



# The Birdie Tweet

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – *Linda Bohlinger*



It has been an honor to serve as your President this year and I look forward to next season with our wonderful board and members.

Our pre-season efforts started out with convening a joint WGA Board and MGA Board meeting to coordinate our concerns to DF management, resulting in a **Joint WGA/MGA Letter**. Our boards then had an open discussion with Member Liaison Jim Schreiber about course maintenance, Food and Beverage service and regular and seasonal dues.

We didn't get everything we wanted but there were improvements in Food and Beverage and course condition (after a rough start, pun intended!). Our efforts certainly put the WGA and MGA on the map and allowed us to better coordinate with the MGA on our two, fun mixer tournaments.

WGA tournaments and Guest Days were back after a two-year hiatus. We couldn't have succeeded without the leadership of **Susan Padilla (Pennington)**, our Tournament Chair, and our hosts: **Lynda Sakai** and **Jan Campbell** for the December 9 member-only tournament; **Bridget Kuzmicki**, **Pam Friedman** and **Margo Robertson** for the January 13 Guest Day; **Bobbie McAlpine** and **Trish Sibson** for the March 9 and 10 Fallies; and **Susan Padilla (Pennington)** and **Jo Ann Juliano** for the April 12 Guest Day.

We donated to the following charities this year: A holiday toy drive for our local YMCA; and Hanson House and Hidden Harvest with a portion of our Fallies net proceeds.

I'd like to thank our hard-working and fun board for the contributions they made this year:

- VP/Tournaments Chair and monthly luncheon arrangements, **Susan Padilla (Pennington)**
- Minutes and birthday of the month drawings by Secretary **Jan Campbell**
- Treasurer's Reports by **Sue Aden**
- Membership by **Jo Ann Juliano**
- Handicap Chair, best improved golfer awards as well as Fall Team captain **Sherry McArthur**
- First ever Hole in One Club, thanks to **Bridget Kuzmicki**, who is also our Sunshine Chair.
- Golf Rules skits during our monthly luncheons by Rules Chair **Pam Friedman**.
- Birdie Tweet and our first website by **Jolene Coy**
- Past President/Board Advisor, **Joan Fialko**

Some of us will be playing golf here throughout the summer and some will be traveling back home. But we'll all meet again for next season. Thanks again, everyone, for making this season a lot of fun!

## TOURNAMENTS –*Susan Padilla (Pennington)*

Our 2021-22 WGA season is nearly over, and **OH what a season it has been!** After two years of serious COVID restrictions and many of our snow birds unable to travel back to the desert, we had a very full calendar with many fun events.

- We started off in **December** with our Member-Only *"Holiday Par-Tee"* which was a huge success.
- In **January** we had our first guest day, and it was all about *"Fun, Food and Friends"*.
- In **February** we had a **Couples Tournament** in conjunction with the MGA which was an afternoon shotgun followed by dinner.
- In **March** we brought back our **fabulous Fallies** event with *"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!"* and did we ever!
- Our last guest day of the season, *"It's a Garden Party"*, was in **April** and included a fun and entertaining **hat parade**. Even the DFCC staff wore their colorful flower hats! See the pictures on the next page.
- In between all of the above, we have had sweeps every Thursday and open play every Tuesday. We had a **2-day Member/Member** event, a **3-day President's Cup** event and a **3-day Club Championship**. See Club Championship results on this page and the next.

I wish to thank everyone who stepped up to volunteer to make all of these wonderful events possible. We want it to be bigger and better next season, so now is the time to **make a commitment to the WGA and volunteer to host a guest day**. Planning for next year will take place over the summer. Let me know if I can add your name to the list.

### *Club Championship Results*



**Club Champion, Diane Gauthier, Senior Club Champion, Linda Bohlinger, and Super Senior Club Champion, Bobbie McAlpine.**

## Titleist Flight Winners



Meri McGraw (not pictured), Sherry Mc Arthur Sharon Cory, Zoria Broughton, Sandie Hill and Louise Wilson.

## Callaway Flight Winners



Jeanne Lukes, Angela Bradbury (not pictured), Janet Reiter, Mary Holley and Jeannie Perchaliuk (not pictured)

## Ping Flight Winners



Eva Hamilton, Jane Witous, Bonnie Shanahan, Liz Fensom, and Nancy Shillady (not pictured)

2022 WGA Club Championship			
Name	Flight	Score	Place
2022 WGA Club Championship			
Diane Gauthier	A	256	1st overall
2022 Senior Club Champion			
Linda Bohlinger	A	258	1st Senior
2022 Super Senior Club Champion			
Bobbie McAlpine		289	1st Super Senior
Titleist Flight			
Meri McGraw	A	257	1st gross
Sherry McArthur	A	277	2nd gross
Sharon Cory	A	281	3rd gross
Zoria Broughton	A	212	1st net
Sandie Hill	A	229	2nd net
Louise Wilson	A	233	3rd net
Callaway Flight			
Jeanne Lukes	B	234	1st gross
Angela Bradbury	B	301	2nd gross
Janet Reiter	B	304	3rd gross
Mary Holley	B	221	1st net
Jeannie Perchaliuk	B	225	2nd net
Jan Landberg	B	233	3rd net
Ping Flight			
Eva Hamilton	C	310	1st gross
Jane Witous	C	330	2nd gross
Bonnie Shanahan	C	338	3rd gross
Liz Fensom	C	236	1st net
Nancy Shillady	C	244	2nd net
Shannon Creighton	C	245	3rd net

