

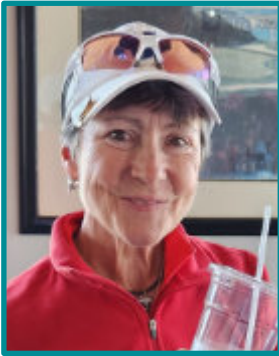


# LPGA Amateur Golf Association – San Diego

## Spring Quarterly Newsletter

May 2026

### President’s Corner by *Karen Bridges*



This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LPGA Amateurs, started in 1991 as the EWGA (Executive Women’s Golf Association), creating a community whose purpose is to bring together women golfers of all skill levels.

Many chapters are hosting special events to celebrate this milestone. Our San Diego Chapter recognized this achievement at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of our Partner Eclectic event with a cake and some trivia questions.

Just as important, though, we recognized some of our Chapter’s long-standing members. These members have contributed in many ways throughout their years in leadership capacities as well as other volunteer positions. And they continue to do so now. To them, we give a hearty round of applause and look forward to them sharing many more years with our Chapter:

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- Sharon Council – 27 years
- Wendy Eagle – 26 years
- Lis Eddy 26 years
- Chris Shorkey – 24 years
- Lois Spence – 21 years
- Connie P – 21 years
- Cathy Wright – 21 years
- Nancy Homer – 19 years
- Rhonda Myers – 19 years
- Pat Haberman – 19 years
- Sally Hagar – 18 years
- Cretia Hadley – 18 years
- Louise Tang – 18 years



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### 2026 Leadership Team

President and Director	<a href="#">Karen Bridges</a>	Sponsorship & Marketing Director	<a href="#">Ashley Stone</a>
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## **President's Corner**—*Continued from page 1*

The weather has been very accommodating so far in 2026. We've only had to re-schedule two events due to rain, but we still had a great turnout for both the New Year's Day Event at Steele Canyon and our member/guest President's Holiday event at Aviara. This year, Events Director Stacey Hayashi has scheduled six events in which guests are invited. Two of these events are Membership Drives. One was held at Native Oaks in March. A warm welcome to Eileen Licerio who became a dual member of our chapter after attending the event.

Our Superbowl Sunday event at RBI is always a popular event and guests were invited to that one as well. Also on the calendar are our Midweek Events thanks to Cathy Wright arranging play once a month at various locations in the county. Our Reidy Creek CTPP and Hit the Green extravaganza was a success with lots of fun prizes for every single hole, plus most greens hit, as well as low net of the day for both flights! Fun times!

Providing some fun competition was our two-day Partner Eclectic at Dos Osos sponsored by our own Suzanne LaTour and Raymond James. Everyone loves an eclectic and having that chance to improve the score the next week takes some pressure off! Having a partner takes some pressure off, too!!!

Speaking of Competition, coming up in June is our 2026 Chapter Championship sponsored by Vessel. This is truly one of our Chapter's signature events and always well attended and just a lot of fun. Events Director Stacey Hayashi will provide more info below.

To keep up to date with all the happenings, be sure to read those eBlasts sent every Tuesday. New this year, Stacey has scheduled out most of our events through the entire year and that calendar (if you hadn't already noticed) can be found at the bottom of every Tuesday eBlast with a link to a printable calendar (Thank you Paula Smith and the Communications Team). You can always check the Chapter Website for any events open for registration as well.

Happy Reading!!!

***Karen Bridges -- President***

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### **Stay Connected**

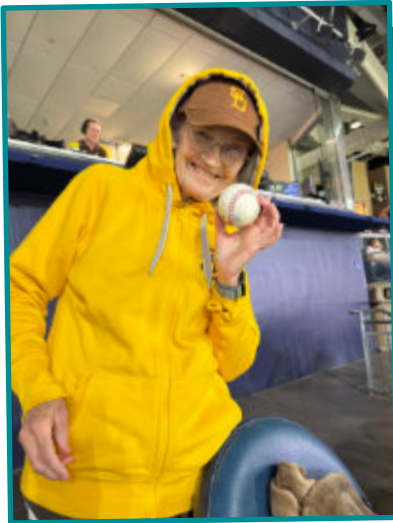
Each week our Chapter sends out a weekly email on Tuesday morning to keep you up to date on our events and Chapter news. But did you know we are active on two social media platforms? If no, it's time to check them out and stay connected to all of the events and the latest news.



