



PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2025

Hello to all SBWGA League Members:

It's been a while since I wrote but as you all know, the early months of the season are very busy with tournaments, luncheons, meetings, etc., and there never seems to be enough hours in the day to accomplish everything that is on the agenda.

Now that things have begun to slow down, I need to let you know about a few changes that will be upcoming for 2026. Please take the time to read the following as it is important that everyone knows and understands all that's going on within the league. As I have stated before, don't ever hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Please extend a warm welcome to two new members of our golf league – Nachel Felske and Judie Allen. Both are anxious to meet and get to know other league members so if you have an opening in your regular social groups, consider letting them know so they can join you for a game.

IMPORTANT NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE:

During the course of the past few years, successive SBWGA Boards have considered increasing the dues which the members pay annually to provide for operating expenses. The one thing that I believe is not clear to everyone is that following the introduction of the Sponsorship Funds program, a significant sum of money comes into the coffers of the league's Treasury which is NOT co-mingled with those funds which you pay each year for membership. Membership dues are used solely to pay for weekly sweeps payouts, including Ace Day, prize money for each of our five major championships and other necessary operating expenses. The sponsorship funds are used to subsidize the Quail Classic Member/Guest, catering costs for parties after two major tournaments, additional support for payouts at other special tournaments and enhancements to our weekly Tuesday Play Day events. Sponsor funds are also used to subsidize your monthly luncheons, including additional dollars towards the annual December Christmas luncheon. In essence, the sponsorship funds pay for all those "extras" which are not part of operating. If the sponsorship funds went away in the morning, we still have to be able to function as a league, hence the fiscal responsibility of the Board to separate the two funding sources.

Our operating budget has reached a point where your present Board of Officers considers it necessary to increase the membership dues you pay annually. This has come about partly because of a reduction in our membership numbers but also because of the increased cost of goods and services. After thoughtful and careful consideration, at last Wednesday's Board meeting we voted and approved an increase of \$10 bringing your cost from \$95 to \$105 per year. All Option choices will remain the same. We hope you will agree that this is a very modest increase, however, it will give the Treasurer a little breathing room to keep the operating budget in a positive state.

DISCONTINUATION OF HANDBOOK:

Another item which came up for consideration at our meeting last week was the matter of continuing to prepare and publish a hardcopy handbook. Many, if not most of you, don't realize the time and effort that goes into undertaking this annual project. Cathe Kropp and Janice Hoover have faithfully done the job for the past number of years and they feel the effort is no longer justified as most of the information contained in the booklet now resides on the website and is accessible to all. Therefore, it has fallen to me to announce that the handbook will be no more – publication will be discontinued as of 2026. Many members have said that they reference the booklet very infrequently but I'm sure there are people like myself who use it primarily to look up member contact

information. However, now that this information is readily available on the web under a secure password protected heading, it's time to move over to the web to glean anything and everything related to the SBWGA. Another feature that led to the decision to discontinue is that paper and print materials together with publishing costs have risen significantly over the past few years and the Board felt that those dollars would be better spent re-allocated to other member activities and enhancements.

HANDICAP CHAIR, Suzanne continues to report a high rate of compliance for posting scores on the day of play. She requests that Big Sisters remind Little Sisters of the importance of posting timely and ensuring that those new members know how to use the tools available to make that job less onerous. Our May winner in the random drawing was Connie Culley. Congratulations Connie! Congratulations also go to Nancy Sartor and Donna Sehn for their recent Holes-in-One – way to go girls!!

NOTES OF THANKS

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Kay McCollom for her services to the SBWGA Board as Special Tournament Chair. Unfortunately, Kay has encountered some health issues over the past couple of months and she just didn't feel able to remain in her position. We are sorry for this outcome but as I'm sure we all agree, our health is more important and we need to take care of ourselves first. The matter of a replacement for Kay has been discussed but the Board feels that with only three more special events scheduled during the next few months, we can take care of things without having to appoint an interim Special Tournament Chair. One member of the Board will be assigned to each upcoming tournament to assist the Chairs in planning and coordinating either luncheons or after party.

I would also like to thank Cathe Kropp and her wonderful committee for a very successful Quail Classic in April. A lot of work and effort goes into organizing such an event and without the help of all the great volunteers, the major invitational of the year, which showcases our great golf course and membership camaraderie, could not happen. We also thank Morris Hall for underwriting the 3-day Member/Guest with their very generous sponsorship support. A shout-out also goes to Deb Ousley and Kay Kunze for Chairing a very successful Member/Member tournament in May.

