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SOUTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS WOMEN

## Spring Events Ignite Competition

April is proving to be an active month for the ladies of SNGABW with the kick-off of the Maary Smith Founders Memorial Tournament. Play got underway Sunday at Painted Desert with 22 hopefuls teeing off in the match play event. The second round continues this Saturday at Desert Rose. Las Vegas National will host the third round and it will be back to Painted Desert for the semi-finals.

The five round tournament will conclude at Desert Rose on May 10<sup>th</sup> when the two finalists go head-to-head.

This year's tournament winner's name will be the first to be inscribed on the new traveling trophy. She will also take home a \$50 cash prize.

Last year's winner, Marilyn Schaupp will be defending her title.

The tournament, formerly know as the President's Cup, was renamed in 2003 to honor founding member Maary Smith who passed away in 2002. Maary was instrumental in resurrecting the tournament four years ago.



*Patti Palmer, Susan Boswell and Deb Koch are looking forward to returning to Palm Springs for the Spring outing April 25th-27th. Friday's optional round will be at Shandin Hills. Woodhaven will host the Saturday play and the weekend will wind up at Rancho Mirage. Twenty-eight ladies are signed up.*

## Siegel Dubbed "Best of the Bunch"

Cathy Siegel has been named most improved golfer for 2002. In January she sported a handicap of 33.6. By year's end, she had shaved off 6.6 points bring it down to 27.0. For her effort, she was awarded the most improved golfer trophy at the January meeting. The trophy was presented to her by Jackie Pierson, co-special events chairperson.

Cathy played some of her best golf in the fall and seemed to peak in November when she captured low gross honors in the Bronze division of the Club Championship. Although this was only her second year with the Club, it was also her second medal in the Fall Classic. In 2001, she took low net honors in the same division.

She was also instrumental in the Team taking top honors overall in the Blue Division for 2002. Although she wasn't a starting squad member, she excelled as one of their best super-sub.

The title for most improved golfer for

2003 will be wide open because of her recent move to Florida. She and Bobbie Wiener bid farewell at the February meeting.

Round- ing out the top ten for most im- proved golfer were Connie Patter- son, Sue Silcott, Cristi



*Cathy Siegel*

Chaplin, Masako Brown, Jackie Pierson, Theresa Prospero, Barbara Ford, Shirley Wickham and Trish Sutton.

To be eligible for the most improved golfer award, a member must have partici- pated in at least ten SNGABW events during the year.

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## TEE OFF

By Karen Power  
SNGABW President

It is with great appreciation and enthusiasm that I begin this term as your new President. Although the Board (with our new Vice President, Cindy Bonko) and I have only met four times, we are committed to assisting this organization in achieving yet another level of success. We are hoping that this year this organization will be successful in: continuing to add and keep new members, getting involvement from as many of our diverse members as is possible, having our members enjoy the game of golf to the fullest, and enjoying and respecting each other for the uniqueness that we bring to this wonderful game. After all, it is the membership that makes this organization successful, the Board just guides and provides direction to the process.

I believe that the SNGABW is very special. It has a long history of dedicated and talented members who have participated at all levels in the organization...this has ensured that our mission is long lasting and will go far into the future. I am proud to be part of this organization and will contribute and lead with passion, fairness and forthrightness. We all have so much to offer this organization and I hope that you will join me in committing your time, your uniqueness, your talent, and your friendship so that we can guarantee the continuation and success of the SNGABW.

As with all successful professional organizations, we must also be open to new ideas and committing to changes when necessary. It would be wrong not to revisit an idea or activity just because it was not successful in the past. Times change, people change and ideologies change. We must also continue to experiment and explore new opportunities.

John D. Rockefeller once said, "If you want to succeed, you should strike out on new paths, rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success." I encourage every member to, as they say, "think out of the box" and not be afraid to offer new ideas. As a successful organization, we must continue to be open to creative ideas and continue to be supportive to those who are willing to experiment and go that extra step. The more success our individual members have (in their golf game, running a tournament, being a committee member, etc), the more likely our organization will remain successful. I am very optimistic that our membership will grow and we will be successful in all of our endeavors.

Thank you for your confidence and respect in allowing me to represent this wonderful organization.

### *On a lighter side*

A golfer hit his drive on the first hole 300 yards, right down the middle. When it came down, however, it hit a sprinkler and the ball went sideways into the woods. He was angry, but he went into the woods and hit a very hard 2 iron, which hit a tree and bounced straight at him. It hit him in the temple and killed him. He was at the Pearly Gates and St. Peter looked at the big book and said, "I see you were a golfer, is that correct?" "Yes, I am," he replied and St. Peter said, "do you hit the ball a long way?" To which the golfer replied, "You bet. After all, I got here in 2, didn't I?"

