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President's Corner by Cathy Wright



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Hello San Diego Members! Spring golf in San Diego is the best – longer days, great temperatures, and pretty courses! A lot of our local courses recently aerated fairways and greens, and those are now settling into great surfaces.

March was a remarkably busy month for us with 5 events, including 2 mid-week events. Thanks very much to Bobbie Zinker who sets up and manages our (new this year) weekday events. Great job, Bobbie! April included some special events, the Western Cup Championship 2-day match play competition at Temecula Creek Inn ([read the recap](#)) and the Membership Kickoff at Rancho Bernardo Inn. I hope you were able to participate in most of our events over the last couple months and had a great time.

Coming up at the end of this month, we have a special mid-week event at Maderas.

It is wonderful that most all of us either have gotten or will soon get the COVID-19 vaccine and that we are seeing various venues open up. I'm starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel and feel pretty positive that we will soon be in the new norm of a post pandemic world, which will include an official 19th hole!

Many of you are taking advantage of our new Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP), which recognizes and award members for volunteering their time and for referring qualified new members and sponsors.

2021 Leadership Team

President and Director	Cathy Wright	Marketing & Sponsorships Chair	Connie Pasterkiewicz
Communications & Marketing Director	Jen Faye	Membership Director	Brenda Scarth
Finance & Records Director	Susan Crawford	Golf Events Director	Stacey Hayashi
Golf Programs Director	Karen Bridges	Board Assistant	Jackie Glynn

President's Corner (continued from page 1)

Through March we had 13 new members join and that is a strong number. Thanks very much for talking us up to your friends and people that you meet playing golf! As you know, a regular influx of new members is so important to maintain and grow our organization.

Also, don't forget to consider new potential Sponsors that you can refer to our Sponsor Chair, Connie Pasterkiewicz. Sponsor contributions go a long way towards providing the high level of prizes and awards we like to get! Please [see our sponsor page](#) at the end of this issue and don't forget to use their services.

And if you aren't already doing so, please consider giving just a little of your time to help with our activities. So much of what we do is done behind the scenes. It can be done from your PC at home and when needed, through conference and Zoom calls. Just let Brenda Scarth know that you are interested, and she'll find something right for you. Please [see page 11](#) for an update on our Volunteer Incentive Program.

Golf Milestones

Congrats to Jackie Glynn for Breaking Shattering 80!

Jackie's goal was to break 80 this year, but little did she know that she would shatter her goal with a 75 at Admiral Baker. Jackie was playing a match play qualifier against Stacey Hayashi (poor Stacey, right?) and shot a 39 on the front and 36 on the back. Stacey was a good sport and encouraged her after finishing the match, and Jackie ended up with 3 birdies on the final 4 holes, with 5 birdies total. Jackie was also a good sport and bought a round of drinks afterwards. Congrats on a phenomenal round!



Congrats to Rebecca Bolander for a Hole-in-One

During another match play qualifier in February, Rebecca Bolander scored an ace at Journey at Pechanga on hole 8. The hole was playing 135 yards and she used a 5 hybrid to sink her tee shot and win the hole. She went on to win the match too and while this was her first hole-in-one, we're hoping it isn't her last!

Did you break 100, 90, 80 or get a hole-in-one?

Send your story to info@lpqaamateurssandiego.com.

2021 Events Calendar

Date	Location	Event
May		
May 23	The Vineyard at Escondido	
May 24	Maderas	Weekday Golf
May 28-29	Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, NC	LPGA Amateurs Scramble Open
June		
June 5	Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan	Regional Cup Qualifier Practice & Fun Play
June 6	Golf Club of California	
June 12-13	Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan	Western Regional Cup Qualifier
June 27	Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan — Willow Glen	Chapter Championship Practice & Fun Play
June 28	The Crossings at Carlsbad	Weekday Golf
July		
July 3	Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan — Willow Glen	Chapter Championship Practice & Fun Play
July 10-11	Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan — Willow Glen	Chapter Championship
July 18	The Crossings at Carlsbad	Member/Guest Event
July 19	Encinitas Ranch	Weekday Golf
July 25	Riverwalk Golf Course	Rules, Etiquette & Full Swing/ Short Game Clinic
August		
August 8	Coronado	
August 13-14	Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA	LPGA Amateurs Cup Finals
August 22	Encinitas Ranch	Aloha Ball

