



# FORE-CASTER

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SOUTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS WOMEN

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 Schaupp 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 Schaupp, 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*

