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SOUTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS WOMEN

Wiener Crowned 2000 Champion

Bobbie Wiener will reign as Club Champion for the 2000-2001 season after shooting an overall score of 177 during the two-day tournament in November.

Although this is only Bobbie's second year with the Club, she is no stranger to special honors. She captured an allusive hole-in-one at the Coral Canyons Golf Course during the Fall club outing and has been an active member of team play throughout the year.

During the weekend event at Painted Desert, 24 entrants vied for medals in three flights.

Jan Hansen dubbed the weekend a great success. "It went well and it was competitive in every flight," she said. "Any one of 3 to 4 people could have taken home the championship trophy. It flipped flopped back and forth."

Ann Sutton captured runner up gross honors with a 185 in the Championship Flight which consisted of Bobbie, Ann, Eve Farr, Charlene Grafton, Marilyn Schaupp, Jan Hansen, Jackie Pierson and Lynn King.



2000 Champions: (From l. to r) Cindy Bonko, Sandra Marksberry, Eve Farr, Bobbie Wiener, Ann Sutton, Billie DeNezza and Geneva Cullen

Charlene was the defending Club Champion and Eve had taken the honors the year before.

Eve was named medalist with a first day net score of 71. Jackie Pierson tied Eve for the honors but Eve was awarded the medal based on a tie breaker.

Low Gross medalist in the Silver Flight was awarded to Geneva Cullen, another former Club Champion, with a 188 over-

all score and silver net honors went to Sandra Marksberry, current President's Cup holder, with a 141. Representing the Silver Flight were Geneva, Sandra, Kathy Cormack, Deb Koch, Connie Patterson, Susan Boswell, Karen Powers, Gail Horky and Mary Beth Treat.

Billie DeNezza shot a 215 to capture the low gross in the Bronze Flight and Cindy Bonko

finished with a net score of 154 to take home those honors. Jean Sundgren, Sunny Sundgren, Sheryle Pepper, Shirley Wickham and Norma Hodge rounded out the Bronze Flight.

"We had 28 participants last year and that number dropped to 24 this year, so naturally we would like to see more participation," Jan added.

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Club Launches Website

SNGABW joins the dot-comers when its new golf page hits the web in January.

"We thought it was important for the Clubs' expansion to branch out," said Cindy Bonko, club member. "When we were first approached about creating a site by my nephew, Brian Labus, we were a little apprehensive, but we have found it to be great fun."

"We definitely couldn't have done it without his guidance and creativity," she continued, "and since he volun-

teered his time and talent, the price was right."

The site will highlight the Club's events and up-to-date news. It will also contain the monthly meeting minutes, quarterly newsletters, calendar, bylaws and standing rules, library information, as well as an on-line membership application.

"We don't want it to become a substitute for attending the monthly meeting," Cindy said, "but we want to

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President's Tee Box

By Jackie Pierson
SNGABW President

In this time of dimpled and pregnant "chads" Supreme Courts and recounts, I have nothing as exciting to brag about. I can't say the vote was close because I was the only candidate. I can't say I was elected by a landslide, because—yes—I was the only candidate. I can't say I accepted the nomination with pride and appreciation for everyone's belief in me, because—you got it—I was the only candidate. And, finally, I can't say, "I WON! I WON!" And now let us go forth as a cohesive team for the enjoyment of all because I won, but—you got it—I was the only candidate. Now, here I am, the new President of SNGABW, and I got the job because—let's be honest—no one else wanted it. Which helps me to segue into my goal for the next year, which is lots of members doing little tasks.

Not only are we a league, but we are individuals. All who participate as golfers and don't participate in making the league function place an unfair burden upon those who work to enable you to play. The more who "lay low" when positions need to be filled, the more the scales of fairness and good-sportsmanship are tipped. Some have all the fun while the few do all the work.

Over the next year, let us plan on doing all we can to tip those scales back to a better balance of participation and play, and I hope you'll join me in making this the best year ever for SNGABW. This year's working motto will be

"A LOT DOING A LITTLE"

So, my good friends, remember, the next time you play, someone else made it possible. Join us at the next meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2001. Sign up, catch up on the news, and get to know your league better. The following tasks need volunteers: (1) Rules, (2) Twilight. Call me; tell me how you'd like to participate. If not, maybe I'll be calling you! Looking forward to a great year!

