

LPGA Amateur Golf Association – San Diego

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President's Corner by Cathy Wright



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HAPPY SPRING SAN DIEGO MEMBERS! Now that we are into our beautiful spring San Diego season, we are playing golf more regularly and hopefully starting to see that handicap index go back down a little!

Over the last few months we enjoyed playing many very different events! In February we enjoyed the beautiful resort course of Pelican Hill Golf Club and in March we roamed from home to Industry Hills Resort and played the challenging but gorgeous and oh so green Babe and Ike courses. We also offered the very fun experience of the Big Break/Pine Glen event at Sycuan, organized by Beth Davidson. The "Big Break" experience (presented by Sycuan's pro Kim "Big Mama" Estep) is a short game clinic followed by the challenge where players get to show off their newly honed skills. We also played the gorgeous Del Mar Grand Resort right in our own back yard.

In early April we really enjoyed our annual Membership Kickoff event, organized by Pat Lafser, Membership Director, and her team. We had a fun and friendly Scramble format, gave away a lot of drawing prizes, and best of all, brought in 5 new members! On April 27 we offered our annual Local Championship Qualifier event. This was the last year to include a scramble format. To find out who the winners were, [read the recap on page 4](#).

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And lastly, our Chapter sent a team to compete in the annual Cal Cup Match Play event (scored by number of holes won rather than strokes, in an 18-hole round), which took place May 3 – 5 in Sacramento at the Haggin Oaks course. There were a total of 10 teams there from all over California. The teams played the Solheim format, which is where on Saturday half the team plays better ball of partner (aka fourball) and the other half plays alternate shot (aka foursomes), and on Sunday individual matches are played. For a [recap, see page 5](#).

By now I hope our newer members are settling in to the routine of playing some regular golf with our very friendly chapter! Should you have any questions about our programs or services, please ask our Member Services Director, Cheri Tomboc-Brownlie, who can be reached at info@lpgaamateurssandiego.com.

For all our upcoming events, see our [calendar on pages 6-7](#).

Leave the Flagstick in or Out? by Cathy Wright

So, we've been able to putt on the green leaving the flagstick in for about four months now. What's been your experience and which method is really best? Some of us are a little more scientific (like Bryson Dechambeau) and some rely more on vision, feel and magic (like Phil Michelson). But a scientific study was done in the labs of My Golf Spy, a company whose Mission is "LET'S REPLACE HYPE WITH COLD HARD DATA." The results appear to be pretty conclusive: "Leave the Pin In!"



Here are some of the observations from the study:

- Leaving the flagstick in is always an advantage vs. taking the flagstick out
- Leaving the flagstick in also keeps the ball closer to the hole on misses
- The less rigid flagstick has the highest make % and least distance after a miss
- The most rigid flagstick is still an advantage for both makes and misses vs. flagstick out
- Off-center strikes on the flag still provided a higher make % vs. flagstick out

For details on methodology, detailed results, charts, and more, [read the full article](#).

Golf Milestones

Pat Lafser Scored an Ace on Her 31st Hole of the Day

Pat Lafser has a standing golf day with her friend, Rick, and they decided to play Reidy Creek to work on their short games. They were playing their regular back-to-back rounds, and were on the back nine of their second round, which started with three consecutive bogeys for Pat. On the next hole, which was 104 yards with a back pin, Pat pulled out her 8-iron, which she has a love/hate relationship with.

Pat's shot had a nice flight to the right of the pin and then it kept on rolling towards the pin. She and Rick could see it rolling and then it dropped from sight. Hooray!! It was indeed a hole-in-one, and Pat decided she loved her 8-iron a little bit more that day.



Congrats to Marisa on a Hole-in-One

In January, Marisa had a hole-in-one at Sea 'n Air. Fellow chapter members, Michelle Schmidt and Chris Shorkey were there to witness Marisa's ace. It was about 115 yards and because it was windy, Marisa used her 5 wood, which is not one of her favorite clubs. Of course, now she loves her 5 wood!

Marisa confesses that she played the Sea 'n Air the following day and ended up with a 7 on the same par 3. We can all certainly relate to that!

Congrats to Sonya and Stacey... Again!