Also, be sure and visit us at [www.lpgaamateurssandiego.com](http://www.lpgaamateurssandiego.com)

# Thank You Volunteers

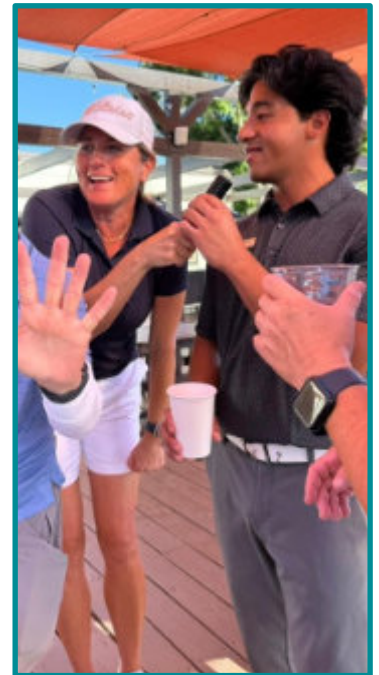
Our Chapter depends on volunteers to plan and run events, grow our membership, communicate to our members, find and manage sponsorships, educate our members via clinics and workshops, manage finances, and lead our chapter. We are currently seeking volunteers for our Chapter Championship on June 7 and 14 to assist with registration and awards luncheon. If you have the time to give back to the organization, we want to hear from you! Please contact us at: [info@lpgaamateurssandiego.com](mailto:info@lpgaamateurssandiego.com), if you would like to volunteer.



We welcomed Denise Nelesen to our communications team this quarter! When Denise isn't golfing or catching foul balls at Padres games, she'll be helping put together the quarterly newsletter.



Melissa Silva, Stacey Musso, Suzie Hoffman, Trish Castner and Adrienne Acre at our check-in table before the Member/Guest event at Native Oaks.

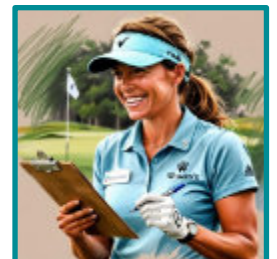


Volunteers and players at the Eclectic event at Dos Osos enjoyed Ashley Stone's antics with the staff.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

## Calling All Volunteers: Join Us for an Unforgettable Chapter Championship!

As the excitement builds for our much-anticipated Chapter Championship, we invite you to become a vital part of this thrilling event! We are seeking passionate volunteers who are ready to roll up their sleeves and contribute to what promises to be a fantastic day filled with camaraderie and sportsmanship.



Your involvement could very well be the secret ingredient that makes this championship a hole-in-one success! Contact us at [info@lpgaamateurssandiego.com](mailto:info@lpgaamateurssandiego.com) to sign up or learn more.

# Member Spotlight—*by Adrienne Acre*

## Membership Growth Update

I'm very happy to report that by the end of March, our Chapter welcomed 10 new members. We were able to recruit one new member from our Member/Guest Event at Native Oaks in March. Welcome Eileen Licerio!

Our membership has now reached 151 members and slowly continues to grow. Just as last year, this year has had challenges due to the increase of green fees. Thanks to Cathy Wright we continue to have steady participation in our weekday events as they are a much more budget-friendly option for everyone.

A most special thank you to the gals that brought in new members in the first quarter in no specific order:

Deb Finlon, Linda Marshall, Maria de Lourdes Barroso, Trish Castner, Adrienne Acre & Karen Bridges. Your efforts help keep our organization going strong!

Milestone Happy Anniversary goes out to Nancy Mason for 5 years with us as she joined 2/10/21.



## Member Get a Member Drive: Final Push for Great Prizes!

Recruit your friends, family, colleagues and neighbors to join LPGA Amateurs, and ask the new member to include your name during the joining process, and you can qualify for an incentive just by promoting two new members!

Incentives will be awarded at the end of the Member Get A Member Drive based on the total number of new members you have recruited from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**Be sure that referred members identify you as their sponsor to qualify!**

### New Members Incentives:

- **2 new members:** One dozen LPGA Amateurs logoed Callaway Chrome Soft Golf Balls.
- **3-5 new members:** LPGA Amateurs 2026 renewal dues waived.
- **6-10 new members:** LPGA Amateurs 2026 renewal dues waived, one dozen logoed Callaway Chrome Soft Golf Balls, PLUS a custom Callaway wedge.
- **11+ new members:** A \$500 Callaway Golf Gift Card!

