



## PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

On behalf of the 2025 Board of Officers, let me extend our most sincere best wishes to all our members for a very happy and healthy 2025. A very special welcome to all our new members – we are happy you decided to join our golf league. On a personal note, I want to thank the outgoing Board of Officers for a very smooth transition of duties to the incoming members – Cathe Kropp, Janice Hoover, Kay Cruise, Judy Briney and Reenie Romey. I thank those who answered the call from the Nominating Committee and decided to serve another term, Sandi Chester and Suzanne Stone-Griffith and I welcome new members Wendy Odell, Ruth Irving, Peggy Bakos, Kay McCollom and Carol Bidwell to the 2025 Board. When I reached out to all the Committee Chairs who volunteered in 2024, almost all said they would continue in their positions for another year – you know who you are and I say, many thanks for all you do in support of our golf league.

We are looking forward to a fun packed season – your Tuesday Play Chair, Carol Bidwell and Special Events Chair, Kay McCollom, have worked very hard to create an extensive calendar of events and we hope you get to enjoy as many of these tournaments as possible. The full calendar as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 will be posted on the website shortly and I will try and highlight a month at a time as I write to you during the upcoming season so you know what's scheduled and you can mark your personal calendars accordingly.

### IMPORTANT ITEMS

There will be two changes to Tuesday Play Days in 2025. Payouts for 2024 were \$12, \$10 and \$8 because of a large end-of-the-year carryover from the 2023 budget. However, for 2025 the payout amounts will be returned to \$10, \$8 and \$6 for both individual and team games for budgetary reasons. If TPD payouts are running well under budget, the amounts will be revisited later in the year. The other change is that the Board voted to discontinue the optional Skins game played on Ace Days because of the additional work for both the TPD Chair and the Pro Shop. Comments made that Skins should be either Gross or Net but not both were also taken into consideration.

My sincere thanks to Cathe Kropp and Janice Hoover for all their work in putting together the 2025 Membership Handbook! You will receive your handbook at our January luncheon but if for some reason you cannot attend, you can contact Peggy Bakos, our Membership Chair, and she will arrange to get it to you. Thanks to Peggy and her team also for their efforts in putting the handbook packages together. These include the payouts for the birdies and better, chip-ins and eclectic option awards (kudos to Carol Bidwell and Judy Fick for handing all the money) and Cathe Kropp for securing the Rules bag tags and USGA Rules document which we hope you will find very helpful. Hole in One payouts, eagle and break pins, etc. will be distributed by Connie Culley and Sally Drennen. A big shout out to Suzanne Stone-Griffith for

all her work as Handicap Chair this past year - she does a great job in monitoring all things handicap and we are so encouraged with the response from our members in accomplishing an over 90% compliance with the recommended posting on the day of play. When members fell out because of oversight or other reasons, a gentle reminder from Suzanne brought everyone back into compliance. Any questions regarding how to post, particularly those of you who are new to our organization, or if you need to take a leave of absence for medical or other personal reasons, reach out to Suzanne and she will assist.

I want to make special mention of Christine Smith who was our Charity Representative for 2024. When I approached her to see if she would like to remain in the position for another year, she told me that there was still a lot of work we could do on behalf of the Sister Jose Women's Center and if that was our charity of choice for 2025, she would be delighted to continue with this much appreciated volunteer effort. The blanket drive in December/January has been a great success, thanks to the enormous generosity of our membership. Further initiatives will continue during the year and Christine will bring those to our attention at our upcoming monthly meetings.

### NEW ON [sbwga18.azgolf.org](http://sbwga18.azgolf.org)

Your webmasters have been hard at work updating the website to introduce the 2025 Board of Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. 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. Please use the website regularly as most 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 but I'll make sure that the webmaster confirms the password to be used in 2025. The website is also where you register for our monthly luncheons. The link will appear on the home page.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a Rules Seminar hosted by the Lady 9ers and given by a representative from the AGA held here in the clubhouse on January 22. We have 48 ladies signed up from our league which is great to see. This will be a good opportunity to ask questions that may be specific to the course conditions we have here in Saddlebrooke and which you would like to understand a little better. If for any reason your plans change and you find you cannot attend, please let Cathe Kropp know so she and Charlotte James from the Lady 9ers can make arrangements for the appropriate number of attendees.

Three Jills & a Jack Tournament – Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – SOLD OUT  
 President's Cup – Qualifying Round – Tuesday, February 4, 2025  
 President's Cup – First Round – Tuesday, February 11, 2025

### TUESDAY PLAY DAY

#### January

7-Jan	Tuesday	8:00 SG	PYP Match Play (General Meeting & Luncheon)
14-Jan	Tuesday	8:00 TT	Race Track - Individual
21-Jan	Tuesday	8:00 TT	January Ace Day/State Medallion - TUC-CAT
28-Jan	Tuesday	8:00 SG	3 Jills and a Jack & Luncheon
	Tuesday	8:00 SG	TPD -TBD

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Bower – 1/5  
Kay Cruise – 1/5  
Mary Floerke – 1/13  
Christine Smith – 1/13  
Claudia Booth – 1/15  
Sally Drennan – 1/16  
Teresa Jenkins – 1/20  
Donna Sehn – 1/20  
Mary Ribacchi – 1/21  
Barbara Katz – 1/23  
Janet Robinson – 1/26  
Kay McCollom – 1/27  
Lisa Graff – 1/31

## THANK YOU TO OUR JANUARY SPONSORS

The January sponsors are:

Jan. 7	-	G & K Entryways, Susan Pennington
Jan. 14	-	First Inspection
Jan. 21	-	Fitness & Stretch by Abel, Westerner Products
Jan. 28	-	A1 Golf Carts

Maire Ryan  
President SBWGA 2025  
January 5, 2025