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SOUTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS WOMEN

"This was a Building Year"

Team Captures Third in Red Division

Although the SNGABW team finished out of the Team Play money in this year's competition, team captain, Geneva Cullen sees this as a building year.

"Originally the Business Women's Club wasn't even recognized by the other teams, now they all know who we are," she said.

The team ended the year on a positive note, taking 13 of the possible 24 points from Black Mountain at Boulder City on September 17th. The win left the team in 3rd place overall and in gross points and 5th in net points in the Red Division.

The top two teams in each division in overall, gross and net points will meet October 29th at Dragon Ridge for a play-off to determine the champion.

Geneva feels the team has a great future. "We made huge strides this year," she said. "We definitely have a lot more team spirit, have become more competitive and



Several team members (left to right) Jackie Pierson, Jan Hansen, Christina Caruso, Geneva Cullen, captain, and Marilyn Schaupp enjoy the view at Coral Canyon.

are just fired up."

Although all of the ladies came to the forefront when the need arose, Geneva attributes a lot of the credit for the team's success to Karen Power.

"Karen has done so well," added Geneva. "She decreased her handicap by more than seven points over the past few

months. Winning the State Partners Tournament with Lynn (King) really turned her game around."

The team opened the season in January by taking 13.5 overall points over Revere. They lost some ground in February against Spanish Trails, where they managed to come away with 6.5 overall points. March saw a determined SNGABW team as they rebounded against TCP and captured 17.5 of a possible 24 points. They didn't fare as well in May against Badlands but still managed to take 8 points overall. June was a bye month for the team. They

played host to the other teams in July at Painted Desert when they were matched against the Las Vegas Golf Club and took an overall 19.5 points.

The final match of the year pitted SNGABW against Black Mountain which they edged out by 13 points.

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Courses Challenge Golfers

Ladies Enjoy Fall Get-A-Way

Here's a little riddle for you. What do September and Utah have in common?

Give up? Utah is quickly becoming the overwhelming choice of the SNGABW membership for the annual fall outing.

During the last weekend of September, 29 ladies took the short two-hour drive to challenge some of the best courses in the St. George area.

"St. George is so inexpensive and close to home," said Jan Hansen, special events coordinator, "that the membership just keeps voting to return each fall." She added, "we also seem to be getting very

attached to Palm Springs for the spring trip."

The three-day weekend saw the ladies facing Sky Mountain on Friday, Green Spring on Saturday and Coral Canyon on Sunday. Sky Mountain and Green Spring have been on the card for several years, but Coral Canyon, one of St. George's newest courses, was added last year and quickly became a crowd favorite.

In the past, Sunbrook had been a host course, but was replaced by Coral Canyon last year.

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FOREwords

By Jackie Pierson
SNGABW President

"You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes."—Winnie the Pooh

All of us, at one time or other, have stayed in our own corners of the forest, waiting for others to come to us. Sometimes they did, but only because, as Pooh said, they may have felt the need to come to us.

We've all had those times when we've felt the need to become "unalone." You can't unknow something you already know. You can't uneat something you've already eaten. But you can become "unalone." How? The simple answer is by seeking the company of others...by going to *their* corner of the forest. Though seemingly simple as an answer, its simplicity is deceptive.

We think about the friendships we had a little girls' friendships that we had known for so long, we don't remember *not* knowing that person. Some had a shorter history than other, perhaps, but there was that unfathomable immediate bond that tied you together for life. You never questioned it; it just was.

We may sometimes want to reclaim those times when we could sit and talk for hours about anything and everything, and we each told the other, without embarrassment, she was the best, best friend in the whole world. The bond and the history is so strong that if you hadn't seen that person for twenty years and suddenly ran into her on the golf course, you could almost continue the conversation where it left off. It was pure and innocent a connection of heart and mind that you will never unknow. With that friend you were never alone, and you never had to worry about becoming unalone.

Becoming unalone is difficult now, perhaps, because our brains are imprinted with the images of our innocent years and our childhood friendships. Now, we almost require a checklist of qualities we seek out for friendship. The checklist might include similar interests or lifestyles, or people we can confide in and trust, and with whom we can enjoy a companionship that does not question or condemn. It might include laughter, understanding, or a genuine love of a particular type of personality. Now, we seek that bond by, as Pooh said, "going to someone else's corner of the forest."

All of us have come from our own corners of the forest to another's and friendships have been made just by playing the game of golf. I'd say that Pooh was an amazing philosopher. Too bad he didn't take up the game. Or perhaps he did.

