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Brown Does It All

Club Champ "Draws" Lucky Card

Masako Brown added her name to an elite list by capturing the title of Club Champion for 2003.

Her two-day score of 174 gave her the title over five other competitors in the Championship flight. Masako led after the first day of competition with a gross score of 89 and bettered it by four strokes during the second round.

She was quite excited about winning and already has a place picked out for it on her mantle, but felt she could have shot better the first day.

"No one seemed to shoot all that well the first day," she commented, "but the scores improved for many of the ladies on the second day. Eve (Farr) played especially well the second day and I was fortunate to have beaten her."



Club Champion and medal winners: Jan Manning, Mary Beth Treat, Marilyn Schaupp, Cindy Bonko, Eve Farr, Masako Brown and Theresa Prospero celebrate their victories at the awards luncheon. Masako's name will be permanently etched in the traveling trophy.

Eve finished second with a two-day score of 181 and was awarded the runner up medal in her class. Eve had captured the coveted trophy herself in 1998 and 2001 and was looking to add her name to the trophy for the third time.

Marilyn Schaupp, a previous Maary Smith Founder's Memorial Tournament winner, captured the Medalist title by shooting a low net score of 73 for the first day of competition.

Earlier this year, Masako earned her way onto the Silver Cup team by shooting 86 in the qualifying round. She and 19 other women represented the South in the Ryder Cup format competition in October at Sierra Nevada in Genoa.

Masako took up the game of golf five years ago and now maintains a handicap in the mid teens.

In addition to her Silver Cup qualification, Masako has been a top contender in Team Play competition. The second year member has also been active with the or-

ganization and will be co-chairing Painted Desert for 2004. She hopes to defend her title in 2004 and also has her eye on returning to the Silver Cup team and scoring well in the State Amateur Tournament in 2004.

Jan Hansen, Jackie Pierson and Lynn King rounded out the championship flight. Each of the women in this flight excelled in Team Play competition for the past several years.

Theresa Prospero put together two solid rounds to take top honors in the Silver flight with a two-day gross score of 193. Net honors went

to Jan Manning with a score of 145. Six of the nine competitors in the Silver flight posted scores in the 90's on a very difficult Painted Desert course.

Theresa has been a member of SNGABW for two years and gained the honor of being named the Most Improved Golfer during her first year. She followed that up with a second place finish in the Maary Smith Tournament earlier this year.

Jan was a repeat performer in the Silver flight by also capturing low net honors in 2002. This followed a runner up finish in the President's Cup earlier that year.

Ann Contine, Pat Cooper, Barbara Ford, Lois Harper, Sandra Marksberry, Karen Power and Sue Silcott rounded out the Silver flight.

Competition in the Bronze flight went down to the wire with Mary Beth Treat edging out second place finisher, Cindy Bonko by one stroke. Mary Beth burned

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TEE OFF

By Karen Power
SNGABW President

Now that the year is drawing to a close, I think we should reflect on our accomplishments in 2003 and what challenges face us in 2004. I said in my first article that the board/club had two major goals to achieve this year. The first was to increase our membership and the second was to increase the participation in our group. I think, thanks to all of YOU, we made significant strides in meeting these goals. Here is how I think it happened.

We all agreed that to resurrect our "Invitational" might help us in improving our exposure and thus help generate new members. I believe that we were very successful in putting on our "golf day" in August. This all began with two of our members, Eve Farr and Marilyn Schupp conducting a feasibility study that included looking at potential venues and of course the finances.

Once it was determined that we could pull this off, numerous members participated in a tournament committee which was headed by Geneva Cullen and included Janet Abney, Kristi Chaplin, Billie DeNezza, Rita Morgan, Connie Patterson, Sheryle Pepper, Trish Sutton, Mary Beth Treat, Reeda Vozikis and Shirley Wickham. Thank you all so much for all your hard work.

In addition to hard work, Mary Beth Treat and Rita Morgan went out of their way to purchase material and sew the pocket ball cleaners that we gave as a little gift to the participants.

Speaking of participants, 36 of our members joined us for this outing and we were able to register another 36 non-members who also joined us. Interestingly, six women joined our club on that day and since then, seven others have joined. I think we proved to ourselves that 1) we can do a golf outing and 2) getting the word out about us is an important way to gain members.

