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Tight Race in all Divisions

Farr Captures Victory on 18th Hole

Eve Farr is celebrating her second Club Championship victory within the last five years after outscoring the pack at the annual November tournament.

Eve posted scores of 87 and 83 for the two-day event to edge out Christina Caruso for this year's title.

"Christina is truly the better golfer," remarked Eve, "but on this particular day the better golfer didn't win."

Eve felt her biggest competition would come from Christina, Bobbie Wiener and Jan Hansen.

"Jan owns Painted Desert, but it's so hard to run and play in the same tournament," said Eve, "but Connie (Patterson) has volunteered to run it next year which should make the competition even stronger."

Did she find victory sweeter the second time around?

"It was exciting the first time because I was behind by five strokes going into the 6th hole," the champ related. "I was again



Winners of this year's Club Championship celebrate their victories at the awards luncheon. (From left to right) Cathy Siegel, low net in the Bronze Flight, Billie DeNezza, low gross in the Bronze Flight, Geneva Cullen, low gross in the Silver Flight, Eve Farr, Club Champion for 2001, Jan Manning, low net in the Silver Flight and Christina Caruso, runner-up in the Championship Flight and Medalist for 2001.

behind by five strokes going into the second day this time, so I felt no pressure. I was relaxed and knew all I could do was play my best and that's exciting."

In addition to the runner-up spot in the Championship flight, Christina captured the medalist title with a low net score of 71 for the first day of competition. Eve posted an identical score for the first round, but lost the title based on a tie breaker hole.

Twenty-four women turned out for the two-day competition at Painted Desert.

Although the Championship flight was open to all handicaps, Eve and Christina were joined by Bobbie Wiener, defending Club Champion, Jan Hansen and Jackie Pierson. The remaining 19, were divided between the Silver and Bronze flights.

For the second year in a row, Jan Hansen, 2001 special events chairperson, was disappointed in the turnout but quite enthusiastic about the competition.

"All the flights were quite competitive," Jan said, "the Championship flight went down to the wire and the other two flights

were just as tight."

Geneva Cullen took home the low gross medal in the Silver flight for the second year in a row and first time winner, Jan Manning, captured low net medal for the same flight. Others competing in the Silver flight included Cindy Bonko, Kathy Cormack, Deb Koch, Sandra Marksberry, Connie Patterson, Karen Power, Sue Silcott, Jean Sundgren and Sally Welborn.

Billie DeNezza was also a repeat winner in the Bronze flight as low gross medalist. Cathy Siegel, another first time winner, took home the low net medal. Norma Hodge, Sheryle Pepper, Theresa Prospero, Sunny Sundgren, Mary Beth Treat and Shirley Wickham rounded out the Bronze flight.

The Painted Desert management added an extra treat to the award's luncheon with the donation of an Odyssey putter, two Tight Lies and a magnetic bracelet as drawing prizes sending Kathy Cormack, Mary Beth Treat, Sue Silcott and Sheryle Pepper home winners as well.

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FOREwords

By Jackie Pierson
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In a *Parade Magazine* article entitled "We Choose Honor" by Nobel Prize winner, Elie Wiesel, he said of his reaction to the horror of 9/11, "Rarely have I felt such failure of language."

Feeling it important because this newsletter comes on the heels of the holidays, I too searched for words to somehow draw lessons from and connections to the traumas of 9/11. It wasn't adequately describable was it? We heard the same words over and over—Horrible, Catastrophic, Tragic, Devastating. They all seemed to be overused understatements considering the magnitude of the attacks.

I've come to the conclusion that there are no words that sufficiently express the combined shock, rage, sorrow and resulting dread that we all felt as the events of 9/11 unfolded live before our eyes and in endless loops of replays. We all have the same thoughts and mental pictures. The date will just have to stand alone in our collective psyches for the rest of our lives. Ironically, the day booted us smack into the centers of our separate perspectives. We started seeing our lives and our priorities with a renewed vision.

Christmas, Chanukah and New Year's Eve couldn't have come at a better time. It gave us the chance to light candles and exchange gifts with those we love. More of us sought to get back to the families we left behind or remain with the ones who live near us. We gave, not to get, but to reach out to those we love. New Year's Day started us on our renewed paths with friends and families. Our priorities shifted back to the priorities of simpler times. Hearing loved ones' voices again became vital to our sense of place and need to connect, and we suddenly "get" it. We laughed cautiously, but we laughed genuinely. Through the ashes, a new strength came into bud. A "failure of language?" Only briefly.