Suits Her to a Tee

Hodge Savors Victory

Norma Hodge reins as President's Cup champion for 2001 with her victory over Ann Sutton at Desert Rose Golf Course.

Norma said she was lucky to have won, but there was some skill involved as well.

"It's very exciting," she said, "I feel proud because I really accomplished something. I finally feel as if my game is improving."

Norma had been an on again, off again golfer until she joined SNGABW.

"I probably hadn't played golf more than four times in eight years," she added, "until Linda Lehman saw an article on the club and asked if I would go to a meeting with her."

That was two years ago. Her first year with the club saw her as runner up in the President's Cup, losing to Sandra Marksberry in the finals.

"I made up my mind back then that I could win the Cup next year and set it as my goal for the year," according to Norma.

Although she had five victories on her way to the win, she feels her toughest match was against Connie Patterson.

"We went down to the wire in that match," she added. "Connie had a little trouble with her game and I played better than usual."

They met at Rhodes Ranch, a course Norma enjoys and she feels it helped her win the match.

Norma worked with Frank Shaw of the Nike School of Golf to improve her game.



2000 President's Cup holder, Sandra Marksberry gives Norma Hodge a few pointers on match play.

"I've played better since I started my lessons and Frank also took the time to work with me individually," she said.

Norma feels her putting really improved, as well as her overall game. But she still feels her strongest asset has always been her driving.

Norma and her husband, Jim, moved to the Las Vegas area eight years ago because it served as a midpoint between her home in Orange County and his in San Francisco at the time. They own their own company which has flourished in this area.

As a result of earlier marriages, they share five children and six grandchildren with the newest member arriving a short time ago.

"That family lives in North Dakota," she added, "so it might be a while before we get to visit."

In the meantime, she is spending time working on her golf game. Her goal now is to break 100.

In My Opinion

By Cindy Bonko

When I took over this newsletter, I promised myself that I would keep it as objective as possible. I didn't want my own opinions entering into any of the stories and I certainly never planned to have an opinion column for myself.

But in light of all the events happening in and to America during the last month, I decided to break my own rule.

I usually start bugging Jackie about two months in advance of the newsletter publishing date to get her column in to me. This issue was different. She had her column completed in August and eagerly told me that she decided to write one on friendship—just because she wanted to.

I'm sure she had no idea how important that idea would prove to be.

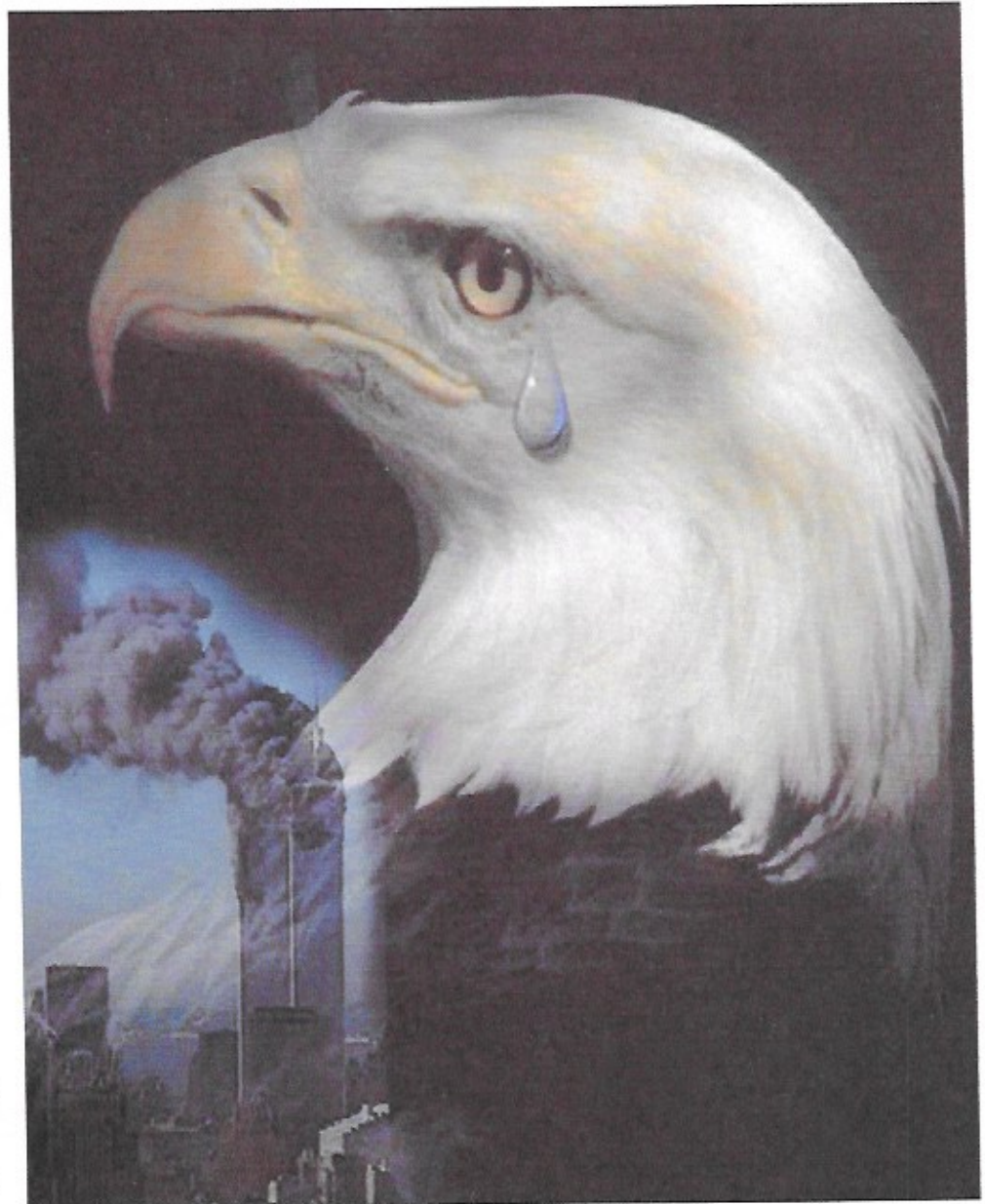
I know we are all affected differently by the tragedy: some may have had friends or relatives directly involved, others will be affected by the changes in the economy, and still others will be affected by what is to come.