Participation is strictly voluntary and is a personal decision. Members are encouraged to review and follow national, state and local recommendations. Please also be aware of general precautions to avoid COVID-19, including social distancing, washing your hands, and wearing a facial covering. We appreciate your understanding that changes in conditions and restrictions may require modifications and possibly cancellations of Chapter events.

2021 Events Calendar

Date	Location	Event
September		
September 10-11	Geneva National, Lake Geneva, WI	#DRIVEON Classic Scramble
September 10-26	Any par 72 course of your choice	LPGA Virtual Scramble
September 19 & 26	St. Mark Golf Course	Eclectic
October		
October 10	Arrowood Golf Club	Member/Guest Event
October 15-16	Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor, FL	LPGA Amateurs Stableford
October 16	Welk Resort — Fountains Course	
October 31	Mt. Woodson	Devilish Duel
November		
November 5-6	Walt Disney World—Palm Course, Lake Buena Vista, FL	LPGA Amateurs Championship Open
November 7-8	Rancho Bernardo Inn & Country Club of Rancho Bernardo	Cal Classic
November 21	Steele Canyon	Turkey Ball
December		
December 4	Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan — Willow Glen	Pre-holiday Golf
December 5	Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan — Oak Glen	Chapter Holiday Event

Preview of Upcoming Competitions by Stacey Hayashi

As we head into Spring, the Summer Olympics & the Solheim Cup are not the only competitions on the horizon. Remember, golf competitions are for all levels of players. If you have the desire to get out there and compete, whether it is as an individual, two-partner or with a team, there are lots of upcoming events.

Upcoming Chapter Competitions 2021

Chapter Championship: July 10-11 at Singing Hills Golf Resort

This is an individual stroke play competition over two consecutive days. Each year, we crown our Low Gross & Low Net Chapter Champions. We also award winners in different flights, which are based on the number of players in the field and their handicap indexes.

Partner Eclectic: September 19 & 26 at St. Mark Golf Club

This is a partner competition played one day for two consecutive weekends. Here's how it works: You record each player's score on the 1st day and select the better score. On the 2nd day, you will record your score ONLY for each hole if it's better than the 1st day. Lots of fun and challenging!

Devilish Duel 666: October 31 at Mt. Woodson Golf Club

Dress up and have some fun! This is a partner competition. The format is 6 holes of scramble, 6 holes of best ball and 6 holes of alternate shot.

Upcoming National Competitions 2021

LPGA Cup Series: June 13-14 at Singing Hills Golf Resort



Teams of 8 women compete in fourball and singles match play over two days of competition. Teams will be playing to advance to the [2021 Cup Finals](#) on August 13-14 at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, VA.

LPGA #DRIVEON CLASSIC Scramble: September 10-11 at Geneva National

This will be the inaugural [#DRIVEON Classic Scramble](#) in Wisconsin. Teams of four women will compete in Gross and Net divisions using the Ambrose handicap method.

LPGA Stableford Tournament: October 15-16 in Palm Harbor, FL

Two-women teams compete in a better ball Net Stableford competition taking place in Palm Harbor, FL. Stableford format – the higher the score the better! Points are awarded for scores of net bogey and below. Teams accumulating the most points over 2 days will rise to the top of the leaderboard.

LPGA Championship Open: November 5-6, at Walt Disney World's Palm course

Individual flighted stroke play competition taking place in Lake Buena Vista, FL. This year marks the 25th year of the LPGA Amateur Golf Association Championship. Awards will be given for gross and net for all flights.

Western Cup Championship Recap



(L to R): Stacey Hayashi, Lois Spence, Mindy Davis, Marie Horn, Jen Faye, Vida Vela, Karen Bridges, Chris Shorkey, Cathy Wright, Rebecca Bolander, Jackie Glynn, and Ashley Riggs-Zeigen.