Last month I spoke about the importance of going to someone else's "corner of the forest." How wonderful it is to realize that it is more meaningful than ever. To reach out and stay in contact, to smile, to stand aside when necessary and offer a hand when needed is easy now. To validate the importance of another—to let them know they matter—is easy too.

The new significance to our holiday season started happening on 9/11. We now acknowledge our sense of place and celebrate our families, friendships and national unity, though so awful the motivation.

We've moved ahead with courage. Now we must keep that spirit in our hearts. You will touch someone and he or she will be warmed by your wordless eloquence of language. We are friends, and that's all that's necessary to say.

When did it get so cold?

Christmas Vegas Style



Neither rain nor sleet...could keep Sara Weil and Trish Sutton from enjoying a round with fellow SNGABW member Diana Stewart.

Adding 35 mph winds to a temperature of 45 degrees will usually lead to a wind-chill of around 10 and send most people to the nearest roaring fireplace. But for Trish Sutton, Sara Weil and Diana Stewart, it adds up to ideal golfing weather as a kickoff to this year's Christmas party.

"Except for one other man, I think we just about had the course to ourselves," joked Trish. "But it was the weekend and I don't get a lot of opportunities to play golf during the week. I wasn't about to let the weather stop me."

This year's party called for an 8 am shotgun start at Eagle Crest in Sun City. The traditional luncheon and gift exchange were to follow the 18 holes on the executive course.

But the weather, which had been ideal through Thursday, took a turn for the worse with pre-

dictions of cold temperatures, gusting winds and rain.

This caused a change of plans and made the golf optional. Of the 40 members participating in the festivities, all but the three hardy soles opted to forgo the golf.

The ladies stayed warm in the clubhouse, while feasting on chicken, beef and salmon. The golf-themed gift exchange followed the luncheon and 2002 officer installation.

Newcomers, Karen Power and Mary Beth Treat joined returning officers, Jackie Pierson, Connie Patterson and Geneva Cullen in taking the oath of office.

Geneva also found herself winning a free membership for 2002. Her name was drawn from among those that had introduced new members to the organization in 2001.

Jan Hansen, special events chairperson, and Eve Farr teamed up to organize the party once again this year and



The Christmas party gave friends, Chris Zenchak, Reeda Vozakis, Shirley Wickham and Janet Abney a chance to catch up and share a laugh or two. Chris and Shirley are two of the charter members of SNGABW.

Marilyn Schaupp again added the table decorations and party favors.

She's the Best By Farr

Eve Farr thinks a profile of anyone's life should be summed up in two paragraphs because, according to her, "that's about all most people want to read."

How do you confine someone as interesting as Eve to two paragraphs? Do you omit the part about being a tennis professional and teacher, successful business woman, political aspirant, co-founder of the Las Vegas chapter of EWG or repeat SNGABW Club Champion. Omit any of these and you would miss all of the faces of Eve.

She readily admits that her first love was and appears to still be tennis. The New Jersey native seemed to have an affinity for the sport at an early age and was coaching her high school tennis team while still in the 7th and 8th grades. She quickly became the number one high school player throughout Southern New Jersey and found her afternoons taken up by the game.

Eve was offered a pro career in tennis and joined a satellite tour where she found herself playing in Japan and Australia in addition to the United States.



A sportswoman all her life, it's not unusual for Eve to play a few sets of tennis either before or after 18 holes of golf. She's also an avid racquetball player and downhill skier and spends her Christmas holiday skiing with friends in Utah and Colorado.



Eve receives the Club Championship trophy from Jan Hansen, special events chairperson. This will be Eve's second year of having the trophy on her mantle. She also won top honors in 1998. In both victories, Eve came back after being 5 strokes down going into the second day of competition to take the top honors.

"I had a beautiful tennis game and had gotten a lot of compliments on it," she relates, "but I couldn't beat anybody because I didn't have the head for it."

As a result, she left the tour temporarily. "It's only after I matured and played in a lot of tournaments that I evolved and learned how to play in competition," She said.

Although Eve was competing in the era of Billie Jean King and Rosie Casals, she had the opportunity of practicing with two young upstarts by the name of Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova.

"I had the opportunity of hitting once against Martina," she chuckled, "and got whiplash watching her return the ball. We worked out at the same tennis club in Aspen and she would put the treadmill on max and work out for an hour. I couldn't last 20 minutes at that 7000 foot level and I didn't have it anywhere near max."

