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HIGH MEADOW RANCH LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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## Save the Dates! 2023



- 1) April 13--General Membership Meeting
- 2) April 14--Six and Social
- 3) MAY 4--MAD HATTER
- 4) May 30--9 Hole Eclectic starts
- 5) June 1st--18 Hole Eclectic Starts



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## The President's Tee Box

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!**

*WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START IN 2023 AND WE STILL HAVE SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO WITH SO MANY RETURNING AND NEW MEMBERS!! OUR 9-HOLE GROUP IS WELL UNDERWAY WITH A HOLE-IN-ONE BY CANDACE HURT. CONGRATULATIONS!! LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE SURE WAS NICE WITH ALL THE RAIN BUT ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END. MARCH 31 WAS THE LAST DAY FOR WINTER RULES TO BE IN EFFECT.*

*UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN LIVING UNDER A ROCK, YOU KNOW HOW EXCITED WE ARE TO HOST OUR 3RD ANNUAL MAD HATTER LADIES GOLF TOURNAMENT ON MAY 4! I CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS DURING OUR LUNCHEON. PLEASE BE SURE TO CONGRATULATE THESE TALENTED HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHEN YOU SEE THEM!*

*OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13 AT 8:30 AM (BEFORE THE FIRST 18-HOLE TEE TIME). PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND. WE ALWAYS HAVE LOTS OF GOOD INFORMATION TO SHARE. I'LL SEND OUT THE MEETING AGENDA ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE OUR MEETING SO YOU CAN READ IT AND COME TO THE MEETING PREPARED. REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR GOLF LEAGUE. AND, AS WITH EVERYTHING IN LIFE, THE MORE YOU INVEST IN SOMETHING, THE MORE YOU GET OUT OF IT. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA OR A SUGGESTION, PLEASE SHARE IT WITH ONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS BEFORE THE MEETING SO WE CAN ADD IT TO THE AGENDA.*

*LASTLY, BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INFORMATION FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT SIX AND SOCIAL AND THE 9-HOLE AND 18-HOLE ECLECTIC TOURNAMENTS. THERE IS SO MUCH FUN AHEAD OF US!*

*LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT MAD HATTER!*

*LET'S MEET FOR TEE, CATHY*



## CLINICS

Monday 10.00 -  
Operation 36

Wednesday 9.00 -  
Ladies PDP Clinic

Saturday 10.00 - All-  
Comers Clinic



## Golf Lessons

Contact: Roger Stebbins  
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# MEMBER MOMENTS

or Sage Advice from Seasoned Golfers



## Our Very Own, Mary Bracken

*Carpe Diem — Seize the pleasure of your moments playing the game of golf. Make the most of opportunities to travel & play the many historic & beautiful courses of the world !!! Experience the joy that the camaraderie of new & ongoing friends bring into your life- They often say Golf is the Game of Life !!!*



## Tournaments to Play.

SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR  
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS  
32ND SEMI-ANNUAL EVENT

2023 SPRING TOURNAMENT - APRIL 5-6, 2023  
LADY BIRD GOLF COURSE==341 GOLFERS LOOP  
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 78624830-997-4010

## Tournaments to Watch

*please check local listings*

LPGA Chevron Championship  
April 20-23 The Club at Carlton Woods  
Purse: \$5,100,000



← APR 6 - 9 Masters Tournament →

Augusta National Golf Club Augusta, GA • USA

← May 4-7 Wells Fargo Championship Quail Hollow Club →

Charlotte, NC • USA  
\$20,000,000 Purse

← June 15-18 U.S. Open →

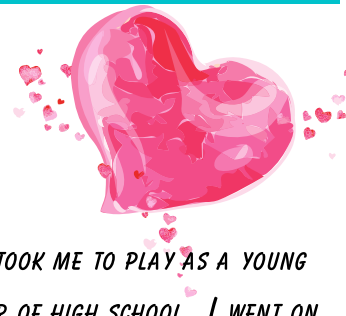
The Los Angeles Country Club (North Course)  
Los Angeles, CA • USA



