

# LPGA Amateur Golf Association – San Diego

## Summer Newsletter

August 2021

### President's Corner by Cathy Wright



Hello San Diego Members! Summer is definitely here, as evidenced by higher temperatures and humidity and a lot of shade seeking as we maneuver around the courses. The coastal courses are very much in demand!

Also, another remarkably busy quarter has gone by for our Chapter. Amongst all our regular events, we offered three very special events. In April we had our annual Membership Kick-Off Event at Rancho Bernardo Inn. The best news here is that we brought in 9 new members!

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June 12-13th, LPGA Amateurs headquarters offered the Western Regional Cup Qualifier at Singing Hills Golf Resort and we had 4 San Diego teams competing. One of our teams, the Bombing Birdies, won 1st place at the event and will represent us at the national finals in August at the Kingsmill course in Williamsburg, VA! On the winning team were: Lisa Schmidt (aka Captain Schmidty), Jen Faye, Jackie Glynn, Pat Haberman, Michelle Schmidt, Lois Spence, Meghan Smith, and Cathy Wright. Congratulations Ladies!!! Read the recap on [page 4](#).

Then in July, we presented our Chapter Championship, which included 4 flights. Congratulations to the two big winners: Jan Kelleher, Low Gross Champion, and Marisa Farpon, Low Net Champion, and to all the other low gross and low net flight winners! And, at this event, with the more relaxed Covid-19 restrictions, we were able to enjoy our first after-event luncheon and awards presentation in over a year! See [page 3](#) for a recap.

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### 2021 Leadership Team

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<b>Golf Programs Director</b>	<a href="#">Karen Bridges</a>	<b>Board Assistant</b>	<a href="#">Jackie Glynn</a>

# President's Corner (continued from page 1)

It is almost time for our annual election. The board recently appointed the Nominating Committee, which will oversee the election process. This includes sending out a call for nominations, issuing the ballot, counting votes and announcing results. On our committee this year are Susan Crawford, committee chair, Brenda Scarth and Laura Kampfhenkel. Thanks for volunteering ladies!

Speaking of volunteering, there are many ways to get more involved in chapter events. Tasks can often be tailored to your schedule and the amount of time you can spend helping out. Watch out for emails asking for assistance on certain activities or, if you just want to be involved in some of the behind the scenes activities, please contact Brenda Scarth, Membership Chair, [lpgaamateursmembershipsandiego@gmail.com](mailto:lpgaamateursmembershipsandiego@gmail.com), and she will assist in making it happen!

Let's continue to enjoy some great summertime San Diego golf as we venture to some of our beautiful local coastal courses: Coronado, Encinitas Ranch, and Arrowood. See you out there!

## Golf Milestones

### Congrats to Karen Bridges for a Hole-in-One



Congrats to Karen for getting a hole-in-one at Encinitas Ranch on July 19, during one of our mid-week outings. Karen used her 5 wood on hole 17, which was playing 134 yards into the wind, and just flushed it straight at the pin. Her ball landed and rolled up and she was thinking it was a good birdie opportunity. Then, she lost sight of her ball and worried it had rolled off the back of the green. Karen asked Paula Miller, if she saw the ball and Paula thought it had gone in. When they got to the green, there was no ball in sight, so Karen checked the cup and sure enough, the Titleist ball with an SDJGA logo Paula had found on the prior hole and given to Karen was in the cup for an ace!

According to Karen, she jumped up and down while Paula had the presence of mind to get some pics! The course marshal came by later and Karen shared the good news. He came back out and gave Karen a certificate from Encinitas Ranch.

### Congrats to Donna Evans on Her First Ace

In May, Donna Evans got her first hole-in-one at Torrey Pines South (she was warming up the course before the U.S. Open). On hole 11, she used her 7-hybrid to put it in from about 110 yards away. Pat Lafser was there to witness it. Donna says that hole 11 is her lucky hole at Torrey South and the rest of the course is a different story (many of us can relate!).



# Chapter Championship Recap

In July, four flights of 41 golfers competed in our two-round 2021 Chapter Championship held on the Willow Glen Course, Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan. It was an intense 2 days of competition followed by a lively buffet luncheon where flight winners were announced and our Chapter Low Gross and Low Net Champions were crowned.



