



# The Birdie Tweet

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – *Linda Bohlinger*



Our DFWGA Board and I are grateful that we have almost **90 members in the WGA**, which has exceeded our expectations. Our dues support the various WGA tournaments and events throughout the season.

I would like to thank **Bridget Kuzmicki, Pam Friedman and Margo Robertson** for hosting a fun-filled **January 13 Guest Day**. This is our first guest day in two years! We also thank our guests and members for making it such a success. Look for upcoming information on our **March 9 and 10 Fallies** guest day.

I hope you are enjoying our weekly **Thursday Sweeps** competitions with innovative games developed by **Susan Pennington**, our Tournament Chair. Please check out her article on **upcoming tournaments** such as the **Member-Member**. Also, if you are not already playing as a team member of our **Fall Team**, chaired by **Sherry McArthur** and co-chaired by **Meri McGraw**, check out the information on our **Spring Team**, co-chaired by **Nancy Shillady** and **Eva Hamilton**.

Finally, I hope you've noticed a **slight improvement** in the **course conditions** over the last couple of weeks. As the DF Management Team stated in its December 23, 2021, email to membership: "JC [JC Rodriguez, Desert Falls Grounds Superintendent] is doing his best to give you a better quality of golf turf by fertilizing, dropping more seed and lowering heights in the rough."

Since I'm sure all of us would like to know a bit more about these efforts, I will include **an interview with JC in our next Birdie Tweet**.

See you out on the course and at our next General Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, February 3, 2022!

DFWGA website: [www.desertfallswga.wixsite.com/home](http://www.desertfallswga.wixsite.com/home)

### **2021-2023 DFWGA Board Board of Directors**

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- Pam Friedman, Rules
- Bridget Kuzmicki, Sunshine
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## **TOURNAMENTS –*Susan Pennington***



There will be lots of opportunities to play golf over the next few weeks. As a reminder to our returning members and as an explanation to our new members, this will be a brief review of how to play in our weekly events.

**Each Tuesday** we have reserved tee times with the pro shop. On Tuesday you can make up your own foursome and sign up as a group or you can go on the app and sign up individually wherever there is an opening. The tee time and group you sign up for will be your time and foursome on Tuesday.

**On Thursday**, you also sign up on the app under the WGA tab any place there is an opening. Thursdays are sweeps days with either a team or individual game. On Wednesday the pro shop will arrange the players and the tee times and they will send out an email to all players that are signed up providing details. If you do not receive the email, check the tee times on the app for that day under the WGA tab.

The games for the next few weeks are as follows:

**1/20/22: Three-Two-One:** This is a foursome event requiring 3 best balls on par 3's, 2 best balls on par 2's and 1 best ball on par 5's.

**2/3/22: Bridgeman:** This is a foursome event. The 18 holes are divided into three 6-hole segments. Use one best ball on holes 1 thru 6, two best balls on holes 7 thru 12 and three best balls on holes 13 thru 18.

We also have special events coming up within the next month in addition to our regular Tuesday and Thursday events.

**1/13/22: January Guest Day**, this is CLOSED as of the time of writing

**1/27/22 and 2/1/22:** Round one and two of our **Member-Member tournament**. A sign-up sheet is in the ladies locker room and the deadline to sign up is 1/23/22. This is a 2-day tournament and you choose your own partner. Be sure you can each play on both days. Handicaps are capped at 36 and there is a maximum 10 stroke differential between partners. The format is a two-day eclectic. It is a net only tournament and all participants must use a golf cart for pace of play.

**2/6/22: Couples Tournament with MGA** including dinner. You will not be paired with your spouse/partner/significant other. The 2-person team will be arranged for you. It will be a shamle format with flights. Check in the pro shop to sign up and to pay the fee which, as of this writing, has not been finalized.

Please remember to bring a few dollars with you when you attend our monthly luncheons and meetings on the first Thursday of each month. We hold a **50/50 drawing** at each monthly meeting. Last week we awarded \$55 to two lucky winners and the other half went into the WGA's funds to supplement our sweeps payouts. It is a win-win for all of us and we appreciate your participation.

See you on the course!!

## 2022 Fallies info from our Tee Sign Sponsorship Chair, Kristi Knutzen:

This year's Fallies offers a great opportunity to celebrate our "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" theme with each other. One way to participate and support our club is through **hole sponsorship**. It's a great way to **advertise a business, commemorate friendships, honor a favorite animal, or whatever your heart desires**. Each sign will be placed on a tee box and your name listed in the program and you probably know someone (hair stylist, cleaners, cart mechanic, etc.) who would be happy to purchase a sign as well to advertise their business to over 100 women. The **cost is \$125 for a new sign or \$100 if you use a previously designed sign**. In the next few weeks I'll let you know when applications are available in the locker room. Please take as many as you need as they will be filled out one per sign. Please contact me with any questions and I look forward to a successful and fun Fallies!