## 2022 Fallies Recap ~ *"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!"*

Co-Chairs: Trish Sibson & Bobbie McAlpine

After volunteering to host the 2022 Fallies, we were approached by many members eager to step up and help. It's amazing what can be accomplished in such a short period of time. With the continued issues of the pandemic, it was decided that we needed a theme that was positive, uplifting and fun! Hence, *"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!"* was created. And boy, did we have fun!

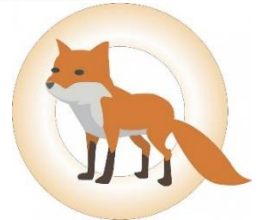
**A portion of our proceeds allowed us to give a generous donation to two charities: Hanson House and Hidden Harvest.**

Many thanks to all the committee chairs and volunteers for going above and beyond the call of duty to make sure this two-day event was a success. To further keep this event going, we have committed our expertise to the **2023 Co-Chairs Sharon Cory and Bonnie Shanahan**. Sharon was eager to step up as long as she knew there was going to be lots of help and input from previous volunteers.

We truly need the members who have chaired this event in past years to coach and co-chair to get the new members involved. Every Fallies can be a memorable and special event for all participants. *"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!"* received overwhelming accolades and positive feedback. Thank you all from the entire Fallies Team!

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### **DESERT FOXES** - *Bobbie McAlpine*



Hey ladies . . . want to enjoy some great golf and make new friends?  
Come join ***Desert Foxes***.

**Desert Foxes** is a ladies' summer league comprised of country clubs throughout the desert. The season begins May 12 and ends in August/September. Play days are every Thursday at 7:30. Annual dues are \$35 for all members. New member handicap index may not exceed 30.0. A flat fee of \$50 cash will be charged for play at each away club to cover green fees, lunch, prizes and cart barn gratuity.

The foursomes are arranged so that you play with a member from the other clubs. A great way to meet other ladies! It is a foursome format with ABCD players on each team.

For further information or questions about ***Desert Foxes***, please contact:

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## **FALL TEAM – Sherry McArthur & Meri McGraw**

### **Team Captains**



Our **Team Members** of Diane Gauthier, Meri McGraw, Linda Bohlinger, Terry Desautels, Sherry McArthur, Bridget Kuzmicki, Nancy Brown, Andree Coleman, Sandie Hill, Margo Robertson, Pam Friedman, Jeanne Lukes, Janet Reiter, Bobbie McAlpine, Joan Fialko, Stacey Walker, Jan Landberg, Linda Williams and to our **Honorary Members** for the year Jolene Coy, Sydney Allen, Mary Holley and Phyllis Sherwood. Our girls stayed strong, and we held our own in the NET competition. Desert Falls ended up in 3<sup>rd</sup> Net overall, an improvement from 4<sup>th</sup> Net last year.

Congratulations to all these hard working, dedicated teammates and for their commitment and availability for the matches.

We are all looking forward to next year with **Meri McGraw** taking over as Captain.

## **SPRING TEAM - Nancy Shillady & Eva Hamilton**

### **Team Captains**



Spring Team is up and ready for the 2022 season after having a hiatus for 2 years. Our first match was April 7th at the Citrus. After that match, we will play every Monday and Thursday, finishing up at Mission Hills on May 9th.

We are delighted that we have **22 ladies on our roster** who are all looking forward to our matches. We feel lucky and honored to have such a wonderful group of women team members!!

We had a **kick-off party, hosted by Jan Campbell, on March 14th** followed by our practice round on Tuesday, March 19th. Rules and team information were passed out and questions answered regarding Match play.

**Desert Falls will be hosting all the other teams (96 players) on Thursday, April 28th.** On this day we will be volunteering to be out on the course directing players to holes and rest rooms as needed, raking bunkers and encouraging pace of play. On the completion of play everyone will then enjoy a special luncheon.

***We are Ready and Willing to get going and we plan to do Desert Falls proud.***

## *Recap of our April Guest Day "It's a Garden Party"*

Susan Padilla and Jo Ann Juliano want to thank everyone who participated in the April 12th Member Guest Tournament *"It's a Garden Party"*.

We had 48 participants who "weathered" the winds and golfed like pros. Our game was "one and done". Below are the winners who received cash prizes.