September 11th marked the day of our last general meeting. The last thing I wanted to do was be away from my television set and the news of the day. But I felt I had an obligation to the Club as well. I owed some money for the fall trip and had made some other plans regarding the newsletter. I'm sure by the sparse turnout, others grappled with the same dilemma. No one felt like being there and we rushed through the meeting as quickly as possible.

Even though it was over before 6:30, no one seemed to want to leave. For the next hour, everyone sat around talking about a variety of things. Much of the conversations, I'm sure, centered around the events of the day, but others just used the time to get to know the other members better.

I realized by that meeting that we had more than just golf in common. We were all part of a human race just trying to make it through that day.

It is important to be kind to one another. If I step on your line or unknowingly make noise while you are teeing off, please try to overlook it. Take the time to get to know me a little better,



I'm a lot more than just a handicap. Try to get more involved in the activities of the Club, it should be more than just a convenient tee time.

There are 60 members of SNGABW. Each one of us has a unique background. If you start getting to know just one member a week a little better, in a little over a year you will have made 59 good friends.

I just want to end this with a quote from a lady whom I greatly admire. I don't think she had a handicap or was even a weekend hacker. But if she had been, I'm sure she would have broken par each time out.

"Spread love everywhere you go; first of all in your own house. Give love to a next door neighbor. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting." -Mother Teresa

Red Hot Chili "Pepper" Tastes Life

If you happen to hear the word fore coming from above during the next few weeks, look up and you just might get a glimpse of Sheryle Pepper celebrating her 60th birthday in a hot air balloon.

"I told my daughter last year to save her money because the only present I wanted for my birthday was a ride in a hot air balloon," said Sheryle. "I couldn't get any family members to go up with me, so Shirley Wickham, Billie DeNezza and a friend from work said they would. We'll be traveling over Kyle Canyon on the 20th and being treated to a champagne lunch when we land. I didn't really ask how many the basket would hold, but the one thing I know for sure is that I'll be up there."

Sheryle is a real gamer when it comes to trying new things. In fact, her first venture into the world of chili cook-offs took place at a nudist colony in California.

"A friend asked me if I wanted to go along with her to a chili cook-off," she said. "I had no idea that it would be at a nudist colony. Luckily, clothing was optional for the participants."

She found a real love for chili cook-offs and soon joined the Nevada Chili Boosters, a local Las Vegas group. Sheryle found herself traveling about once a month to try to produce the perfect red and green chilies. All of the money earned by the Club is turned over to charity, minus minimal prize money for the top three finishers.

