



## Captain's Message

It has been a busy summer with a lot of fine golfing. The wild animals: pigs, birds or raccoons have tried to dampen our spirits on the fairways but this has not lessened the quality of golf we have seen in the club. Congratulations to all our summer Captain's Trophy winners. Betty Robison earned the title for July. Mona Nakamura is still on a roll and won in August. In September we had a three way tie with Namie Takatsuka winning the tie breaker over Diana Flanigan and Young Kerr. And in October Nancy Perkins grabbed the title. Way to go, ladies!

After we had to reschedule our Super Guest Day, Irene Mohler and Diana Flanigan took this in stride and ran a great event in September. We had so many participants that we had to eek out some additional tee times to accommodate our event. Everything went flawlessly and we all enjoyed the beautiful table decorations done by Arline Stepovich (how I wish I could be half as talented as she is). If you attended it you are bound to be in one of the photos on our website at: <http://stwgc.com/photogallery/guest%20day2009/questday09.htm>

Mary Miyahara ran our Partner Eclectic where we had 54 players participating in 6 flights. As always, there was a lot of drama as ladies posted their weekly scores and compared themselves to the other teams. If you haven't ever done this, sign up next year and join in the fun. You don't need to play every week to

be competitive, but the more you play the better your chances. You can see all the winners on the website in the September results. Mary, thanks for all the work you put into this.

The Championship tournament was again run expertly by Patty Yelvington and Liz Dryer. After the three weeks, Rosemary Haeckel captured the honor of Club Champion with Jane Lee close behind as the Runner-Up. Jan LaFetra did a superb job photographing all of the flight winners and you can see these in the ladies room or on our website at: <http://stwgc.com/results.htm> or <http://stwgc.com/results-october2009.htm>

Rosemary must have still been on a high after her Club Champion win and went ahead and had a Hole-in-one on hole #7 the next week! Sorry I wasn't there to enjoy a free drink. Congrats Rosemary.

I hope you are all looking forward to our Halloween Mystery Event, our November guest day, the Harvest Shoot, the Bottle Shoot, and the not to be missed Holiday luncheon and General Meeting at the Villages on Friday Dec. 11. See you there.

*Cathy Priest*

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## Co-Captain/Membership

Our membership to date is 100 regular members with 24 associate members for a total of 124 members.

To remain a member in good standing you are required to golf 12 play days per year and attend 2 General Meetings per year. Attendance report is posted on our bulletin board near the ladies restroom. If you are short play days and have extenuating circumstances, please let me know. If you have any questions regarding your numbers, please give me a call or you can send an email.

Membership dues for 2010 are due by October 29, 2009.

A renewal form is attached to this newsletter, or you may download a renewal form from our website.

Regular member renewal is \$80.  
Associate member renewal is \$55.

PWGA dues of \$26 are included in your membership. If you are a member of more than one club, you may apply for a rebate of \$16 for each additional PWGA member club. The form for your rebate will be available on the PWGA website and in the PWGA Handbook in February.

*Dora Moutafian  
Co-Captain*

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### \*\*\*Dates to Remember\*\*\*

**November 19th  
Harvest Shoot**



**Bottle Shoot  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Luncheon at the Villages. We will have a flyer out the week following the Halloween Event.

Date: Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Time: No Host Bar – 11:00 am  
Luncheon: 12:00 noon  
Meeting to follow luncheon

*Arline Stepovich*

## Reduced Scores

Every month the GHIN computer calculates indexes and takes a look at regular scores posted versus Tournament (T) scores. If there is a large gap between regular scores and "T" scores with the two lowest "T" scores being significantly lower than the regular scores, a mathematical formula is applied and a handicap index may be reduced. A tournament score stays in one's score history for 12 months or until it is older than the 20<sup>th</sup> oldest game in a score history.

So the computer will take a look at the regular score "T" score gap every month and may OR MAY NOT apply a reduction each month. If you have a Reduced index, feel good about your game (and your potential) and congratulations for having a couple great Tournament rounds! There were 63 golfers in PWGA during the month of June with Reduced (R) handicap indexes; only 42 golfers in July were reduced.

Reduced indexes show up most frequently in the winter and early spring months when weather and course conditions deteriorate yet the good "T" scores from the previous summer are still being reviewed. As course and weather conditions improve, scores should start improving and the gap between regular scores and "T" scores should narrow. And, as a result, the Reduction will be removed. This is the system's way to try to prevent sandbagging in tournaments.

*This is an article from PW Handicap, and I thought it would be interesting for everyone to read regarding reduced scores, especially, since everyone is playing in a lot of tournaments.*

*Deanna Griffin  
Handicap*



### "HOLE-IN-ONE"

Congratulations to Irene Mohler and Rosemary Haeckel!!

Irene made a "Hole-in-One" at Cinnabar Golf Course on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

And

Rosemary made a "Hole-In-One" at Santa Teresa Golf Course – Hole #7 on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Marie Balling and Martha Kawanami will be taking sign ups for the Birdie Board at the Christmas luncheon. It will be \$5.00 for the Net Birdies and also \$5.00 for the Gross Birdies.