The annual Cal Cup was cancelled again this year due to COVID-19, so members from our chapter organized the Western Cup Championship. The match play tournament had a similar format as the Cal Cup, but was a smaller scale and included the Southern California LPGA Amateur chapters. The two day tournament took place at Temecula Creek Inn in April and included 12 member teams from 5 chapters — Los Angeles, Orange County, Palm Desert, San Diego, and Santa Barbara.

It was a fun weekend filled with friendly competition and perfect golf weather. Everyone was excited to compete with other chapters again, after a lot of time spent preparing for the tournament.

The team champion was Palm Desert and there were several team and individual winners from San Diego. Rebecca Bolander and Lois Spence won their fourball match. Rebecca, Marie Horn, Vida Vela, Chris Shorkey, and Stacey Hayashi also won their individual matches. And Marie and Vida finished even in their alternate shot match (not an easy format!).

We are especially grateful for all of the volunteers who organized a fun and safe tournament. First and foremost, thanks to our tournament captain, Stacey Hayashi and co-captain, Karen Bridges. They put in a ton of work to host a great event. Our thanks also goes to Chris Shorkey and Lois Spence, who managed registration. A special thanks also goes to Jane Langdon who also helped with registration and scoring, and assisted players. We're also grateful for Sharon Council and Sue Rowe, who helped with scoring both days, and Wendy Eagle, our tournament lead who oversaw the entire scoring process, handled all rules questions, and other issues that came up throughout the tournament. Lastly, a big thanks goes to Mary Shepperd who was instrumental in ensuring local rules were in place and was available throughout the weekend for rules disputes.

We look forward to the Cal Cup returning in 2022, with 7 more chapters, including all of California and Reno.

Event Recap: On-Course Rules Experience and Full Swing/Short Game Clinic at Arrowood by Karen Bridges

On Saturday, March 13th, Arrowood Golf Course played host to our first On-Course Rules & Etiquette Experience and Short Game and Full Swing Clinic for 11 lucky women. The On-Course Rules Experience was put on by Marcela Smith of Girlfriends Guide to Golf while Nikki Prichard, PGA, Director of Golf at Arrowood, provided the Short Game and Full Swing clinic.

We split up into 2 groups. One group hopped into carts and headed out to the first tee with Marcela where she began her 90 minute experience talking about some of the rules and etiquette related to the tee box.

Marcela's presentation was very interactive as she encouraged everyone to participate and ask any questions throughout. Everyone learned something new during the experience.

Meanwhile, the other group was being instructed by Nikki, who made learning fun and everyone got a chance to put that instruction into practice. Nikki was able to spend a bit of time with every single person in both groups in both the Short Game and Full Swing Portion of her clinic.

She also gave some tips for getting out of bunkers and had each player get in the bunker and give it a go. Nikki went over her 60 minute allotment and showed the participants some putting tips as well.



Meet the Board—Q&A with Jen Faye

Each quarter we highlight one of our board members so you get to know them and have a better understanding about how the board operates.

When did you begin playing golf?

It's hard to say a definitive time I started. I played off and on when I was a teenager, but I wasn't very serious about it. Then decades passed where I never picked up a club. Then I started playing again about 8 years ago.

Where are you from originally and how long have you lived in San Diego?

I'm a SoCal native. I grew up in Torrance near L.A. and my family relocated to the Poway/RB area when I was a Freshman in High School.

How did you find out about LPGA Amateurs and when did you join?

I joined in 2013 when the organization was still the EWGA. I had just started golfing again and was looking for more opportunities to play. I was watching the KUSI morning news and Rod Luck was doing a live preview of the EWGA Membership Kickoff from RBI with then Membership Director Nancy Homer. I thought the group sounded like so much fun and perfect for me with their weekend golf dates! My mom, Joan Kuhns, and I went to the Membership Kickoff event the next weekend and everyone was so nice and welcoming, we both ended up joining on the spot!

Do you have any funny stories or a favorite memory from the golf course?