Low Gross Champion  
Jan Kelleher



Low Net Champion  
Marisa Farpon

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners! And many thanks to the Tournament Committee volunteers who dedicated their time and effort in making this a successful event!

## 2021 Chapter Championship Winners:

- Overall Low Gross Champion: Janet Kelleher
- Overall Low Net Champion: Marisa Farpon

### First Flight

- 1st Low Gross: Bethany Selan
- 1st Low Net: Jackie Glynn

### Second Flight

- 1st Low Gross: Karen Bridges
- 1st Low Net: Vida Vela

### Third Flight

- 1st Low Gross: Marie Horn
- 1st Low Net: Wendy Eagle

### Fourth Flight

- 1st Low Gross: Donna Evans
- 1st Low Net: Nicole Flynn





## Recap: LPGA Amateurs Cup Western Regional Qualifier



San Diego was well represented with 32 members at the LPGA Amateurs Cup Western Regional Qualifier that was held at Singing Hills in June.

On June 12 & 13, the LPGA Amateurs Cup Western Regional Qualifier took place at Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan. Our San Diego Chapter had a strong showing with four teams entered in the field of 14 teams total. There were teams from all over the western region including Sacramento, Los Angeles, Orange County, Palm Desert and Albuquerque.

The format was Match Play among the 8-player teams, with Four Ball (partners) on Saturday and Singles on Sunday. Competition was tough, but San Diego had an amazing result. Big Congratulations to the Bombing Birdies for taking 1st Place. All San Diego teams finished very strong with Par-Tee of Eight in 6th Place, Go Low San Diego in 7th Place, and Partee Putters in 10th Place. Great job, ladies!!!

### **BEST OF LUCK TO THE BOMBING BIRDIES at the 2021 CUP FINALS THIS MONTH!**



The Bombing Birdies

(L to R): Michelle Schmidt, Jen Faye, Meghan Smith, Lois Spence, Jackie Glynn, Lisa Schmidt, Pat Haberman, and Cathy Wright

The Bombing Birdies are heading to the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia for the for the Cup Finals! There are practice rounds midweek, and the tournament is Aug 13-14. The 1st day is partner match play, and the 2nd day is individual match play. There were a couple of changes to the team since the June Qualifier, so the team members going are:

Captain Lisa Schmidt, Karen Bridges, Jen Faye, Jackie Glynn, Connie Pasterkiewicz, Michelle Schmidt, Lois Spence, and Cathy Wright.

Play well and most importantly, have a great time!!!

## 2021 Events Calendar

Date	Location	Event
<b>August</b>		
August 13-14	Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA	LPGA Amateurs Cup Finals
August 15	Riverwalk Golf Club	Rules, Etiquette, and Swing Clinic— <a href="#">Register</a>
August 22	Encinitas Ranch	Aloha Ball
<b>September</b>		
September 10-26	Any par 72 course of your choice	<a href="#">LPGA Virtual Scramble</a>
September 12	St. Mark Golf Course	Eclectic Practice
September 19 & 26	St. Mark Golf Course	Eclectic
<b>October</b>		
October 10	Arrowood Golf Club	Member/Guest Event
October 16	Welk Resort — Fountains Course	
October 31	Mt. Woodson	Devilish Duel
<b>November</b>		
November 5-6	Walt Disney World—Palm Course, Lake Buena Vista, FL	<a href="#">LPGA Amateurs Championship Open</a>
November 7-8	Rancho Bernardo Inn & Country Club of Rancho Bernardo	Cal Classic
November 21	Steele Canyon	Turkey Ball
<b>December</b>		
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

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.

# Preview of Upcoming Events by Stacey Hayashi

## **Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Riverwalk Golf Club**

Time for our LPGA Amateurs Skills Clinic! Two clinics in one in a small group setting!

On Course Rules & Etiquette hosted by Marcela Smith followed by a skills clinic with Golf Professional Christie Quinn. [Register here!](#)

## **Sunday, August 22, 2021, Encinitas Ranch, Tee times starting 10:03am**

Aloha Ball is back! Dust off your favorite aloha attire and get ready for some hula golf! This event will fill fast so keep your eyes peeled for registration to open shortly!

