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SOUTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS WOMEN

## Best In Two Events

# Ladies Lead Team Competition

The Business Women's Club finds itself sitting at the top of the leader board in two categories as Team Play takes an hiatus for the month of April.

SNGABW's team leads the Blue Division in both overall and gross points after three months of Team Play.

"I truly think we should be in the play-offs in either overall or gross," says team captain, Geneva Cullen. "We certainly have the players to go all the way."

In addition to Geneva, the Team has relied heavily on core players, Bobbie Wiener, Jan Hansen, Christina Caruso, Eve Farr, Lynn King, Marilyn Schaupp and Jackie Pierson. Super-subbs, Ann Sutton, Connie Patterson and Cathy Siegel also helped secure a victory over Canyon Gate.

Geneva feels familiarity has led to a lot of this year's team success.

"Our girls have gotten used to playing and we are getting a lot of the same players," added Geneva. "our gals are getting better at working together."

In the opening round, the Business

Women faced Sunrise Vista where they captured 20 1/2 points overall (12 gross and 8 1/2 net) and found themselves lead-

ways tough Sun City team at Red Rock.

"It was a miserable day because of the wind," relates Jan Hansen. "I hardly re-



Team members Marilyn Schaupp, Jackie Pierson, Geneva Cullen, captain, Bobbie Wiener, Jan Hansen, Lynn King, Ann Sutton and Christina Caruso have vaulted SNGABW to the top of the standings in team competition.

ing in all three divisions.

"Luckily we drew the weakest team in the division for the first round," Geneva added, "but the other teams will get their chance to face them too."

The second round proved a little tougher as the Team found itself opposed by the Las Vegas Country Club. Geneva also found a second challenge in having to make some last minute substitutions.

Overall the Team took 13 1/2 points (5 1/2 gross and 8 net). At the end of the second round, the Team still led in overall and gross but fell 1 1/2 points behind Sun City in net.

Lynn had an outstanding 39 on the back nine in securing the victory for the Business Women.

The ladies faced their strongest challenge of the season in March when they came up against strong winds and the al-

member the round because I was focused on just standing up."

But Geneva laid down the challenge to her team to capture one-half of the total 24 points. They bettered her challenge by taking 12 1/2 points overall (6 gross and 6 1/2 net).

"I haven't received the final results after the third round," said Geneva, "but I think we should have stayed in first in both overall and gross and picked up 1/2 point in net. Next time I'm going to have to set my sights a little higher."

The biggest challenge will come in May when play resumes and they find themselves facing the perennial powerhouse Badlands.

"Luckily we play them during the Silver Cup," said Geneva, "so we shouldn't have to face their A-Team"

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## FOREwords

By Jackie Pierson  
SNGABW President

*"The best way of travel...if you aren't in any hurry at all, if you don't care where you are going, if you don't like to use your legs, if you don't want to be annoyed at all by any choice of directions, is in a balloon. In a balloon, you can decide only when to start, and usually when to stop. The rest is left entirely to nature."*

*William Pene du Bois, "the Twenty-one Balloons"*

Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? Get in that basket and let the earth spin beneath you while you drift on the updrafts. No decisions to make. No choices. No pressure. Just nature making all your day-to-day decisions. You never have to worry about which direction to take. It's all done for you, just the same as it was when you were a kid and your mother picked out your socks and made sure your underwear was clean.

Once you reached adulthood, that mysterious time you had longed for from adolescence, you found out that being an adult wasn't as easy as you thought it would be. It wasn't freedom from those arbitrary parental rules and restrictions; it was a whole new set of rules and restrictions. It wasn't having anything you ever wanted; it was having to earn everything you ever wanted. It wasn't feeling secure because you always had a roof over your head; it was the fear of not having the roof over your head. It wasn't a list of chores that you did to participate in the household; you were now the household. Suddenly, you had the realization that the toilet didn't clean itself. Your reverie reversed itself and instead of dreaming of being a grown-up, it included the thoughts of your carefree youth when you were never in a hurry and when what direction you went in didn't matter, because someone told you where to go. Your balloon was your guide.

We wouldn't want to have those days of no decision again, would we?

Really?

Wouldn't you rather have choices to make that can set you free? Wouldn't you rather steer than be steered? Wouldn't you rather float with a paddle than drift without a course? Wouldn't you rather be mistress of your own destiny than be a slave to someone else's idea of your destiny?

Sometimes we may wish for a clock to go back a decade or two when we had it all to lean and experience. But would you trade in your knowledge for the innocence you lost? Would you trade in your experiences for none? Everything we do and experience adds another block to our structures in measureless steps ahead. We're not 10 anymore, true. We've learned to ride bikes, drive cars, run a business, form families, get a degree. When you think about your own personal accomplishments, achievements, successes and, yes even failures, would you give that all up for a balloon ride that steers you to nowhere in particular?