With the drive coming to a close, there's still time to reach these amazing incentives!

# Member Highlights & Milestones

## Time to Brag on Our Members!

Each quarter we love to highlight the achievements of our members both on and off of the golf course. This quarter we have winners at local tournaments, a personal best, holes-in-one, and members supporting kids in the community.

### **Karen Bridges is the SCGA Champion**

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the SCGA Winners from our Chapter in the SCGA Amateur Net Championship tournament at the Skylinks Golf Course in Long Beach. On Day 2, it was a battle between Sheri Dean, Jojo Hou & Karen Bridges, and it came down to the 18th hole.

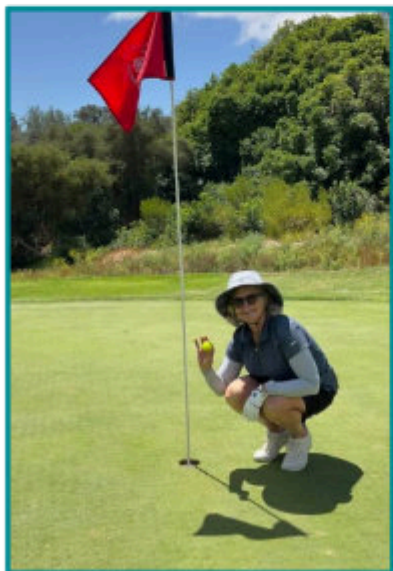
1st Flight CHAMPION - Karen Bridges

1st Flight 2nd - Jojo Hou; 1st Flight 3rd - Sheri Dean; and 1st Flight 4th - Ashley Stone

2nd Flight 3rd - Chi Wilson; 2nd flight 5th - Vida Vela

There was strong representation from members of other LPGA Amateurs Chapters - San Diego, Orange County, Palm Desert and Santa Barbara.

Solid performances by Cindy Mason, Jackie Glynn, Stacey Hayashi, Dina Mauger & Kelly DeMello.



### **Hole-in-One for Jacqui Todd**

Jacqui Todd was excited to announce that she hit a hole-in-one at Balboa Park on Hole #13 on April 12. She shared this moment with her hubby, Steve, and long-time golf friends from Tucson. Her friends had seen it all while playing golf with her over the years, she said, so it was special to share this highlight with them.

# Member Highlights & Milestones

## Jane Langdon Breaks 80 with a 77

Mt. Woodson was no challenge for Jane Langdon on March 29 when she had her best round ever. With golf partners Jennifer Porter, Brenda Scarth, and Stacey Musso looking on, she bore down in the back nine, following a 38 on the front.



## Eunhwa Lenehan Hits Hole-in-One x 9

Getting an ace is almost old hat for Eunhwa Lenehan who stroked her 9th hole-in-one on March 28, this time at La Valle. Her trusty 9 iron easily found the cup on the 94-yard third hole on the North Course. Keep it up, Eunhwa!

## Pro-Kids/First Tee Women's Golf Tournament



Cathy Wright, Denise Nelesen, Karen Bridges and Eunhwa Lenehan are joined by ProKids member Ivana, who hopes to be a pharmacist and golfer.

On May 2, the Pro Kids / First Tee Women's Golf Tournament took place at Colina Park Golf Course. Chapter members Karen Bridges, Eunhwa Lenehan, Cathy Wright and Denise Nelesen participated on one team and Maria Borroso joined in the fun on another team.

This tournament always offers a creative scramble format in which each group is paired with a talented Pro Kids golfer. The event is a fantastic way to raise funds to support this very important program. ProKids / First Tee challenges underserved youth to excel in life by promoting character development, life skills, and values through education and the game of golf. This event raised over **\$22,000** to support their girls' golf mentorship, and scholarship programs.

A big shout-out to Adrienne Acre and Jan Edwards for staffing the information table at our Chapter-sponsored hole. They met all players and told them more about our organization. They also collected entries into a drawing for a free round of golf with LPGA Amateurs.

# Meet a Chapter Member—Q&A with *Suzanne Rogers*

Each quarter we highlight one of our Chapter members so you get to know her.



