

Pearl Carey Receives 2003 Helen Lengfeld Award

by Kristina Evans

I recently had the pleasure of visiting with Pearl Carey, the recipient of the 2003 Helen Lengfeld Award. I see some striking similarities in these two ladies.



Pearl Carey

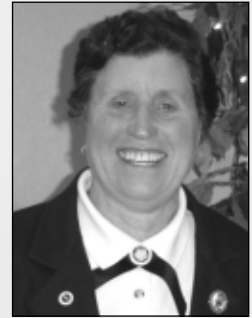
Helen Lengfeld, had a strong desire to help people, which she learned from her grandmother, Helena, in the early days of San Francisco. Helen combined her love of golf with the volunteer work she loved to do, by founding the United Voluntary Services Swing Club in 1946.

Pearl saw a need for ALL youth to get an

opportunity to learn about golf so she obtained a grant from the USGA Foundation, in 1997 to start her program-the Seaside Junior Golf Program. As Program Director she still meets with the children throughout the year—during school breaks. This is where her heart is, she loves teaching how to play golf and golf etiquette. Helping children to not only be good golfers but to be good citizens as well.

Pearl is a Past President of PWGA, Helen, was our Honorary President and Founder. Some of Pearl's accomplishments and honors include: being appointed to the prestigious USGA Sectional Affairs Committee, in 2002 she was presented the Golden State Award by the California Golf Writers' Association for lifetime service to the game and especially to junior and women's golf. Pearl was in great company, the only other woman to ever receive the award was the late Dinah Shore. Pearl served as President of the Western States Golf Association from 1977-1981, and has served on the executive board of the AT&T Pebble Beach Junior Golf Association. She has been playing golf off and on for approximately 30 years and was Club Champion at Rancho Canada in 1988. Next time you see Pearl ask her about her recent trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Message from our President- Mary Jobson



Mary Jobson

Welcome to all of you! I feel that I have seen many of you at our Workshops. Despite rain, hail and dark of night, we made it to all eight areas, and I was delighted to see the big numbers in attendance. I could tell many amusing tales of the Board's adventures during our various stays, and this is just one of the things that makes it so enjoyable. The gals did a wonderful job, and I'm sure you all are experts in the rules, handicapping, tournament, etc.

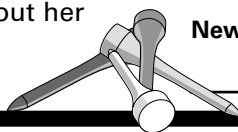
Where do we go from here? At this reading our Seniors Tournament will have been played, and we are on to the Partners Tournament at Lincoln Hills and Turkey Creek. We have tried to bring you new courses to play, so here they are, and I expect to see a full field for this event.

Most of all, I want all of you to be pleased with all of the endeavors of the Association. This includes not only golf, but our support of junior golf, and the benevolent projects. And most importantly, it gives you the opportunity to enjoy outings with old friends and new. Above all, remember, we must laugh and have a good time; that is what this is really about. In the total scheme of things, it doesn't matter how you play, as long as you come back from the tournaments thinking what a marvelous time you had!

I will be out there waving you on and encouraging you, so don't let me down; let's have a banner year!

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Benevolent Projects

It was an extremely busy 2003 for writing thank-you letters to our membership. Donations from our PWGA clubs made it possible for us to present the amounts listed below to our benevolent projects.

The generous amount donated of \$5,123.05, to the UVS Swing Club made it possible for them to have all their events and we made our goal; their annual Christmas party. Dotty Holliday, Emily Anderson, Laura Lee Pixton, Sharon Ziegler and her husband participated on December 16, with the help of other volunteers from PWGA, 400 gals and guys were served. A really good time was had by all.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation, Sacramento Affiliate received \$7,577.32 and the San Francisco Affiliate received \$3,241.70. We were honored to have Donna Sanderson, Komen Foundation, Sacramento Affiliate Executive Director speak at our Sacramento Area Workshop. Donna is a breast cancer survivor and an inspiration to us all.

We raised over \$2400 at our Spring Partners & Couples Tournaments this year through raffles.

Last July our former Fresno Area Director, Margaret DeBaets passed away and it was her wish that donations be made to our Junior Girls Program in her memory. We collected almost \$1,000.00. We presented grants to two programs in the Fresno area with \$500 grants apiece.