Wouldn't you prefer using your legs?

# Prospero Excels with Dual Sports

Most people are lucky to excel in one sport, but for most improved golfer, Theresa Prospero, 2001 capped off a year of sporting achievements. Earlier that year she was inducted into her college Sports Hall of Fame.

But being named most improved golfer for 2001 was Theresa's first award in golf.

"I think it just shows no matter how old you get, you can still be ath-

letically inclined," she smiled. Theresa lowered her handicap from 33 to 27 by year's end.

She joined SNGABW in 2001 and shot a 134 her first time out with the group, but still decided to stick with the game. Theresa first got involved with golf in high school when her parents joined a country club.

"For about two years, I played just about everyday and shot in the 80's," she related. "Once I got into college, I found other interests and played about once a year for the next ten years."

Those other interests included basketball at St. John Fisher College, where she excelled as a point guard and set the school record for assists and steals which still stands 20 years later.

This achievement got her invited back to Rochester, New York this summer for in-

duction into her college Sports Hall of Fame. Although she has never had a formal golf lesson, Theresa gives a lot of the credit for her comeback success to three Club members.



**Theresa Prospero, most improved golfer for 2001, thanks Jackie Pierson for the role she played in Theresa's victory as well as her trophy.**

"I had good instructors in Jackie (Pierson), Eve (Farr) and Deb (Koch)," she added. "They really took the time to help me with my game."

In 2001, Theresa worked a lot

on her driving, trying to keep the ball down the middle of the fairway and set a goal of not having to adjust her score on any hole.

"Since I was adjusting down to a 9, I tried to eliminate all the double digits from my card," she said.

She is concentrating her efforts in 2002 on her chipping and putting. She is also hoping to decrease her handicap to a 22.

"I'm not striving to repeat," she responded, "but I just want to do the best that I can."

Also in contention for this year's most improved golfer award in order of finish were: Anita Wilbur, Jan Manning, Eve Farr, Millie Anderson, Karen Power, Judy Pallan, Marilyn Schaupp, Cathy Siegel and Susan Boswell.

Theresa succeeds 2000 Most Improved Golfer, Mary Beth Treat.

## **She's Come a Long Way Baby**

Shirley Wickham isn't one to set goals, but she does have one wish for her life and that's to live to be 100 and still break 100 on the links.

Like so many other women in the Business Women's Organization, Shirley has come a long way.

The Illinois native was reared on a small farm in the central part of the State where the borders of Iowa, Missouri and Illinois meet.

"We had no electricity and no indoor plumbing," Shirley recalled. "In fact, I can remember when the REA brought the power polls to our town. Rural Hamilton was so small that I spent the first eight years of school in a one-room school house and I was the only one in my grade."

But Hamilton couldn't confine Shirley.

"Even though we had no TV and got all of our news from the papers and radio," she said, "I just knew there was something more out there."

At age 21, she packed up her car, took the experience of the business training she had at Western Illinois University and headed West for sunny California.

"A year earlier, a girlfriend and I had taken the El Capital train to see relatives we both had in the Los Angeles area," she related. "My aunt and uncle showed me things in Southern California that I had never imagined. I had no clue as to what this country was all about. When we got home, I told my mom and dad that I was moving just as soon as my car was paid off."

Luckily, she had the skills that allowed her to find work right away.

"I grew up in an era when a woman had four choices in her life: teaching, nursing, secretarial and wife and mother," she chuckled. "I didn't like any of them, but I had to choose one, so I chose secretarial."

Shirley wasn't one to be satisfied with her lot in life. While working for a real estate company, she earned her real estate license and began selling real estate on the weekends to help supplement the families' income.

My husband, Tom and I had just moved to Las Vegas from Los Angeles and could use the extra money," she said. "Our home in California had sold just before the big sales boon."

As luck would have it, Shirley left the real estate business about the time interest rates went through

the roof and fell back on her secretarial skills, but this time in the insurance business.

"My boss wasn't doing well as an independent agent and looked into getting an appointment with the Farmer's Insurance Group," she related. "Since I had picked up insurance experience myself, I was also offered an appointment. At first I balked at the idea, but my son, David reminded me of the advice I had always given him about doing anything in life as long as it was the best he could do. So I stepped out on a limb.

Almost 20 years later,

Shirley is contemplating retiring from the insurance business within the next two years.

"I've been cutting back over the last year," she said, "but I just can't quit and do nothing. Over the last two years, I've been trying to build up my



Shirley teams up with Kathy Cormack and Jan Manning for an early morning tee time before the heat takes over. Although Shirley looks forward to playing with all the ladies in the organization, her ideal twosome would be a round with Freddie Couples.

health insurance business, because I can do that out of my house."

