



# Golf Gossip

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**M**erry Christmas to you and your family! This month is my final month as the Club President. It has been a pleasure to serve you this last year.

How about a quick review of our year? We paid out \$6,252.00 in prize fund money. Recorded 46 birdies, one eagle and 54 chip-ins. Had fun celebrating six monthly themed events which included Margaritas, Mai Tais, a ukulele serenade, and a Mexican Hat Dance. Had three of our members join the “Broke 100” Club. Played a total of 757 rounds of golf, averaging 27 players per round. Competed in six High Sierra Team Play events. Drove to Fallon for our annual Home ‘N Home. Enjoyed our first Women’s Golf Day hosted by CVGC. Learned 11 informative golf rules from “Dear Patti”. Played in a number of the CVGC fun-filled Saturday tournaments. Organized off-season golf. Consumed amazing Tuesday luncheon specials. Donated \$325.00 to the Junior Golf League Fund and \$325.00 to NNGA Women’s Scholarship Fund. And last—but not least—met your pets! What a year we had!

I’d like to thank our new Board members for stepping up to serve you in 2023. You are in good hands!

*Kelly King*, 2022 President

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# Where are Your Golf Clubs Right Now?

As the holiday song says, "Baby it's cold outside." If your clubs are stored anywhere that's chilly, you should move them.



## Cold = Bad

In short, the trunk of your car and/or your garage, (unless it's temperature controlled) are not where you should store your clubs. The cold will accelerate the deterioration of your



grips leading to cracking and making them prematurely slippery. It can even affect the epoxy that helps secure your clubhead to the shaft. Shafts, both graphite and metal, are best stored at room temperature. Cold makes them brittle over time. (If your golf club stores your clubs for you, make sure they are careful about the temperature of the room). The best place is find a corner of your closet, extra bedroom or office, and store your clubs there.

## Clean = Good

Have you ever really cleaned your clubs I mean completing a deep clean? I'm talking about more than just swiping them with a wet rag when you're leaving the course. Grass and dirt left in the grooves will only be more difficult to remove later. Dish soap, warm water and a toothbrush work perfect. And you can use mild soap and water for most all grips, except on Winn grips, which are the exception because they're synthetic. Winn grips require water only and no scrubbing. If you live in a humid climate, you can use a *light* coat of Vaseline on the faces which will prevent rusting on your irons and wedges. However, you must wipe it off under the Rules when you play again.



## New Grips?



Finally, look carefully at your grips. If you haven't replaced them in several years, it may be time. You'd be amazed at the difference new grips make. The golf stores all carry a large selection of grips. For a few bucks per club they will re-grip your clubs after you select new grips. By the way, they make some nice cushy grips that feel good on your hands. Check those out, especially if you have a little arthritis in your hands like I do.

**Note: Visit our Pro Shop and talk to Dan. He is GREAT at replacing grips!**

To view this article online, click on this link: [Where are Your Clubs?](#)



# New USGA Rules for 2023



The 2023 rules changes continue the modernization process, with an emphasis on both inclusion and sustainability. For the first time, the modified Rules for players with disabilities have been fully incorporated into the playing rules without the need to adopt a local rule. The governing bodies, supported by longstanding partner Rolex, will also promote digital and mobile app access to the Rules while significantly reducing the production and distribution of more than 4 million printed books. These rules go into affect January 1, 2023.



## KEY CHANGES INCLUDE:

- **Modifications for Players with Disabilities:** The modifications to the Rules for players with disabilities have been made part of the Rules and are in effect for all players who are classified in the categories covered in Rule 25.
  - **Handicap Usage in Stroke Play:** With the continued growth of score-posting technology following the adoption of the World Handicap System™, players are no longer penalized for failing to put their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of each player's handicap.
  - **Club Damaged During Round:** The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided the player did not damage it through abuse.
- **Ball Moved by Natural Forces:** A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed or replaced.
- **Back-on-the-Line Relief Procedure:** The back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty area and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the player now drops their ball anywhere on the line, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped. That club length can be in any direction (yes, that means forward!).

## 2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

### HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES

#### New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



#### Ball Moved by Natural Forces

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



#### Replacing Damaged Clubs

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



#### Simplified Back-on-the-Line Relief

When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.



#### Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.

This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.



For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](https://usga.org) or [randa.org](https://randa.org).



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# Fun Things You've Been Doing



Just a few brave souls ventured out on 11/29 to golf. L-R: Suze Ericson, Sara Cleary, Linda Davis and Judy Brooke. It ended up to be a gorgeous golfing day.



