



# The Birdie Tweet

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – *Joan Fialko*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** Let's all put 2020 behind us and move forward to a better year in 2021 with the greater availability (soon) of vaccines for Covid. Thanks to all of you who have stuck with us through this challenging year and helped make the difficult times much more bearable. **2021 is also the year we elect a new WGA Board for the next two seasons.** Jolene, Bridget and the Nominating Committee will be reaching out to many of you to ask you to consider running for a Board position. Please give thought to becoming a member of the Board to help our **wonderful WGA continue in our happy, healthy and friendly tradition.** If you are not contacted, please reach out to one of them and let them know that you are interested in a position on the Board. **Here's a look at our beautiful local mountains with such lovely snow to usher out 2020 and welcome in 2021.**



Without being able to have a General Meeting this month, this **Birdie Tweet** contains lots of information that would have been presented at the meeting so please read carefully so you don't miss out on anything.

In our Board Meeting last week, we decided to **cancel all remaining Guest Days** as well as the Fallies. **In place of the January Guest Day** (which was cancelled last month), a Member-Only event will take place this week with ***PINK, PUTTS, and PEARLS*** hosted by Jolene and Andree. It will be a fun-filled event with tee times, a goody bag for everyone, an interesting twist with the format, and prize money awarded when final results become available. We are planning to have a couple more of these events in **February, hosted by Bonnie and Nancy, and in March, hosted by Bridget and Sherry.** The dates will coincide with the originally scheduled Guest Days/Fallies so take a look at the revised Major Events Schedule included in this edition.

**Our first Major Tournament of the season, the Member-Member,** will start later this month with **Day 1 on Thursday Jan. 28, and Day 2 on Tuesday Mar. 2.** It's an Eclectic format which is always fun. The flyer, along with guidelines and rules, will be sent out by Trish this week. The **President's Cup begins in late February** with the Club Championship at the end of March.

## TOURNAMENTS – *Trish Sibson*



Now that we have the #12 Drop Zone issue settled, there are a few other items that we need to go over.

**First, when you are playing an individual game, there are NO putts given.** Every putt must be holed out, as you are competing for money. It doesn't matter whether it is a foot or an inch.

Secondly, **if you X out a hole, you are out of the competition.** However, you can still record your birdie or chip-in. Simply, putt out and complete all holes or you are out of the competition.

Speaking of birdies and chip ins, in our last Sweeps competition Diane **Gauthier BIRDIED #1 with a chip in.** That wasn't good enough for her, so she **EAGLED number two from around 150 yards out.** Congratulations Diane!

Lastly, but by no means least, a couple of our ladies have almost been hit while **on the #16 green. We ask that you hold your second shot until the green has been cleared.** With the golf cart path being in the line of play, golf balls can and have gone every which way. We may want to get rid of our competition, but this is not a very sporting way to get it done.

## FALL TEAM – *Sherry McArthur & Bridget Kuzmicki* *Team Co-Captains*



**Fall Team Big Sisters** (*Mary, Margo, Bobbie, Bridget & Sherry*) helped with our new members this year (*Jeanne, Yvonne, Sydney, Stacey and Joan*). They arranged some match games and reviewed the scoring of the games. Thanks to these Big Sisters for making our new members feel comfortable with Fall Team.

It has been a difficult and different year for Fall Team again; however, we did manage to field a team for our first match against Shadow Hills on January 8. Proud that our team only lost Gross by 2 but tied Net on their course.

Next match will be at Desert Falls on January 20 against Shadow Hills.

Way to go Ladies!

**Sherry & Bridget**  
**Fall Team Captains**

# HANDICAP – *Sherry Mc Arthur*

## Most Improved Golfer – December 2020

5. Sandie Hill – 16.7 to 15.9
4. Carol Simpson – 27.4 to 25.4
3. Sydney Allen – 13.1 – 11.7
2. Meri McGraw – 8.2 – 6.5

## 1. Sherry McArthur 14.9 – 11.9



## Congratulations Ladies.

Items we found when our handicap committee reviewed the posting of scores:

1. Posting Incorrect scores – One way to eliminate the wrong scores is for each player to have their own card and to verify with the master card prior to leaving the course. Not to worry about how many score cards that are used as we have boxes of cards in stock and we cannot have the holes re-rated and cards redone until the supply is reduced.
2. There are some who are also not taking the correct maximum on each hole. I am available if you require clarification.
3. Scores are not being posted at all – Most important that all scores are posted on the same day that you play.
4. 9-hole scores should be posted.

I will start emailing members and notifying them of discrepancies and what I action I have taken. I have posted scores that you missed. **REMEMBER: Post your correct score on the day you played.**

If you realize that you posted a wrong score, please send me an email and I can edit your score for you.

Reminder to follow the local rules that we have adopted for the WGA and MGA. Copies of the local rules are available in the Pro Shop.

When a hole is started and the player does not hole out, the player is to post the **most likely score** or **net double bogey** whichever is lower.

Most likely scores should be determined using the following guidelines:

- a. Ball is on putting green and no more than 5 feet – 1 additional stroke
- b. Ball lies between 5 feet and 20 yards – Add 2 to 3 strokes depending on position of ball, difficulty of the green and the ability of the golfer
- c. Ball is more than 20 yards – Add 3 to 4 strokes depending again on the position of the ball, difficulty of the green and the ability of the golfer.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sherry McArthur  
Handicap Chair

## SUNSHINE – *Bridget Kuzmicki*



Please email me at [bridgetkuzmicki@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetkuzmicki@gmail.com) if you know of any of our members who are having some challenges and could use a card from our WGA like *our dear friend Mary Holley*. Please keep Mary in your prayers as she starts chemo on January 19th for pancreatic cancer.