Congrats to our members, Stacey Hayashi and Sonya Brown-Conner for winning low net at the Kia Classic Pro-Am, for the second year in a row. They were paired with LPGA players, Megan Khang & Emma Talley.



**DID YOU BREAK
100, 90, or 80 or have
a hole-in-one?**

Submit your golf story to
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Local Championship Qualifier Recap

In April, we had 46 members participate in our annual Local Championship Qualifier (formerly known as the Chapter Championship) at Singing Hills Golf Course (formerly known as Sycuan). Congratulations to our new champion, Jen Levin, and the other 19 members who qualified for the Sectional Championship Qualifier, also at Singing Hills next month. Winners from that tournament will advance to the LPGA Amateurs Championship Finals in Rancho Mirage, CA this fall.



Chapter Champion Jen, with tournament volunteers, Sonya, Mindy, Sonja, Sue, Cretia, and Jen



Championship Flight
low gross winner,
Dorothea



First flight winners, Eunhwa, Jen, and
Sonya



Scramble team winners, Sally,
Ashley, Susan, and Pam



Second flight winners,
Pat, Beth, Lois,
Karen, Jen, and Marie



Third flight winners,
Taylor, Kristi, Lisa,
Brenda, Vida, and Marisa



Fourth flight winners,
Marie, Gina, and
Michelle



Second place scramble
team, Pat, Connie,
Cathy, and Denise

Cal Cup Recap by Beth Davidson

I asked the team to tell me one word to describe their CalCup 2019 experience: this is what they said:

- Fulfilling
- Learning Experiences
- Invigorating
- Bonding (drinking)
- Wild Turkey (figuratively and literally)
- Wildlife – Zoo life – Safari
- Comradery
- Take allergy pills
- Patience is a virtue
- Never give up
- Make them putt to win the hole
- Perseverance
- Courageous
- Competitive
- Believe in yourself
- Skipbo



Cal Cup team (L to R): Suzanne, Karen, Cathy, Jen, Taylor, Lisa, Vida, Beth, Denise, Chris, Michelle, and Pam

If you want to know more about any of these antics, find a CalCup player for the not-safe-for-work versions of the stories.

“the fearful swing rarely produces a courageous shot; if you channel your energy your energy towards the target the ball will follow” – Vision 54 Every Shot has a Purpose

Lisa kicked off our second day with this awesome quote and we all should have it tattooed in our conscience.

We came. We saw. We met a lot of very nice bartenders (Carrier, Frances, Corey). We played a lot of skipbo. We got third place. Unlike Maximum Security the Derby horse we were not dq'ed.

This was the first year of our new qualifier process and the preparation worked. We played against ten California chapters and fought like hell – our teams were still on the course fighting it to the last hole in almost every round.

CalCup 2020 qualifiers start in July. Look for the announcements to be a part of this fun. CalCup2020 is April 25-26 at Sycuan's Singing Hills in our own backyard.

2019 Events Calendar

Date	Course	Approx. start time	Notes	Event Captain
May				
Saturday, May 18	Twin Oaks	10:30am TT	Register Now	Pam Pongratz
May 18 - 19	Scramble Open		Daytona Beach, FL	n/a
Sunday, May 26	Reidy Creek	9:00am	Register Now CTTP Extravaganza	Beth
June				
Saturday, June 8	St. Mark	noon shotgun	Eclectic	Bobbie & Pat L.
Saturday, June 15	Singing Hills Golf Resort - Willow Glen		Sectional Championship Qualifier	n/a
Sunday, June 23	St. Mark	8:00am shotgun	Eclectic	Bobbie & Pat L.
July				
Saturday, July 6	Oaks North	<i>pending</i>		Lisa Schmidt
Saturday, July 13	OC Invitational	<i>pending</i>	joint with OC	n/a
Saturday, July 27	Balboa Park			Jackie Glynn
August				
Saturday, August 10	The Crossings	8:00am TT	Joint with OC Chapter	OPEN
Sunday, August 11	Mission Bay	<i>pending</i>	Big Break	Lisa
Saturday, August 24	Encintas Ranch	10:00am TT		Beth & Andy
September				
Sunday, September 8	Coronado	10:00am TT		OPEN
Saturday, September 14	St. Marks Exec	<i>pending</i>	2 Person Scramble	Jacqui
Sunday, September 22	Woods Valley	9:00am		OPEN
September 28-29	LPGA Amateurs Cup — Western Qualifier (Sparks,		Registration opens June 3	