Club Champion

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She said she would like to see the future Club Champion come from any of the flights. "The low overall gross would determine the champion," she said.

She said the topic of changing the Club Championship to an earlier month had also been discussed at a recent board meeting.

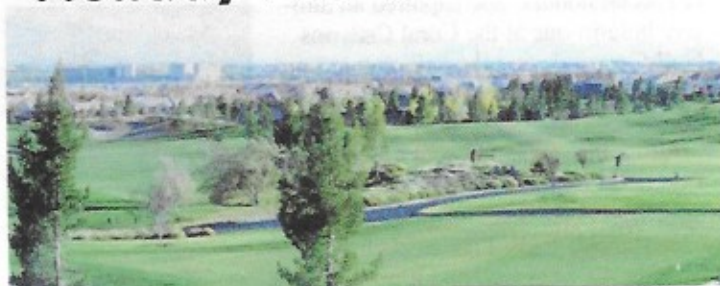
"We've talked about moving the tournament up in prior years," she said. "We would hope the nicer weather would get a greater participation.

Points could accumulate from September to August instead of January through October as we now have it."

Jan doesn't foresee moving the tournament to a different course. "We get our greatest turn out on regular play days at Painted Desert," she said.

"What we really need is greater overall participation by the membership," Jan added. "Of our 61 members, we have 35 who participate on a regular basis. If we want the club to grow, we have to find a way to motivate people."

Holiday Fun Celebrated



Eagle Crest played host to the Christmas party

On December 2, while shoppers were getting ready to search for Christmas presents, most SNGABW members were preparing for some holiday golf. No need for mittens or scarves at Eagle Crest that day as the weather was near perfection as well as the golf course.

The first tough decision of the day had nothing to do with which club to use, but rather what to order for lunch. Everything sounded good—pasta primavera, chicken marsala, salmon, and dessert sounded even better...apple strudel, chocolate torte or raspberry truffle...

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After golf and lunch, the 2001 SNGABW officers were in-

stalled by outgoing president, Jan Hansen. The new officers will be president Jackie Pierson, vice president Gail Horky, secretary Connie Patterson, treasurer Shirley Wickham and WSNGA representative Geneva Cullen.

The gift exchange concluded the festive occasion.

Thanks to Eve Farr and her elves (Charlene Grafton, Sue Silcott, Marilyn Schaupp) for their hard work planning the party, supplying favors and table decorations. Thanks also to the outgoing officers (Jan Hansen, Jackie Pierson—she's back, Reeda Vozikis and Deb Koch for helping with the food selections.

Torch Passed to New Officers

Pierson Assumes Duties as Tenth President

SNGABW welcomed in the true "new millennium" with a new slate of officers for 2001. The board assumed its duties as of January 1st.

Jackie Pierson and Geneva Cullen, two returning board members, will be assisted by newcomers, Gail Horky, Connie Patterson and Shirley Wickham.

Jackie, vice president for the past two years, assumes the duties of the president. Gail, takes the reins as vice president, while Connie replaces Reeda Vozikis as secretary. Shirley takes over the treasurers duties from Deb Koch and Geneva continues as WSNGA representative.

Jackie has always been involved in some aspect of sports.

"I grew up playing tennis," she said, "but wrecked my knees in the process and looked to other sports."

When she wasn't competing in tennis, she divided her time between softball, bowling, basketball and racquetball.

Growing up in Minnesota also fostered snowmobiling, water sports and even ice fishing. She reminisces about the hours spent sitting on a turned over bucket with a fishing pole in hand in the portable ice house built by her father.

When Jackie talks about her most memorable moment in her sporting career, she is quick to mention a 705 bowling series.

"My high game was a 279 with 8 strikes," she said. "I was competing in three scratch leagues a week before I retired five years ago."