And what will Shirley do with her free time?

"I love to read and I work crossword puzzles like mad," she states, "but the one thing that has really made my life great is this game of golf."

Originally, she got into the game of golf with the idea of having something that she and her husband could do together. They took lessons at Muni and started playing together on a regular basis.

"Unfortunately, Tom died rather suddenly after we had gotten involved in the game," she said, "and I

# Club Pioneer: Build Respect for Women's Golf

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didn't go back to it until 1985 when a client had heard about SNGABW and we decided to go to a meeting together."



Shirley strolls to the green at Muni. Since joining the Tuesday ladies league, she has found the added play has helped lower her handicap and increase her confidence and the afternoon poker games with her playing partners has added to her pocketbook as well.

SNGABW was just getting started at that time and Shirley became one of its Charter and most active members.

"When I first joined the group, we were just a group of women who wanted to go out and play golf on the weekends," she said, "but we came up against men and starters on these golf courses that just didn't want us on the course."

This didn't deter Shirley and the other women.

"Shirley, Maary (Smith) and a few other women made the game wonderful for the rest of us," said Sunny Sundgren, SNGABW member, "and now the courses respect us more than the men. We play faster and by the rules and have no gimmies."

But not all of the problems came from men.

"We started out as bare bones and as the group grew we had our trials and tribulations," Shirley added. "Just like EWG, we had a lot of women who just wanted to play recreational golf in the beginning. But most of us wanted a golf club and that involved establishing a handicap. By 1990, we decided that everyone should have a handicap by the end of the year or not rejoin in 1991."

Those who weren't more serious about their golf left the Club the following year.

By 1991, the Club struggled to get it's own club number to make it an independent golf group. Once again, Shirley was the driving force behind getting the club number.

"This was a breakthrough because it let us become a golf club without real estate," Shirley beamed. "They could no longer put us down."

These two historic years in the history of SNGABW were under the reign of Shirley as Club President, but she refuses to take the credit.

"I do think 1990 and 1991 were the biggest turnaround years for the organization," she admits, "but Ruby Payne brought us up to this point and I took it forward with all of the help of the whole Club."

Shirley always seems to be available when SNGABW needs her. She has had three terms as president, numerous terms as vice president, served as treasurer, and chaired special events and monthly outings. The only two offices she hasn't had are WSNGA representative and secretary.

"I'm not a low enough handicapper or good enough golfer to represent us at WSNGA," she said, "and there ain't no way I'm going to be a secretary again—been there, done that. I'm willing to contribute any

way I can, but I sometimes feel that it might be time for me to sit back and let someone else do it."

For now, Shirley is content to work on her own game, which has really improved over the last year. She is very quick to give all that credit to Frank Shaw and his Nike School of Golf lessons offered to the Club last summer.

"I'm playing a better game now than ever," she beamed. "I'm 66 years old and my handicap is actually coming down. I am hitting the ball better and further than I have since I started playing over 15 years ago. I am just now finding my game and, although it may be hard to believe, I can see my handicap going down even further. I don't really set goals other than the fact that I'm going to improve, I can improve and I will improve."

Shirley has already broken 100 many times and managed to shoot 90 with the Tuesday morning ladies golf group at the Las Vegas Golf Club and 89 at Death Valley.

She said she would certainly like to be the most improved golfer for 2002 but would be happy just to be consistent in her game.

But as Shirley's game improves, she feels an obligation to help those women just getting started.

"I started out as a 40 handicapper hacking away," she said, "and I would like to take younger players and say I have been there and I'll play with you. But the first thing I would do is to tell them to go and see Frank Shaw."

Life has never been better for Shirley.

"I'm having the best time of my life right now," she exclaims, "I don't have any stress. It's just me. I live alone and my family is all doing fine. I have so many friends and it all has to do with the game of golf and that's the way life should be—you betcha."

## Group Heads to Desert to Cool Down



Cathy Siegel, Bobbie Wiener and Sue Silcott wait on deck for their turn to tee off at Cathedral Canyon. There are openings for 32 on the trip this year with the final signup at the April meeting. Guests will be allowed if 32 members fail to sign up.

lenging games, which will still allow for players to keep individual scores but also participate in team events.

There is room for 32 on the trip and Jan already has 26 signed up with a couple of others on the fence.

Cost for the three-day trip is \$231.

Those playing only Palm Springs will be paying \$194.

This year, Spring

also kicks off the President's Cup.

The old tradition found new life two years ago when the Club resurrected the event.