Our association donates \$2,000 each year to the fund. As of the end of the year we had a total of \$7,456.

To the Junior Golf Association of Northern California Transportation fund we donated a total of \$1,571.85.

We have awarded 7 grants this year to different programs. They include:

Del Norte High School	SAY Golf (Sacramento Area Youth)
Eagle Ridge Juniors	Lemoore High
Benbow Junior Girls	Yosemite Lakes
LPGA Girls Club – Pleasanton	

Thank you to all of you that donated. It makes us all proud to be a part of PWGA. Looking for ways to raise money for our benevolent projects? One club (The Windsor Women) raised \$912 for the Susan G. Komen fund by making lemonade out of their sour shots. Every time anyone got into a bunker they donated a "dime" to the fund.

NEWS FLASH



Suzanne Eckblom

Suzanne Eckblom has been newly appointed as the **Director of Nine Hole Clubs**. She is in the process of putting together a committee to assist her. Look for further updates on 9 Hole Tournaments and other activities. The Nine Hole Clubs are basically made up of women of all levels, who don't have the time (or inclination) to play an entire 18 holes.

Suzanne, a former school teacher, is co-owner and publisher of the Valley Springs Newspaper, and is the immediate Past President of the American Association of University Women - Calaveras. Her golfing days include: the La Contenta Hot Shots (9 holes association) and the Mace Meadows Ladies Golf Association.

Listed below are the current nine hole clubs by area:

East Bay

Brentwood Nine Tees
Diablo Hills Nine WGC
Skyettes Nine WGC

North Central

Mt. Lady Niners
Nine Tee Niners
Paradise Pine Golfettes

Redwood

Indian Valley Niners

Stockton

Forest Meadows Swinging Niners
La Contenta Hot Shots

Sacramento

Dry Creek Nifty Niners

San Jose

Palo Alto Wednesday Nine
Palo Alto Monday Nine

For more information about our nine hole clubs, Suzanne can be reached at: eckpub@goldrush.com

Meet Two New Executive Board Members

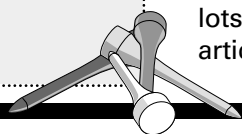


Kristina Evans, Jeannine Wiles

This issue features two new board members from the Monterey Bay Area; **Jeannine Wiles and Kristina Evans**.

Jeannine, Monterey Area Director, has been a member of Rancho Canada for approximately 11 years and has been playing golf for 40 years. Originally from Michigan, Jeanine came to California to teach. After retiring as a school administrator golf became even more of a priority. Her favorite things to do other than golf include traveling, reading, fishing and woodworking. She has a woodshop at her Pebble Beach home in which she has lived in for over 30 years.

Kristina, Public Relations Director, is a member of Del Monte Pines and Salinas Golf and Country Club. Relatively new to the game, she played tennis for 20 years and then made the big switch to golf about 5 years ago and absolutely loves it. She and her husband Dennis live in Pebble Beach and are very fortunate to have 3 of their grandchildren living close by, and she loves to share golf with her oldest grandson. You will see Kristina at many of our PWGA events taking lots of photographs for PWGA scrapbook, and gathering articles for Notes and Quotes.



Course Raters Meet the Challenge of Rating Our Golf Courses

by Kathy Darden

PWGA area encompasses some 200+ courses. They are divided into 8 areas and each area has a Course Rating Chairwoman, along with her team of trained raters, who is responsible for the rating of courses in that area. We do ratings for our member clubs, and also will do "Courtesy Ratings" for non-member courses for a small fee. USGA requires that we rate a course at least every 10 years or when permanent changes to the course have occurred. We try to keep our re-rate schedule at every 7 years if possible.