Speaking of getting the word out, I want to thank Karen Brown for getting our meeting date in the calendar of RWJ and having a link to our website in the community section on the RWJ website. In addition to the RWJ, Jan Hansen and myself were interviewed by "In-Business", a business circulation, that did an article about our group and how we use golf to do business networking. So I think again, we were very successful in getting our name out via our "Golf Day" and in the papers.

There is no question that the success of our club is completely due to the participation of all our members. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank: 1) ALL of you who are our members and all those who participated in our play days, 2) our play day chairpersons; Rita Morgan and Barbara Ford for Painted Desert, Trish Sutton and Kristi Chaplin for Desert Rose, Gail Horky and Sheryle Pepper for National and Sunny and Jean Sundgren for Twilight, 3) our special events committee, Jackie Pierson and Theresa Prospero, 4) our rules person, Eve Farr, 5) our audit committee, Shirley Wickham, Jan Manning and Deb Koch, 6) our membership committee, Connie Patterson, Geneva Cullen, Jan Giunta, Gail Horky and Rita Morgan, 7) our historian/birthday person, Chris Zenchak,

8) our newsletter/website writer and editor, Cindy Bonko, 9) our nominating committee chairperson, Sandra Marksberry, 10) our team play captain, Geneva Cullen and team play members, Masako Brown, Christina Caruso, Jan Hansen, Lynn King, Jackie Pierson, Eve Farr, Marilyn Schupp, Sandra Marksberry, Barbara Ford and Sue Silcott, 11) our handicap chairperson, Jackie Pierson, and finally 12) our board, Cindy Bonko, vice president, Connie Patterson, secretary, Mary Beth Treat, treasurer and Geneva Cullen, WSNCA representative.

It is obvious that all our members are responsible for making this club so successful and it will be the continued participation of all our members that will guarantee our future success.

We should all take time to reflect on a successful year, but we must also recognize that work still needs to be done in order to continually improve our club. As with all organizations, people will come and go so we cannot be satisfied that we went from 46 to 59 members this year...we must continue to do whatever needs to be done to retain and gain new members.

Thanks to all of you and I wish everyone a joyous holiday and a very Happy New Year.

Cindy's Farewell Tour

Over the past three years, I have had the pleasure of publishing this newsletter. It's certainly given me a chance to hone both my interviewing and journalism skills. But even more importantly, it's given me the chance to get to know more of you better, and in doing so, I discovered a diverse group of fascinating women from all walks of life; women who not only excel on the links, but also in the world of business.

I thank you for opening up your lives to me, my camera and my tape recorder. I especially want to thank Jackie Pierson and Karen Power for being so diligent in making sure I had a column for each edition.

I've tried to be as objective in my reporting as possible and make it truly a newsletter deserving of SNGABW.

But now it is time for me to step down and give others the chance to put a new spin on the organization. I hope to devote more of my time to the Website, keeping it current and exciting. This has been a truly great experience and I want to thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to be involved with SNGABW.

Cindy Bonko

Sutton Teaches a Valuable Lesson

When Trish Sutton turned 50, she set three goals for herself, to learn the computer, to learn to play golf and to be more fun. In just three short years, she has accomplished all three.

The Nebraska native was born and raised on a small farm homesteaded by her great great grandfather and spent her first eight school years in a two-room country school her dad had also attended.

"The school was actually run by three nuns," she chuckled. "One taught grades one through four and the second grades five through eight. The third nun did the cooking for the other two. When I made the transition from the fourth to the fifth grades, they decided to change the schedule of the nuns too. My class of six students ended up with the same teacher for all eight grades."

Her father eventually sold the farm and moved the family to nearby Freemont, Nebraska where Trish continued her education, eventually earning a scholarship to Creighton University in Omaha.

Her life seemed to be on track to earn a degree in medical technology.

"My mother had a stroke while I was in high school and my brother had majored in physical therapy," she explained. "I thought I would find a cure for cancer or something. But then I took biology and chemistry and decided that wasn't fun."

While at Creighton Trish met her soul mate and love of her life, Joe, who swept her off her feet and off to Europe with the U.S. Air Force.

"My parents were really upset that I had, first of all married a non catholic," she smiled, "and that he took me out of Nebraska and out of the United States. But after 34 years of marriage, they have now grown to love him like a son."