One of her biggest thrills was winning for the first time.

"About two years after I started entering competition, I took a second place prize. They actually called me up and said I had won third and I was simply thrilled," she said. "The judges gave me the plaque and shook my hand and said 'Wait a minute, we need that back.' I thought had changed their minds, but they came back and told me I had taken second place instead."

Sheryle's love for cooking doesn't stop with chili. She is also a gourmet cook and dessert maker, canner of jellies and pickles and producer of homemade candies, most of which she gives away.

She has plans to retire from her job of 38 years in two years and is looking for a new house to fill her time. She is also looking into a business of selling raw

materials and molds for candy making.

"I have to do something," she exclaimed, "I just can't sit. I crochet and read a lot of books now. I've made everyone in my family a blanket and I've run out of people."

The California native has always been a go-getter. She left home at age 19 to start a new life in Las Vegas. When her first marriage ended, she was left to raise her two children ages 17 months and 2 months on her own, but she wasn't bitter.

"You get more with friendship and understanding than with hate. I think with hate you suffer more yourself. There's not enough happiness in this life and I figure you only get one shot at it and I want to be happy," she added.

Her family is the main focus of her life. She is a proud "Nana" that will gladly brag about the accomplishments of her three grandchildren.

"Cara, my oldest granddaughter, is a straight A student, works part-time at IHOP and is getting into photography. Johnny, age 10, is quite adept at karate and Jessica, age 7, and I share the same birthday," said Sheryle.

But Sheryle is not so quick to brag about her golf game.

"Golf frustrates me," she said, "but the



Sheryle can always be counted on to help out—whether it's chairing an event or working for the nominating committee.

easiest thing to do would be to quit. I've wanted to quit so many times but I thought that would be too easy. I hang in there and everyone puts up with me."

She said she plays a form of Chinese golf—she is always pecking.

Like so many other women in the Club, Sheryle's goal is to break 100 and eventually 90 with SNGABW.

She enjoys the people in the Business Women's Club and likes being active.

Sheryle has chaired Painted Desert and twilight, been part of the nominating committee and handles the telephone tree.

"Wherever I'm needed," she said, "I'm always glad to be a gofer."

Sheryle Pepper is one extraordinary woman who is not afraid to tackle anything. It may have taken her a while to gain her self-confidence when she left home but she has never looked back.

Only 76 Shopping Days Left

Party Kicks Off Holiday Season

Although Christmas is still two months away, like Santa's elves, Jan Hansen is hard at work planning the annual Christmas Party.

"We're still in the early planning stages," said Jan, "but I am working with Eve Farr to see about getting Eagle Crest again this year."

Jan is also considering the Cloud 9 at Angel Park, if Eagle Crest is not available.

Last year's

outing involved

18 holes of golf followed by a luncheon at the club house. The installation of new officers and exchanging of gifts is also part of the festivities.

The event usually has a great turnout.

"I'd like to say people come to see the new officers installed," chuckled Jan, "but I think it is more likely because of the party atmosphere and getting together with friends."

Currently, the weekend of December 15th and 16th is being considered for the party.

Team

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The team will have one more outing at Stallion Mountain on November 12th when they join the other 13 competitors for the Team party.

Competing for the Business Women this year were Christina Caruso, Kathy Cormack, Geneva Cullen, Eve Farr, Jan Hansen, Lynn King, Jackie Pierson, Karen Power, Marilyn Schaupp, Ann Sutton and Bobbie Wiener.

Geneva has piloted the team for the past three years and would like to continue with the job.

"I want to see changes made in the Southern Nevada Women's Golf Association (SNWGA) and hope I can continue to represent the Business Women to see these changes come about," she said. "My husband once said I would make a good master sergeant when he saw me chairing a card party several years ago," she chuckled. "I would hope that could work as a positive attribute to bring about the changes that are needed."

She specifically points to the playoffs as they are currently set.

"The playoffs should involve all of the teams," she said. "The first place team in the Red Division should be paired up against the first place team in the Blue Division and so on down through the seventh place team."

One change that is already on the board for next year's Team competition is the addition of two more teams to the 14 that are already competing. The Las Vegas Country Club, which sat out this year, will once again join in the competition. Red Rock Country Club will also be fielding a team for next year.

Strong Competition Expected

Golfers Challenge Club Champ

Bobbie Wiener is hoping to follow in the footsteps of the LA Lakers and become repeat Club Champion when the tournament kicks off November 17th at Painted Desert.