### \*\*\*RULES CORNER BY EMAIL IS COMING\*\*\*

I have long wanted to do a Rules Meeting, but trying to find a time that suits players has been difficult. I did a Rules Corner for another club that was well received but there isn't enough space on our bulletin board, so I'll give it a try by email. (I'll have printed copies for those without email who want to get the column.)

Starting in November (when I have up-to-date email addresses for all) I will post a short (one page at most) discussion on some basic rule that we all use, but sometimes don't understand. The information will be the kind we use in everyday golf – I will not go into the odd ball situations that you sometimes see at Major Pro Tournaments.

I hope you will give it a try – but feel free to 'opt out' at any time by either talking to me or sending a note by 'Reply' (DO NOT USE 'REPLY ALL').

The first one will be on how to EASILY use the rule book. Some of you have seen this and tell me it helps them find a rule quickly and easily.

January will be about 'Winter Rules', 'Casual Water' and some things unique to our Club.

Other upcoming topics will include a good diagram on 'Nearest Relief' (and some cases where you can't use it), things you didn't know (but can use) about unplayable lies done in story form, and how to handle holes where you pick up (there are three different cases with different outcomes.)

Your ideas, comments, questions and discussions will be welcome.

*Jan La Fetra*

[Jan@lafetra.com](mailto:Jan@lafetra.com)

The Eclectic Tournaments have been completed for the year. Both the Individual and Partners were very successful, thanks to all who participated. Hopefully all of you, not just the winners, had fun. The results are posted on our bulletin board and on our web site. I will be taking sign ups for the 2010 Spring (individual) Eclectic sometime in February. I'm looking forward to active participation from our members again next year.

*Mary Miyahara*

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## New Club Champion for 2009



Rosemary Haeckel is our new Club Champion. The Runner Up, Jane Lee, lost by only one stroke after 54 holes of play. It was very a competitive tournament. We had ties in each of the four flights that had to be broken using USGA rules. Thirty-seven players signed up this year, so we had a good turnout. Following are the results for the tournament.

**Club Champion:** Rosemary Haeckel  
**Runner Up:** Jane Lee

**First Flight:** Low Gross Joohyun Hong  
Low Net Mary Forster  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net Barbara Hiura  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net Ann Kusumoto

**Second Flight:** Low Gross Mona Nakamura  
Low Net Dora Moutafian  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net Young Kerr  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net Barbara Schumacher

**Third Flight:** Low Gross Namie Takatsuka  
Low Net Eveline Konig  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net Maria Kuschill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net Fudge Masuda

**Fourth Flight:** Low Gross Carol McBride  
Low Net Leta Walter  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net Bev Pederson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net Diana Flanigan

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*Patty Yelvington & Liz Dreyer*

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*Tournament Chair*



Hi Ladies,

It is hard to believe that it's already time for the fall newsletter. This year seems to have gone by so quickly. It's also hard to believe that this will be my last newsletter article as Sunshine.

The fortunate part is that you have a wonderful person who will be your new Sunshine Chairman – GINA GORDON. I know she will have much empathy and support for those who need cheering up during difficult times and will do a great job. You couldn't have found a better person! In fact she has graciously offered to start her job a little earlier to help me out. She started by sending cheers to Bobbie Hill when she had her surgery. We certainly keep Bobbie in our thoughts.

Thank you, Gina. I totally appreciated what you are doing.

I did send a few cards out since the last newsletter to the following ladies:

SYLVIA DUNN – for her hospitalization due to various health complications. We know she'll be back!

ROBBIE GRAY - for the passing of her mother, Sally Gray, who was a charter member of STWGC. It was so nice that they were both able to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Christmas luncheon to honor all the former members.

BONNIE HAGEN – for her back surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she'll be playing golf soon without that pain.

Again, thanks to all of you for keeping me informed about our members. Without your help I wouldn't have been able to send out those cards and well wishes. Take care everyone!

*Nancy Fujimoto  
Sunshine*

Hi Ladies,

Team Play season is coming up again and will be here before we know it. Team Play dates are April and May of each year and consist of ten (10) games within those months against other Ladies' Clubs in the County. It is really a fun time and we are able to play a lot of clubs and to meet a lot of nice ladies.

I will have a sign up sheet at the Christmas Luncheon. Please sign up to play and have a fun time. Calendar of play days will be out in February of next year and I will let you know the dates so that you can let me know which are best for you.

If anyone feels they cannot commit to all the dates, please sign up as an alternate. Our Team Play standing has been in the middle of the pack the last few years, and I know we can move up towards the top. LET'S DO IT SANTA TERESA!!

*Felicia Angeles  
Santa Teresa Team Play Captain*

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**SANTA TERESA WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR YEAR 2010**

\*\*\*\*\* **DEADLINE OCTOBER 29, 2009** \*\*\*\*\*

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<b>PWGA DUES</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>
Multi-member discount refund Paid by PWGA after application		
<b>HOLE IN ONE</b>	<u><b>3</b></u>	<u><b>3</b></u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$55</b>

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