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Upcoming SDCWGA Events

Field Day at Mt Woodson April 15th

Entries Closed: 03/17/24

Roam From Home Palm Valley CC Palm Desert

April 30, May 1 & 2

Entries Open: 03/18/24

Entries Close: 03/29/24

2024 Championship at Singing Hills~Willow Glen, El Cajon June 17th

Entries Open: 05/20/24

Entries Close: 05/26/24

Field Day at Balboa Park July 15th

Entries Open: 06/10/24

Entries Close: 06/16/24

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SDCWGA President

Message from the President

I hope everyone had a fun-filled St. Patrick's Day and were able to spring-forward successfully without missing a tee time.

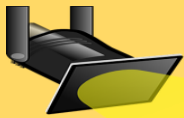
We were able to dodge the raindrops at the February Riverwalk event, the course was in good shape given the weather and the 4-person team/2-person scramble was a fun format. The board is busy organizing upcoming events including Mt. Woodson in April and the May Roam from Home in the desert. Team Play kicked off on 2/26 and matches will continue through the end of May with the finals held in June. We have 20 teams competing this year, the most in many years. Sandy is beginning to book golf courses for 2025 and appreciates the feedback from the recent survey.

I thought I would share a few interesting statistics from the National Golf Foundation's 2023 report. The **number of women and girls** playing golf on a course has risen **23% since 2018**. There has been a 40% increase in the number of juniors getting out on the golf course. Golf is getting younger and cooler. (NGF February 15, 2024) The San Diego County Women's Golf Association is a tremendous asset to the county golf community, as the women's game grows faster than the men's – our members show up, are knowledgeable, are courteous and most importantly they know how to **PLAY**.

Our February and March event registrations filled up quickly, both had waiting lists. The SDCWGA books golf courses 8 – 12 months in advance and the number of tee times is based on historical participation for each event. This year we are experiencing more demand than anticipated and are trying to book more tee times if events fill quickly. However, booking additional tee times depends on the course's availability on that date. Please check the SDCWGA Schedule of Events for more information on the event details and registration dates.

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"Placing the ball in the right position for the next shot is eighty percent of winning golf" – Ben Hogan



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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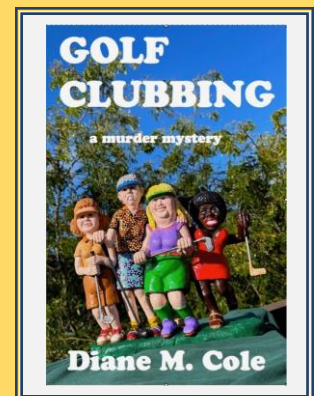


After one of my golf partners tried to explain the situation, I don't know where I fit into the golfing world. I didn't start the time-consuming sport until I quit working – first as a high school teacher in upstate Utah, then as a journalist at The Salt Lake Tribune – and I never took lessons. My teeter-tottering handicap index attests that I'm no pro, and as this golfer friend assured me, I don't even qualify as an amateur. Because I always assume my balls have landed in trouble, many friends know me as Eeyore.

Let's just say that for the past 20 years, after buying clubs from Costco in 1998 in Salt Lake City, I've golfed twice a week with two different women's golf clubs, Temecula Creek Inn and The Legends at Temeku Hills in Temecula. Well, three, if you count a brief hiatus with Golf Club of Rancho California. I play as much for the social interaction as for the competition and hours outdoors. I also love team play and tournaments run by this organization (SDCWGA) and other regional associations. If I had the time and energy (and a reliable dogsitter), I might travel further distances to compete at the sub-amateur level. But for now, at the ripe old age of 72, I devote too much time to visiting doctors (**I'm a two-time cancer survivor living with side effects**) and concocting tales, also at an amateur level.

As noted, I worked for a newspaper (where I met and married my artist husband). For 25 years, I toiled as a reporter, education editor and editorial writer. It helped that I'd obtained bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Utah, where I studied English, journalism, education, writing and political science. Now I am applying those skills to writing books as an independent author.

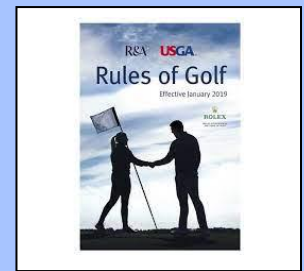
My first three books were spawned in Utah's culture, but my more serious "In the Shadow of The Wasatch" followed me to Temecula, where my husband built our house while I oversaw my mother's care. My newest work, "Golf Clubbing," was inspired by my years playing at Southern California golf courses and publicizing activities for Temecula Creek Inn Women's Golf Club. Despite the murder, the mystery is mostly fun and all fiction. Any similarity to real persons and actual incidents is purely coincidental. Really.