My whole family plays golf, so my best memory was growing up getting to spend time with my family on the golf course. It's a wonderful way to just be together.

What do you enjoy doing when you aren't playing golf?

Getting to travel to motorsports events for

work, or just relaxing at home with my husband and our three dogs.

How and when did you get involved with the board?

Soon after I joined the club, I learned that it is completely run by member volunteers. So I wanted to help out and volunteer for communications because the things needed on that committee were right up my alley. I ended up learning about the workings of our Chapter and ran for Communications Director.

What is your board position and what do your responsibilities include?

As communications director, I manage all aspects of how we distribute information to our members about our events and activities. I have a fabulous committee who helps with creating the Eblasts, updating the Website, posting on Facebook, preparing this quarterly Newsletter, and more. We are a great team and I'm really proud of the quality of our publications.

Do you need committee members or are there other ways members can volunteer to help?

Yes, there are always things we could use help with, big or small. If you like computer work, creative writing, graphic arts, or social media, we can find something for you. To me, the communications committee is a fun way to volunteer for our chapter and it's also rewarding because you are helping our members stay informed, which is important.



Member Spotlight by Brenda Scarth

Welcome New Members

MILESTONE MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 YEARS

Tonya Cross
Cathleen Davies
Kristi Woodard

10 YEARS

Paula Covert

We'd like to welcome the following members who have recently joined our chapter:

Robyn Butler
Cleda Rodriguez
Jennifer Eaddy
Betsy Endres
Nancy Mason
Paula Miller
Michelle Neal
Joan Holliday
Kathryn Green

Sallie Britzman
Melissa McBratney
Kathryn Green
Candy Yakimo (transfer/
dual)
Karen Koch (transfer/dual)
Carolyn Elliott (returning)

Meet Our New Members by Brenda Scarth



Candy Yakimo

Candy has recently relocated to San Diego from Missouri (where she was a member of the Kansas City Chapter) to be closer to her daughter who graduated from UCSD. A new retiree from the insurance and healthcare industries, Candy is looking forward to improving her game, meeting new people and being able to golf all year round.

Karen Koch

Karen originally joined the Palm Desert Chapter of LPGA Amateurs in late 2019 and transferred to our Chapter in January of this year. She has been playing golf regularly for about 3 years, usually with her husband, but found she enjoyed playing with some gal pals. Karen wants to meet other women in the Oceanside area to play more golf with. We think she has come to the right place.



Paula Miller

It seems like Paula is already a familiar face to many of our members as she is also a member of RBI Women's Golf Club and Mt Woodson Women's Golf Club. Thanks to Loree Burley and Lis Eddy for recommending to Paula that she join our chapter – we are delighted to have her as a new member and look forward to seeing Paula at an event very soon.

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Meet Our New Members (continued from page 9)

Melissa McBratney

Melissa started playing golf about 30 years ago, originally through business, and joined her first women's club in 1997. She is looking for more opportunities to play different courses and improve her game. Some of you may recognize Melissa from her volunteer work at the Kia Classic.



Cleda Rodriguez and Robyn Butler

Cleda and Robyn have already played a few Chapter events and we managed to snap this picture of them at Enagic in April. We look forward to seeing them at more events.

Carolyn Elliott

We want to welcome Carolyn back to our chapter. Carolyn was a founding member (1995) and past president of the San Diego Chapter. She is really interested in seeing how much the organization has changed since she left about 10 years ago. Carolyn has already played a couple of events so it would be fun to hear what she thinks. Don't be afraid to ask her!

Ellen Class

Ellen is also a 'returning' member having originally joined EWGA in 2008. She travels all over the world for her job and often takes her clubs with her. Ellen has playing in many countries globally including China, Taiwan, UK, Germany, Ireland, Austria, and Mexico.

Sallie Britzman

Sallie is a long time member of the RBI Women's Golf Club and noticed that several of the RBI ladies are members of LPGA Amateurs. She thought she would join us, not only to play more golf, but to play on some new courses. We look forward to seeing her at an event soon.