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

### *Team Captains*

Fall Team has played 3 matches with 7 more to go. Proud of our team's efforts in all games but especially when we hosted Mission Hills 1 whose handicaps range from +2 to their high handicap of 18. Our girls stayed strong and won the NET competition. Congratulations to all.

Our team has a busy month with 4 more matches against Shadow Hills, Mission Lakes (Home and away) and Mission Hills 2.

Thanks to the team for their commitment and availability for the matches.

### **Sherry McArthur & Meri McGraw**



Fall Team Members are Diane, Meri, Linda B, Terry D, Andree, Sherry, Sandie H, Margo, Pam F, Jeanne, Bobbie M, Jan L, Joan F, Janet R, Nancy B, Sydney, Linda W, & Phyllis



Stacey, Mary, Jolene and Bridget

## HANDICAP – *Sherry Mc Arthur*



- **Your 2022 SCGA - GHIN fee** of \$36.00 will be billed on your Desert Falls Account. For seasonal members, please pay at Pro Shop or Front Desk.
- **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. Will be following up when discrepancies are found.
- **New members** must collect 5 score cards when they play with another WGA member and have scores attested to be eligible to play in Member-Member or President's Cup.

Any questions with regards to your stroke allocations, posting incorrect scores, 5 scorecards or any handicap questions please contact me via email at sherlarmac@shaw.ca, text me @ 403-358-6835, or call me @ 442-334-7856.

## SOLHEIM CUP TOURNAMENT – *Sherry McArthur & Terry Desautels*



The final Solheim Cup match (singles) versus Coral Mountain from 2020 will be scheduled on **Jan 23, 2022, at Desert Falls**. Stay tuned for results in the next Birdie Tweet.

## MEMBERSHIP – *Jo Ann Juliano*



I'm happy to announce that we currently have **89 paid active WGA members** with **1 potential** (meaning paid WGA but not active DFCC member) and **2 tentative members** (meaning have indicated they want to return to WGA/DFCC but are not currently active members).

**Our 2021-2022 ROSTER BOOKLETS** have now been placed in the Ladies Locker room on the counter. You may pick them up anytime. Some have labels with your names. If you don't find a book with your name, you may take one that has not been labeled.

I will be sending out a list of members' contact information who are not currently in the booklet by email so that you can print and put them in your booklet. As we get new members added they be listed in the Birdie Tweet as well. See list of new and returning members on the last page of this newsletter.

Our **New Member party** previously planned for January 21st has been **cancelled** due to the continued outburst of COVID cases. We want to take precautions of large inside gatherings to prevent our members from being exposed to COVID. **Abbe Marsman and Sharon Corey** have graciously offered to host the new member party the week of March 21st. The final date will be announced at a later time.

***New members to our club are Donna Butters, Sandra Willis and Nancy Storey. Please welcome them to our WGA.***

# SPRING TEAM UPDATE - *Nancy Shillady - Captain* *Eva Hamilton – Co-Captain*



Ladies it is with great hopeful excitement that Nancy and I are looking forward to Spring Net Team season of 2022.

As you know our last season was 2019 and those of you who participated will recall what a great time we all had traveling to different courses, playing, and competing with a fellow club member, and above all, enjoying warmhearted team camaraderie!

While many of our previous, now seasoned, team members are signing up again **we do have a few spaces available for new members!** Should you decide to join there are a number of things you will need to know about how it all works, team format and what you are required to know. Most of these topics will be covered once you have signed up. However, there are a few conditions of joining that need to be met and these are listed below!

1. You will need to have a **36 or less handicap** on April 1. Prior Members are grandfathered in regardless of handicap.
2. Participants are required to **pay a fee of \$20** which is used to sponsor a sign for the Fallies, to provide tips to our staff when we host here at Desert Falls, as well as miscellaneous expenses.
3. You are also required to **purchase a team shirt** from the pro shop which we typically use for 2 seasons. We are currently working on the shirt selection.
4. The season begins on **April 7th and we will play every Monday and Thursday thru May 9.** Please respond to Nancy or Eva regarding your availability to play these matches April thru May.
5. Once the roster is complete, Nancy will send each of you a **form to indicate your match availability.** The match schedule will be completed and your will be notified of your play dates and locations. Typically, depending on your availability, you can expect to play 3-4 matches.

We are very excited to be playing spring team again and are looking forward to the season. The main goal of Spring Net Team is to have fun! Playing many of the wonderful courses in the valley to which we normally would not have access is a real bonus gained from participating in Spring Team. It feels great to represent our home club, Desert Falls, and the team camaraderie is very uplifting and addictive.

Please contact Nancy or myself if you are interested in becoming a team member!