TUESDAY PLAY DAY

The TPD Chair, Carol Bidwell, continues to organize a weekly event for those members who are still in Saddlebrooke. In an effort to facilitate those who might find that they cannot complete a round of golf because of the extreme heat, the types of tournaments being planned are such that they are mainly limited to individual and not team play. There may be a pick your partner or two but for the most part, you will be on your own. The calendar for the next few months is shown below. The calendar for 2026 in the process of being approved by the Pro Shop staff. As soon as final approval is given, Carol will post same on the website. However, you should keep in mind that changes may be required from time to time but you will be advised accordingly as the case may be via an email through Golf Genius and a posting on the website.

A couple of changes to note are as follows: Because of the appeal of the 3 Jills and a Jack tournament, the Board decided to keep this as an annual event which will be held on a Tuesday in January. This used to rotate with the Solheim "type" tournament which was a two-day event. As of 2026 the two-day Member/Member will rotate with the Solheim "type" which makes more sense as both require a Monday play day and lunch. An amendment to the Standing Rules will reflect that Solheim "type" will be held in even numbered years and Member/Member in uneven numbered years. We also host the Saddlebrooke Women's Classic event with MountainView/Preserve and Saddlebrooke Ranch in 2026. The date has yet to be confirmed with the other clubs but as soon as that is pinned down, we will let you know.

I would also like to advise that as a result of an approach by some of our members who will move into the Legends Division bracket for the Club Championship in 2026, the Board undertook a survey among those who would be eligible. The main questions were, are you planning on playing in the Legends Division and if so, would you prefer a two-day or three-day event. The response was excellent and we received some very good feedback where members took the time to add their personal comments. Suzanne has disseminated the results to those who responded but I wanted to let the membership know that there will be a Legends Division next year with no minimum number of players required to sign up and the event will be held over the same three days as the Club Championship and Senior Club Championship. Standing Rules will be amended to reflect these changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Member/Guest – July 8 – Chairs Geri Sandilands and Nancy Huffman.

LAGOS – September 16 – Chairs C J Johnson, B J Murray and Patty Mawe

Cactus Classic – November 13, 15 and 18 – Chairs Lynn Wenzel and Teresa Jenkins

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Even though there isn't too much to report in the newspapers at this time of year, a job opening remains 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. It will be too bad if we have no reporting of our tournaments and activities in 2026 so please consider volunteering if you can write a paragraph or two, get photos from our in-house photographer, B J Murray, and submit to the two local newspapers each month.

TUESDAY PLAY DAY CALENDAR

June			TWO WEEK COURSE CLOSURES BEGIN WEEK OF 6-16
3-Jun	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Pick Your Partner (PYP) - 2 person Shamble
10-Jun	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Individual Stableford - G&N????
17-Jun	Tuesday	7:00 TT	June Ace Day
24-Jun	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Net O.N.E.S - Individual G&N
July			
1-Jul	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Red, White and Blue - 4 person team game (AABB/CCDD)
8-Jul	Tuesday	7:00 SG	Member/Guest (1 Day, Local Clubs) & Luncheon
	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Throw out the 3 worst holes
15-Jul	Tuesday	7:00 TT	PYP Chapman Scotch - Same course twice (9ers Unite)
22-Jul	Tuesday	7:00 TT	July Ace Day
29-Jul	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Ts & Fs - G&N
August			
5-Aug	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Racetrack - Individual
12-Aug	Tuesday	7:00 TT	August Ace Day
19-Aug	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Pick Your Partner (PYP) - 2 person Stableford
26-Aug	Tuesday	7:00 TT	Par 4s - Individual G&N

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR APRIL AND MAY TO:

Jan Bukes, 4/3
 Margie Parolisi, 4/5
 Reenie Romey, 4/5
 Carol "CJ" Johnson, 4/17
 Karen Tulchinsky, 4/20
 Marsha Camp, 4/21
 Connie Culley, 4/23
 Carol Sturman, 4/30

Nancy Sartor, 5/5
 Ruth Irving, 5/17
 Bonnie Westra, 5/22
 Lynn Wenzel, 5/23
 Jane Limoges, 5/29

Happy Birthday Greetings in June to:

Lynn Stewart, 6/1
Vonnie Ginther, 6/7
Kim Larsen, 6/7
Ellen Avenoso, 6/8
Takeyo Eakin, 6/8
Peggy Bakos, 6/9
Sherry Fitzpatrick, 6/9

Judy Fick, 6/10
Kay Sullivan, 6/14
Laura Ingold, 6/16
Vivienne Beebe, 6/17
LeeAnne McClelland, 6/17
DeDe Crowder, 6/18
Carol Frizzell, 6/27

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President 2025 SBWGA
June 17, 2025