Past years found it scheduled for the summer but it seemed to conflict with too many vacation plans. This year's Cup started on April 7th at Painted Desert and is set to conclude May 11th at Desert Rose.

The second, third and fourth rounds will be played on April 13th, April 21st and May 5th.

Defending champion, Norma Hodge elected not to rejoin the Club in 2002 but first-time champion, Sandra Marksberry will be in contention once again.

Spring triggers thoughts of golf, trips and fun for the women of SNGABW and this year is no exception.

If you liked last year's spring trip, be ready for more of the same as the group revisits Palm Springs later this month. It was the overwhelming choice of a member poll.

"I've gotten some very positive feedback," said Jan Hansen, special events chairperson. "Several people have said they really enjoy the country club courses and the reasonable prices for Palm Springs."

The group will be making the trek west during the weekend of April 26th through April 28th.

The weekend will get an early start when the optional round at Shandon Hills in San Bernardino kicks off at 11:00 am. On Saturday, the ladies will face the challenge of Rancho Mirage with a 10:22 tee time and complete the weekend jaunt on Sunday with a 7:30 am shotgun start at Cathedral Canyon.

"We decided to stay at the Shilo Inn again," added Jan, "and they have given us one complimentary room the cost of which I'm spreading out overall."

Once again, a group dinner outing will be offered. The Mexican fiesta of 2001 was very popular but a steakhouse across the street from the Inn has also been mentioned.

Jan is again planning some fun, chal-

### Has Her Own Walk of Fame

## Sara Outshines the Stars

How many of us have walked the fairways with the likes of Arnold Palmer, Phil Mickelson, Karrie Webb or Ray Romano? Yes, your heard right, Ray Romano. For Club member, Sara Weil, it's all in a day's work.

Sara has been a volunteer scorer for the past 10 years for the various professional tours that have made a stop in Las Vegas.

Her latest stint was with the Las Vegas Celebrity Classic at Silverstone Golf Club over the weekend of March 14th-17th.

Although Sara was slated to ride along with the threesome of Olympians Bruce Jenner and Dan Jansen and Hercules himself, Kevin Sorbo, her expert scoring was called into service instead for the final threesome of comedians Kevin James, Brad Garrett and Ray Romano.

"I really wish I had stayed with my original pairing," she said. "These three weren't very good and their five hour round in the cold made for a lot more work."

Sara had never seen the comedians in their shows "The King of Queens" or "Everybody Loves Raymond".

"They played from tee off to the crowd finish," she

added, "but became quieter and more serious when we were out in the boonies by ourselves."

But as serious as they may have been about their golf, Sara's pencil got quite a workout scoring the 147 of Brad Garrett.



Sara says one of the perks she finds in volunteer scoring is the golf tips she picks up along the way, especially from the seniors and women professionals.

Sara got involved in volunteering about 10 years ago when a friend talked her into filing out an application.

"Everyone wants to score for the top

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## Calendar of Upcoming SNGABW Events

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Contact Information
Desert Rose (2nd Round President's Cup)	April 13	7:00 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
Siena (3rd Round President's Cup)	April 21	10:00 a.m.	\$60.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Spring Trip—Palm Springs	April 26-28		\$231.00	Jan Hansen 240-7924
Painted Desert (4th Round President's Cup)	May 5	6:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Eve Farr 240-5800
Desert Rose (Final Round President's Cup)	May 11	6:30 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
General Meeting @Magoo's	May 14	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924
Angel Park (Palm Course)	May 19	11:00 a.m.	\$60.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Team Play at Revere	May 20	7:00 a.m.	\$59.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Painted Desert	June 2	6:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Eve Farr 240-5800
Team Play at LV Golf Club	June 3	7:00 a.m.	\$37.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Desert Rose	June 8	6:30 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
General Meeting @ Magoo's	June 11	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924
Silverstone	June 23	7:00 a.m.	\$50.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Painted Desert	July 7	6:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Eve Farr 240-5800
General Meeting @ Magoo's	July 9	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924
Desert Rose	July 13	6:30 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668

## Volunteer: "Everybody Loves Sara"

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players who usually have the later tee times," she remarked, "but I was always willing to go out any day, any time. That sent me out on Sunday mornings with players like Phil Mickelson before he started winning consistently."

She also spent a day walking side-by-side with Karrie Webb during a round in which Karrie hit only one fairway.

"She may not have hit the

fairways," Sara stated, "but she had some of the most incredible finesse second shots."

But her favorite player, by far was the incredible Arnold Palmer.

"He was such a delight," she remarked. With a growing number of volunteers and so few tours make a Las Vegas stop, Sara said her days of scoring for the pros may be coming to an end. But even so, she'll be left with an abundance of souvenir patches and a lifetime of memories.