This is just one of eight acrylic pours Crafty Sandy Trainer created for the eight tiles on their outdoor table. Stunning, don't you think?



Lorna Johnston (left) and her two children, Kyle and Lindsey, are enjoying a vacation in London, England. In this photo they are standing in front of Buckingham Palace watching the changing of the guard.



Jennie Citron (the Club's Sunshine Chair) and her husband, Al, vacationing in Egypt. They are standing in front of the The Great Sphinx of Giza, a giant 4,500-year-old limestone statue situated near the Great Pyramid in Giza.



Kelly King, her husband, Bill, and her faithful canine companion, Neva, on the hunt for the perfect Christmas tree. Unfortunately, there was too much snow so another adventure is in the forecast.



Jeanne Hansen (pictured in the middle) fishing in Baja, Mexico. She caught four fish on Friday and these are her good friends helping her hold her big catch of the day!

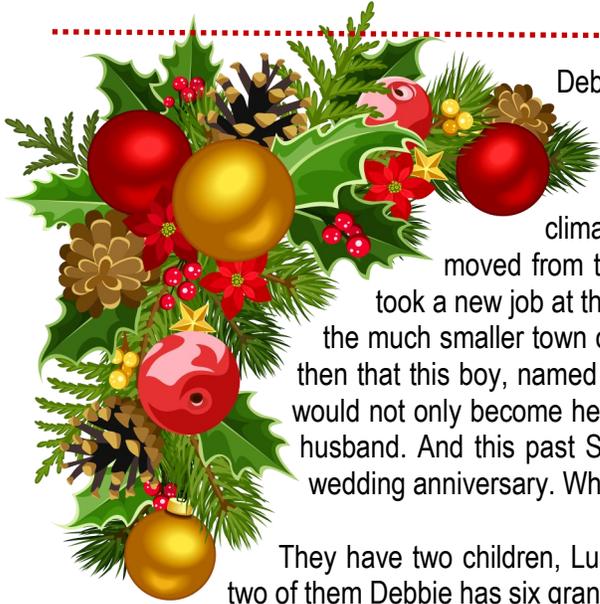


The pickleball craze has hit the golf club! L-R Debra Lang (prospective golf club member), Debbie Steele and Suze Ericson at the new Reno Sports Complex.

Beautiful Morro Bay Golf Course where Kathy Belvel and Melinda & Wade Johnson played golf, visited Hearst Castle, and watched the sun set while the moon rose.



# Meet Debbie Steele



Debbie Steele, our new Treasurer, was born in a small town in Southern Ohio. At the age of 10 her parents decided to move to a warmer climate and chose Whittier, CA. They moved from there (when she was 15) as her dad took a new job at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, in the much smaller town of Livermore, CA. Little did she know then that this boy, named Sam, who they moved next door to, would not only become her best friend, but six years later, her husband. And this past September, they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. What a ride it has been!



They have two children, Lucy who is 48 and Lucas who is 39, both now living in Reno. Between the two of them Debbie has six grandchildren ranging in ages from 22 down to five.

After working for 40+ years in the mortgage/finance industry in California, Sam and Debbie decided to relocate to that wonderful little valley they've admired from atop Heavenly Valley for several years. They moved into their new home in Gardnerville in 2018 and they haven't regretted even for one minute!

Besides playing golf in their retirement years, you will find Debbie and Sam on the Pickleball courts, ski slopes, snow shoe, X-country skiing, and hiking trails, canoeing on the local waters, traveling with family and friends and enjoying the local entertainment and history scenes of this gorgeous valley (not to mention the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets ever). Please welcome, Debbie, to the Carson Valley Women's Golf Club leadership team!

## Hole-in-One Golf Trivia

California's Norman Manley holds the distinction of making 59 holes-in-one over his 15-year career. The odds of any golfer making a hole-in-one are a slim ratio of 125,000 to one! We currently have three Club members who beat the odds and have distinguished themselves with a hole-in-one—Kathy Belvel in 2017, Vicki Barbaria in 2018 and Sue Carsten in 2019. I did, however, witness Gwynn Guiette get a hole-in-one on Hole #1 in 2021. Unfortunately, it wasn't on one of our play days, but a hole-in-one nevertheless!



**Diane Bartsch—Jan 15**  
**Margie Stephens—Jan 15**  
**Christine Roberts—Jan 17**  
**Joni Taylor—Jan 22**

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