### **First Place-Net-score of 57**

Betty Gray  
Mary Downer  
Janet Reiter  
Donna Long

### **Second Place-Net-score of 58**

Jan Landberg  
MaDonna Lambert  
Val Donhue  
Dance Gruman

### **Third Place-Net-score of 59**

Jane Witous  
Karen Anderson  
Zoria Broughton  
Jane Bowers

### **Fourth Place-Net-score of 60 (won with a card off)**

Joan Fialko  
June Engblom  
Jan Campbell  
Barb Jennings

After golf we enjoyed lunch with the theme: *"It's a Garden Party"*. Ceneva Reda, our Director of Events, helped coordinate the menu and dining services. She and Chef Carlos Nava did an outstanding job of providing appetizers, tea sandwiches and colorful macaroons for desert along with a "tea" station. The tables adorned with lovely pastel-colored napkins and decorated tea pots with fresh flowers designed by our creative Lynda Sakai. Everyone received a vase with a fresh flower and also a packet of sunflower seeds to recognize the conditions in Ukraine.

We had a professional musician playing the piano in the club entry. We closed the event with the ladies wearing their decorated garden party hats parading throughout the club.

**Prizes were given for the most creative hats.**





***We hope everyone enjoyed the event.***

## **HANDICAP –Sherry Mc Arthur**

### **Handicap**

- Most Improved Golfer for March 2022
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place – Louise Wilson
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place – Shannon Creighton
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Tony McClellan
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Rosemary Bonner
  - **Most Improved – Barbara Nuismer**
 Congratulations Ladies.
- Scorecards – reminder to enter last names, total everyone's scores, sign and have card attested. Scores are to be entered on the day the game was played. Remember to enter during summer months.

# WOW! CORNER



**Zoria Broughton** made her first Hole in One on Saturday, March 13th on hole #6 using her 9-iron to make a 113-yard shot. This is Zoria's first Hole in One.

**CONGRATULATIONS Zoria!!!!**



**Linda Bohlinger and Zoria Broughton** each made a Hole in One and will split the **Hole in One Club Pot of \$355**, if no one else makes a HIO by the end of April.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!**

## MEMBERSHIP – *Jo Ann Juliano*

I am happy to announce that we ended up with **96 total WGA members** for the 2021-2022 season. We had 71 members who also participated in the HOLE IN ONE club for this season and our two winners above split that pot.

Our **New Member party was hosted by Abbe Marsman and Sharon Cory** at the Marsman home on Friday evening March 25th. Approximately 40 members attended. Abbe and Sharon did a fabulous job of hosting with a table full of appetizers, pizza and salad. They even raffled off several door prizes for those in attendance. A huge thank you to them for hosting this annual event. Also, **thank you to Shannon Creighton and Andre Coleman** for their help in serving at the bar and at the table.

We look forward to everyone's safe travels during the summer and your return to DFCC in the fall. Enjoy the photos on the next page.

## *New Member Party*

### *Hosted by Abbe Marsman & Sharon Cory*



### **SUNSHINE – *Bridget Kuzmicki***



**Shirley Spork**, one of the LPGA founders, passed away on Tues, April 12. Some of you may remember that she was our guest at the 2018 Fallies. She spoke about her experiences on the tour and we gave out her book as one of the tee prizes. It's called....***From Tee to Green.***

She was a huge supporter of women's golf. She lived here in Palm Desert for many years. She was 94 years old.

***HUGS, Bridget Kuzmicki***

## RULES, *PAM FRIEDMAN*



### What if a ball hits another ball on the putting green?

**Rule 11** covers what to do if the player's ball in motion accidentally hits a person or other outside influence. If a ball from off the green strikes another ball, the ball in motion is played where it lies and the moved ball is returned to its original position. There is no penalty to any player. However, there is an exception.

**Exception – Ball Played on Putting Green in Stroke Play:** If the player's ball in motion hits another player's ball at rest on the putting green and both balls were on the putting green before the stroke, player 1, who hit the shot/putt, gets the general penalty **(two penalty strokes)**.

This penalty does not apply in **match play** where there is **NO PENALTY**. But, again, the struck ball must be replaced at its original position. The rationale for the penalty in stroke play and not in match play is that the field must be protected in stroke play. In match play, the game is just between the two teams.

## PUTTERS' CLUB – *Bobbie McAlpine*



*Enjoying a Putters' Club Potluck and Wine Tasting Luncheon at Diane Wearin's beautiful home.*

## *Happy Birthday to our April Babies*

Mary	Holley	April	2	Pam	Friedman	April	11
Joyce	Gambee	April	3	Iris	Lipson	April	25
Meri	McGraw	April	8	Jody	Woods	April	25
Rosemary	O'Neil	April	9	Dottie	Broderick	April	29

## *Two of our beautiful March Birthday Girls*



## **Birdie Tweet Editor: Jolene Coy**

### **2021-2023 DFWGA Board**

#### Board of Directors

- Linda Bohlinger, President
- Susan Pennington, VP/Tournament Chair
- Jan Campbell, Secretary
- Sue Aden, Treasurer
- Sherry McArthur, Handicap Chair
- Jo Ann Juliano, Membership Chair

#### Committee Chairs

- Pam Friedman, Rules
- Bridget Kuzmicki, Sunshine
- Jolene Coy, Website/Newsletter
- Joan Fialko, Past President/Board Advisor