Because success in tennis was no guarantee, she pursued a career in business and received a masters degree from the University of Colorado.

"Higher education was a moral imperative in my family," Eve added, "It wasn't a matter of are you going to college, the question was in what are you

majoring?" Her two sisters found careers in law and teaching while her brother is a successful chef.

Eve combined her tennis prowess with her business career in making her move to Las Vegas.

"A tennis pro friend wanting to start a program for disadvantaged youngsters in Las Vegas asked for my help. We started it at the YMCA and while she did the teaching, I raised money for the foundation. The program eventually was taken over by the Andre Agassi foundation."

To pay her own bills, Eva became a stockbroker which she says is "as close to prostitution as I'm ever going to get." Disillusioned by the brokerage business, she left after a couple of years and settled into investment advise specializing in insurance and real estate.

She credits her father with getting her started in golf.

"I wanted a career in tennis, but my father wouldn't allow me to take tennis lessons without also taking golf lessons," she said. "I thought golf was boring. The ball just sat there whereas in tennis it was going 85 mph."

It wasn't until later in life that she learned the intricacies of golf and found

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Champ Reigns for 2001



Eve is always willing to help out where needed. For the last two years, she has given a hand in organizing the Christmas party with friends Marilyn Schaupp and Jan Hansen. She will also be co-chairing Painted Desert for 2002 with Theresa Prospero and she been past co-chair for special events along with Charlene Grafton. She is also secretary for the U.S. Professional Tennis Association, Las Vegas Chapter.

the challenge in the game.

But Eve wasn't happy to sit back and enjoy her new sport. Friend and tennis partner, Charlene Grafton, talked her into co-founding the Las Vegas chapter of Executive Women's Golf. Eventually Eve left EWG to devote her time to SNGABW.

She can't recall exactly when she joined SNGABW but knows it was years ago. She originally wanted the Business Women to combine with EWG and thought both clubs would be better with the merger.

Being a lower handicapper herself, Eve was faced with the dilemma of staying with SNGABW or joining some other lower handicap club members in founding the Badlands group a few years ago. Although she decided to stay, she does feel the club suffered by the split.

"The club lost a lot when they let the lower handicappers break off," she said. "They should have listened to them. The club got broken in half and nobody was the better for it. Golf should be relaxing and enjoyable. Lower handicappers work hard on their game—by taking lessons and devoting a lot of time to practice. You don't get to be a lower handicapper without paying a price, and if you pay that price, there should be a reward and you should get to play with lower handicappers."

So why didn't she exit with the Badland group?

"They were just frankly too good. I couldn't shine," she laughed. "I couldn't compete with a Brenda Knott. They were just so much more intense and I didn't want my golf to be intense—my golf is fun."

In staying with the club, Eve has always pitched in when needed, whether it be chairing Painted Desert or helping plan the Christmas party. But like so many others, Eve would like to see SNGABW grow in membership.

"We can't rely only on the Jackies, Jans and Genevas to do everything," she said. "We either have to grow or die. Lynn (King) and Susan (Boswell) did such a great job with membership last year. We have to keep that going because SNGABW is really such a nice group of gals."

She loves to relate all of the good times she has had playing with the women of SNGABW especially during team play.

"One of my best moments was playing with Jan Hansen against a couple of gals from Spanish Trails that were infinitely better than us. Jan was kicking their butts that day and had a drive that knocked their socks off. She looked at me and asked how far to the green. I said 140 yards and Jan mentioned that she had mud on her ball. With a straight face I said then add an extra yard. She hit an incredible shot within two feet of the pin and I looked at her and with

the same straight face said, 'thank goodness you added that extra yard'. You could just watch their faces crack and collapse and at that moment Jan and I knew we had the match won."

But she is just as much at home outside the realm of team play.

"My dream day would be playing with Connie Patterson, her husband and one of the gals in the club that is really being competitive at that time."

Mental toughness is what makes Eve such a competitor. Unfortunately, she acquired it through a bad experience.

"I was running for a local political office in Colorado," related Eve, "and unknowingly uncovered political corruption within the County Commission. I ended up with my share of death threats and dead skunk carcasses on my doorstep. I found that mental toughness comes from life experiences."

There is also a spiritual side to Eve that few know.

"I discovered religion in the 7th or 8th grade and I now know it's all about giving and as a result, I try to do a lot of volunteer work."

