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Upcoming SDCWGA Events

Field Day

Steele Canyon

February 27, 2023

Entries Open: 1/23/23

Entries Close: 1/29/23

County Classic

Oaks North

March 20, 2023

Entries Open: 2/13/23

Entries Close: 2/19/23

Field Day

Country Club of

Rancho Bernardo

April 17, 2023

Entries Open: 3/13/23

Entries Close: 3/19/23

Roam From Home

Desert Willow

Palm Desert, CA

May 3-5, 2023

Entries Open: 3/20/23

Entries Close: 3/30/23

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Ellen Koury
SDCWGA President

Message from the President

Welcome to 2023! A new year means different things to different golfers: golf as usual, a few adjustments to "tweak" one's golf game, or a major makeover. No matter how you approach golfing in 2023, a fresh outlook is always valuable. Being on the golf course playing the game we love makes all of us more alert mentally and emotionally. It is where we belong!

Start with signing up for a 2023 SDCWGA tournament. Gather up some of your golfing buddies and sign up to play different courses which will challenge your approach. It will help invigorate your interest in golf after all the rain we have had.

There are some fun courses on the 2023 SDCWGA schedule. In February, SDCWGA has a tournament scheduled at Steele Canyon Golf Club. Their website describes the course, designed by Gary Player, as one with a distinct environment and with type of play for all levels of golfers. In March, the **County Classic**, a 27-hole tournament will be played at Oaks North, an executive-length golf course. Please check the SDCWGA Schedule of Events for more tournaments you want to play in 2023.

Playing tournaments allows you to refresh your golf game, to enhance your daily interactions with other golfers and to make you feel you are where you belong. Isn't that the fresh outlook at the beginning of the year that keeps us on the golf course for years and years?

Ellen Koury

SDCWGA President

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jamie Hoffman



Jamie & her Dad

Jamie Hoffman started playing golf when she was a kid. Her Dad taught her how to play ... and is her #1 fan. She played on the boy's golf team at Crawford High School. After high school, she gave the game up for a few years. After college she married her wonderful husband, Richard. By the way, he is not a golfer but encouraged Jamie to go play the sport she loves. Her parents moved to Bonsall and lived on the San Luis Rey Downs golf course. Her Dad encouraged her to come play with the ladies club. As she started playing with the ladies, she realized there were tournaments to play all over the country. She started as a 26 handicap and worked her way down to a 10, before

becoming pregnant with her twin boys. After they were born, she spent more time on the driving range than the course, so practice time was very special and she worked her way down to a 0 handicap!!

The ladies club introduced her to the different associations around San Diego. Her most favorite association is the San Diego County Women's Golf Association. It was a huge stepping stone of competition to move forward to play in USGA National Championships and State Championships. She still enjoys playing SDCWGA team play for Temecula Creek/Pala Mesa. She also plays Santa Margarita team play for her home club, The Golf Club of California. This is where you will find her out practicing when she is not traveling to Tournaments around the country--or going to the wrong coast to see her boys.

Jamie has some impressive golf accomplishments. She won the Fresno City Championship 1995 - 2002 and the San Diego City Women's Championship in 1995. After being sidelined with a herniated disc and nerve damage in her right leg, Jamie basically plays using one leg now. She credits her golf coach, Don Byrd, with getting her back into competition and she went on to win the 2019 SCGA Senior Women's Tournament! On a side note, Jamie's Dad, Fred Bradley, was the President of San Diego County Men's Senior Golf Association for many years. He enjoyed being involved with the men's team play.



Jamie & her coach at the 2019 SCGA Senior Women's Tournament

Jamie says "My biggest accomplishment in golf is the many lifelong friends I have made along the way. Many of the ladies have watched my boys grow up. It's a privilege to be part of such a wonderful community and a great association like SDCWGA".

SHARE THE ACHIEVEMENTS!!

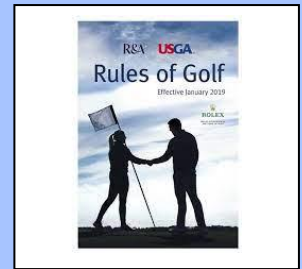
Know of a member who has achieved a golf milestone? Hole-in-one, Eagle, or other milestone? Or someone with an interesting golf experience, either past or current? Let's spotlight them in a future County Capers!!

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RULES CORNER

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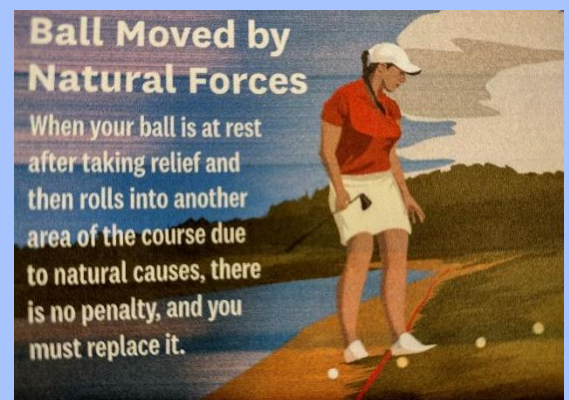
The SDCWGA Board would like to invite you, the members, to submit questions about rules to the Rules Corner. The Rules Committee (Ellen Koury, Cheryl Wohlgemuth, and myself) will answer your questions with appropriate rule references.

To start this off we have a question that arose from a board member about Rule #9. At the end of last year we reviewed some of the major Rule Changes for 2023. This included the following:

Previously a **ball moved by natural forces**, such as wind, was played from the new spot (except on the putting green when it is replaced on the original spot.) But starting in 2023, a ball moved by natural forces that comes to rest in **another part of the course** must be returned to its original spot with no penalty.

The question was asked about whether this applied to balls “dropped” when taking relief that were at rest after being dropped and then rolled into another area.

The answer is “**yes**,” it does apply. The ball must be replaced (not dropped) in its original spot in the “relief area” for no penalty.



In the future send any rules questions to: sandra.watkins48@gmail.com

Helpful USGA Rules Links

[2023 5 Key Rule Changes Infographic](#)

[2023 Rules of Golf Resources](#)

[USGA Rules Webpage](#)

Lots of Fun Golf Events Coming Up In 2023!

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

2023 Calendar of Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Club Rep Meeting	January 18, 2023	The Heights (formerly Bernardo Heights)
Field Day	February 27, 2023	Steele Canyon
County Classic	March 20, 2023	Oaks North
Field Day	April 17, 2023	Country Club of Rancho Bernardo
Roam From Home	May 3-5, 2023	Desert Willow
Championship	June 19, 2023	Journey at Pechanga
Field Day	July 17, 2023	Singing Hills
Field Day	August 21, 2023	Marine Memorial (Pendleton)
Memorial Tournament	September 11, 2023	Admiral Baker
Four Ball Championship	November 6, 2022 November 13, 2023	Twin Oaks Morgan Run
Holiday Event	December 4, 2023	Lomas Santa Fe CC

SDCWGA Registration and Event sign up

Register now and create an account with a password...It's free! You must have a valid account and password to sign up for events. It's Easy!

Go to: <http://www.sdcwga.net> Click on the blue button.

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