For the next 21 years, her life was pretty

well dictated by the orders of Uncle Sam.

"We spent two years in Germany and three in Italy," she commented. "I loved the German people and really enjoyed the sights of Italy. After we arrived back in the States, Joe spent time stationed at the Pentagon, Sacramento, Phoenix and eventually Las Vegas."

She found the hardest part of being overseas was not having the support base of family and friends.

"Joe went overseas first and established friendships right away because of his service friends," she added. "I was used to being surrounded by family and lots of cousins, so it was harder for me. But Joe and I found that we grew up together overseas because I was 19 when we married and he was only 20."

Those were pre-one-rate calling and e-mail days, so she relied on letters to get her news from Nebraska.

Their only child was born while living in Germany and they appropriately named her Kristina.

Upon returning to the States, Trish found work as a teaching assistant, because the hours coincided with Kristina's schedule, and she settled into this career for the next eight years.

"Since my daughter was in school, being an aide was ideal for the hours and I really enjoyed the work," Trish commented. "One



Trish doesn't know if it's part of her small rural family upbringing or her personality, but she has always been one to become very involved. She is seen here with fellow SNGABW members, Rita Morgan, Karen Power and Sandra Marksberry wrapping presents for last year's Christmas charity. Luckily, her husband is from the same mold and is just as much a go getter. While in Germany, they joined a car club and found themselves in charge within a year.

of the teachers suggested that I teach but because we moved around so much, I never had the chance to finish my degree."

While Kristina was in high school, Trish found time to finish her education at Grand Canyon University, which was just down the block from her house, and spent the next 20 years in the classroom teaching special education. She recently changed to the administrative side and now works in the Office of Complaints and Monitoring for the school district, which deals with complaints brought against the special education department.

"Sometimes parents demand services we just can't provide," she added. "We are here to provide an education but some of them think we should be offering private schooling. I spend my time laying the groundwork for our two lawyers preparing them for law suit against the system. At one time, our administration could handle the complaints but then parents started getting lawyers and we felt we had to do likewise."

After 20 years in the classroom, Trish has seen some major changes in education.

"The main change has been the attitude (See Sutton Page 4)



2002 saw Trish shooting a hole-in-one and placing 10th in the Most Improved Golfer contest by shaving eight points off her handicap.

Golfing Achievements Surpass Experience



Although Kristi Chaplin and Trish had not met before joining SNGABW, they quickly became good friends as well as golfing buddies. They also spent the last two years hosting the Desert Rose play day pooling their creative talents to add surprises to every Saturday outing.

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of the kids and their parents," she added. "Twenty years ago, parents supported the schools and teachers but now they spend more time supporting their children."

She has also seen a change in the teachers themselves.

"Teachers have always been excited with an 'I can change the world attitude,'" Trish remarked, "but I think they are getting burned out faster than they did 20 years ago. They come out of college with so much energy and two years later you find them doing something else. I wonder why? Are we paying them enough? Are we supporting them enough? They're energetic and well educated. What's going on that we are losing so many good teachers?"

Luckily, the Clark County School System helped Trish find her way into SNGABW.

"Mary Beth (Treat) had run an article in our in-house newsletter giving information about SNGABW," she stated. "I had just taken up the game of golf and decided to come to a meeting. I sat with Kristi (Chaplin) and Deb (Harp) by coincidence and when we all realized we were teachers, we became fast friends."

Although Trish's husband has played golf most of his life and shoots in the low 80's, she found it really hard to take lessons from him and instead sought the help of a professional when she decided

to take up the game.

"At first I cried because I was so awful and considered giving it up," Trish said with a slight grin, "but I kept at it and eventually found girlfriends through SNGABW to play with and that really helped. I am no longer embarrassed to play with a group of strangers."

"I got my first set of women's clubs for \$50 from a Sun City garage sale," she laughs, "but they were too short for me and I kept topping the ball." My father-in-

law donated my current set of 45 year old Brownies with steel shafts and my son-in-law gave me his Adams driver. I won my putter at a charity event, but I did buy a wedge for \$10."

She managed to shoot a hole-in-one and lower her handicap from 40+ to its current 32 in less than two years with the set

of makeshift clubs.

Her own personal golf goals include lowering her handicap even more, keeping her score between 100-105, eliminating three putts, working on her fairway woods and breaking 100 at a club outing.