Finally, a big shout out to the following members who have referred these new members – your VIP points are in your account!!

- Annette Hirt
- Bobbie Zinker
- Connie Pasterkiewicz
- Javonda Franklin
- Lis Eddy
- Sallie Britzman (new member already referring another new member)
- Taylor Coleman

Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) Update

We are off and running with the new Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) and already we have quite a few members who have earned some valuable points. Remember, it is easy to earn them. As a quick reminder:

- when you bring a potential new member to an event you will earn 5 points
- when you refer someone who joins our chapter that is 10 points
- When you refer a sponsor who becomes an official sponsor for our chapter that's 20 points!!



If volunteering at events is more your style, don't forget you will earn 5 points as an event Captain and 2 points for assisting at an event. We had 10 events during the first few months of the year and you can see below how the VIP points can quickly add up.

There are also opportunities to earn points for special event committees and standing committees. The points awarded are variable depending upon the amount of committee work done. We are still working on how to ensure the points awarded are equitable across different committees so while we have been tracking who has been involved with each committee, we have not yet awarded any points. We will have this worked out soon.

In the meantime, here is the VIP points leaderboard as of the end of March:

Connie	Pasterkiewicz	25
Bobbie	Zinker	25
Stacey	Hayashi	20
Christine	Shorkey	19
Taylor	Coleman	12
Lis	Eddy	10
Javonda	Franklin	10
Annette	Hirt	10
Lisa	Schmidt	10
Sally	Hagar	9
Karen	Bridges	7
Brenda	Scarth	6
Judy	Hagar Schons	5
Joan	Holliday	5
Lois	Spence	5
Kim	Davis	4
Louise	Tang	4
Kathy	Cade	2
Sue	Rowe	2
Vida	Vela	2

The best way to become involved and earn those valuable VIP points is to think about what you would like to do and [contact Brenda Scarth](#) or any Board member.

3 Tips to Help You Make Better Contact

by Brian Gussis, GOLFTEC Director of Instruction

There are a lot of frustrations in golf. Three putting a green and slicing your ball into the water- to name a couple. In 15 years and 20,000+ lessons, I've taught the king of all frustrations that seems to discourage golfers more than anything else and that's when they can't make basic contact to move the ball around the course. It's a humbling moment when the divot goes farther than the ball. Here are three tips to help you:



At a basic level, it must be understood that the ball should be struck before the ground. Most golfers probably are aware of this but aren't quite sure how to go about accomplishing it. The way you'll do this throughout the entire swing is to ensure you keep your low point forward.

continue reading on [GOLFTEC's website](#)

Scoring Changes Using the USGA Tournament Management App by Karen Bridges



The USGA Tournament Management app is in full swing and we have 3 events under our belts in using it as a Chapter.

Thank you to everyone for embracing new technology. I know it's not always easy to make changes, but this USGA Tournament Management app fully integrates with Golf Genius and will allow live leaderboard activity and reduces the time it takes to score any "games" of the day as well as reduces scorecard addition errors or misreading numbers on the scorecards. And as an added benefit, you no longer need to post scores after one of our events! We will be using it at our LPGA events when we can, so if you haven't already, please download the app and [see the instructions here](#).

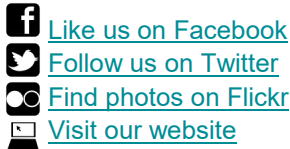
Golf Rules Quiz by Karen Bridges

Let's see how much you know about the rules of golf. Here are 10 questions with specific scenarios for you to choose from 4 multiple choice answers. I certainly didn't get them all right! See if you can. If you can, I owe ya a drink. But this is golf-related: no cheating by referring to rules books, etc. It's on your honor. [Click here to take the quiz](#).



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Think of LPGA Amateur Golf Association as a women's golf organization that transcends geographic boundaries. We bring women together to share their passion for golf! With chapters in over 100 cities in the U.S. and internationally, LPGA Amateur Golf Association hosts thousands of golf, social, and networking events annually as well as providing members with the opportunity to participate in major National championships and events.