



PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY and MARCH 2025

Hello to all SBWGA League Members:

Well, February was such a busy month with play days and meetings that I just couldn't get to writing a newsletter earlier than this. So, I decided to combine February and March this time and may do so in other months where there is little activity and not a lot to report.

Your Tuesday Play Chair, Carol Bidwell and Special Events Chair, Kay McCollom, continue to work hard on organizing the weekly events and lending a hand to the Chairs of the Majors which are now under way. The full 2025 calendar is available on the website, month by month, so check it out and pencil in on your calendars those events in which you plan on playing.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

You will have noted that we had a change in the line-up of Officers on the SBWGA Board. For personal reasons, Ruth Irving our elected 2025 Secretary, advised me that she very reluctantly needed to submit a letter of resignation. The Board was very sorry to receive this notice and thanked Ruth for her services over the past couple of months. Janice Hoover, the 2024 Board Secretary advised that she would be willing to return to the Board and so at its meeting on February 4, her name was considered as a replacement for Ruth per the SBWGA-18 ByLaws, Article IV Officers – "To fill an unexpired term, an officer may be elected by the current Elected Board members at any of its meetings." Janice was voted in to fill the unexpired term as Secretary. We thank Janice for stepping up and agreeing to fill the vacant position.

At our General Meeting and Luncheon held on Feb 3, I reported on a meeting with the stakeholders regarding reinstatement of the Skins Option on Ace Day. I was tasked with requesting by a show of hands to see if in fact our members like the option and would be in favor of adding it back to our schedule of options. As those of you who were in attendance indicated a firm "yes", your SBWGA Board addressed the matter at its monthly meeting the next day and voted to rescind its prior decision to eliminate the Skins option on Ace Day. Effective with the March 25 Ace Day, the game will be re-established.

Carol Bidwell has already sent out a message indicating how any member who wishes to opt into the program may do so. Here is the email address to which you should send a message if you want to participate: TPD.sbwga18@gmail.com. The deadline for opting in at this time is March 17. All details regarding the program will be as before and are spelled out in the Standing Rules, Section X11 Ongoing Games and Awards, Item # 5 Skins Games which you can access on the website under the heading SBWGA DOCUMENTS.

We have just received late notice that the Saddlebrooke Women's Classic tournament at MountainView/Preserve (MVP) will be held as originally scheduled on Tuesday, May 13. This is great news as the event is very popular among the three clubs (Saddlebrooke, MVP and Saddlebrooke Ranch). Our coordinators, Lisa Graff and Sarah Earnest, will be providing further details in the next couple of weeks. So keep that date free on your calendar and plan on participating.

Believe it or not, before we know it, it will be time to appoint the Nominating Committee to take over the duties of soliciting the assistance of league members to fill the various roles of Officers on the SBWGA Board for 2026. If you have any inclination to serve or would like to know more about the duties of the various positions, please reach out to any Board member and we will provide you with any and all information you might wish to consider. The Board members will nominate one league member to represent them as per the Bylaws and the membership will nominate two members to represent them on the Nominating Committee so discuss among your friends and see if there is some interest in serving. More information on this topic will be forthcoming towards the end of March.

Your webmasters continue the work of updating the website introducing the 2025 Board of Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Remember this way you will know who to contact if you have questions regarding a specific topic or require information regarding an upcoming tournament or event. You will note there is a new gmail address as follows: sbwga18board@gmail.com, which you can use if you want to leave a message for any member of the Board. This address will be monitored regularly and your message will be passed along to the appropriate Board officer. Please use the website constantly as everything you need to know about our association is posted there. You can research documents, including bylaws, standing rules, general meeting minutes, Board meeting minutes and financial statements. Some of the information is password protected and the webmaster has confirmed via Golf Genius the password to be used in 2025. The website is also where you register for our monthly luncheons. That link will appear on the home page.

NEWS

Congratulations to our Most Improved Player of the Year (2024) – Reenie Romey. Our President's Cup just wrapped up last week and the winner of the 2025 tournament is Margaret Falconer – sincere congratulations Maggie! Runner up was Carol Bidwell with Suzanne Stone-Griffith taking 3rd place over Marsha Camp in 4th – a great achievement by all four on reaching the finals! The Champion's trophy will be presented at our March 4 luncheon. Coincidentally, that's the second major in a row where the Chair of the event actually came through as the winner – Deb Fenton won the Cactus Classic in November!

The very popular 3 Jills and a Jack tournament was held at the end of January – it filled up in a couple of days – and with Mother Nature cooperating, everyone who participated enjoyed a very pleasant day of golf and camaraderie. Many thanks to Ellen Avenoso and Jennifer Waggoner for Chairing the event. Well done ladies, it was a great success!

Also, congratulations to Helen Graham and Margaret Falconer who represented the SBWGA in the 2024 State Medallion in Phoenix in January. The 2025 State Medallion qualifying dates are January 21, February 4, March 25 and April 15 and the Gross and Net winners after play on the four dates will represent the SBWGA next year in the State Finals.

Others in the winners circle are two teams from Saddlebrooke who competed at Skyline County Club recently in Southern District – Sue Discher and Wendy Odell came in 3rd as did Donna Sehn and Barb Verbus in their respective flights.