The two-day competition will conclude with an awards luncheon on Sunday, November 18th.

"As of now, we have 31 qualified members for the competition," said Jan Hansen, special events coordinator, "and we have about 4 more on the bubble."

The format is expected to be the same as previous years with championship, silver and bronze flights.

"The competition within all the flights should be extremely strong this year," remarked Jan, "because so many of our women have improved their games over the last year."

Jan is currently looking into tee prizes for all of the competitors and checking out possible luncheon spots. Bogey's the choice for last year's luncheon and The



Bobbie bested 23 other entrants in last year's competition to take home the grand prize.

Links are being considered.

Al Hansen, manager of Painted Desert, has some money left over from the Team Play competition and he is willing to supply some raffle prizes for the outing.

"That way, everyone has a chance to come away a winner," Jan added.

Fall Trip

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Planning a weekend outing can take as much as 10 hours of Jan Hansen's time, but she's not complaining.

"Last year Sunbrook was doing some overseeding and we discovered the course was not in good shape," said Jan, "so we ended up playing a second round at Coral Canyon. Besides they always try to stick us on the lava course, which is not popular with the ladies in our group."

Side pot games added to the challenge of the weekend. The variety of games allowed most of the women to take home a few extra dollars.

The weekend also saw its share of humor. It will be a long time before Sue Silcott's foursome forget her prowess as a lumberjack in chopping a dead bush to bits to get a clean shot on her ball. Eve Farr added a new twist to the game and a check of the rules when she teed up her ball in a drop area because Jackie Pierson joked that she had turned her par 4 into a par 3. Connie Patterson would have laughed if she hadn't sheepishly confessed to the same offense.

And who will ever forget the foursome of Sandra Marksberry, Lynn King, Karen Power and Theresa Prospero in their fully clothed synchronized diving exhibition. Truly, a fun time was had by all.

Calendar of Upcoming SNGABW Events

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Contact Information
Desert Rose	October 13	6:45 a.m.	\$40.00	Sandra Marksberry 457-1739
North Las Vegas Par 3	October 27	8:00 a.m.	\$7.50	Linda Lehman 256-4119
Desert Rose	Nov. 3	7:00 a.m.	\$40.00	Sandra Marksberry 457-1739
Team Party	Nov. 12	8:00 a.m.	\$85.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
General Meeting @ Magoo's	Nov. 13	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924
Club Championship Painted Desert	Nov. 17th & 18th	7:00 am.	\$110.00	Jan Hansen 240-7924
North Las Vegas Par 3	Nov. 24	8:00 a.m.	\$7.50	Linda Lehman 256-4119
Painted Desert	Dec. 3	7:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Lynn King 243-4338
General Meeting @ Magoo's	Dec 4	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924
Desert Rose	Dec 8	7:30 a.m.	\$40.00	Sandra Marksberry 457-1739
Christmas Party—Tentative	Dec 15			Jan Hansen 240-7924
North Las Vegas Par 3	Dec 29	8:00 a.m.	\$7.50	Linda Lehman 256-4119
General Meeting	January 8	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924

Record Setting Day

Gals Keep Cool Despite Temperature

SNGABW and EWG "mixed it up" again this year on what turned out to be a record setting afternoon. Unfortunately, the record turned out to be the temperature of the day.

Twenty-one members from SNGABW joined EWG members for a four-person best ball tournament at National Golf Course on a hot August afternoon.

"The weather kept some of the members away," said Jan Hansen, special events chairperson, "but overall, I think we had a very good turnout."

Jan and her team of Sheryle Pepper, Dottie Wanderer and Cat Little took home first place honors followed closely by second place winners Jean Sundgren, Lynn King, Roseanne DePalma, organizer of the event, and Lil Patterson. The prizes were given out at a buffet catered by a member of EWG at the end of the day.

EWG approached Jan several years ago and suggested the outing

The first one was hosted by EWG at Desert Willow and it has grown into a yearly tradition.

"People seem to enjoy it," Jan added. "I've gotten nothing but positive feedback."

Jan used the outing as a membership drive leaving brochures around for the taking.

"We did get one new paid member," remarked Jan, "but she had been planning to join us. We also had one other inquiry. Some members want to improve their game and take advantage of our courses as well as National."

SNGABW will be hosting the event in 2002.

"It's out turn next year," said Jan, "and one thing I know for sure, we'll have a morning tee time."

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