

Golf Gossip

October 2024, Volume 10 Think Pink!



President's Message

Happy Pink Y'all! What a glorious month it has been. We started strong and never gave up. And don't you just love how the weather cooperated and we ended our season golfing with good weather?

I have so many things I want to thank all of you for as we end this season. YOU made our women's golf club a great place to play golf, meet other women golfers, and become friends with so many.

You outdid yourselves in volunteering. If you didn't volunteer, we wouldn't be as much fun as we are. But you all stepped up to the plate and YOU made us great!

We pulled off our first "Teeing Up For The Cure" Golf Tournament. All of you outdid yourselves in soliciting raffle prizes and hole sponsorships from our local businesses. We were able to hand a check in the amount to \$11,000 to the Carson Tahoe Breast Cancer Center because of YOU!!

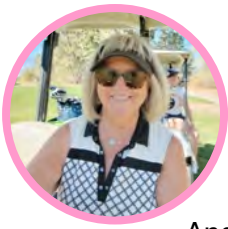
Finally, a huge thank you from me to all of you for the generous, wonderful gift cards and beautiful bouquet. You are all a blessing to me and I am so

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President's Message (cont'd)

thankful for each of you in my life. You make my life fuller.

And a big thank you to our theme decorators for our Scary Halloween play day. What a freezing, fun day of golf, food, and friends!

Finally, don't forget, we have our December 12th Christmas Dinner — mark your calendars now so you

don't miss out on this fun time with good friends. We will have the ball marker gift exchange so start searching for that perfect ball marker now!

Let's go golfing!

Judy Brooke

President



Funny Golf Terms

Mulligan

A mulligan is a chance for golfers to retake a shot when they're unhappy with the initial result. Although often allowed in casual play with friends, mulligans aren't legal in official golf tournaments, and taking one would result in a penalty.

Chunk (Fat) or Thin (Skinny)

A chunk, or hitting "fat," occurs when the club strikes the ground before making contact with the ball, causing a large divot and a shot that falls short of the target. On the other hand, a "thin" or "skinny" shot is made when the lower part of the clubface connects with the ball, resulting in a longer-than-normal distance.

Gimme Putt

A gimme putt is a short putt that your fellow players agree you can skip, considering it as a made putt. It's a nice gesture that saves you the effort of actually hitting the ball into the hole.

Scramble

Scramble has two meanings in golf. In tournament play, a scramble format is when a team selects the best ball off the tee and on the approach. Alternatively, scramble describes when a golfer misses the green but still manages to make par.

Flop Shot

A flop shot is a high, soft shot that lands delicately on the green. Usually executed with a lob or sand wedge, this type of shot is often associated with skilled golfers like Phil Mickelson.

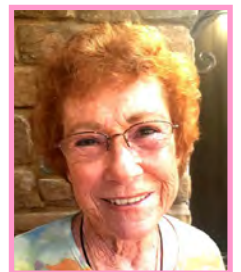
Yips

A dreaded golfing affliction, the yips result from muscle spasms or mental blocks that hinder a golfer's ability to perform basic tasks. This issue mostly affects putting, often causing jerky swing motions that ruin the shot.

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A Note From Sandy Trainer

Thank you for the update on the golf league. It is fun to see the faces and see who is playing well. I was glad to see my good friend Sue Eropkin did a few chip ins and closest to the pins. She is such a sweet friend. Thanks again. I will let you know when I don't recognize anyone anymore. I saw where Clarice did chip in too. Give her a hug for me. See if she can remember me?? She is so sweet too. And YOU are so sweet to keep me in the loop. Tell everyone HI!!! for me. I miss all the gals and the nice golf course. Thanks, Sandy



Weekly Tournament Results



October 1st—Par 3/Gold Tees

GROSS: Julie Marraccini

Flight 1 (Net):

- ♦ Phyllis Adair
- ♦ Debbie Knapp
- ♦ Vickie Oland
- ♦ Lorna Johnston

Flight 2 (Net):

- ♦ Melanie Rea
- ♦ Jan Nolan
- ♦ Joan Sciarani
- ♦ Michele Cline

Flight 3 (Net):

- ♦ Judy Brooke
- ♦ Jan Lieberman
- ♦ Claudia Meyer
- ♦ Elise Smith

Flight 4 (Net):

- ♦ Margaret Fay
- ♦ Karen Fox
- ♦ Lorie McMahon
- ♦ Anne Marie Neacy

Closest to the Pin:

- ♦ Hole #1: Phyllis Adair
- ♦ Hole #17: Jan Lieberman
- ♦ Hole #18: Lorna Johnston

Chip-ins:

- ♦ Mary Milligan
- ♦ Anne Marie Neacy
- ♦ Melanie Rea

October 8th—Odd Holes 1/2 Handicap

GROSS: Sara Dombrowski

Flight 1 (Net):