"If I could do that," she laughed, "I would feel like I was playing with the big girls."

But her newfound love of the game of golf has its downside when it comes to presents.

"Joe now feels that all of his gifts have to be golf related," Trish retorted. "I really miss all the foo foo items like jewelry and perfume."

Trish and Joe are looking forward to retirement in four years and plan to do lots of traveling and golfing.

"My ideal vacation would be a foursome of my husband, daughter and son-in-law playing a round on a non desert course with wide open fairways," she remarked.

And what is the secret to her successful marriage?

"Always give just a little more than you take," she suggests. "That's important for any good relationship."

Good Mix Takes Over Club

A mixture of old and new officers will be taking over the helm of next year's club. Karen Power returns for her second term as president to steer the organization. Among her accomplishments in 2003, she laid the foundation for the return of the Invitational with a successful guest play day at National Golf Course in August. Connie Patterson changes hats as she moves from secretary to vice-president for 2004. In addition to her duties with SNGABW, Connie also presides over the women's Tuesday morning Las Vegas Golf Club's league. Rita Morgan takes over for Connie as secretary. Although Rita joined the club a few years ago, she has already chaired monthly events and volunteered for a slew of other duties. Sheryle Pepper becomes an active board member assuming the duties of treasurer from Mary Beth Treat.

Sheryle has also been active in the club by chairing monthly events and previously served as membership chairperson. Geneva Cullen rounds out the board as she returns as WSNGA representative. Geneva has represented the organization at WSNGA meetings and has also served as Team captain for the past several years.



Connie Patterson, Karen Power, Sheryle Pepper, Rita Morgan and Geneva Cullen bring both experience and freshness to the 2004 Board.

Leader of the Pack Hansen Welcomes Challenge

Two years ago, Jan Hansen was nominated for president of the Women's Southern Nevada Golf Association (WSNGA) but declined because she lacked board experience. She accepted the position of vice-president with the thought that she would take over the reins in 2004.

As of January, she will be assuming the leadership of the organization of 1352 women golfers of Southern Nevada with some definite goals in mind.

"I really hope to make the group feel more inclusive," she remarked. "As is typical of any organization, you have 20% of the people doing 80% of the work. I hope to get more women involved in the organization."

She has the opportunity to do this by making appointments to the positions of representative to SNGA, state delegate and Silver Cup captain.

"The captain will be someone on the Team that has prequalified," she stated. "That way, she won't have to be in the position of struggling with herself to see whether she wants to be on the team."

Jan is also faced with the prospect of 1100 potential WSNGA members.

"There are approximately 1100 women who are in the GHIN system but don't belong to an organization," Jan said. "We have been trying to find ways to reach out to them to join a club and become involved in our tournaments. Our problem is that we have not had full fields for the State Amateur and Southern Nevada Amateur tournaments."

In addition to the State Amateur and Southern Nevada Amateur, the organization also sponsors the Southern Nevada Seniors Amateur and is affiliated with the Partner's tournament, Quad and the Silver Cup all of which pit the North against the South. The group also runs two fun days which fill up fast every year. In 2003, they offered a play day at Boulder Creek Golf Course and Bear's Best. A March 2004 date has been firmed up at Primm and a second fun day is being planned for August.

Previously, Jan took the leadership role in SNGABW, serving as president for 1999 and 2000 and special events chairperson for 2001 and 2002 before accepting the position with WSNGA.

Asked if she'll ever retire from the leadership role, Jan said, "I am considering stepping down after this two year term, but we'll see."



Jan is no stranger to work. Within two years of joining SNGABW, she was running the organization. She has a philosophy that change only happens when people are willing to step up and effect change. But she does admit that she may be retiring from office when her two-year term ends.

Christmas Traditions Reign

Traditions are a part of the holiday season and the ladies of SNGABW are establishing some of their own with their annual Christmas party.

Eagle Crest Golf Course was chosen as its site the third year in a row.

The annual event kicked off with a 8:00 am shotgun on the executive course and concluded with a luncheon in the Summit Restaurant where the ladies feasted on chicken marsala, salmon and prime rib. Afterwards, Mary Beth Treat and Kristi Chaplin were called upon for an encore performance of caroling.