"I always thought of golf as a silly game chasing that little white ball around," she added, but found her interest moving toward golf when



2001 Officers: (From L to R) Jackie Pierson, Gail Horky, Connie Patterson, Shirley Wickham and Geneva Cullen

she left tennis.

"I started out on the par 3 course and progressed to the executive courses and picked up lessons along the way," she said.

Jackie would like to see membership increase in the next year. She feels growing to 80 members in the next year could be a realistic goal.

"We need to have a membership committee of all members of the league," she added. "Two people shouldn't be expected to expand our group. We should all take five to ten minutes to talk to someone when she says I play golf".

She would love to see the group have such great participation that people would be turned away on play days.

Gail's career has taken her from Omaha to Las Vegas and she's rubbed elbows with the rich and famous along the way.

While earning a degree in journalism at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, she set out on a career in

television news.

"I was the first newswoman in Omaha," she says with pride.

She also remembers working with the likes of Floyd Kalber, John Coleman, Steve Bell and Tom Brokaw at the beginning of their careers.

"I knew Tom when he was still doing the noon anchor spot. He hadn't yet graduated to prime time," she chuckles.

Gail settled in Las Vegas and took a reporting job for the Review Journal. She eventually left reporting to become publicity director for Circus Circus and finally pursued a second career in government work.

"I got involved in government by going to work for the Lieutenant Governor and eventually ended up with the Gaming Control Board where I've remained for the last 17 years," she says.

The mother of two also found time to actively pursue golf.

"I played at the Cloud Nine at Angel Park for 6-7 years," she relates, "before joining SNGABW." " Sara

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Weil actually got me involved in the club."

Sara and Gail spent quite a few Saturday mornings at the Par 3 in North Las Vegas under the tutelage of Maary Smith, Janet Abney and Clarice Bessent.

"They were great mentors and the par 3 was the perfect forum to learn the rules and etiquette of golf," she added. "It afforded me the place to work on my skills."

Gail would like to see more emphasis put on the Par 3 in the next year and would also like to see programs become a part of some monthly meetings again.

Gail has always been a competitor. She remembers breaking 100 for the first time at Sky Mountain with the Club. "I shot 92 and the first thing I thought about was just 3 more strokes and I would have broken 90," she mused.

Connie has been playing golf for 5 years and has spent 4 of them with the Club.

Her husband carries a 7 handicap but she didn't look to him for lessons.

"As I always tell him, his teaching style is not my learning style," she jokes.

The Mississippi native estimates she had lessons from 5 different instructors and in her brief career has not only broken the 100 mark but also sports an 89 at Desert Pines.

"Now that I've retired, I find it easier to work on my game," she said. After retiring from nursing last year, she joined the Tuesday morning golf group at Las Vegas Golf Club and looks forward to playing weekly.

Connie relocated from Mississippi to Las Vegas by way of Denver and managed her own career in nursing while raising her two children.



2000 Officers: (From L to R) Jackie Pierson, Reeda Vozikis, Deb Koch, Jan Hansen, and Geneva Cullen

Her most memorable moments with the Club include her first play date and the out of town trips to Utah.

"I played so poorly the first time with the Club," she recalls. "But luckily for me so much of golf is social."

"I love the out of town trips because of the people and the beautiful courses."

Connie would also like to see the Club grow but would also like to see it serve the needs of the diverse members.

"We need to address the needs of the 40 handicapper as well as the 8 handicapper," she said. "I would like to see the lower handicappers mentor the newcomers."

She would also like to see team play opened up to more members.

"I think we need to have a handicap cutoff for team play," she relates. "It would act as an incentive to get handicaps down and keep them lower."

Shirley joined the Club the year it was formed. "I wasn't a founding member," she said, "but I did get involved the first year."

"My husband and I took golf lessons in 1984 because it was something we always wanted to do together," she related. "He passed away a short time after that and I no longer had a golf partner. Luckily, I was selling insurance to Billie Coleman when the topic of golf came up. She invited me to join the group."

Shirley wasn't active in the leadership in the early years, but once she became more involved she became a true leader.

"I've held just about every elected office except secretary and WSNGA representative," she added.