- ♦ Phyllis Adair
- ♦ Donna Sugden
- ♦ Lorna Johnston
- ♦ Kathy Belvel

Flight 2 (Net):

- ♦ Margie Stephens
- ♦ Kelly King
- ♦ Mary Milligan
- ♦ Jeannie Hansen

Flight 3 (Net):

- ♦ Felicia Sotomayor
- ♦ Elise Smith
- ♦ Sara Cleary
- ♦ Judy Brooke

Flight 4 (Net):

- ♦ Margaret Fay
- ♦ Karen Fox
- ♦ Lorie McMahon

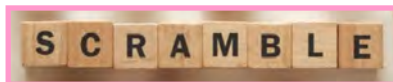
Closest to the Pin:

- ♦ Hole #1: Elise Smith
- ♦ Hole #17: Felicia Sotomayor
- ♦ Hole #18: Phyllis Adair

Chip-ins:

- ♦ Phyllis Adair
- ♦ Dianne Ford

October 15th



Team #1

- ♦ Kathy Belvel
- ♦ Sara Cleary
- ♦ Bev Hefferly
- ♦ Sherrie Thorne

Team #2

- ♦ Joni Becksted
- ♦ Sara Dombrowski
- ♦ Marcia Chatin

Team #3

- ♦ Janet Brown
- ♦ Debbie Knapp
- ♦ Jan Lieberman

Team #4

- ♦ Karen Fox
- ♦ Debi Lang
- ♦ Melanie Rea
- ♦ Donna Sugden

Chip-in:

Sara Dombrowski



Weekly Tournament Results (cont'd)

October 22nd—Guest Day—4 Person Scramble

Team #1

- ♦ Joni Becksted
- ♦ Jill Bellamy
- ♦ Julie Marraccini
- ♦ Melanie Rea

Team #2

- ♦ Omega Berryhill
- ♦ Antoinet Dipon
- ♦ David McCarty
- ♦ Suzy McCarty

Team #3

- ♦ Fred Coons
- ♦ Linda Davis
- ♦ Mike Davis
- ♦ Margie Stephens

Team #4

- ♦ Al Sotomayor
- ♦ Felicia Sotomayor
- ♦ Patti Parker

Team #5

- ♦ Gary Brooke
- ♦ Judy Brooke
- ♦ Gary Hansen
- ♦ Jeannie Hansen

Closest to the Pin:

- ♦ Hole #1: Sara Dombrowski
- ♦ Hole #17: Debbie Knapp
- ♦ Hole #18: Margie Stephens

Chip-ins:

- ♦ Jan Lieberman
- ♦ Omega Berryhill
- ♦ Judy Brooke
- ♦ Frank Ramirez
- ♦ Al Sotomayor



Oct 22—Guest day—(L-R): Judy and Gary Brooke and Jeannie and Gary Hansen.



Oct 22—Guest day—(L-R): Suze Ericson, Clarice Lommori, Mary Milligan, and Vicki Kemp.



Fall Back!

Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 a.m. that's the time you turn your clocks BACK. ♦



September Photo Montage

"A camera is the save button for the mind's eye." — Roger Kingston



Diane Bartsch and her sister, Linda, in Switzerland at the top of Europe known as Jungfrau.



Friday golf, backed up as usual behind the men's Friday group. We met a potential new club member who offered to take our photo. Front: Claudia Meyer. Back: Judy Brooke and Janet Brown.



Our newest member, Dale Ann Luzzi, joined the birdie club with a chip-in birdie on Hole #18 on October 1st, and this was her first time playing on a golf course! Congratulations to Dale Ann!



10/1: Two-time breast cancer survivor, DD Woodruff, showing off her flowery girls.



10/1: A pink-filled threesome. (L-R): Margaret Fay, Kathy Belvel, and Suze Ericson.



10/1: It was a pink day in the clubhouse! Over 30 of us stayed and enjoyed a delicious lasagna lunch, served by Chef Steve. Sadly it was his last day planning meals for Carson Valley Golf Course, and lucky us we got his last meal there!



10/29: Suze Ericson, Patti Parker & Felicia Sotomayor

Our very own Rhonda Moore was featured in the Record Courier as the winner of "Best Insurance Agent" in the 2024 Best of Carson Valley! Congratulations, Rhonda!



September Photo Montage

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Oct. 15 (L-R): Joan Sciarani, Dianne Ford, Kelly King, and Omega Berryhill.



Your 2025 Board (L-R): Lorna Johnston (Secretary), Debbie Steele (Treasurer), Vickie Oland (Vice President), and Judy Brooke (President) who is so thankful for the flowers and wonderful gift cards presented to her.