# Member Spotlight

## Jackie Smith HMR Tournament

### Director



*I WAS BORN IN HOUSTON, RAISED IN TOMBALL. MY DAD HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN AVID GOLFER AND OFTEN TOOK ME TO PLAY AS A YOUNG CHILD. I PLAYED MANY SPORTS THROUGHOUT MY YOUTH, BUT GAVE THEM ALL UP FOR GOLF MY JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. I WENT ON TO PLAY GOLF AT TEXAS TECH FOR 3 YEARS, WHILE WORKING ON A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DEGREE. WHEN I DECIDED THAT WASN'T FOR ME, I TOOK A SEMESTER OFF AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO SAM HOUSTON WHERE I FINISHED UP MY COLLEGE GOLF CAREER AND HORTICULTURE DEGREE. I PLAYED A FEW YEARS PROFESSIONALLY AFTER COLLEGE. I HAD A HANDFUL OF GOOD TOURNAMENTS BUT STILL BLEW THROUGH ENOUGH MONEY TO PUT AN END TO THAT DREAM 😊. FUN FACT: MY AUNT PLAYED ON THE LPGA TOUR IN THE 80'S AND EVEN WON A TOURNAMENT.*

*I HAD WORKED AT HMR ON AND OFF THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE (CASEY HIRED ME WHEN I WAS 16 LOL), SO I DECIDED TO RETURN UNTIL I FIGURED OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT WITH MY LIFE. I WAS THEN OFFERED THE JOB AS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WHEN OUR PREVIOUS ONE LEFT. I DIDN'T KNOW THEN HOW MUCH I WOULD LOVE IT, AND I DON'T PLAN ON LEAVING ANY TIME SOON.*

*WHEN I'M NOT WORKING, I ENJOY HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, SPENDING TIME WITH MY THREE DOGS, AND VOLUNTEERING AT ABANDONED ANIMAL RESCUE. HMR AND AAR ARE REALLY LIKE MY SECOND FAMILIES. I MAKE A GOAL EACH YEAR TO PLAY MORE GOLF, ESPECIALLY WITH THE LADIES ASSOCIATION AND I NEVER SEEM TO FOLLOW THROUGH... SO I CHALLENGE YOU ALL TO CHALLENGE ME TO PLAY MORE! I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING Y'ALL ON THE COURSE.*



## Diana Wise

*I grew up in Grove City Ohio where I met my high school sweetheart and husband of 47 years, Mike. Together we raised two sons, Danny and David who have given us one beautiful grandchild each, Morgan and Matt.*

*My golf journey started at a young age and my love for the game has grown throughout the years. Our home course from 1993-2005 was Jefferson Country Club (Blacklick, Ohio), which was designed by architect Robert Trent Jones, Jr. and from 2005-2008 Twin Eagles (Naples, Florida), designed by Jack Nicklaus I and II.*

*I stepped away from golf for a few years and pursued what could be described as my first real passion, tennis. I competitively played at the Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club ladies tennis league from 2011-2014. In late 2014, my husbands career brought us to The Woodlands, Texas where we currently reside. I have since joined the High Meadow Ranch ladies golf league, where I am having a great time playing and getting to know all of the wonderful ladies.*

*Throughout all my years playing golf in Ohio, Florida, Texas and many states in-between, I cherish all the many joyful memories made with my family and friends on and off the golf course.*

# Why Women Golfers Must Be Leaders

Nancy Berkley's advice for women golfers everywhere ...  
and it's not about how to hit the ball.

A recent article in the New York Times on June 14, 2017, caught my attention and it wasn't in the sports section and never mentioned golf. The title was "The Universal Phenomenon of Men Interrupting Women."

The message of the Times article was that women have a hard time getting their opinions heard in board rooms especially when there is only one woman at the table. My experience as corporate lawyer and executive confirmed this fact. I learned how to deal with this reality: Where to sit at the table, how to begin each sentence, and much more.

But then I immediately thought about women's golf because women have a hard time getting heard at golf facilities also. I have been on the governing boards of golf facilities and on numerous committees – and many times I was the only woman at the table. Over the years, I have had to use leadership skills (the same ones from the corporate world) to improve the experience for women golfers at golf facilities and on the course.

Out of the total 30,000 golf professionals (including instructors) in The PGA and LPGA in the U.S., only about 2000 are women – that's less than 10 percent. Translate that to a governing board of 10 people, and only one would be a woman. Most women golfers reading this have probably never played golf at a facility where a woman was the Director of Golf, confirming that golf is really still a "man's world."