## ***How long have you been playing golf & What got you interested in golf?***

I started in the mid 90's. Played on and off. My grandparents were golfers and I

remember thinking I would never play golf — it was for old people and nerds. Slow and boring. I liked fast sports; soccer, tennis and skiing, and still do. I'm not sure why I started playing golf, but I know the first time I picked up clubs, I paid thirty bucks for five Nike golf lessons at Tecolote Canyon and a free pitching wedge.

In 2000, my parents were taking lessons at Southwestern College. Around the same time I got laid off and started working for myself as a graphic designer. I could make my own hours, so I signed up for classes the next two years. We'd practice at Chula Vista GC on Tuesdays, and Thursdays we'd play 9 holes. It was great to learn from a disciplined coach, who focused on etiquette and rules. I remember once I was jogging to my ball on the course and he yelled at me "No running on the golf course!" I still find myself jogging to my ball, and I always see Coach Daniel's wagging his finger at me.

## ***What keeps you playing?***

We are lucky to play golf in San Diego. It's always beautiful, we have a great variety of courses here, and we can do it all year. I love that it is a social sport—and I love playing with this group of women — and that's why you can always find me at the

19th hole! Does this make me an old nerd now?

## ***How did you find out about LPGA Amateurs?***

Stacey Musso and my good friend from high school met someone from LPGA Amateurs while volunteering for a LPGA tourney at Aviara around 2017-18

## ***What type of golfer competitive, leisure, (other), would you say you are?***

I definitely play for leisure. Friends, Sun, 19th hole. I am competitive by nature. I'm hard on myself if I have a bad shot, etc. I know that beats up the game, so I have been working on playing a more calm game and giving myself some slack. Lately, I've really noticed a difference. A work in progress.

## ***What is your favorite LPGA Amateurs San Diego event?***

Now that Stacey Musso and I are running the Devilish Duel 666, I'd say that is my favorite! I do like the Eclectic, and I always look forward to the Holiday event at Singing Hills.

## ***How long have you lived in the area?***

Born and raised in San Diego. Grew up at Mt. Helix.

## ***What is the most obscure or unique thing in or on your golf bag?***

I have a monkey hanging on my bag. He makes me happy when I see him. I wouldn't say he brings me any extra luck, even if I rub his belly.

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

### Member Spotlight—*Continued*



#### **Kara Swedberg**

Kara has been playing golf for 15 years, but inconsistently, since she works full-time and takes care of her 93-year-old Mother.

She learned about the Rules of Golf and Putting Contest at Oaks North and thought that would be a great opportunity to meet new friends. No holes-in-one yet, but she plans to boast all about it when she does!

Kara is one of the lucky gals who is retiring from her job next month, so she will have more time to devote to golf! She lives in Rancho Bernardo and her children and grandchildren are in Missouri, New Mexico and Singapore, so there will be plenty of travel plans in her future. Sounds like a great life! Belonging to the LPGA Amateurs will make it just all that more pleasurable. Welcome, Kara!

#### **Lynn Moretti**

Lynn has been golfing on and off for a few years. Her son got her into it around Covid. She was playing regularly (limited season as she lived in Massachusetts ) until 2022). For the last three years, she has been in London without clubs and without a car, though in 2025, she played indoor golf as she prepared to return to the US.

She is new to the county and lives downtown and works in Rancho Bernardo. She wants to meet other women who play golf, in addition to furthering her skills. She recently had a playdate at Oaks North with Karen Bridges, Adrienne Acre, and Magan Taylor.

She has been told that she has a good foundation for her swing and really just needs time on the course. She can CLOCK the ball. Lynn also wants to understand the finer rules of the game and to get a handicap. We can definitely help her with that. We have Rules courses and the women she plays with will be glad to assist with any questions. Welcome!



Lynn with her son

*Continued*

## Member Spotlight—*Continued*

### MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

#### June Hanaoka

Golf is her main hobby and she has been playing for about 20 years. Her favorite courses are Torrey Pines and Balboa where she belongs to the Women's Clubs.

"I love GOLF, so I feel very lucky to live in SAN DIEGO. I also enjoy golf trips and hope to travel and play different courses. I'm very happy to join this club and I hope to meet many people, make new friends and enjoy golf together."

We're so happy to have you join, June! Now you just have to come out and play with us!



#### Judy Martinez

Judy has been playing golf for seven years but has been working for TaylorMade for 40 years! Her friend Trish told her about the LPGA Amateurs, and she joined so that she could meet other members to play golf with and improve her game.