## **Monday, August 23 & Tuesday, August 24, 2021, Stay 'n Play at Temecula Creek Inn**

Find a roomie and enjoy a staycation in Temecula! Golf and relaxation resort-style! Limited spots available.

## **SEPTEMBER is ECLECTIC month!**

Find a partner for this fun & challenging competition. We play one day for two consecutive weekends. Here's how it works: You record each players score on the 1st day and select the better score between you and your partner. On the 2nd day (the following weekend), you will record the score only for each hole that you or your partner betters from the previous weekend. Both partners must compete the first weekend to be eligible for the competition.

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - Eclectic practice, Tee times starting 9:00am

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - Eclectic 1, 8:30am shotgun start

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - Eclectic 2, 8:30am shotgun start





# Meet the Board—Q&A with Karen Bridges

*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?***

I started hacking with some co-workers from KPMG in Alameda, around 30 years ago. I've played off and on since then, because work sure gets in the way. Since I moved to San Diego, I golf A LOT.

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

I was born and raised in Lafayette, CA and have lived in several places since then. Four years ago, I moved to San Diego from Florida.

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

In FL someone told me to join EWGA. But when I moved to San Diego, the LPGA Amateurs kept popping up on the computer and it sounded so intimidating. But then Lisa Schmidt invited me to a guest event and I just had the best time and then joined.

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

When I was golfing Osprey Point in Kiawah Island, SC earlier this year, I found myself in a fairway bunker near the water. I was so totally into figuring out how I was going to get it out of there that I didn't notice this HUGE alligator lying right there not far away. It was just lying there with its mouth wide open NOT moving for such a long time. I figured it was just a statue because there are so many of them there. I was going to go up to it to get a picture with it, but had to hit my next shot. While I was doing that, my friend comes over and shows me a picture of the alligator with his mouth closed! So it was real! It was SO HUGE. Pretty happy I didn't go get that picture with it. I think I might have been a pretty good appetizer for him.

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

I like working out, walking my neighborhood, riding my bike (although that's few and far between), doing puzzles, reading and watching golf!



## ***How and when did you get involved with the board?***

I guess about 2 years ago when Beth Davidson was leaving for the East Coast for a new job. She helped teach me some of the position I would be taking over for her.

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

I am the Director of Golf Programs and Education. Some of the responsibilities include monitoring and helping members with maintaining their Handicap Indexes, working with the Director of Golf Events and Event Captains in setting up Events in Golf Genius, training Event Captains to use Golf Genius, scheduling various educational clinics, (rules and actual swing clinics) and other functions to improve members' games.

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

Members who would be interesting in learning Golf Genius and may be able to help out setting events up or helping with scoring at our larger events. Members who are rules gurus are always welcome!!

# Member Spotlight by Brenda Scarth

## Welcome New Members

Welcome everyone to the latest Membership Update. In our last newsletter we mentioned that our Chapter was growing by leaps and bounds, and this trend has continued. We are currently the second biggest Chapter in the state of California. At the rate we are growing it won't be long before we are #1.

There is no doubt that you, our Chapter members, are the best at recruiting new members. It is fantastic to see how many of you bring your friends as guests to our events and/or refer them as new members. Our Annual Membership Kick-Off event was held on 25th April at Rancho Bernardo Inn. Judging by the number of new members joining after playing in the event, we think it was a huge success.

These are the new members who joined after the Membership Kick-Off Event at RBI:

Loretta Knittel  
Kathy Foley  
Carolyn Jones  
Madelyn Marusa  
Soo Y Lee

Mindy Hartstein  
Eulalia Huber  
Julie Martin  
Karen Rundio

And we have these additional new members who joined our Chapter between April 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Diane Means  
Liza Jane Gaoay  
Leah Reber  
Beckey Smiser

Caitlyn Sullivan  
Lorrie Michener  
Bonnie Fannin  
Nichelle Dudley

Thanks to all the new members who provided some information about themselves for us to publish in this newsletter (on the following page), but as you will have noticed, there are several new Chapter members that we need to find out more about. If you see them on the course, be sure to ask them. You will find out lots of interesting things. For instance, did you know that:

