd birthday on July 2, 2018, the Club honored Betty with a special surprise birthday party. Congratulations, Betty! As anyone who has ever played with Betty will say: "I'd like her on my team; Betty's short game is one of the best there is." By the way, is there anyone else who is tired of being heat by a player in her 90's? Keep it up, Betty, and best wishes for m  good health.

Betty Clarke, Age 92

Now, onto one of our big changes of the season. In hopes of avoiding the cold weather of January and to lessen the hectic tournament/special events schedule of the winter, our annual President's Cup Tournament was moved to late November. Unlike recent years, this season's 3 round net competition stayed wide open till the very end. Finishing with trophies, were: **Peg Kirkman, 1st Place/187; Mary West, 2nd Place/190; Sharon Luebber, 3rd Place/191; and Ro Pirillo, 4th Place/192**. Here are a few comments about the tight competition. Ro's 4th place finish was achieved through her typical steady play with the least variation in scores per round of all the participants. Sharon was the only winner in the top 4 places throughout all 3 rounds. Mary proved that coming from behind is definitely achievable, with a 6 Stroke improvement between her

first two rounds. Lastly, Peg was the only player to have her 54 Hole score come in under par. Clearly, overall kudos truly were earned by Peg!

Before closing on this topic, special thanks to Tournament Chair, Sharon Luebber with assistance from Club Pro, Brent Lingel for making the tournament run so smoothly. We also thank **Dianne Grabigel** and **Sally Rudolphi** for, once again, finding beautiful trophies for the winners.



**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
From
RHGC BOARD of DIRECTORS:**

At the 12/11/18 Board meeting, a review and discussion of the Club Handicapping policy resulted in NO changes to existing policy.

Specifically, anyone playing in a Club event who does not have either 50% of the 20 GHIN revision scores be from RHGC or 50% of the 10 GHIN scores used be from RHGC for computing handicap, will use 80% of his/her present GHIN index to determine his/her handicap.

Now, it's time to cover an annual story that we all love -- our wonderful Christmas Golf/Holiday Party & Luncheon. Tournament Chair, Sharon Luebber (with kind volunteer assistance from Cheryl Robinson) got our day underway with a **Team Shamble**. Our "gift" was that there was no drive requirement for any of the team members, though all 3 players scores counted on each hole to compute the Team Score. In the end, the Team of **Grabigel/Pirillo/Clarke** ran away from the rest of the field, coming in 11Strokes lower than the next closest team; way to go, ladies!

Following golf, spirited camaraderie and delicious food happened inside the festively decorated Niblick Restaurant. First time **Christmas Social Chairs Mary West & Barb Torris** proved they sure know how to throw a party; we thank them for the wonderful job they did. This thanks extends to Peg Kirkman and her daughter, Shelly Vassey, for Peg's unique RHWGA Christmas Carol & Shelly's -- yes, get this, -- holiday yodeling! Who knew such talent lie within the Kirkman household? Last but not least, RHWGA should be proud of the funds we donated (in lieu of gifts to each other) to the Sr. Jose Women's Center.





“BEAT the PRO” & Rules Seminar

Interested in taking on a bet where you're guaranteed not to lose? Here's the deal. Our "Play of the Day" on Wednesday, January 16th will be a new experience, though the normal \$3 fee will still apply. Peg will pair us as threesomes. As your pairing proceeds around the course, at some point RH Pro, Brent Lingel will join your group for a hole or two. **If your 18 Hole NET score beats Brent's 18 Hole GROSS score, you will have your money doubled.** If Brent should beat you, you will get your original \$3 back. That's right, you cannot go home with less money than which you started! Please sign up, as it's going to be fun to see what happens; as they say: "Hey, you never know!"

In addition, the League meeting scheduled for that day will be kept short. This will allow us the time to be introduced to **the new Rules of Golf**. Pro, Brent Lingel will lead our training and answer our questions. An updated, laminated "Rules Card" will be handed out, as well. This is an important seminar as our League begins following the new Rules of Golf immediately thereafter. All members are urged to attend this Seminar.

MEN'S CLUB INVITATIONAL/RHWGA'S REBUTTAL INVITATIONAL

Last season saw the inaugural Men's Club Invitational to RHWGA. The **Two Person Better Ball (Net) Competition of Men versus Women** was held just one day and proved to be a most exciting challenge.

Seven matches teed off and the determination of the 14 RHWGA women participating could be felt with every shot. In an exciting and tough competition, the **final results** were: **Men 4 Matches Won;**
Ladies 3.

Well, ladies, this Invitational is back & scheduled to be bigger and better than the first, including **our first ever “REBUTTAL” Invitational.** The two day competition will be held **Tuesday, January 29th and Friday, February 1st.** The Day #1 format will remain the same; Day #2 will be a Two Person Scramble format. There is likely to be some nominal fee to play so that cash payouts (in addition to the ever important “bragging rights”) are awarded at the conclusion of Day 2. The **deadline to sign up is Friday, January 25;** you do not need a partner to sign up, rather partners will be assigned to ensure equitable matches. (Note: “End of Field” play will be available for those League members who so choose.)

Please watch for the signup sheet and please, please decide to participate; let’s show those men who the true champions are!

Before closing, two more persons deserve thanks. First, **Cheryl Thompson** is doing a super job of tracking our **RINGERS**. Little did Cheryl know, that she would also be asked to assume the additional job of adding “Birdies” to our newly acquired “**Birdie Tree**”. This beautiful tree is **courtesy of Barb McMullen**, who thoughtfully gifted it to us upon the closing of Blanchard Golf Course. So, thank you to Barb, as well. The Tree is hanging in our Ladies Restroom. Speaking of which, as of 12/5/18 we have 14 Birds chirping away on the Tree. Congratulations to the women below for their birdies. Let’s watch for those yet to get on the Tree to do so soon. Why? Somehow one Birdie or other great shot in a round (such as a Chip-In) can make you forget about much of the other agony of the day. Then, we foolishly show up again to play this amazing game called GOLF!

BIRDIES ACHIEVED THROUGH 12/5/18

Denise Crowley	-	Holes 3 & 5
Nancy Daliege	-	Hole 13
Dee Grabigel	-	Hole 7
Peg Kirkman	-	Holes 5 & 13

Katie Lingel	-	Holes 13 & 15
Sharon Luebber	-	Hole 3
Ro Pirillo	-	Holes 8, 9, & 13
Pat Werner	-	Holes 1 & 10
Shirley Whitlock	-	Hole 2



That's it for now; Happy New Year to All!

Ro Pirillo,
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