For the second year in a row, the ladies voted to forgo the traditional gift exchange and instead opted to pool their monies to help needy children. Karen Power, president, contacted Special Children's Clinic, as she did in 2003, who supplied the names of five families in need of a little Christmas cheer.

Champ: Bronze Title Goes Down to Wire for Treat

(Champion: Continued from page 1) up the course on Saturday with a 100 and followed it up with a 104 on Sunday to post a two-day total of 204. Cindy took home the low net medal with a score of 143 for the two-day competition.

Mary Beth's other accolades include being named Most Improved Golfer for 2000 and scoring a hole-in-one at the EWG/SNGABW outing in 1999.

Other competitors in the Bronze flight included Billie DeNezza, winner of the low gross medal for 2002, Deb Harp, Sheryle Pepper, Jean Sundgren, Sunny Sundgren and Shirley Wickham.

The Club Championship is a tradition dating back to 1991. In addition to Eve, other repeat winners include Brenda Knott and Bobbie Wiener, who now resides in Florida. Geneva Cullen, current WSNGA Representative and Team Captain, also holds the coveted title for 1996.

Along with her committee of Sheryle Pepper, Sandra Marksberry, Ann Contine and Jennifer Miller, Karen shopped for toys and an article of clothing for each child.

Officers for 2004 were also installed at the annual event.

According to a recent National Golf Foundation study, women take seventeen more swings than men during a typical round on an eighteen-hole golf course. Yet females are much more time efficient. On average, lady golfers who play frequently wrap up a round twelve minutes faster than men.

Calendar of Upcoming SNGABW Events

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Contact Information
Painted Desert	January 4	8:00 am	\$55.00	Barb Ford 256-6550
Palm Valley	January 11	9:00 am	\$53.00	Joy Ramsey 220-7741
General Meeting @ Magoo's	January 13	6:00 pm		Karen Power 369-6850
National Golf Club	January 18	8:00 am	\$55.00	Deb Koch 641-7507
Painted Desert	February 1	7:30 am	\$55.00	Barb Ford 256-6550
Palm Valley	February 8	9:00 am	\$53.00	Joy Ramsey 220-7741
General Meeting @ Magoo's	February 10	6:00 pm		Karen Power 369-6850
National Golf Club	February 15	8:00 am	\$55.00	Deb Koch 641-7507
Painted Desert	March 7	8:00 am	\$55.00	Barb Ford 256-6550
General Meeting @ Magoo's	March 9	6:00 pm		Karen Power 369-6850
Palm Valley	March 13	7:30 am	\$53.00	Joy Ramsey 220-7741
National Golf Club	March 21	8:00 am	\$55.00	Deb Koch 641-7507
Painted Desert	April 4	7:00 am	\$55.00	Barb Ford 256-6550

Weekend Retreat Fires Up Golfers

When golfers look back on their memorable rounds, they usually recall specific shots or spectacular putts. When seventeen SNGABW golfer's remember their fall golf weekend in California, they'll be recalling smoke, fire and mud as well.

This year's fall trip to Temecula, California happened to coincide with that

State's worst forest fires in over ten years. What should have been a pleasant getaway to Southern California turned into a driving nightmare both on and off the course.

The San Bernardino fires closed major arteries for both the trip down on Friday and home again on Sunday and found the women scrambling to find alternative routes.

Friday afternoon did find them enjoying the links of the Cross Creek Golf Course. A mix-up in scheduling moved the club's tee time back an hour causing the last few groups to finish at dusk. To make up for the mix-up, the course provided free cocktails and hors d'oeuvres after the round.

The Temecula Creek Inn housed the women for the weekend. The 88-room resort offered

ties of a large hotel and a great view of the adjoining golf course.

Saturday's round brought additional problems. Redhawk Golf Club had reseeded the preceding week and called for cart path only. Because of constant watering, the lift, clean and place rule was welcomed. As the afternoon wore on, smoke from additional fires in San Diego filled the valley putting an extra burden on the ladies' lungs.

By Sunday, everyone was ready for a pleasant morning and found it at the Temecula Creek Inn Golf Club just outside their door. Although this round was also cart path only, the course was in much better shape and the ground much more level. The course also cooperated in issuing handicap flags.

In spite of the problems of fire, smoke and mud, the weekend brought fond memories and some pretty good golf scores to boot.

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