It's been an interesting year so far even though we are only just over a week into it. On Friday, I had to get up at 5:30 to go play golf at Shadow Hills. I was surprised at how dark it was and it was very cold as well. I was thinking that this is crazy, I should be in bed as I'm too old for this. As I drove east and saw the sunrise, **I was amazed at the beauty of the sunrise**. Then it dawned on me that if I hadn't gotten up to play golf, I would have missed this beautiful sight. It was a reminder that doing things we don't want to do can sometimes result in a nice surprise!!!

**Hope you all have lots of nice SURPRISES in January!**

*Hugs.....Bridget*

## **WOW** **CORNER**



**Joan Berta** made her first **Hole in One "AT" Desert Falls** on January 8<sup>th</sup> on Hole #14 for a 100-yard shot using her 4 hybrid. Congrats Joan. **Couldn't happen to a nicer gal!!**



**Jo Ann Juliano** is our **second WOW** for the month with her **BIRDIE on HOLE #1**. She put her third shot in the hole from **107 yards using her 5 Hybrid**. Very impressive, Jo Ann. **Congrats to you!!**

## **RULES, PAM FRIEDMAN**



Rules of Golf



Local Rules Again!

The DF WGA, DF MGA, and DF management have meet to establish the following local rules. The score cards will include these rules at the next printing once the existing supply of cards are all used. We hope the bunker COVID rule will be unnecessary before the next printing!

Local Rules:

1. **No Play Zones** – The native grass areas are deemed No Play Zones and are considered penalty areas. They may or may not be marked with red stakes and/or lines. Do not play from these areas. The player must take penalty relief under Rule 17.1d or 17.2.
2. **Bunkers (COVID)** – Rakes are not provided in bunkers in compliance with COVID requirements. If your ball comes to rest in a disturbed area of a bunker, you may take relief as “an abnormal course condition”. (The same is true for standing water in a bunker.) The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b, except that the nearest point of complete relief and the relief area must be in the bunker.
3. **Hole #12 Drop Zone** – If a tee shot goes into the penalty area (water), the drop zone on the left side of the lake may be used under penalty of one stroke. (The player may also choose to replay from the teeing ground.) This drop zone may not be available during specific tournaments. Check the tournament rules.

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## **SECRETARY, Jan Campbell**

I don't usually add anything to the Birdie Tweet, but since this is replacing our regular General Meeting Minutes, I will let you know that even though we couldn't have a General Meeting this month, we still wanted to do ***our birthday drawing for the months of January and July. This month's winner is Linda Williams, whose birthday is January 17.*** Linda wins a **1/2 hour golf lesson** with one of our golf pros! Linda, when you are ready, let me know and I'll help schedule your lesson. We will continue to do this drawing every month through our season even if we can't have our General Meetings.

## PUTTERS CLUB – *Bobbie McAlpine*



**Putters Club** is temporarily canceled until the county/state restrictions regarding the virus are lifted. Updated information will be sent out as new developments arise.

For more information, please contact: **Bobbie McAlpine** at [bbmac22@dc.rr.com](mailto:bbmac22@dc.rr.com) or 760-779-8970

## MEMBERSHIP – *Meri McGraw*



Wow! Temperatures are starting to push into the mid to upper 80's – we don't have to dream about green grass and beautiful flowers, we get to live it every day!

I would like to welcome back some **former members** – **Diane Gauthier and Bette Taback**. Isn't it great to see our friends returning to Desert Falls?

**Also – members returning this month: Sharon Cory, Pat Burgy, Geri Badiuk and Abbe Marsman.**

Just like the temperature, our WGA membership is now at **82!**

*Happy Birthday to our January Babies*

**BOBBIE McALPINE**

**Jan-15**

**LINDA WILLIAMS**

**Jan-17**

**YVONNE CLARK**

**Jan-18**

**BETTE TABACK**

**Jan-24**



## 2020-2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THU: Jan. 14, 2021	<b>PINK, PUTTS AND PEARLS</b> Member Event	Tee Times
THU: Jan. 28, 2021	Member-Member Round 1	Tee Times
TUE: Feb. 2, 2021	Member-Member Round 2	Tee Times
THU: Feb. 4, 2021	Sweeps, General Mtg	Tee Times
THU: Feb. 11, 2021	February Special Member Event <b>(in place of February Guest Day)</b>	Tee Times
TUE: Feb. 23, 2021	President's Cup Round 1	Tee Times
THU: Feb. 25, 2021	President's Cup Round 2	Tee Times
TUE: Mar. 2, 2021	President's Cup Round 3	Tee Times
THU: Mar. 4, 2021	Sweeps & General Mtg	Tee Times
WED: Mar. 10, 2021	<b>FALLIES COCKTAIL PARTY CANCELLED</b>	
THU: Mar. 11, 2021	March Special Member Event <b>(In place of Fallies)</b>	Tee Times
TUE: Mar. 23, 2021	Club Championship Round 1	Tee Times
THU: Mar. 25, 2021	Club Championship Round 2	Tee Times
TUE: Mar. 30, 2021	Club Championship Round 3	Tee Times
THU: Apr. 1, 2021	Sweeps, General Mtg, Elections, Awards & Lunch (???)	Tee Times
THR: Apr. 8, 2021	<b>APRIL GUEST DAY CANCELLED</b>	
THU: Apr. 15, 2021	Host Spring Team	7:45 AM SG
THU: Apr. 29, 2021	Final Sweeps Day	Tee Times

# *Enjoying the Holiday Spirit*



*Bridget & Sherry - Santa's Elves*



*Susan and Nancy with Brandi*

## *A Few Closing Funnies*

Congratulations,  
America!  
51 years ago you  
stepped on the  
moon.  
Today you can't  
even go to  
Canada.

**Do you know  
how weird it  
is being the  
same age as  
old people?**