Her favorite memory from golf is playing at Torrey Pines with her manager from work. Judy has two daughters, a granddaughter and grandson. So happy you joined us Judy! You are a welcomed addition to our group!

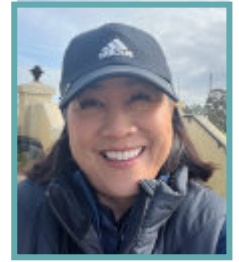
#### Welcome More New Members!

In addition, we are thrilled to welcome five incredible women to the LPGA Amateurs San Diego Chapter: **Eileen Licerio, Susie Miley, Stephanie Bailey, Trish Castner** and **Janelle Lunsford**.

By joining our Chapter, you're now part of a community of passionate golfers who love the game, cherish great company and celebrate growth both on and off the course. Whether it's a casual round, friendly competition, or one of our lively social events, we're so excited to have you with us. Let's hit the fairways together, have fun, and make memories that last a lifetime!

## Events—by *Stacey Hayashi*

Get Ready for the 2026 CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP (CHA CHA)  
Presented by Vessel Golf!



**Stacey**



**Registration** is Now Open!

**Dates: June 7 & 14, 2026**

**Location: Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Course**

What is the CHA CHA?

The CHA CHA is our Chapter Championship. While it sounds like dance, it is actually one of our Chapter's premiere events. Our Chapter Championship takes place once a year and is played over two consecutive Sundays.

For the 5th year in a row, we are so fortunate to have Vessel Golf as our presenting sponsor. For our Chapter Champions, each will receive a custom Vessel golf bag.

While this is an individual stroke play competition, don't let the word "competition" deter you from playing. It is a fun two days of golf. We will have multiple flights based on your handicap index, so you are playing with members with similar skill levels.

At the end of the last Sunday's play, we will crown two champions awarded along with flight winners at The Golf Bar (minutes from the course). We will award a Low Gross Over-the-Field Champion and a Low Net Over-the-Field Champion.

Congratulations to our 2025 Net Over-the-Field Champion, **Jax Jacquez**, and 2025 Low Gross Over-the-Field, **Sarah Yan**. Who will be crowned for 2026?

Don't miss the fun at The Golf Bar for our awards lunch on June 14. So much fun at The Golf Bar, enjoying pizza, simulator golf and NEW this year (thanks to Ashley Stone) our own karaoke machine! Try your karaoke skills after the festivities!

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Hayashi or Karen Bridges.





### Rules of Golf Clinic & Putting Contest Event

We recently held a Rules of Golf Clinic at Oaks North with our own Mary Shepperd, an expert Rules Official who has been volunteering for well over 20 years. We had a great showing of members and some guests from Encinitas Ranch who were interested in increasing their rules knowledge.

After reviewing the 'most asked questions' and answering rules questions, Mary provided on course instruction where she showed everyone how to properly take free relief from cart paths, penalty relief, and common putting green issues.



Finally, we all had some fun participating in a 3-hole putting contest. New member, Terry Hall, won 1st place and Mary Shepperd got 2nd after winning a 3-way putt off.

What a fun and informative afternoon. I want to thank Mary for sharing her time and the Oaks North staff for providing a great venue, with a private patio, reserved putting green, and drink tickets!!

## Education— *by Kim Greco*

### ***Rules/Educational Events:***

**Match Play vs. Stroke Play (Zoom Call)** - Tuesday, May 19 @ 6pm: Learn the vast differences between the Match-Play and Stroke-Play Rules of Golf. Handouts will be provided prior to the call, and there will be plenty of time for all your questions. Hosted by Mary Shepperd.



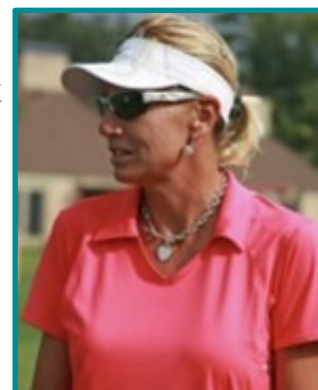
### ***Skills/Development Events:***

**Lori Brock Bunker Clinics** - Lori will hold two 1-hour bunker instruction classes per date, focusing on green side bunker play. These classes are limited to 3 per class, for a total of 6 participants each day. Cost: \$55, includes range balls.

