



PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024

NOTES FROM CATHE

January, as expected, brought some very chilly weather. But we still had great turnouts, so a big thank you to those members who supported our efforts! Despite a frost delay on January 16th, we ended up with a day of beautiful weather, and our luncheon was well attended. Suzanne Stone-Griffith, Handicap Chair, presented the changes in the World Handicap System which were instituted in January. If you have not had a chance to review the USGA presentation on our web site, please do. These are significant changes every golfer needs to know. (*More/World Handicap System*)

NEW MEMBERS

We have eight new members in 2024! Please welcome these ladies when you see them!

Claudia Booth
Sue Dischner
Mari Gomolla
Teresa Jenkins

Wendy Odell
Karen Thibodeau
Jennifer Waggoner
Lynn Wenzel

VOLUNTEERS

As you all know, volunteers run our league. Between our board and our standing committees, we have thirty-five volunteers, in addition to the individual tournament volunteers. All our members appreciate these women who give so much of their time and energy to make our league great. At our January General Meeting, we recognized three incredibly special volunteers who, month after month and year after year, work tirelessly for our league. Carol Bidwell, Judy Fick and Bonnie Westra do so much behind-the-scenes work it is impossible to list it all. But without these wonderful women, tournament set-up and scoring, Membership Options (Chip-Ins, Birdies or Better, and Eclectic) membership communications, and the SBWGA-18 web site, just to list a small portion of what they do for us, would not be what it is. So please, next time you see these ladies, thank them!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU...

... to our members who **POSTED 100% ON TIME** in January. We had a terrific boost in compliance with 45 of 109 members who played at least one round and posted 100% in January. **Great job everyone!!**

IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Our **2024 Operating Income/Expense and Sponsor Funds Budgets** are posted on the website. (*SBWGA-18 Documents/Minutes Reports/Treasurer's Report*). Please review these budgets, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sandi Chester, Treasurer, or myself. Sponsorship funds are used to cover the expense of our handbook, our luncheon decorations, Tournament expenses (other than our Majors) and other ancillary expenses. Our Operating Expenses budget must be based on dues income alone. Income, whether it be Sponsor Funds or member dues, should be spent in the year it is collected. However, each year for the last several years, the league has had a surplus at the end of the year. On December 31, 2023, our surplus (again, accumulated over several years) was approximately \$3,000. At the board's January meeting, we considered the best options to reduce this surplus which would benefit the most members, and have made the following decisions:
 - The deficit in the Operating Expenses budget will be covered.
 - In 2023, the board voted to temporarily increase TPD payouts from \$6/\$8/\$10 to \$8/\$10/\$12. This increased level of payouts will be maintained throughout 2024.
 - The SaddleBrooke One Food & Beverage team has found it necessary to increase the cost of meals to reflect the increase in their vendor expenses, so the league lunches this year are \$23. The board has voted to subsidize our member lunches for February, March and April by \$5, so members' cost will be \$18 instead of \$23.
 - Membership Drive event

These allocations will reduce the surplus that has been carried forward. In the future, each year's budget will stand on its own.

- Reenie Romey, **Tuesday Play Day** Chair, has asked we return to a deadline of Saturday for posting results. Flighting, scoring and determining payouts is not always easy. There are issues when players cancel late (this can change flighting), the weather does not cooperate which may change the game we are playing, and a myriad of other issues which come up. Our TPD committee will strive to publish results as quickly as possible, but we have reinstated the Saturday deadline.
- **TPD Sign-Up:** Deadline to sign up is Wednesday at 2:00 pm prior to Tuesday Play Day. Please use the correct TPD email address for requests and late cancellations: tpd.sbwga18@gmail.com
- A reminder that if you have not received your **2024 Handbook** along with your 2023 Membership Options payouts, please contact Kay Cruise, Membership Chair.
- **Quail Classic:** On your registration form, we would appreciate it if you would charge your house accounts. This will make it much easier for us to process all the applications.

NEW ON SBWGA.COM

- 2024 Operating Expenses and Sponsorship Funds Budgets (*SBWGA-18 Documents/Minutes and Reports/Treasurer Report*)
- January 2024 General Meeting Minutes (*SBWGA-18 Documents/Minutes and Reports/General Meeting Minutes*)
- January 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (*SBWGA-18 Documents/Minutes and Reports/Board Meeting Minutes*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, February 6**
 - Format: President's Cup Qualifier, Ace Day, State Medallion Round #1 of 4, General Meeting and Luncheon
- **Tuesday, February 13**
 - President's Cup, Round #1 and Individual Stableford
- **Thursday, February 15**
 - President's Cup, Round #2
- **Saturday, February 17**
 - President's Cup, Round #3
- **Tuesday, February 20**
 - President's Cup, Semi Final and Throw out the Worst Three Holes
- **Thursday, February 22**
 - President's Cup, Final
- **Saturday, February 24**
 - Party for President's Cup Participants
- **Tuesday, February 27**
 - Format: Pick Your Partner
 - **NOTE: Due to the President's Cup schedule, this PYP is late in the month, and just in front of our March PYP**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Helen Graham, 02/01
Kathy Minx, 02/01
Sharon Kreutzen, 02/04
Jan Kreis, 02/10
Debra Finn, 02/11
Judy Schilling, 02/11
Maire Ryan, 02/12
Jennifer Waggoner, 02/18
Bette Wald, 02/18
Kay Kunze, 02/20
Kim Seales, 02/22
Kerry Wolfe, 02/23
Patty Mawe, 02/28

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