Debbie Knapp holding her beautiful rainbow trout that she caught and then released at Lake Shasta on a houseboat trip in October.



Oct. 15 (L-R): Dale Ann Luzzi, Rhonda Kudrna, Vickie Oland, and Judy Brooke.

Oct. 15 (L-R): Sherrie Thorne, Bev Hefferly, Sara Cleary, and Kathy Belvel.



Baseball may have its "closers", but CVWGC has its own breed of closers as well. Here are the "Closers" for Oct. 15 (L-R): Jill Bellamy, Melanie Rea, Margaret Fay, Judy Brooke, D-D Woodruff, Felicia Sotomayor, Kathy Belvel, and Jeanine Felix.



Shana Lakso cruising through the Panama Canal this October.





Teeing Up For The Cure Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 12, 3035



Dale Ann Luzzi helping set up the raffle prizes.



Registration



Jan Lieberman, the happy winner of the barrow of booze!



Pretty in pink, the team of Julie Marraccini, Suze Ericson, Lorna Johnston, and Lisa Rasmussen. Joining them is Taz who was a volunteer handing out playing cards.



A and H Insurance, Hole #2 sponsor.

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After-Play Socializing



Teeing Up For The Cure (cont'd)



Congratulations to Henry Collings, who after 40 years playing golf, got his first hole-in-one on Hole #17 at the Teeing Up For The Cure golf tournament.



Rick Flores (R), Swing 395, Hole #17 sponsor with Scott Stahl from Elevate XP (Titleist Performance Institute Certified) focused on golf fitness performance.



This team of four women ended up in 4th place! Team members: Joey Pearlman, Elaine Smith-Hyner, Tracy Mimno-Wirshing, and Susanne Dugger.



Oct. 29: Nancy Davison (Judy's sister), Peggy Frick, Dale Ann Luzzi, and Judy (in her jammies!).



Oct 24-28: Judy Brooke and her sisters at their 32nd annual sisters week in Temecula, CA. All but one sister made it this year. (Clockwise, Judy, Trish, Nancy, Sue, Mary, Kitty, Lori (sister-in-law), and Joani.



Susie Maxwell Berning balanced family and a Hall of Fame career

Words by Ron Sirak

The first entries into Susie Maxwell Berning's World Golf Hall of Fame resume were etched on the playing fields of Oklahoma, and the last came on the practice tees of California and Colorado, where she was an acclaimed instructor. Along the way, she won four major championships – the U.S. Women's Open three times – and was a trailblazer as a mom on the LPGA Tour.

Berning began playing golf at the age of 15 and quickly excelled at the game. She won three straight Oklahoma State High School Golf Championships, which helped earn her the first female golf scholarship offered by Oklahoma City University, where she played on the men's team.

She was the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year in 1964 and went on to win 11 LPGA Tour events, including the 1965 Western Open and the U.S. Women's Open in 1968, 1972 and 1973, joining fellow Hall of Fame members Betsy Rawls, Mickey Wright, Babe Zaharias, Hollis Stacy, and Annika Sorenstam as the only players to win that championship three or more times. She's also one of only seven players to win the U.S. Women's Open in back-to-back years.

A two-year battle with lung cancer

Berning passed away on Wednesday October 2, 2024, at home in Palm Springs, California after a more than two-year battle with lung cancer. She was 83.

"We are saddened by the passing of one of our greats," said LPGA Commissioner Mollie Marcoux Samaan. "Susie Maxwell Berning was not just a fantastic player and a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, but also a wonderful ambassador for the LPGA and women's sports overall. We will always point to her as a role model for balancing home life and career, winning major championships while also raising a family. Susie was a strong, pioneering athlete who I have personally admired and

whose legacy will continue to inspire future generations of athletes."

Because Berning had an abbreviated career as she balanced family and professional life, recognition came late. But when she was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2021, it was

with a class that included Tiger Woods, elevating her name into the same sentence with the greats of the game.

"Quite an honor," she said at the induction ceremony. "Just to be in the same room as Mickey Wright, Kathy Whitworth, Judy Rankin, and Patty Berg. To be honored alongside them is something I thought would never happen. I never even thought about it. I'm now part of their family, which makes me very proud."

Balancing personal and professional life

That Berning managed to win 11 times is remarkable, considering she always placed her personal life above her professional pursuits. In 1968, she played only nine events because she took time off for a honeymoon after marrying Dale Berning, yet she still won the first of her three U.S. Women's Open titles that year.

In 1970, she played in only seven events when she was pregnant with her daughter Robin and then came back to win the Women's Open in 1972 and '73. And, in 1977, she made only two appearances, ultimately giving birth to her daughter Cindy that year.