But, I always admit that women golfers are a challenging marketing segment. Many women are too easily intimidated by men on the golf course who complain that women play too slowly (which they don't). Women fear embarrassing themselves with poor shots clearly visible to their playing partners and men's foursomes near them (as if men never had bad shots). In addition, many women don't have time for 18-hole rounds of golf and many courses don't encourage nine-hole rounds. And, many (not all!) golf directors don't help women find compatible playing partners or use friendly, fun tournament formats like three-hole scrambles for new golfers.

I sympathize with these responses and validate them as real problems. But I would rather roll up my sleeves to solve the problems than wringing my hands about them – and you can't do both at the same time. The reality I have come to over the last decade is that women themselves must be better leaders and change-makers at golf facilities. They can't just sit back and wait for change to happen.

There are many different ways for women to enjoy this game. You may be a competitive golfer, even though most women are not. You may like 18 holes, while an increasing number of women prefer nine. You may like the new instructor, and others don't. Your role as a leader is to balance your interest with the interest of different segments and somehow make sure that more women golf more and enjoy it more.

### Establish Regular Communications And Over-Communicate

Don't wait for a problem to arise, think ahead and be pro-active. Set up regular informational meetings with the pro staff (informal – over breakfast, lunch or cocktails) and the women representing various segments of your women's golf community. Make it an open discussion – ask: “What's working well, what's not. Together: Count the customers – how many are playing, taking lessons and improving? How can we make our golf experience even better? How are we measuring our success? Communicate regularly with your fellow women golfers through newsletters and bulletin boards.

### When It Comes To Complaints – Do Your Research

There will surely be complaints and problems. But before you bring a problem to the staff make sure you have done your research. Is this a one-person issue or is it bigger? Are two women complaining that they can't play on a Tuesday, or are there fifty? In my experience, most one-person issues are personality driven. As a golf leader among your women colleagues, don't ask the professionals to solve these kinds of problems. Maybe they have some advice, but try to deal with it woman-to-woman first. Most golf professionals and managers don't like to or want to discipline their customers.

### Use Your Best Communication Skills

It's much better to say, “How can we help the staff handle all the pairings on a Friday morning?” rather than “Why couldn't they get the bags on the right cart last week?”.

### Be a Public Relations Partner

Whether it's the locker room bulletin board or the local newspaper, be proactive in figuring out the best way to communicate with your fellow women golfers and the larger community. Women golfers bring so many skills with them from their professional backgrounds. There are writers and computer wizards and creative artists. Most golf professionals and managers, on the other hand, came to golf because of their golf skill – not because they know how to take photos for the newspaper, write a press release about a charity event. Take a role in helping your facility spread the word that this is a “Women Welcome Here” facility.

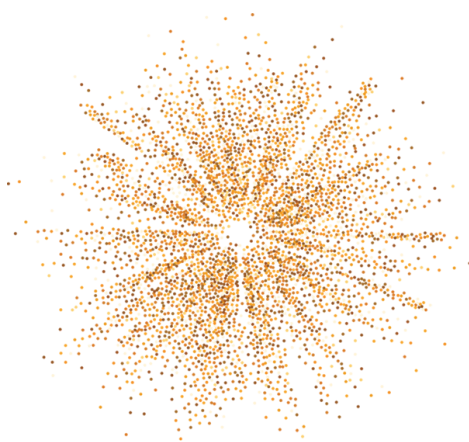
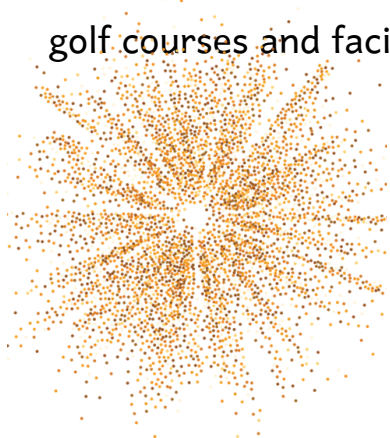
### Be a Mentor

Take new women golfers under your wing. It generally requires about five to ten on-course friendly, coaching, mentoring experiences offered by a seasoned golfer to a new golfer before that new golfer feels comfortable to go out on the course on her own. Think about how to be a good mentor and encourage your friends to be mentors also.

