

Golf Gossip



November 2023—Giving Thanks

President's Message



Hoping you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. I love the Thanksgiving season because it is a perfect reminder that I have so much to be thankful for, and all of you are part of my reason to be thankful. In this issue, there are two whole pages dedicated to things for which we are thankful.

Take a moment to look over the list and raise your thankfulness bar!

Gary and I celebrated Thanksgiving with my family and extended family at my sister's house. Only one of the five of us who live here has a house big enough to accommodate the crowd that gathers around her table.

I love the Thanksgiving meal, too. Although there were 11 kids in my family, my mom—who was an excellent cook—loved to explore gourmet cooking. One year she made the very bad decision to try something different for Thanksgiving and abandoned the traditional Thanksgiving meal. She almost had a mutiny on her hands. Needless to say, she

never made that mistake again! Some things you just shouldn't mess with.

In my personal opinion, the Thanksgiving dinner is one of those things you shouldn't mess with. Small little changes—that's okay. Big changes? That's a no-no! There's just something so special about sharing not only the special Thanksgiving meal with family and friends, but also all the traditions surrounding it.

One tradition we have is that we will often cap off the evening with games, desserts, and coffee. But, beware! My family thrives on competition, and playing games can get pretty competitive. We all put on our big people panties and then strategize our every move hoping to come out the winner.

With a heart of thanksgiving,

Judy Brooke
President



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2024 NNGA Dates to Remember

NNGA just released their 2024 calendar, and here are some dates you may want to mark on our calendar so you don't miss them. They are great playing opportunities!

April 25th

NNGA Carson Valley Seniors Tournament at Carson Valley Golf Course

April 28th

NNGA Membership Meeting and Open Play Day at Toiyabe Golf Course

June 24th

NNGA Play Day at Somerset

August 5th

NNGA Play Day at Dayton Valley

October 6th

NNGA Annual Meeting and NNGA Open Play Day at Silver Oak



Swing 395—An Indoor Golf Club Training & Practicing Facility



The Swing 395 facility is equipped with state-of-the-art Trackman golf simulators that provide a realistic and immersive experience for players. With advanced ball tracking technology, you can analyze your swing, perfect your technique, and practice on some of the world's best courses without ever leaving their facility.

In addition to their training and practice options, they also offer virtual golf leagues and tournaments throughout the year. These events allow players to compete against each other and win prizes, while also providing a fun and social atmosphere.

To help you get the most out of your practice sessions, their facility is equipped with a variety of tools and resources, including video analysis software and custom club fittings. Their goal is to provide you with everything you need to take your game to the next level. Swing 395 is located at 1352 U.S. Hwy 395 N, Suite 107, Gardnerville, Nevada (behind Walgreen's and next to Anytime Fitness).



November Photo Montage



October 31, 2023 Off Season Golf on a chilly Tuesday morning. Thirteen brave golfers ignored the 25 degree temperature to continue golfing. It ended up to be a great day on the golf course once it warmed up.



One of the frozen foursomes on 10/31 (L-R): Felicia Sotomayor, Beverly Hefferly, Patti Parker, and Suze Ericson.



Two brave souls on 11/7—the last post-season play day: (L-R): Felicia Sotomayor and Louise Sparks. Where was everyone else? Still playing, but at Swing 395 starting the Women's Winter Indoor League!



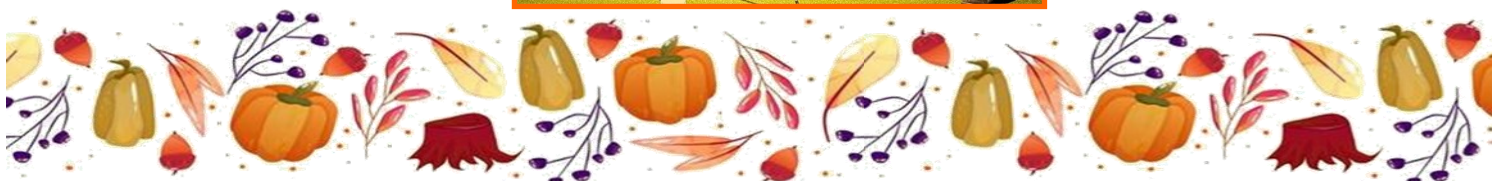
November 6—Monday cards at DST Coffee and lunch at The Grill Next Door. L-R: Louise Sparks, Janet Brown, Jeanine Felix, Felicia Sotomayer, Margaret Fay, and Judy Brooke. Missing at lunch, but a card-shark nonetheless, was Linda Davis.