And what is her philosophy on life? "We have good health and good friends," she remarked. "If we're not blessed, what are we? We have to remember where we are and the gifts we've been given and appreciate that."



Eve gives a lot of credit to her opponents for her victories in 1998 and 2001. They all made the game enjoyable for her and she was able to be totally relaxed. If someone can figure out how to take the fun out of Eve's game, she could be dethroned in 2002.

Women Shine at Jingle Balls

The stars of SNGABW shown bright at this year's Jingle Balls tournament sponsored by the ladies of the Nellis Air Force Base Golf Association.

Although security was heightened at the base, the tournament went on as scheduled with an 8:00 am shotgun start.

SNGABW fielded six foursomes, three of which took home honors while a fourth lost in a card-off. The group also saw two individual winners.

Kathy Cormack and Karen Power each won closest to the pin honors in their respective flights.

The team of Geneva Cullen, Connie Paterson, Janet Abney and Shirley Carter captured a second place finish in their flight, while the team of Shirley Wickham, Billie DeNezza, Judy Pallan and Kathy Cormack placed fourth in their division.

Jan Hansen, Reeda Vozikis, Eve Farr and Cindy Bonko also took home second place honors in the Phantom flight while



A traditional kick-off to the holiday season for many SNGABWers has become the Jingle Balls tournament. This year half of the Club's entrants finished near the top of their respective flights and another foursome tied for a top spot but was squeaked out in a card-off.

Sheryle Pepper, Sonny Sundgren, Jean Sundgren and Karen Power tied for fourth but were squeaked out in a card-off.

Billie DeNezza proved to be a double winner during the raffle drawing by win-

ning a round of golf for four at Rhodes Ranch.

The Jingle Balls tournament has proven to be one of the most successful in the Valley over the years. The 168 slots filled up quickly and 16 potential teams had to be turned away.

The event includes coffee and pastries to kick-off the morning and a luncheon follow-

ing the 18 holes of golf. This year, the luncheon found a new home in the enlisted men's club moving from its usual spot at the officer's club. All participants receive tee prizes as well.

Elected VP in State Organization

Hansen Splits Time Between Two Groups

The Business Women will be well represented within the Women's Southern Nevada Golf Association with the election of

Jan Hansen to the vice-presidential spot. Geneva Cullen, long standing WSNGA representative, felt the leadership of the

group was in need of some fresh ideas. After serving on the SNGABW board with Jan for two years, she decided to nominate her for the office of president.

"I just didn't feel right about running for president with no board experience," said Jan.

But she did agree to seek the spot of vice-president. The membership agreed with Geneva and elected Jan to the office.

Jan had been a dynamic leader of SNGABW serving as president for the 1999 and 2000 years and special events chairperson for 2001. Prior to taking office in 1999, she set her goals to increase both membership and participation while making the club more service oriented. She accomplished all three during her tenure.



Geneva Cullen congratulates Jan Hansen on her election to Vice-president of the WSNGA.

Calendar of Upcoming SNGABW Events

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Contact Information
Sienna	Jan 20	9:00 a.m.	\$60.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Sienna 9 Hole Social	Jan 26	1:30 p.m.	\$40.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Team Play at Sun City	Jan 28	7:30 a.m.	\$58.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Painted Desert	Feb 3	7:30 a.m.	\$55.00	Eve Farr 240-5800
Desert Rose	Feb 9	7:30 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
General Meeting @ Magoo's	Feb 12	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924
Team Play at Canyon Gate	Feb 25	9:00 a.m.	\$52.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Painted Desert	March 3	7:00 a.m.	\$55.00	Eve Farr 240-5800
Desert Rose	March 9	7:00 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
General Meeting @ Magoo's	March 12	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924
Team Play at Red Rock	March 18	9:00 a.m.	\$57.00	Geneva Cullen 395-8908
Painted Desert	April 7	7:00 a.m.	\$55.00	Eve Farr 240-5800
General Meeting @ Magoo's	April 9	6:00 p.m.		Jackie Pierson 240-7924
Desert Rose	April 13	7:00 a.m.	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668

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Two rookies join three returning officers to lead SNGABW for 2002. Karen Power and Mary Beth Treat were sworn in as vice-president and treasurer at the annual Christmas

party and join returning president, Jackie Pierson, secretary, Connie Patterson and WSNGA representative, Geneva Cullen on the board. Improving membership, maintaining the league's integrity and community service are the main goals for 2002.