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October				
Sunday, October 6	Arrowood	10:00am TT		Pam Pongratz
October 12-13	Championship Finals		The Westin Mission Hills-Rancho Mirage	Chris Shorkey
October 12 or 13	Lomas Santa Fe	<i>pending</i>	Survivor	Jacqui
Sunday, October 27	Mt. Woodson	8:00am shotgun		Melissa Bright
November				
Nov 2-3, 2019	Cup Finals		Reunion Resort, Orlando	
Sunday, November 3	Pala Mesa	9:30am TT		Loree
Sunday, November 17	Steele Canyon	11am shotgun		Lois Spence
December				
Sunday, December 8	Sycuan - Willow Glen	8:30am shotgun	Holiday Party	OPEN
Sunday, December 15	Bonita Golf Club	10:00am TT		OPEN



Volunteers Needed

Event captains are needed for:

- Aug. 8 – The Crossings
- Sept. 8 – Coronado
- Sept. 22 – Woods Valley
- Oct. 6 – Arrowood
- Dec. 8 – Sycuan

Email Cheri Tomboc-Brownlie if you are available to help.

currentmembers@lpgaamateurssandiego.com

Volunteer Appreciation by Cheri Tomboc-Brownlie

Volunteer Spotlight: Stacey Hayashi



A member since 2017, Stacey volunteers as an event captain and was a founder and co-leader of the Cal Classic tournament.

What got you into golf and when?

Growing up and throughout most of my life, I played softball. In 2010, someone I played softball with mentioned a lady named Carol Lingle and next thing I knew, I was taking golf lessons. After I broke my ankle playing softball in 2012, I took a break and returned to golf in 2016.

How did you find us (LPGA Amateurs)?

Online - I was looking for more new people to golf with and definitely found that and so much more. My first event was the New Member Kick Off in 2017. Thank you Wendy

Eagle & Annette Hirt for being the perfect ambassadors to be paired with!

Do you have a funny golf story?

My only hole-in-one happened at the Vineyard on July 16, 2017 on the par 3, hole #12. I skulled a shot and didn't even watch the ball. My friend Bev started jumping up and down and the golfers on #14 started clapping . . . I missed my own hole-in-one.

Where would you like to play if you could play anywhere?

Augusta, GA

Tell us about your volunteer experiences with LPGA Amateurs

While being a volunteer does require time, the reward is that you get to have a direct impact on everyone's experience. It's important for us to have an event lead who works with the golf course to make sure we are recognized and are not just a bunch of golfers showing up to play.

Members Volunteer at the LPGA Amateurs Booth at the Kia Classic

Volunteers worked an information booth at the Aviara LPGA tournament in March. 20 San Diego members (+ 1 husband), along with 3 Southern California chapter members spent time talking to attendees about the benefits of the LPGA Amateur Association and recruiting new members.



Thank you to our member volunteers: Cretia Hadley, Beth Davidson, Sally Hagar, Sharon Council, Vida Vela, Michele Vela, Bobbie Zinker, Judy Schons, Jen Faye, Joan Kuhns, Pam Pongratz, Debra Weikel, Sue Ryan, Ashley Riggs-Zeigen, Cathy Wright, Cheri Tomboc-Brownlie, Pat Haberman, Lisa Shelton Finch, and Sandra Fisher.

Member Spotlight

ANNIVERSARIES

5 YEARS

Loree Burley
Angela Poon
Gina Randolph

10 YEARS

Judy Schons
Lynn McCarter
Jillian Moss

Welcome New Members by Pat Lafser

Please join me in welcoming the newest members to our group. We are so glad you have decided to join LPGA Amateurs San Diego.

- Ruud Noordzij – *referred by Annaliza Apostol*
- Karen Gutekunst
- Monica Farmar
- Carolanne Buguey – *referred by Jacqueline Todd*
- Melissa Johnson
- Molly Halloran Stewart
- Elisabeth Forbes
- Robin Dior
- Ann Stephens
- Nicole Flynn – *referred by Jacqueline Todd*
- Lisa Young – *referred by Lisa Schmidt*
- Jane Langdon – *referred by Lisa Young*
- Jody Fuller – *referred by Javonda Franklin*
- Barbara Ablong – *referred by Kathy Cade*
- Margaret Ashwell – *referred by Stacey Hayashi*

New Member Incentive Program

Remember that you receive 2 player card stickers for each prospective new member brought to any single event. If your guest joins, you will receive 4 additional stickers and will be entered into a drawing at the holiday party. If you didn't receive credit for one of the members listed above please contact Pat Lafser at lpgaamateursmembershipsandiego@gmail.com.