November 11th—Turkey Trot Golf Tournament at CVGC. The Fearsome Foursome (L-R): Debbie Knapp, Lorna Johnston, D-D Woodruff, and Judy Brooke.



Swing 395 players from November 15th (L-R): Virginia Irlakis, Lorna Johnston, Patti Parker, Suze Ericson (back), Claudia Meyer, and Jeanine Felix.



Women's Winter League

Week #1 Results

Week #1 in the Women's Indoor League ended up in a three-way tie with +15! So you know it was stiff competition all the way around. Handicaps were used to break the tie giving the victory to Team #2!

Team #1: Judy Brooke, Peggy Frick, Beverly Hefferly and Lorna Johnston.

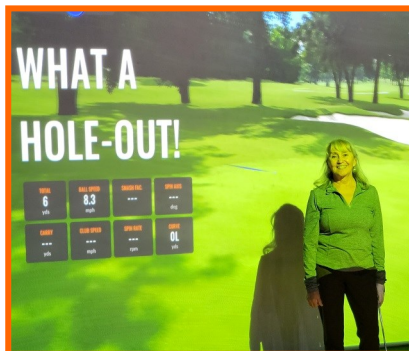
WINNERS ↻

Team #2: Joni Becksted, Suze Ericson, Jeanine Felix, and D-D Woodruff.

Team #3: Margaret Fay, Lorie McMahon, and Monica Sierwertsen,



Congratulations to D-D Woodruff for the only hole-out (chip-in) Week #1.



Lorna Johnston celebrating her Week #2 Hole Out.



Patti Parker celebrating her Week #2 Hole Out

Week #2 Results

Week #2 had only two teams competing for the big money! Team #1 ended with a +9 and Team #2 ended with a +12. **AND**, both Lorna and Patti holed out!!

Team #1: Beverly Hefferly, Lorna Johnston, Claudia Meyer, and Patti Parker.

WINNERS ↻

Team #2: Diane Bartsch, Suze Ericson, Jeanine Felix, and Virginia Irlakis.



Giving Thanks!

I am thankful for the abundance of God's blessings in my life, but especially for the new, caring friends I have met through the CVWGC group. I'm also grateful for a new hip, which I'm hoping will help my golf game next year!! —*Lehua Shank*

I am truly thankful for my friends who have become family! I am especially thankful for finding the love of my life who doesn't piss me off on a daily basis! —*Debbie Knapp*

I am thankful for having had the opportunity to play in all but two weeks of the 2023 CVWGC (good for Joan getting me out to play)! Everyone I played with was friendly and encouraging. I gained knowledge, patience and understanding of how to play smart on a golf course. A really fun year! Also, I'm very thankful for an encouraging husband not in only golf, but in everything I do. —*Julie Marraccini*

I am thankful for many, many things, but one of the most important is the new friends I have met through the ladies golf club at Carson Valley. Fun ladies not just on the golf course, but also to have lunch or see socially. —*Gretchen Dermody*

I am very thankful to Judy Brooke for bringing us together not only for golf, but also for games and other social events, too. Gotta love her humor and her persistence in making us get involved. Thank you, Judy. —*Dianne Ford*

I'm thankful for Faith, Family, and Friends!! —*Beverly Hefferly*

I'm thankful to live in our beautiful safe corner of the world and the opportunity through our golf club to meet and become friends with so many wonderful, diverse women. I'm very grateful to be hitting my driver, sometimes well! —*Jan Singyke*

I am thankful for the beauty that surrounds me, the true goodness in people and the gift of laughter. —*Lorie McMahon*



I am grateful for my health and the ability to enter into my retirement years with family and friends. I am fortunate to share time and experiences with others knowing that this next chapter can only bring

continued opportunities and life to live to the fullest! —*Jan Lieberman*

I am thankful for living in such a beautiful area, especially in the fall that is filled with lots of fun things to do. There's my daughter Jenny's Halloween Barn Dance, Halloween at the Governor's Mansion, my grandkids final football and cheerleading for the season, the Mary Poppins musical, Thanksgiving, and our traditional family Christmas shopping on Saturday. And last but not least I'm thankful for all of you wonderful friends!! —*Janet Brown*

I'm thankful for my new community. —*Shana Lakso*



Giving Thanks! (cont.)