# Ladies Return Via Takafuji Classic

The LPGA makes its return to Las Vegas April 14<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup> with the 2003 Takafuji Classic slated for the Las Vegas Country Club.

The Takafuji Classic's increased 1.1 million dollar purse is a drawing card for the big names on the tour. Defending champion, Annika Sorenstam is expected to be joined by Se Ri Pak, Karrie Webb, Julie Inkster, Laura Diaz, Lorie Kane, Laura Davies, Beth Bauer, and Natalie Gulbis as well as Las Vegas's Stephanie Louden and Kim Saiki.

Dottie Pepper is also expected to join the field after sitting out most of 2002 with an injury.

Last year's tournament pitted Annika against Lorie Kane, 2001 Takafuji champion, in an exciting final-day duel. The win was the first of 10 victories for Sorenstam in 2002.

Las Vegas last hosted the LPGA between 1996 - 1999 with the season-ending Tour championship at the Desert Inn Country Club.

The Takafuji Classic will call

the Las Vegas Country Club home over the next three years. It had previously been contested in Hawaii.



*Karrie Webb is hoping to reclaim player of the year honors from Annika Sorenstam in 2003. Both ladies will be visiting Las Vegas this month.*

The 144-player field will kick off the 54-hole tournament with practice rounds on Monday and Tuesday. A Pro-Am tournament is slated for Wednesday and the actual tournament kicks off Thursday and winds up on Saturday. Monday's practice round is free but there will be an \$11.00 charge for the other five days. A weekly ground pass can be purchased for \$30.00 and a weekly clubhouse pass will run \$50.00.

## President Tackles Challenges of New Position

If the hands of fate had pointed in a different direction, Karen Power might have been preparing for the Spring tour right now—that is with her musical group The Palmettos.

"I grew up during the era of the Beatles and a group of us got a band together and called ourselves the Palmettos (which is a type of beetle found in Florida)," Karen said with a smile.

She admits to playing a pretty mean bass guitar, a friend contributed on rhythm guitar and a drummer rounded out the trio. They specialized in instrumentals and even managed to have a theme number.

"We actually made up an instrumental that we called 'Six Twenty' because it was twenty minutes past six in the afternoon when we came up with it," she added. "A teacher tried to get us a gig and we ended up practicing a lot but never played professionally."

Not becoming a professional musician was probably one of the few goals Karen has not achieved in her life.

"I'm probably the most goal oriented person I know," she said. "I set goals every year for golf, in my professional life and in my personal life."

The East-coast native spent most of her life in the Boston area. The youngest of five children, she found her closest ties to her brother who was just ten months older and who introduced her to sports.

"I grew up a real tomboy," she chuckled. "My brothers would take me to their baseball games and I would help them practice by catching for them."

By high school she found herself playing on the volleyball and softball teams where she excelled at shortstop and second base.

"I was definitely an infield player," she smiled, "because I couldn't throw from the outfield position."

But she could bat and dominated the third spot until she was moved to cleanup.

"I was quite impressed with the one time I was asked to bat cleanup," she recalled, "but of course, I ended up striking out three times."

When Karen was 13 her mother died from complications of late onset of diabetes and she and her brothers and sister moved in with her Aunt Angelina. Her father, a member of the military, had died when Karen was 15 months old.

"There was some discussion about breaking us up when my mom died," she said, "but we really wanted to stay together. My mother came from a very large family and her unmarried sister had us all move in with her."



*Karen involved the membership in the spirit of giving with her idea of helping five needy families with gifts of clothing and toys. Shown here with fellow committee members, Rita Morgan and Sandra Marksberry, Karen and the Club added gift wrapping to their Christmas Party entertainment.*

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Her older brothers and sister married early and moved out, leaving Karen to be raised by her aunt.

"I loved her so much," she said. "She was my best friend, half-Irish and half-Italian. They say that is what makes me so passionate."

Karen too found herself marrying early and al-

though that marriage didn't work out, it produced a daughter and a son and a new challenge.

"When my

husband and I

separated I had to make a choice as to what I was going to do," she remarked, "just work or have a career. I decided on the career and found myself going back to school for my bachelor's degree at age 32."

Although she had taken classes off and on, Karen had not found herself committed to school until age 32. Once she went back she never stopped. After completing work on her bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts at Boston where she majored in biology and minored in psychobiology, Karen entered the School of Public Health at Boston University earning a masters degree and completing her course work toward her doctorate in epidemiology.

"I wanted to be a doctor, but I realized being a single mother and raising two children in itself was a commitment," she remarked. "A good friend suggested public health and I realized that although I didn't want to commit to being a physician, I could still make a contribution." Karen continued, "I decided on epidemiology/biostatistics even though I'm the

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# Power: Golf Has Become a Passion

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worse person with numbers unless I have a calculator or computer—ask anyone who's seen me add up my golf score."