**Bonnie Fannin** (a familiar name and face to many) is now a member of 3 different Chapters of LPGA Amateurs?

Or that:

**Mindy Hartstein** and **Lorrie Michener** are former members who have rejoined LPGA Amateurs?

### MLESTONE MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 YEARS

**Lisa Schmidt**  
**Denise Nelesen**

15 YEARS

**Dorothea Sledge**  
**Bobbie Zinker**



# Meet Our New Members by Brenda Scarth



## **Karen Rundio**

Some of you may recognize Karen. Until recently she was the Membership Director at the Golf Club of California. Now that she has retired, Karen wants to meet more people to golf with and she likes the social aspect of playing with our Chapter.

## **Eulalia Huber**

... and that is pronounced U LA LEE A. When she retired from her job as Art Director Advertising/Marketing in 2011, Eulalia's husband suggested that she take up golf. Clearly that was the right thing for her to do. Since joining the Balboa Park Ladies Club in 2018, Eulalia has had a Hole in One (#9) an Eagle (#5) and has also Birdied the very difficult Hole #4. She decided to join our Chapter to meet other golfers and have the opportunity to play on different courses.

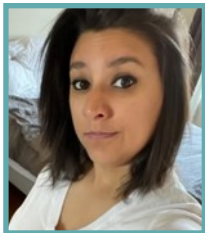
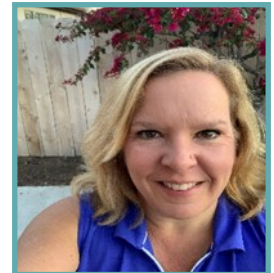


## **Soo Y Lee**

Soo joined our Chapter to meet new people who love golf and to play more golf with them. That sounds like a good idea! She has been playing golf for about 10 years. Soo is an Oriental Medical Doctor and a licensed acupuncturist.

## **Julie Martin**

Julie has been playing golf for about 10 years but only on a regular basis for the past 2 or 3 years. She joined LPGA Amateurs to make more golfing friends and play more of the amazing golf courses in San Diego County. Julie likes the idea that she can sign up for an event as an individual and doesn't have the stress of finding a foursome ahead of time. Julie was born and raised in Connecticut, is a military spouse with three children (two in college and one in high school), and really loves the game of golf.



## **Nichelle Dudley**

Nichelle tells us she has been playing golf for just a few months ... and it was love at first slice. She wants to expand her golf social circle (especially to meet fellow female golfers) and improve her game.

Finally, a big shout out to the following members who have referred these new members – Jacqui Todd, Chris Shorkey, Nancy Rix, Bobbie Zinker, Judy Hagar-Schons, Carolyn Elliott, and Sonya Brown-Connor – your VIP points are in your account!!

Many of you will realize that we have run another member guest event just recently – but you will have to wait for the next newsletter to find out more about the guests who have joined our Chapter.

# Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) Update

The VIP points are piling up!! It is really easy for every member 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.



Please keep an eye on the weekly emails blasts for opportunities to join a volunteer committee or reach out to any Board member to let them know you are interested.

Here is a list of the top of the VIP leaderboard as of the end of June:

Bobbie	Zinker	69
Jacqueline	Todd	45
Stacey	Hayashi	40
Christine	Shorkey	40
Connie	Pasterkiewicz	27
Louise	Tang	22
Mindy	Davis	20
Judy	Schons	20
Ashley	Riggs-Zeigen	20
Sally	Hagar	19
Angela	Poon	15
Susan	Crawford	15
Carolyn	Elliot	15
Joan	Holliday	15
Nancy	Rix	15
Karen	Bridges	12
Taylor	Coleman	12
Brenda	Scarth	11

It's never too late to start earning those VIP points and win one of the prizes up for grabs at the end of the year. The best way to become involved and earn those valuable VIP points is to think about how you can help and [contact Brenda Scarth](#) or any Board member.

# Rules Q&A by Karen Bridges

## Question:

Is it legal to avoid losing a ball by bypassing the tee shot and taking a penalty by heading straight for the drop zone?

## Answer:

Nope, not legal. Think of the drop zone as an exclusive night club (called “The Drop Zone”) in which you can’t just talk your way in. You have to be on the guest list. To get on the guest list, Rule 17.1b says access to the drop zone requires a ball to come to rest in an affiliated penalty area.