I'm thankful that at my age I am still playing golf and with a wonderful group of ladies. —*Sara Cleary*

I'm so thankful for "all" the blessings our family received this past year. Also very thankful that we live in the USA that provides so many freedom rights (i.e., religion, speech, etc.), that so many others don't have. —*Debbie Steele*

I'm thankful for family, new and old friends, the ability to look at our beautiful mountains. We have so much to be thankful for; just take the time and look around this beautiful area we live in. —*Jeanine Felix*

I am so thankful that I found a great group of women to golf with when I am in the Tahoe area. I am also looking forward to skiing with everyone this year as well. Thanks for all that you do for us, Judy. —*Kathy Hanley*

Retiring from a job I thoroughly enjoyed and now having the time to try new activities like joining the Carson Valley's Women's Golf Club. A great group of women that provide a welcoming atmosphere and a great 'have fun' attitude!! Definitely something I am truly grateful for this year! Thank you, Judy, for your incredible enthusiasm!! —*Monica Siewertsen*

After my last winter mishap, I'm just thankful that I'm on the road to a recovery that will allow me to resume skiing and playing golf with all my wonderful friends who have supported me through this entire episode of my life. —*Kathy Belvel*

I'm with Beverly, I'm so thankful for faith, family, and my golfing girlfriends. I'm also like Debbie Knapp and others who are thankful for their husbands. My husband is not only supportive of all that I get involved in, but he also took up golf so we could play together. That's commitment! I also thank God every day for the privilege of living in this amazing area. I love watching the valley change with every season. Always so incredibly beautiful.

—*Judy Brooke*

I am grateful for all of my family. We are especially grateful for being able to spend quality time with my husband's father. He moved in with us in March, 2023 and is in good shape for being 99.9 years young! He will turn 100 on December 18, 2023! We will have a centenarian living with us!! That's just amazing!! And we have

two grandsons in the Navy right now so we are keeping them in our prayers too. We are so lucky to live in America and we thank God for every day we get to live here and thank our Veterans and active military also!! —*Mary Milligan*

I'm thankful for the support and prayers that I got from members of CVWGC and especially the ones (you know who you are) who encouraged me to continue golfing. Thank you ♥. —*Linda Davis*

I'm thankful that I get to live in the beautiful Carson Valley and that I have made so many friends here. —*D-D Woodruff*



Thankful



What Does “Links” Mean in Golf?

By: Ezra Fischer



The term, “links” has two meanings within golf. It is used generally to refer to the course that golf is played on. A golfer might say to a friend of hers, “sorry, I can’t come over and collect kindling with you because I’m going to hit the links today.” It also has a more technical meaning, referring to a particular type or style of golf course. If you haven’t ever bothered to dig into the history of the word links, you might find it easy to invent reasons for its general meaning.

Viewed from above, a golf course, with its many kidney shaped fairways and greens, can look a little like a string of sausages. Perhaps that’s why it’s described as links? If you’ve never seen it written, you might think



that it’s not “links” but “lynx,” the genus of small predatory wild cats. Why a cat? Who knows? Half of golf terms seem to be birds, so why not throw a cat in there? In truth, the history of the use of the word “links” in golf can be traced all the way back to the very beginning of the sport.

Although the very first golf-like games may have been played in what is now the Netherlands as early as 1261, golf historians tend to trace a direct line from Scotland in the 1400s to today. Golf must have been a fairly common sport by the mid-1400s and just as addictive as its modern counterpart, because in 1457 it was officially prohibited by the King of Scotland. Early golf enthusiasts faced several difficulties. As we already know, golf was outlawed at times, but even when it was legal, you needed a lot of uninhabited, non-farm land to play it on.

The solution that many Scottish golfers found was to create courses near the shore, where the earth was sandy and the water brackish. Useless for farming, this land was ideal for the sport in many ways. The grasses that grew tended “to have short blades with long roots,” which made it hearty enough to survive being hit with clubs and balls, and when nibbled

short by livestock, smooth enough for the ball to run on. The hard ground also encouraged the ball to bounce and roll further. The landscape also came with many natural impediments to golf—wind and rain blowing in from the sea, small streams that ran

through the land and sandier patches that stopped the grass from growing and the ball from rolling. Instead of resisting these features, golfers embraced the challenge, and indeed, water hazards and sand traps are the two main artificially created obstacles on modern golf courses. The word the Scots used to describe this environment was “links” which comes from the Old English, *hlinc*, meaning “rising ground” or “ridge.”