**Eva Hamilton**  
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**Co-Captain**

**Nancy Shillady**  
**815-621-4749**  
**Co-Captain**

## **RULES, PAM FRIEDMAN**



**Hi ladies, here is an example of the temporary rule we discussed at the meeting. You might encounter it at other clubs. Those of you from up North may know it as "winter rules".**

### **Temporary Local Rule: Preferred Lies or "Lift, Clean and Place"**

If a player's ball lies on a closely-mown area through the green the player may mark, lift and clean the ball without penalty. Before lifting, she must mark the position of the ball. The player must then place the ball on a spot within one club length of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a penalty area or on the putting green.

#### **Notes:**

This rule only applies to "closely mown areas" – those parts of the course cut to fairway height or less. This means the **fairway** of the hole you are playing and the fringes or aprons around the greens.

You **MUST** mark the position of the ball before lifting, cleaning and placing – failure to do so leads to a one-stroke penalty.

**May a player spin or rotate the ball on the green to line it up to the hole *without marking the ball.***

No, the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of Rule 14.1 makes clear that rotating the ball is the same as lifting it. So, if the player fails to mark the spot before doing so, she/he incurs a one-stroke penalty.

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## **SUNSHINE – *Bridget Kuzmicki***



We sent a card to Diane Wearin in December to wish her well. She had just gotten out of the hospital and was doing well. I sent a few cards to some of our gals who are out sick; Jan Campbell, Joan Fialko. All are on the mend and looking forward to returning to golf. Remember to check with our golfers to see how things are going.

Sometimes a "friendly how are you" is really appreciated. I want to be respectful of privacy regarding health issues; sometimes people just don't want to answer health questions and sometimes they have scheduled doctor's appointments and don't have results.

Please send me an email: [bridgetkuzmicki@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetkuzmicki@gmail.com) if you know of anyone who could use a "cheery card" from us.

***Thanks, Bridget Kuzmicki***  
***bridgetkuzmicki@gmail.com***

## DFWGA Hole in One Club

The list of those who are in our new HOI Club is on the board in the Pro Shop. Some gals have asked me if they are IN and forget whether or not they paid their \$5. Check the list to be sure you are on it. If you are not, you can pay the \$5 to Sue Aden or Linda Bohlinger and be in the HOI Club. Read all the details in your 2022 Roster.

I heard **Joan Berta ALMOST had a hole in one** on Thursday; remember YOU have to be in it to WIN IT!!!

## *Happy Birthday to our January Babies*



<b>Bobbie</b>	<b>McAlpine</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Sandy</b>	<b>Eskin</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Linda</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Yvonne</b>	<b>Clark</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Bette</b>	<b>Taback</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>24</b>



## **Fun Pictures from our December Member Only Event**





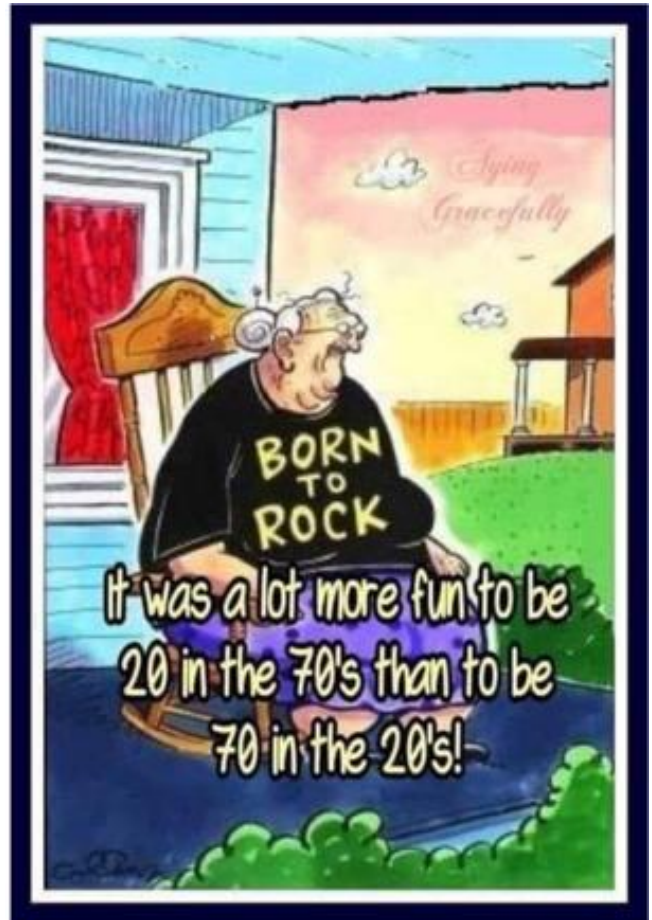
**Definitely  
the best  
costume  
winners!!**

## **Celebrating Christmas Eve at the Club**





# HAPPY NEW YEAR



Some people call him Snoopy; some say it's Jolene



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