There's a lot of hard work that goes into a rating...scheduling the rating with the Pro and staff, making sure the permanent markers are in place, measuring and marking landing areas and obstacles, evaluating and recording obstacle values. A lot of the time there is some travel involved. The rating team uses a current laser measurement for each hole, done by a laser team from either NCGA or PWGA. Yardage is an essential component in arriving a rating. The team takes a close look at various factors that affect the playing length of each hole for both the scratch golfer and the bogey player...How far will the ball roll? Is there any upslope or downslope? Any forced lay-ups or doglegs? Prevailing wind? Is the course above 2,000 ft in altitude? All of these can affect the playing length and need to be adjusted in comparison to the measured length. The raters also look at 10 different obstacles that can affect the scratch and bogey golfers, such as; water, trees, OB, bunkers, etc. (using guidelines set by USGA). All of these values are recorded on a form, which is sent to me, the Course Rating Director. I check over the yardages and values used, before entering the information into a computer software program designed by USGA to compute the Slope and Rating. A change order for the new rating is issued to our Executive Director, Caroline O'Brien, who sends an official "Course Rating" certificate to the PWGA Rep. for that course. The certificate includes a Course Handicap Table. The rating for the scratch golfer is the "Course Rating." There is also a rating for the bogey golfer, which is used to compute the "Slope Rating." Slope is the relative difficulty of the course for players other than scratch. The course rating system has been designed by USGA to ensure that the player's handicap index can be converted to a course handicap and is equitable to the course being played.

PWGA sends our Area Rating Chairwomen to a USGA Course Rating Calibration Seminar every 2 years to keep current on the latest rating methods. In addition, Joyce Bartlett (PWGA - Course Rating Chair - San Jose Area) and Sherrie Erskine (Master Rater - USGA & WGANC), along with a Rep. from USGA,

have given some great local Calibration Seminars for all rating teams and have trained many ladies through the years. We are very fortunate to have a super team of raters who are dedicated to keeping our golf courses current. Next time you meet one of our course raters (listed in your handbook), be sure to give her a high five. If it weren't for the Course Rating System we wouldn't have a basis for our USGA Handicap Index, and we'd be competing in all tournaments at Gross Score!!!

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8. Post a review of your golf course
9. Look up PWGA member clubs

DO I JUST BELONG?

*Am I an active member,
The kind that would be
missed?*

*Or am I just contented
That my name is on the list?*

*Do I attend the regular
meetings,
And mingle with the flock?*

*Or do I simply stay at home
And criticize and knock?*

*Do I ever go to visit
A member who is sick?*

*Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "clique"?*

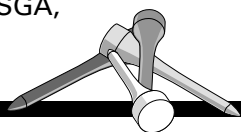
*There is a program scheduled
That now I've heard about,*

*And others will appreciate it
If I go and help them out.*

*Well....
Think it over, member*

*You know right from wrong
Are you an active member*

Or do you "just belong."



"Why was my handicap index reduced this month and how long will it last?"

This is a subject I have responded to several times now that the 2004 golf season has begun. The good news ... last year you must have played extremely well in PWGA or other golf tournaments and hopefully you were a lucky winner too! The bad news ... these scores were posted as a T-score and are still held within your revolving twelve-month T-score history.

What is important is that the Handicap Index represents your golfing potential ability NOT your actual, current or average ability. Remember the best 10 of your 20-score history represents your "Potential." GHIN also recognizes that golfers sometime play better during competition so this is also considered in determining a player's potential ability. The GHIN system automatically reviews every golfers index each month and as necessary makes "R" reductions based on the two lowest tournament scores made either within the last 12 months or within the current 20-score history. Each month as you add/delete scores, add/delete T-scores the affects of having the "R" reduction are determined.

EXAMPLE OF THE 'R' REDUCTION CALCULATION:

- Your current index for the month of May has been reduced under Section 10-3 (T-scores) to 23.9R
- Your current index before this reduction was 26.0
- This reduction is based on the following two lowest T-scores:

T-Score	Date	Rating	Slope	Differential (Adj.)
92	5/19/03	71.7	123	18.6
92	8/07/03	71.9	118	19.2
Average				18.9

You have 27 eligible tournament T-scores. Based on the average adjusted differential of your two lowest scores shown above, being 7.1 below your normally calculated handicap of 26.0, and 27 T-scores, Section 10.3 of the USGA Handicap System has reduced your handicap by 2.1 from 26.0 to 23.9R. One of these T-scores will drop off your record in the June revision.

If you are experiencing a reduction you may check your golf course computer, www.golfpwga.org or www.GHIN.com to view your two lowest T-scores and the number of eligible T-scores in your history. Your club handicapper has The USGA Handicap System manual to assist you in reviewing your individual calculations.