Saturday, May 30 @ 8am & 9:15am - Open for registration (3 persons max per time)

Saturday, June 27 @ 8am & 9:15am - Opens June 2 for registration (3 persons max per time)

*Lori is a National Top 50 Instructor who teaches at the Stadium Golf Center.*



**Aubree Smithey Body Swing Clinics** - Learn how mobility, stability and strength influence your swing. Clinics will cover: Body Swing, Pain and Swing Characteristics, Injury Prevention and Recovery, Golf Power and Fitness.

90 min instruction, 10 per class. Cost: \$10, includes light appetizers and drinks.

Saturday, June 20 @ 11am - Opens May 26 for registration (10 persons max)

Saturday, September 12 @ 11am - Opens August 18 for registration (10 persons max)

*Aubree Smithey is a Physical Therapist with 14+ years of experience and a Golf Rehab and Functional Movement Specialist.*

## Sponsorships—by Ashley Stone

We have so many amazing events planned all year long and our sponsors make much of the programming and prizes possible. Below is an impressive list of generous individuals and companies who support women's golf and our San Diego Chapter of the LPGA Amateurs. Please show your gratitude by thanking them on our behalf or supporting their business whenever possible!



We are excited to have Vessel return as our 2026 Chapter Championship Sponsor! Once again, they are donating golf bags and towels to our champions and participants.

Mission Statement: VESSEL believes in passionately supporting brands, professionals, athletes and all those in pursuit of their purpose. VESSEL believes that everybody has a purpose. It is theirs to create products that help you fulfill yours. Headquartered in Carlsbad, VESSEL got its start in 2012 by handcrafting custom golf gear for tour professionals. Quickly, they became known for their detailed craftsmanship and intentional designs. VESSEL noticed the gaps between functionality and style in items like work bags and travel accessories. This became their motivation to create premium performance goods across lifestyle, travel, tennis and, of course, golf as VESSEL continues to be the choice of carry for hundreds of tour professionals.

A dedicated Chapter member and accomplished businesswoman, Suzanne LaTour has been an LPGA Amateurs supporter since the very beginning. Her contributions year after year are deeply appreciated and we are so grateful for her generosity. Suzanne's sponsorship reflects a genuine passion for this women's golf community and a strong commitment to our continued growth.



Fore the Girls is a women-owned golf apparel brand founded by Cailyn Henderson and Margaret Wentz, both passionate golfers from Westfield, Indiana. The company was established to address the lack of stylish, functional, and flattering golf clothing options for women and girls. Their mission is to "grow the game for women and young girls by sharing golf through a positive outlook on life while creating comfortable, functional, and flattering golf clothing options." For 20% off orders use this discount code at checkout: LPGA20  
Instagram: forethegirls\_golf SANDIEGO20

## Sponsorships—Continued



Golf Mart, one of our oldest and most steadfast Chapter sponsors, has been serving California and New Mexico Golfer since 1984. Their unprecedented service, exclusive 90-day Satisfaction Guarantee, and custom club fitting are the cornerstone of their business and have made them the proven leader in golf retail throughout the West.



GOLFTEC is a pioneering force in golf instruction, dedicated to revolutionizing how individuals learn and master the game. GOLFTEC has evolved into the world's largest provider of golf lessons and premium club fittings, boasting a network of over 200 centers worldwide.



Carry less, enjoy more is the mantra for San Diego-based Sunday Golf. Manufacturer of golf bags for the weekend, they offer trendy range bags, stand bags, and now full-size cart bags. Known for the original “Sunday bag,” which is designed to carry 3-6 clubs, their golf bags and accessories are fast becoming the hottest products in the golf industry.



Singing Hills is one of our Chapter's biggest fans. A long-standing supporter of our Chapter and San Diego women's golf, Singing Hills is one of our most valuable and loyal partners! We have three events planned this year and we hope you'll be able to play in at least one of them.



It's San Diego's original indoor golf experience. The Golf Bar, offers the most sophisticated multi-sport simulators to enjoy for parties, special events, leagues, and annual memberships. Truly an indoor golf experience like no other.



Club Scrub: Thank you to Club Scrub, a new sponsor for 2026, for a generous donation of their products for our members. In addition, for a 20% off orders use this discount code at checkout: SANDIEGO20

## Thank You Sponsors!