Golf is no longer illegal and there are courses spread around the world in every environment imaginable. Although it can be used as a general term, links has retained its meaning as being descriptive of a certain style of golf course set in a particular type of environment. The most obvious visual difference between a non-links and a links course is that a links course will have few or no trees. Unlike a modern course, where the



What Does “Links” Mean (cont.)



fairways (a safer area to set up a golfer's next shot, because it has shorter, more even grass) and the roughs (the opposite) are easily visually distinguished by color and texture, on links courses they are more difficult to distinguish. The same goes for the course's greens which, on modern courses are planted with very soft grass to make the ball slow down and roll, but which on links courses may be more similar to the rest of the course. Water and sand are the key obstacles in all styles of golf course, but on links courses, they are either naturally occurring or carefully designed to give that impression. A key difference on links courses is the presence of some very dramatic walls that hold a green back from a sandy bunker.

As a result of the topographical and environmental differences, success on a links course requires different techniques from other courses. Tina Mickelson addresses this on a post she wrote for the PGA website. She identifies three key differences:

- Because of the wind on links courses, players should drive the ball (the first and usually longest shot on any given hole) with a lower trajectory than on other courses.

- Since the texture of the grass doesn't vary as much between fairway and green, players should let the ball bounce up and onto the green as opposed to trying to loft it into the air and have it stick on the green.

The sand bunkers on links courses tend to be much more treacherous than on other courses. Mickelson recommends practicing very high shots out of sand, to get over the walls, and extreme prudence. It's better to hit the ball the wrong way but onto the grass than it is to get stuck in the sand for shot after shot.

Golf enjoys tradition as much as any sport and as such, there's a certain prestige to links courses. The downside of this is that lots of golf courses that don't really fit the description of a links course call themselves one anyway, for marketing reasons. The benefit of golf's attraction to its own past is that it gives The British Open, the only major tournament always played on a true links course, the enjoyable and rosy glow of long history and tradition.

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Looking for Cool Golf Gifts That Every Player Will Love?



When shopping for either yourself or the golfer in your life, the key is to look for quality. From equipment to apparel to accessories to gadgets, getting a gift for the die-hard golfer is easier than ever...or is it? There are

lots of options out there so if you get stuck or need some inspiration, these two guides are sure to help you get your gifting done in time and on budget.

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GHIN changes for 2024

The NNGA announced changes to GHIN fee payment for 2024. CVWGC will no longer be collecting the GHIN fee and paying the NNGA. Instead, individual members will be responsible for paying their own GHIN fees online using a credit card (no cash or checks).

If you do not use a credit card for online transactions or if you're not familiar with an online payment process, the women's club will assist you with making your GHIN payment for 2024.

You will also be able to elect for auto renewal and not have to mess with completing an annual transaction (this will work only if you are using your own credit card).

Your current GHIN is paid through March 31, 2024. If you do not make an online payment by March 31st, you will be automatically deactivated in the system.

GHIN fees for 2024 have been slightly increased to \$37.00 (previously they were \$35.00).

Look for an email from NNGA in January which should provide more information about these changes..

Best Caddy Comments

Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

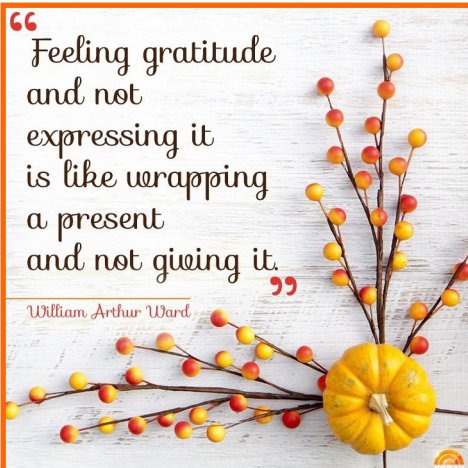
Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."



Joan Sciarani 12/01
Virginia Irlakis 12/03
Debbie Knapp 12/09
Shana Lakso 12/13
Sherrie Thorne 12/17
Donna Sugden 12/24
D-D Woodruff 12/25
Joni Becksted 12/30



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