The Rules Seminar hosted by the Lady 9ers and presented by AGA was very well received with lots of time for questions and answers. The Match Play Rules session given by Jane Chanik our Golf Professional ahead of the President's Cup was also very well attended – we listened to Jane provide ideas for match play strategy as we enjoyed a few adult beverages!!

Our AGA representative, Sandra Murray, recently forwarded Eila Sallaberry and me a very good video link to the USGA Rules of Golf. We will put it up on the website shortly. It is a series of short clips regarding various rules that come up frequently and is well worth watching. I'll have the webmasters alert you once the link has been posted.

A job opening has arisen where you can show off your writing skills! Our Publicity Chair, Ellen Avenoso, could use some assistance in preparing a short report each month for the local newspapers recording our various activities and results. Please contact Ellen or me if you want to explore the opportunity further.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPONSOR FAIR AND LUNCHEON – MARCH 4

This is one of our most important luncheon events, when we invite all our sponsors to join us and give us the opportunity to thank them and to learn more about the services they provide in our community. Without the very generous support from each sponsor, we would not be able to have the after-tournament parties, additional game options on Tuesdays, nor be able to subsidize your monthly luncheons, plus take care of other incidental expenditures. A big shoutout must go to our two wonderful Sponsor Chairs, Donna Sehn and Janet Robinson. Once they were announced as the 2025 Chairs, they got to work reaching out to all the sponsors who provided funds in 2024 and continued to find new ones to add to the growing list of interested service providers. It's

amazing to be able to report that these ladies secured sponsor funds in excess of \$16,000 this year. We as members of the SBWGA, cannot thank Donna and Janet enough for their efforts on our behalf. They are truly two amazing ladies who work tirelessly to secure those additional resources which can be used to enhance the league's activities. As they serve as part of my Committee, I personally want to say, sincere thanks for all you have done and continue to do to ensure that we have a very successful 2025 year of golf. Please make sure to review all the sponsor ads in the handbook if you are ever looking for a service that may be provided by any of our generous supporters.

The Club Championship and Senior Club Championship will be held on March 11, 13 and 18. The Legends Club Championship will be held on March 11 and 18. The after party will be held in the evening of March 18 at the Activity Center and will be hosted by Helen Graham and her committee.

Our annual Quail Classic Member Guest will be held on April 6 – 8. The Chairperson, Cathe Kropp, assisted by her wonderful committee of volunteers, have a great three days of fun and games planned. The party kicks off on Sunday afternoon as members and guests gather and listen to music as they enjoy some wine tasting and great food served up by our staff in Food and Beverage. Monday and Tuesday there will be two rounds of golf followed by lunch each day in the Vistas.

This year, the auction for baskets is back by popular demand and there will also be a raffle for some nice high-quality items – you can view the baskets, etc. on Sunday evening in the Coyote Room outside the Pro Shop and through and after lunch on Monday in the Javelina Room outside the Agave Lounge. Winners will be announced at lunch on Tuesday.

Kachina – There are three more outings upcoming – two in April and one in May. See details under the heading on the website – Upcoming Events. Contact Bonnie Stutzman for more information.

Catalina Cup – Only two more matches to be played this season. We had 30 ladies signed up to play on the team in 2025. If you would like to participate next year, please let Nancy Sartor know. She could also use a Co-Captain to help with organizing the teams for each match so please give it some consideration – particularly if you have a little knowledge of working with Excel – not mandatory as Nancy can give you great direction but it would help! Also, 2026 will be a year when we change our team shirt so if you would like to play you will want to participate in the selection of our new team colors.

TUESDAY PLAY DAY CALENDAR

March

4-Mar	Tuesday	8:00 SG	Pick Your Partner (PYP) - 2 person Scramble (General Mtg & Lunch)
11-Mar	Tuesday	8:00 TT	Club Championship (Day 1 of 3)
	Tuesday	8:00 TT	TPD - Ts & Fs - Individual G&N
13-Mar	Thursday	8:00 TT	Club Championship - (Day 2 of 3)
18-Mar	Tuesday	8:00 TT	Club Championship - (Day 3 of 3)
	Tuesday	8:00 TT	TPD Individual Stableford - Gross & Net
25-Mar	Tuesday	8:00 TT	March Ace Day / State Medallion TUC-CAT / Southern District Del Sud

BELATED FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Helen Graham	-	2/1	Maire Ryan	-	2/12
Sharon Kreutzen	-	2/4	Jennifer Waggoner	-	2/18
Jan Kreis	-	2/10	Bette Wald	-	2/18
Deb Finn	-	2/11	Kay Kunze	-	2/20
Judy Schilling	-	2/11	Patty Mawe	-	2/28

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Venetia Lewis	-	3/2	Deb Sherman	-	3/14
Geri Sandilands	-	3/3	Marie Gomolla	-	3/15
Pam Bicknell	-	3/9	Debbie Green	-	3/16
Marie Kahng	-	3/14	Debbie Rue	-	3/16
			Judy Briney	-	3/17

THANK YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY AND MARCH SPONSORS:

February Sponsors:

Andy's Irrigation
Xfinity
Saddlebrooke Remodeling
Beauty Inside and Out – DeDe Van Booven
Travel Shop – Peggy Bakos
Long Realty – Helen Graham
Longley Tax and Financial

March Sponsors:

Desert Life Pharmacy
Fairway Cooling and Heating
Andy's Irrigation
Big Bear Garage

Maire Ryan
President SBWGA 2025
February 25, 2025