Annual Membership Fees

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Classic Membership

\$120

Senior (65+)

\$85

Young Professionals (18-35) & Military

\$65

Meet Our New Members by Pat Lafser

Margaret Ashwell: She has played golf most of her life, but regularly for 15 years. She learned to play from her father and played with him throughout adulthood. She moved here from San Francisco in 2015 and is interested in playing some golf, having the opportunity to develop lasting golf friendships, joining in where she can help the membership and have some laughs. A little friendly competition would be alright as well. She's not retired yet, she's been a mortgage advisor for the last 25 years and still loves it.

Barbara Ablong: She has played golf on and off for 15 years. She joined LPGA Amateurs to meet new people and find women with whom to play golf. She is retired but has lived around the world working for the government.

Carolanne Bugey: She has been playing golf for 6 years. She wanted to join our chapter to enjoy a network of women golfers and to have an opportunity to play different courses and meet new friends that share the love of golf as she does.

Robin Dior: She is recently retired and thought about joining LPGA Amateurs. She contacted Annaliza Apostol regarding our Pelican Hill event.

Nicole Flynn: She has played golf on and off for over the last 17 years. Injuries have cut into her golf time. While her husband plays golf, he works too much so she is looking to find people with whom she can play more golf and improve her game. She thoroughly enjoys the game of golf, trying to improve and the camaraderie and exercise the game provides. She looks forward to meeting others in the future!

Molly Halloran Stewart: She found our organization by online searching. She's golfed since she was 7. She's interested in getting into competitive golf. She has played and coached soccer for many years. She enjoys golfing in Mammoth.

Jane Langdon: She's been playing golf on and off for 40 years. She's retired and looking to golf more, especially during the week. She's looking to meet other golfers.

Brenda Scarth: She has been dabbling in golf for many years. She is interested in playing more golf and meeting new people.

Ann Stephens: She has recently relocated to San Diego from Seattle. A friend from Seattle recommended our organization to her. She's been golfing since the 90's and currently plays golf with the Encinitas Ranch Women's group, but wants to network with other women to do some fun golf events.

Membership Kick-Off Recap by Pat Lafser

April 7th was a beautiful, sunny day for our annual Kick-Off event at Rancho Bernardo Inn. We had 50 golfers, 5 of who were guests and 1 was a guest/former member. We started our "Step-Aside Scramble" game at 8:30 a.m. The course couldn't get over how fast our group played!!! Good job everyone.

Prizes were awarded for the following:

- 1st Place Net: Taylor Coleman, Michelle Natalier, Karen Rundio, and Karen Bridges
- 2nd Place Net: Sandra Fisher, Sherry Seamon, Sonya Brown-Conner, and Lisa Shelton-Finch
- CTPP – Flight 1: Robin Dior
- CTPP – Flight 2: Annette Hirt

We drew tickets for 30 opportunity drawings awards that included golf, shoes, golf items, sauces, clothing and even dog bowls. We also had a silent auction item of a night's stay at the Bell Rock Hilton in Sedona, AZ.

Congratulations to all golf and opportunity drawing winners!!!

We also want to send a special thank-you to our



sponsors who came to our event, Suzanne LaTour and Dr. Eric Gross. An additional thank-you goes to Jennifer Reynolds/Sauce Goddess, Glove-It, and Lana Hock/Baird Financial for their donations and support.

Our guests for the Kick-Off Event were:

- Jody Fuller and Diane Rosas – invited by Javonda Franklin
- Robin Lipka – invited by Melissa Silva
- Lisa Young – invited by Lisa Schmidt
- Nicole Flynn – invited by Jacqueline Todd

We welcome our new members who joined from our membership event: Jody Fuller, Lisa Young and Nicole Flynn.