She started making that contribution shortly after getting her master's degree, as an analyst for the City of Boston Health Department, where she went from analyst to assistant director and eventually director of Research and Health Statistics.

"It grew astronomically over the next five years," she beamed, "and was such a satisfying job for me."

Eventually, the harsh New England winters took their toll and Karen started looking for a warmer climate.

"Six or seven years ago, we started traveling in the Southwest," she commented. "I fell in love with the openness and vastness of the of the area. After traveling around Arizona and Nevada, we settled on Las Vegas because of the real estate market and decided to retire here."

Still a ways from retirement, Karen found a job with the State of Nevada Health Division and is now the director of the Nevada Central Cancer Registry. The Registry gathers data about every Nevada resident that has been diagnosed and treated for cancer and provides informa-

me, not only in my golf game, but also through its networking," she pointed out. "Because we're a business group, we have women who have diverse talents and

**"We should never be so satisfied that we can't improve"**

**—K. Power**

skills and I've been able to identify several people that actually work for the cancer industry now that I'm able to call contract people. It's really been a win-win situation for me."

Karen credits Aunt Angelina with getting her started in golf.

"My aunt was a big golf fan," she stated.

"Even though she didn't play, we watched it on TV all the time. She always said, 'Karen you need to play golf' but I knew if I ever took up the game, it would be an obsession. So I procrastinated for about a year."

She finally went to a par 3 course and rented clubs. Jane Frost (currently of

the Golf Channel) became her instructor and got her excited about the game. But going from a par 3 to a regular course was a culture shock for Karen.

"I hung in there and joined a group in Boston called BAGS (Boston Area Golf Society for Women) where I met some really nice people," she recalled. "My priorities changed and I realized I needed to focus more on myself and recreation and step away from the intensity of my academics and profession."

"My aunt rode in the cart with me a few times and gave me the support I needed," she remarked. "She may have not had a lot of education but she did have common sense and really helped me think through a lot of decisions I had to make in my life at that time. Since her death, I have really missed her guidance." Karen's daughter Jennifer now fills that void with daily E-mails and frequent phone calls.

As Karen predicted, golf has become her passion. As with the other aspects of her life, she becomes very focused on a golf course refusing to give up.

"I actually compete against the course and not against people and become very quiet," she said. "Sometimes, as a result, I'm viewed as very competitive. I just won't give up and have shot as many as 10 strokes different from the front and back. But I'm that way with everything—not just golf."

Although Karen has only been playing the game of golf for seven years, most of her goals have already been reached. She's eliminated 8's from her scorecard, lowered her handicap to the teens and broke 90 at Painted Desert.

"This year I said I wanted to play bogie golf and I was able to do it at Stallion Mountain in February with a one under bogie golf," she said. "I've readjusted my goals to shoot bogie golf in a club tournament and play bogie golf on a regular basis. I also want to shoot consistently in the high 80's."

But Karen is quick to give a lot of the credit for her good play to many of the ladies in SNGABW. She spends a lot of time looking at the way other members play golf and picks their brains.

"Mary Beth (Treat) has been instrumental with my short game," she replied, "and taught me how to chip with a 7 iron. I never had this in my bag. Eve (Farr) has helped tremendously with my long game

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**Karen and partner, Lynn King, captured top net honors in the 2001 State Partners Tournament. WSNGA rep. Geneva Cullen congratulates them on their victory and presents them with Club plaques.**

tion to the health division to help them target their services and outreach programs. She has eight full-time and several contract employees.

"SNGABW has been very positive for

# President: Challenges Members to Step Up

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off the tee. I was leaking power and complained that I would like to get to the 150 marker at some point. She watched and gave me pointers. This group is so good at that as long as you are open to accepting and giving advise."

She has also set goals for SNGABW and as the President for 2003 hopes to accomplish them. She would like to increase membership, reinstate the Invitational and get more of the members involved in the club.

"We have a very talented, diverse group and need to get more and more members involved," she said. "We want people to enjoy coming to outings and meetings. We

should never be so satisfied that we can't improve. The more ideas you have, the more likely it is that you will come up with a good idea."

She wrestled with the idea of becoming president of SNGABW after only one year as vice-president.

"I really wasn't sure if I was ready for it," she remarked. "I really hadn't done anything with the Club yet—not even run a tournament. But I am noted to be a good manager, I was given the opportunity and I don't think you should ever let opportunity pass you by."

And where does Karen see herself in 10 years.

"I would like to be retired and join the Tuesday Muni golf group. I am hoping to finish my career at the Cancer Registry and I'm not looking to take on anything requiring tons and tons of work. I do like the balance of my career and free time. I'm looking forward to grandchildren and enjoying the fruits of my labor. I would like to volunteer with the American Cancer Society and take on the mindless job of being a cart lady."