If the reason for bypassing your tee shot was fear of losing your last ball, no worries! It’s ok to borrow a ball from another player!!

## Question:

Can I use debris on the green as a backstop while putting?

Javonda was playing a match play and had a slick downhill putt to win a hole. If the putt doesn’t hit the hole, it will roll off the green. Wind has deposited some debris – leaves and sticks – near the hole, which she decides to keep in place, since they might slow the ball down in the UNLIKELY event she should miss.

As her putt rolls toward the cup, it becomes apparent that the putt is actually going to miss. Stacey, her opponent, rushes in to clear the debris, and sure enough the ball rolls all the way into the fairway.

Javonda doesn’t believe she broke a rule, as she didn’t put those leaves and sticks there. Instead, she thinks Stacey broke a rule? Who is right?

## Answer:

Michelle, the rules official, comes along to settle the issue. She says that Javonda is, indeed, in the clear, since a player is entitled to play the course as she finds it. Yes, EVEN if she’s leaving loose impediments in place to act as a potential backstop. Meanwhile, Stacey has breached Rule 11.3 – you can’t take action to

deliberately affect what’s happening with a ball once it’s in motion. The penalty? Loss of hole.

**Question:** With the new 2019 rules, you are now allowed to fix spike marks and other irregularities on the green that may affect your putting.

Sometimes, after so many people have removed their balls from the hole throughout the day, the rim around the cup gets a bit torn up.

Are you allowed to fix the hole before you putt?

**Answer:** Damage to the putting green is covered under Rule 13, and there is an interpretation that addresses damage to the hole:

## 13.1c(2)/2 – Damaged Hole Is Part of Damage on the Putting Green

Damage to the *hole* is covered by Rule 13.1c as part of damage on a *putting green*. The player may repair a damaged *hole* unless the damage is natural wear that Rule 13.1c does not allow to be repaired.

For example, if the *hole* is damaged in removing the *flagstick*, it may be repaired by the player under Rule 13.1c, even if the damage has changed the dimensions of the hole.

However, if a *hole* has been damaged and the player cannot repair the damage (such as the *hole* cannot be made round again) or where natural wear that the player may not repair results in the *hole* not being round, the player should request that the *Committee* repair it.

So damage to the hole is a little tricky... Natural wear comes from balls rolling into and falling into the hole and being removed by hand. Damage comes from people using their club to pull out the flagstick, ball marks when a flying ball hits the hole, and people being sloppy removing the flagstick. It’s a judgement call as to what caused the damage.



# Rules Q&A (continued from page 11)

## BONUS QUESTIONS DURING THE 19<sup>th</sup> HOLE

After a round, a couple of questions came up and Mary Shepperd had some answers for us.

### Question:

A ball is lying against a rake in the bunker, and you go to move the rake to take your shot, and hopefully, get out. What happens if the ball moves?

### Answer:

What is a rake? It is a Movable Obstruction, covered by Rule 15.2a



## 15.2 Movable Obstructions—Relief from Movable Obstruction

Removal of Movable Obstruction. You may remove a *movable obstruction* without penalty on or off the course and may do so in any way.

If your ball *moves* while you are removing a *movable obstruction*, there is no penalty and your ball must be *replaced* on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated).

## Are You Smarter Than Jeopardy! Contestants?



Bryson DeChambeau  
@b\_dechambeau

Not sure what's more impressive: being featured on @Jeopardy or that no one knew the answer. 😊 Staying humble here. Thanks for the answer, Trebek.

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In the popular trivia gameshow's second-to-final episode with late host Alex Trebek, contestants were given this answer:

"The unconventional methods of this long-hitting 2020 US Open champ include using a protractor on the putting green"

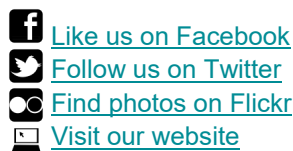
None of the puzzled contestants attempted to answer. I'm sure our members could all answer Who is Bryson DeChambeau!!??

DeChambeau took to Twitter to express his gratitude for being featured on one of Trebek's final episodes.



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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.