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PWGA Major Tournaments for 2004

Seniors-May 4 & 5

Castle Oaks GC, Lone
(Stockton Area)

Spring Partners-June 15 & 16

Turkey Creek GC and Lincoln Hills GC,
Lincoln
(Sacramento Area)

Mixed Couples-July 26 & 27

Plumas Pines GC and Graeagle Meadows
GC, Graeagle
(North Central Area)

Championship-August 10 & 11

Kennedy Park GC, Napa
(Redwood Area)

Team Play Championship- September 14 & 15

Dry Creek GC, Galt
(Sacramento Area)

Helen Lengfeld-October 5 & 6

Laguna Seca GC and Del Monte Pines GC,
Monterey
(Monterey Area)

Entries for all our tournaments may be found on our website at: www.golfpwga.org, or in the back of the 2004 Official Handbook.

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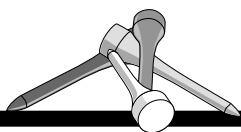
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A Few Important Rules Changes

January 1, 2004 brought some of the most extensive changes to the Rules of Golf in many years. Besides some major amendments to the basic Rules, there are many new Decisions and revised Decisions and a more modern looking Rules of Golf Book. The following are just a few of the new Rules but ones that frequently affect play.

In my opinion, two of the most important changes are to **Rule 3-3** and **Rule 11-1**, because both result in penalties of disqualification for proceeding incorrectly.

- **Rule 3-3.** Doubt as to Procedure. In the past if a competitor played a second ball under this Rule and scored the same with both balls, it was not necessary to report it to the Committee. The Rule has been amended to say that if a competitor plays two balls, she must report the facts of the situation to the committee before returning her scorecard. If she fails to do so, she is disqualified.
- **Rule 11-1.** Teeing Ground. For the first time in the Rules of Golf there is a definition of a "Tee." It must be designed for the purpose of raising the ball off the ground and must not be more than 4" long and must not indicate the line of play or influence the movement of the ball. In teeing, a player may still use sand or an irregularity of surface, but if she uses a non-conforming tee or other object to raise the ball off the ground, she is disqualified.

Lost Ball

A third very important change is the definition of a "Lost Ball." Previously a player's original ball was lost when another ball was dropped or otherwise put into play. Under the new definition a stroke must be made at the substituted ball for it to become the ball in play. If a player searches briefly for her ball and then decides to drop another ball, and her original ball is found within five minutes and before she makes a stroke at the substituted ball, she must proceed with her original ball. If she subsequently makes a stroke at the substituted ball, she has played a wrong ball.

Loose Impediments

There are two long overdue changes regarding **Loose Impediments**.

- The first is the elimination of the one club-length stipulation under Rule 18. A player no longer automatically incurs a penalty if, through the green, the ball moves after the removal of a loose impediment within one club-length. However, if removing a loose impediment causes the ball to move, the player incurs a penalty under 18-2a and the ball must be replaced.

- The second involves Rule 16-1. Previously a player could use only her hand or a club to remove loose impediments from her line of putt. The new Rule allows loose impediments to be removed from the line of putt by any means provided nothing is pressed down.

Preferred Lies and Winter Rules

The Local Rule for "Preferred Lies" and "Winter Rules" has been amended to require the player to mark the position of the ball before lifting and placing it. When it is placed and at rest, it is in play. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves it in any other manner, she incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Despite all of these changes the most basic rule of golf remains the same, and that is, whenever possible, you should play the course as you find it and the ball as it lies.

Hole-In-One Insurance

Since a person making a hole-in-one is traditionally expected to buy drinks for a select group of people, many golf clubs have what is known as Hole-In-One Insurance, which will presumably pay for these drinks. The members of the golf club usually fund these "insurance policies" by making a one-time premium payment of a nominal amount of money.

One of the questions that came up at a recent workshop was how a player could receive this insurance payment since, under the Rules of Amateur Status, she may not accept cash or its equivalent. Decision 3-2/4 of the Rules of Amateur Status states that an amateur may not accept credit towards any club bills with the exception "that up to \$750 from a hole-in-one may be spent to pay the bar bill the day of the hole-in-one."

There are some clubs that issue a gift certificate in the amount of the insurance policy to the player who has made the hole-in-one, so the player could use the gift certificate to apply to the cost of the beverages. Also, the golf club could issue the insurance payment directly to the establishment.

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