I want to personally send my thanks to the Event Committee: Loree Burley, Kim Davis, Marisa Farpon, Michelle Schmidt, Judy Schons, and Bobbie Zinker. Additionally, a special thank-you for your help the day of the event to Pat Haberman, Sue Rowe, Chris Shorkey, and Lois Spence.



Pace of Play: 40-Second Shot Clock by Beth Davidson

We say it all the time – please watch pace of play!

Do you think you are a fast player or one of our worst offenders? Do you know how long it takes you to take your turn?

We always have a few groups with some real pace of play problems at our events. If you have more than a hole between you and the group ahead, you are unduly holding up the round. Even if there is no group behind you, you always, always need to keep up.



In our more serious tournaments, there is a shot clock. That means **you have 40 seconds when it is your turn.** This includes measuring, choosing clubs, practice strokes, etc.

Since I am nerdy, I did the math. Let's say a foursome is on a par 4 and they are all double bogey golfers. That's 4 people taking 6 shots each at 40 seconds to play the shot. This is 960 seconds or 16 minutes a hole. This would be 288 minutes or 4 hours and 48 minutes for the round.

If that doesn't sound slow to you consider that this doesn't even yet include the time to drive to your ball, the extra time needed to play when you're hitting an 8, the 3 minutes you spent searching for a ball, the few minutes you took driving back for stroke and distance penalties, the comfort breaks you take, the time on the turn running in to get a beer, etc.

If you're wondering how 5 and 6 hour rounds are born, this is how.

HOMEWORK: At your next round, time yourself, or ask your playing partner to time you.

I had my husband time me, and I learned that while I spend about 25 seconds on my fairway shots, and just 10 seconds on chips and putts, I can be slow on my tee shots because I am often not ready when we arrive at the teeing area – distracted by a drink, my phone or putting my glove back on.

I am willing to bet that most of our slow players are not aware how slow they are. Set the clock running when you drive up to your ball. Include the time it takes for you to measure, choose your club, practice swings, and any other part of your routine up until the ball is flying.

If you are approaching that 40 seconds think about actions you can take to minimize your routine.

Thank You to Our Chapter Sponsors by Lana Hock

Where do I start with how wonderful our sponsors continue to be to our organization?

If you were at our membership kickoff event recently at RBI, you got to see it firsthand. You received fun bags from **Glovelt Golf**. If you want to buy some of the matching accessories or even a great golf bag, you can visit their website and enter LPGA as a discount code for more savings. Also, everyone should have a new sunscreen on the carabiner hooked to their golf bag courtesy of **The Hock Group/Baird**, and know that member Lana Hock is happy to answer any financial questions you may have. Perhaps you've had a chance to talk to Dr. Gross, or even see him regularly at **E.J.**

Chiropractic to work out the kinks from a strenuous round of golf. Or maybe you've taken advantage of discounted lessons or golf tips from **GolfTec**, thanks to Suzanne LaTour. We all know how great the spices are from **The Sauce Goddess**, and Jennifer Reynolds offers a discount to our group on her website also. If you are looking to buy or sell a home, member Candace Hart of **Homes With Hart** can surely help you out! As a group, we've played so many rounds of golf at **Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan** we certainly can appreciate all they have done for us. Shopping for golf accessories wouldn't be the same without **GolfMart** and their gift cards for the many winners we have throughout the year. Though we are sad to see member



Nichole Mayer leave our group, we still appreciate the support of **The Guardian/Westpac**. And finally, our newest sponsor, **Pro Kids/The First Tee of San Diego**, was represented by Alison Aragon at our membership event, and she was met with much support and excitement as we begin our first non-profit sponsorship exchange and will be the title sponsor of their women's tournament later this year as they celebrate their 25th anniversary.





Look for our sponsors' website links and ads throughout the newsletter and on our site. Be sure to think of them first. We rely on our sponsors to help support all that we do for our members as well as our communities. AND, remember there are incentives to members to refer new sponsors. If you love someone's products or services, chances are your friends at LPGA Amateurs – San Diego will too!

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A woman with blonde hair in a bun, wearing a grey sleeveless polo shirt, black skirt, patterned visor, and sunglasses, stands next to a black golf bag filled with clubs. She is wearing a black and white patterned glove on her left hand. The background is a lush green golf course with trees and mountains in the distance.

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