At the peak of her career – one that spanned 10 years from 1968 through 1977 – Berning averaged fewer than 13 tournaments a year. After retiring from Tour play, Berning became a well-respected teaching professional, dividing her time between The Reserve Club in Palm Springs, Calif.,



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Suzie Maxwell Berning (cont'd)

Maroon Creek Country Club in Aspen, Colorado, and spending more time with her family.

Winning a Major as a mother

The list of women who've won an LPGA Tour major after becoming a mother is even shorter than those who've won the U.S. Women's Open three or more times. It is one that includes only Nancy Lopez, Juli Inkster and Catriona Matthew along with Berning. And when Berning played on Tour, the Child Development Center had yet to become a travelling fixture helping working moms on the LPGA.

"In my second year, I think I played every tournament," Berning said. In fact, she played 30 events in both 1965 and 1966 and 26 in 1967. "When I joined the Tour in 1964, we had to play every week because the Tour needed us to keep the sponsors happy," she said. "After I got married in 1968, when I won the Open, I had played one tournament before that, but I hadn't played in like four weeks before that because I was on my honeymoon."

Susie Maxwell Berning route into golf

Susie Maxwell was born July 22, 1941, in Pasadena, California. Her family moved to Oklahoma City when she was 13 years old, and she took up golf at 15, quickly mastering the game. She won both the Oklahoma State High School Championship and the Oklahoma City Women's Amateur three consecutive times. She also won the 1963 Oklahoma Women's Amateur.

Berning joined the LPGA in 1964 and picked up her first professional win at the 1965 Muskogee Civitan, later winning the Western Open that same year, which was a major championship at the time. In 1967, she won the Louise Suggs Invitational and the Milwaukee Open. But it was in the majors that she played her best.

"I found myself giving more attention and more focus to every shot during a major," Berning said. "When it came

time for the majors, for some reason, I tried harder. I often asked myself, 'Why can't I try that hard in a regular tournament?' And I don't know the answer to that."

U.S. Women's Open victory

Berning won her first U.S. Women's Open in 1968 at Moselem Springs Golf Club near Reading, Pennsylvania, finishing three strokes ahead of Mickey Wright, who already had four U.S. Women's Open trophies of her own. A newlywed of less than two months, Berning led wire to wire, closing with a 71 to hold off Wright's hard charging 68.

Berning triumphed again in the 1972 U.S. Women's Open at Winged Foot after finishing 10th in her previous start, also a major.

"I probably went into that year's Open with some confidence because I'd finished pretty good in the LPGA Championship," said Berning, who won at Winged Foot by one stroke over Kathy Ahern, Pam Barnett and Judy Rankin.

"When you're playing good, you want to continue playing in tournaments and at that time I didn't play in every tournament because I was married, and I was raising a family. I had a two-year-old daughter, so I played maybe just 10 or 11 tournaments that year."

Berning is especially proud of the fact that she won at Winged Foot despite a first-round 79. "To this day, that's still the highest opening round of any winner of the U.S. Women's Open," she said. ♦

If you are interested in reading the full article on Suze Maxwell Berning, click on this link: [Susie Berning](#)



Funny Golf Terms (cont'd)

Shank

The shank, also known as “The S Word,” is a golfer’s nightmare. It occurs when the ball is hit off the neck or heel of the club, sending the shot sharply to the right. Shanks are considered contagious, so be careful not to mention them out loud!

Lip Out

A lip out refers to a putt that appears to be on its way into the hole, only to suddenly change direction and miss. A slightly less frustrating version is called a “burnt edge.”

Topped Shot

A topped shot happens when the bottom of the club strikes the top half of the ball, leading to a disappointing shot that only travels a few yards.

Slice

A common issue for amateur golfers, a slice causes the ball to curve from left to right in the air. This excessive sidespin results in a shorter overall shot distance. A milder version is called a cut or a pull-cut.

Hook

The opposite of a slice, a hook affects right-handed golfers by curving the ball from right to left in the air. This type

of shot can create additional distance due to the topspin but can also be problematic in the form of a duck-hook. A less severe hook is known as a draw or a push-draw.

Snowman

Dubbed the snowman due to its visual resemblance, this term refers to getting an 8 on your scorecard—an outcome that can dramatically impact your overall round.

Waggle

A waggle is a small motion golfers make to help relax before addressing the ball. It usually involves making one to three waggles, and is more commonly seen among older golfers.

Fried Egg

A “fried egg” is an unfavorable situation in golf when your ball lies with a partially buried appearance in a bunker, similar to a fried egg. These shots require extra finesse, as generating spin can be challenging. ♦

Golf Terms



November Birthdays

Phyllis Adair 10/04
Kelly King 10/05
Peggy Frick 10/12
Vickie Rutledge 10/23
Patti Parker 10/25
Nora Stevens 10/30

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Judy Brooke
President and Editor