***Know of a member who has achieved a golf milestone? Or has an interesting life story?
Let's spotlight them in a future County Capers!!***

Send info to: mediadirector@sdcwga.net

**RULES CORNER
March 2024**



Test Your Knowledge

This month we have a quiz for you, based upon a scenario submitted from a recent event at a member's golf club:

- In a stroke play competition Player #1 chips onto the green, landing about a foot from the hole.
- Before she can get to the green to mark her ball, Player #2 chips onto the green and hits Player #1's ball. Both balls scatter on the green.
- Player #1 goes to the green and places a marker at the spot where her ball was located before being hit by Player #2's ball. All players agree on the mark.
- Player #1 picks up one of the deflected balls from the green (that she thought was hers).
- Player #2 goes to another deflected ball on the green (assuming it's hers) and putts it out.
- Player #1 goes to place the ball at her marker and notices it's not her ball.
- Turns out Player #1 picked up Player #2's ball by mistake and Player #2 realized she had already putted out with Player #1's ball.
- Player #1 retrieved her ball and placed it at her marker & putted out.
- Player #2 replaced her ball to its estimated original location (where Player #1 had picked it up) and putted out.

What is the ruling? (Select one or more options)

- A. Player #1 gets the general penalty (2 strokes).
- B. Player #2 gets the general penalty (2 strokes).
- C. Player #1 gets a one stroke penalty for picking up the wrong ball.
- D. Both players get the general penalty.
- E. Player #2 is disqualified.

Answer on page 5.

HAVE A RULES QUESTION???

**Rules questions can be submitted to
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FIELD DAY WINNERS

**Field Day at Riverwalk
February 19, 2024
4 Person Team – 2 Person Scramble Combined**

GROSS		NET	
Bishop, Cole, Myers, Smythe	144	DeMello, Greco, Jacquez, Laboranti	139
Finlon, Hunter, Johnson, Wichelecki	155	Jolly, Knowles, Megna, White	141
Crawford, Haverkamp, Reed, Stephens	166	Gripp, Hirt, Michaels, Scheer	148

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR A SDCWGA EVENT?

Step 1: Register for a SDCWGA Membership

Membership is open to any amateur member of a women’s golf club with a handicap index and GHIN# provided by SCGA. Membership is free! To have access to all information and sign-up for events, golfers must be registered and sign in with a username and password.

You will need your SCGA GHIN# to register and create an account with a user name and password.

***Go to: <http://www.sdcwga.net>
Click on the blue button***



Select "Registration" on the top blue bar

Set up your user name and password. Once membership registration is completed, you will be able to register and pay for SDCWGA events online.

Step 2: Register for a SDCWGA Event

Email notifications for upcoming events are sent to all registered members, so it is important to update your email address in SDCWGA if it changes. The email notification will have a link to the event flyer and the event registration page. You need to log in with your user name and password to access event registration.

You can also register for events through the SDCWGA website: ***Go to: <http://www.sdcwga.net>
Click on "Register For Events" (under the On-Line Registration Button)***

- a. Select "Registration" on the top blue bar and log on with your user name and password.
- b. Scroll down in the event listing to the event you want to register for. If the event is open for registration, the box in the left column will be green and state "OPEN".
- c. On the event listing, right column, select "register" and provide all requested information, including payment.
- d. Note: A link to event results will be available on the right column of the event listing sometime after the event.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

2024 Calendar of Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Club Rep Meeting	January 31, 2024	The Heights (formerly Bernardo Heights)
Field Day	February 19, 2024	Riverwalk
County Classic	March 18, 2024	Oaks North
Field Day	April 15, 2024	Mt. Woodson
Roam From Home	April 30, May 1-2, 2024	Palm Valley
Championship	June 17, 2024	Singing Hills at Sycuan
Field Day	July 15, 2024	Balboa Park
Memorial Tournament	September 23, 2024	The Links at the Lakehouse (formerly St. Mark)
Four Ball Championship – 1 st day	November 4, 2024	The Vineyard
Four Ball Championship – 2 nd day	November 18, 2024	Steele Canyon
Holiday Event	December 2, 2024	Lomas Santa Fe CC

ANSWER TO RULES CORNER QUIZ:

B. Player #2 gets the general penalty (2 strokes).

Rule 6.3c(1) Wrong Ball, applies only to Player #2 who putted the “wrong ball”.

Rule 13.1d “There is no penalty if you, *your opponent* or another player in *stroke play* accidentally *move* your ball or *ball marker* on the *putting green*”, applies to Player #1 who picked up Player #2’s ball but did not putt it.

Moral of this story: Always check that you are hitting your own ball, even on the putting green!

Note: Player #2’s putts with the wrong ball do not count; her putts from the correct location do count, in addition to the 2 stroke penalty. However, if she had not corrected her mistake, she would have been disqualified.