Shirley feels her greatest contribution to the Club was being instrumental in securing a club number and arranging for the first play date at Boulder City Golf Course.

"We are the only women's organization in Southern Nevada with our own club number," she said "allowing us to keep our own handicaps without being an auxiliary to any men's group."

Over the next year, she would like to concentrate on making the membership more aware of the standing

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rules and bylaws.

When Geneva first took up golf, she had the hardest time just hitting the ball.

"I decided I was going to learn the game if it killed me," she laughed, "so I got some whiffle balls and practiced in my backyard."

The Wisconsin native came upon the game quite by accident.

"I had taken my twins to the barber, who just happened to be membership chairman of our local Country Club. He tried to talk me into joining but I declined. A few days later, my husband came home and told me he had paid our dues at the Club because Frank (the barber) had said I wanted to play golf," she related, "and I found myself standing on a driving range with other new members being given tips by a low handicapper from the Club."

That was 26 years ago and Geneva has never looked back. She managed to squeeze golf into her already busy schedule of running her own business, raising nine children,

acting as charter president of the Quota Club International, bowling and swimming.

"A friend and I used to drop our children off at school at 12:15 pm and pick them up at 2:45 pm. We went to the golf course in between," she said.

Since they lived on a golf course, she also managed to sneak in a few holes every night.

"I never minded playing alone," she related, "and I spent a lot of time playing as a single."

She especially enjoyed the people she met playing as a single and likes that aspect of SNGABW. Through the Club she has formed some real lasting friendships and found some great golf partners.

Geneva would like to see the Club attract new members and keep the ones we have. She feels we should have a buddy system to make new, single members feel at home because it is difficult enough to join an organization on your own. She would like to see new members greeted at the door, seated with some established members and

receive follow-up calls from current members. She also sees a need to reestablish the Par 3 for the newcomers.

Other contributing members for the upcoming year are Lynn King, Susan Boswell and Sheryle Pepper who will be chairing Painted Desert. Desert Rose will be handled by Mary Beth Treat and Sandra Marksberry. The committee chairs will be Sara Weil in charge of rules, Lynn King and Susan Boswell taking care of membership, Cindy Bonko and Jan Manning handling the newsletter and website, Jackie Pierson will again handle handicaps and Jan Hansen, Reeda Vozikis, and Deb Koch will oversee special events.

A special thanks goes out to the old officers that guided SNGABW over the past two seasons. Jan Hansen, Jackie Pierson, Reeda Vozikis, Deb Koch and Geneva Cullen were instrumental in finding a new meeting place, getting a year round fixed price for our golf courses and increasing membership and member participation.

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make sure all of the members can keep in touch."

The website also contains a classified section for member usage and a member business card section, both of which can be accessed by the members themselves on their own computers.

"Networking is a big part of our club and we will now have the means to afford some free advertising to each member," Cindy added.

Brian has also built some whistles and bells into the site.

"We've got rolling weather updates, golf quotes that change each time you enter the site, up-to date golf news from around the world, links to other golf sites and news about local courses," Cindy said. "We really hope

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"Ultimately, a deer on the runway has seen you for off before and knows that the safest place to be when you play is right down the middle."
Jackie Graham

Welcome to the SNGABW Website

Welcome to the home page for the Southern Nevada Golf Association for Business Women, or as we like to call it, SNGABW. Our purpose is to provide business and professional women in the Southern Nevada area an opportunity to network through the game of golf and provide services and facilities which are more easily attained by groups rather than individuals. We welcome beginning golfers and the more experienced alike. All members are expected to learn the rules of golf and establish and maintain a USGA handicap through the association.

Next Outings Scheduled for February 4th and 10th

Outing play dates are scheduled for February 4th at Painted Desert golf course and February 10th at Desert Rose golf course. Lynn King should be contacted if you wish to be included in the Painted Desert outing. Cost for Painted Desert is \$55.00 and for Desert Rose is \$40.00 with a fee off of 7.00. You are asked to contact the chairpersons at least one week in advance.

it is enjoyed by the members as well as the golfing community."

The site can be accessed at <http://members.aol.com/sngabw>