And while she is kicking back and enjoying the fruits of her labor, it's a pretty sure bet she'll have a glass of Chardonnay by her side.

## Team Back on Track After Taking Slight Detour

After getting off to a rocky start, the Business Women rebounded in the March Team Play event at Sunrise Vista against a strong Desert Rose team. The ladies captured 19 1/2 out of a possible 24 points which moved them up to second in gross

and overall points and third in net points for the team standings.

The first three teams each swept their competition to captured all six of their points and led the onslaught.

Representing the Business



*Sue Silcott's excellent first time team play is helping to fill the void left by the loss of Bobbie, Ann and Cathy.*

Women against Desert Rose were Christina Caruso, Lynn King, Jackie Pierson, Eve Farr, Jan Hansen, Geneva Cullen, Karen Power and Shirley Wickham.

This is a rebuilding year for the Team after losing Bobbie Wiener, Cathy Siegel and Ann Sutton from last year's championship team.

"Bobbie was such a strong player," commented Geneva Cullen, team captain, "and with Marilyn Schaupp moving in May, it will be difficult to replace them."

Other members of the Club are stepping up to fill their shoes with the addition of Masako Brown, Barbara Ford, Sue Silcott, and Shirley Wickham to this year's

team.

"We got off to a poor start," added Geneva, "and it will be difficult to come back, but we will be facing at least one weaker team and also have the advantage of playing at Painted Desert for our final round."

## Library Offers Wealth of Information

There's been a recent revival of the television game show "Pyramid". For the big money round, the contestants have to guess general topics based on a series of clues provided by the celebrity guest. If SNGABW members were to play, it might sound something like this:

"Things rarely used." "Things just gathering dust." "Things we don't have time for." If you've guessed old golf equipment, you would be wrong. But if you said The Clarice Bessent Memorial Library Collection you would be well on your way to winning the \$100,000 top prize.

The library is a collection of golf videos and books available to all club members. Instruction videos include Dave Peltz

on putting, Dave Ledbetter on playing winning golf, Curtis Strange on the fundamentals and Bob Toski on strategy. Golf Digest has advice on buying the proper equipment, improving your fundamentals and the essentials of the game while Golf for Women concentrates on improving the short game.

If golf history interests you, pick up the PBS special on "The Story of Golf." A must see for everyone is the U. S. Golf Association's "The Spirit of the Game" which takes a humorous look at the game while teaching seven elements for proper behavior on the course.

The written library covers instruction as well as light entertainment reading. The

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# Calendar of Upcoming SNGABW Events

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Contact Information
Desert Rose—2nd round Maary Smith Tournament	April 12	7:00 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
Las Vegas National—3rd round Maary Smith Tournament	April 20	7:00 a.m.	\$55.00	Gail Horky 454-0288
Spring Trip—Palm Springs	April 25th—27th		\$188.63— \$225.63	Theresa Prospero 459-1877
Team Play @ LV Country Club	April 28	9:00 a.m.	\$59.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Painted Desert—4th round Maary Smith Tournament	May 4	6:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Rita Morgan 240-8079
Desert Rose—Finals Maary Smith Tournament	May 10	6:30 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
Team Play @ Los Prados	May 12	7:00 a.m.	\$42.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
General Meeting @ Magoo's	May 13	6:00 p.m.		Karen Power 396-6850
Las Vegas National	May 18	6:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Gail Horky 454-0288
Painted Desert	June 1	6:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Rita Morgan 240-8079
General Meeting @ Magoo's	June 10	6:00 p.m.		Karen Power 396-6850
Desert Rose	June 14	6:30 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
Team Play @ Painted Desert	June 16	7:00 a.m.	\$47.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Las Vegas National	June 22	6:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Gail Horky 454-0288
Painted Desert	July 6	6:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Rita Morgan 240-8079

For more information about the Southern Nevada Golf Association for Business Women, or to become a member, go to our website at

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## Library: Cut Ten Strokes Off Your Game in Just Two Hours

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newest books added to the library range from "The Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook of Golf," covering topics of what to do if you encounter a wild animal on the course to retrieving your golf cart from a water hazard to "Chicken Soup for the Golfer's Soul."

If you are still able to find humor in the game of golf, "The Golf

Gods are Laughing" may interest you.

For a full list of the available materials, log onto the web site at <http://members.aol.com/sngabw> and click on the resource link.

Jan Manning is the club librarian and will arrange to bring the materials to any general meeting. She can be e-mailed at [Janicelmanning@aol.com](mailto:Janicelmanning@aol.com).

Several of the club members have donated to the library and any old books or videos are always appreciated.