### Promote Women for Leadership Roles

Figure out what's the best (and most politically effective) plan of action is to get women on the governing boards and important committees of your golf facility or association. Most women-friendly courses have women-friendly top management. I personally have observed that three women on a committee can perform magic – whether it's a committee of 7 or 77.

The bottom line is women must be leaders and advocates for women's golf at their golf courses and facilities because if they don't, no one else will.





April BIRTHDAYS

Gail Peurifoy--April 5  
Jenny Calkins--April 5  
Coleen Kapalski--April 21

May BIRTHDAYS

Ivy Martino--May 7  
Honor Baggett--May 20

June BIRTHDAYS

Beth Hoad--June 2  
Debbie Yarotsky--June 6  
14-CeCe Bruce  
Katie Steele- June 22  
Leslie Bailey--June 23  
Tara Dorroh--June 26



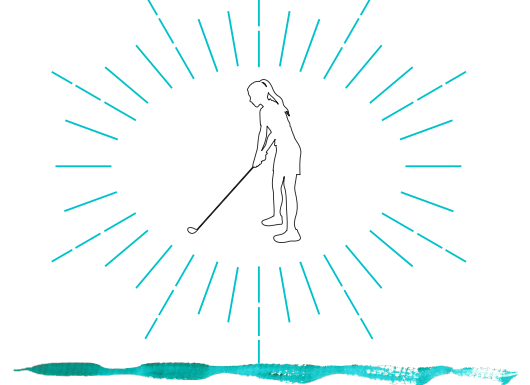
[www.globalgolfpost.com/category/ggpwomen/GGPWomen](http://www.globalgolfpost.com/category/ggpwomen/GGPWomen)

The best stories in women's golf! (copy/paste link)

CHECK IT OUT!!!!

GLOBAL GOLF POST for WOMEN!!

MEMBERS CORNER



----TRUTH!----



"GOLF IS A GAME OF EGO, BUT IT'S ALSO A GAME OF INTEGRITY. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS YOU DO WHAT IS RIGHT WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING."

- TOM WATSON



WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE



ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE SO KEEP TEXTING ALL YOUR PLAYDAY PHOTOS TO TARA!

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# 2023 Calendar



<b>January</b>	5th	1st 18-Hole Playday of 2023
	5th	General LGA Membership Meeting
	13th	Scholarship Foundation Board Meeting
	25th	Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting
	26th	Interclub - Kingwood Country Club
	31st	HMRLGA Scholarship Applications Close
<b>February</b>	23rd	Interclub - Woodlands Country Club
<b>March</b>	14th	9-Hole - 1st Playday of 2023
	16th	18-Hole - Luck of the Draw St.Paddy's Playday
	23rd	Interclub - Woodlands Traditions
	30th	Board Meeting
<b>April</b>	13th	General LGA Membership Meeting
	14th	Friday Night Six & Social
	20th	Interclub - Willow Creek Golf Club
<b>May</b>	4th	Mad Hatter Tournament
	12th	Friday Night Six & Social
	25th	Interclub - Deerwood Golf Club
	30th	9-Hole Summer Eclectic Tournament Starts
<b>June</b>	1st	18-Hole Summer Eclectic Tournament Starts
	9th	Friday Night Six & Social
	22nd	Interclub - Northgate Country Club
	29th	Board Meeting
<b>July</b>	13th	General LGA Membership Meeting
	14th	Friday Night Six & Social
	27th	Interclub - Bentwater Country Club
<b>August</b>	9th	Scholarship Foundation New Board of Directors Meeting
	11th	Friday Night Six & Social
	24th	Interclub - High Meadow Ranch *Hosting*
	29th	9-Hole Summer Eclectic Ends
	31st	18-Hole Summer Eclectic Ends
<b>September</b>	8th	Friday Night Six & Social
	27th	Swing Pink Tournament
	28th	Interclub - Walden on Lake Conroe Golf Club
<b>October</b>	3rd	Board Meeting
	13th	Friday Night Six & Social
	18th * TBD	General LGA Membership Meeting
	24th	9-Hole End of Year Tournament
	26th	Interclub - Elkins Lake Country Club
<b>November</b>	2nd	Last 18-Hole Playday for 2023
	7th & 9th	2-Day 18-Hole End of Year Tournament
	16th	Interclub - Walden on Lake Houston Golf Club
	30th	Santa Scramble Tournament
<b>December</b>	7th	Christmas Party/ Membership Meeting & New Board Elections