

HIGH MEADOW RANCH LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION www.highmeadowranchlga.com

Winter 2022

Save the Dates! 2003 🦄 <u>#1</u> January 5-1st 18 Hole PlayDay <u>#2</u> January 5–General Membership (Meeting After Play) <u>#3</u> January 26 1st Interclub (Kingwood Golf Club)

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#### The President's Tee Box

The Board and I are excited to welcome all of you to the new year and look forward to all that we have planned for 2023.

We start our season on Thursday, January 5 with our first 18hole play day and our first General Membership Meeting in the Ranch House (after 18-hole play concludes). I hope you can attend this meeting even if you are not playing on 1/5. We estimate that the meeting will start at around 3:00 (fingers crossed!)

We faced some challenges in 2022 and I am sure we will face challenges in 2023 but I can't think of a better group of Ladies I would rather face these challenges with than you!

I hope you saw the Calendar of Events 1 sent to our league. If not, please take a look at our website which has a lot of useful information, and we have attached a copy of our calendar on the last page of this newsletter. We have a fabulous year to look forward to. With a full schedule of play days, tournaments, and other fun activities, there will be plenty of opportunities for us to compete, have fun and make new friends.

Your Board will do our very best to have a successful year and we look forward to another year of great golf and fellowship with all of you! Cathy

See you on the course !!!!-

#### CLINICS

Monday 10.00 -**Operation 36** 

Wednesday 9.00 -Ladies PDP Clinic

Saturday 10.00 - All-**Comers Clinic** 



#### Golf Lessons

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## MEMBERS MOMENTS or Sage Advice from Seasoned Golfers

Leslie's Golf Tip:



When the green is at a downward slope, you must aim your putt ABOVE the flag to have any chance at making it in the hole. If you putt below the flag, your ball will continue rolling down hill away from the flag. Also, if anyone putts before you, be sure to watch her line and speed of her putt so you can adjust yours accordingly! I hope this helps@

Tournaments to Play

Texas Women's Eclectic Oakmont Country Club Corinth, TX (940) 321-5599 Mar 13, 2023 - Mar 14, 2023

Tournaments to Watch



<u>please check local listings</u>

Sentry Tournament of Champions Jan 5-8 \$15,000,000 Plantation Course at Kapalua, Kapalua, Maui, HI · Purse:

THE PLAYERS Championship

TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course), Ponte Vedra Beach, FL • Purse: March 9-12 \$25,000,000

# Lathy Vicory Member Spotligh

I was born in Little Rock, AR, but didn't stay there for long. When I was one year old, my father was transferred to Rochester, NY for a year, then to Dallas for a year, and then to Houston. I spent my pre-teen years in the Sharpstown area (SW) of Houston. Just as I was entering the 7th grade, we were transferred again back to Rochester, NY. I have great memories of my time there in junior high and high school. Then in the middle of my junior year of high school, we were transferred once again, back to the Dallas area, where I graduated from Plano High School. There was only one Plano High School at that time (a long time ago!).

After my first year of college at SW Texas State in San Marcos, I came to Houston to work, and get married, (not the best decision} and I started my career in the oil and gas industry in 1979 in the field of Human Resources working for an extraordinary company. Because I had dropped out of college to work full-time my bosses at the time really pushed me to finish my degree. So, I did it the hard way — had two beautiful kids along the way, working full-time, and eventually got my college degree after many years. In the beginning, I complained I would be 35 before I got my degree, to which my boss, responded, "You will be 35 anyway, so might as well be 35 with a degree than without one". That being said, I had a 42 year career in HR, all in the oil gas industry and I retired in August of 2020. Yay!

Retirement has opened many new doors for me. I started taking cello lessons once per week. I volunteer as a child advocate for children in the foster care system through Montgomery County (CASA), I am a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo volunteer, and I spend a lot of time on the golf course. When I am not doing those things, I enjoy walking my two dogs and then just walking myself for exercise. I do a little painting and enjoy dining out with friends on a regular basis. Of course, I like to travel and have done quite a bit this year. Took a while to get back to it after COVID, but am looking forward to some exciting trips in the future.

My daughter and her family live in the Cypress area. I don't miss many of my grandkids sporting events. My grandson (age 8) is an avid baseball player, and my granddaughter (age 5) tries her hand at soccer and softball (although she really just wants to be a cheerleader). My son recently relocated to Atlanta, GA for a great opportunity in the commercial roofing industry.

I have really enjoyed the camaraderie with the ladies in the HMRLGA. You have been very welcoming to me. I look forward to another fun year playing with you all, and maybe, just maybe, I will lower my handicap next year. Happy Holidays to all of you!





Pat Beckmeyer



I am originally from the Cincinnati area. I graduated from the University of Cincinnati. Working part time while I was going to college as a cashier in a grocery store, I met the grocery stocker, Bob who went to the rival college Xavier University. We dated the remainder of our college years and were married a year after graduation. We have four children two boys and two girls. Bob worked for AT&T, so we were transferred to Chicago from Houston, then to Milwaukee, then back to Houston where we decided to make a permanent home with warm winters. I became a widow 28 years ago so I went to work, and eventually retired as vice president of National Retail Services. I then decided to resurrect my golf game! Although my game is much shorter and has higher scores then back in the old days, it continues to be fun, keeps me active and it is giving me the opportunity to meet wonderful people. I have five grandchildren and currently adding "grandmother of the bride" to my resume! This was my first year at High Meadow Ranch. I joined because I was told it was a fun and welcoming group of ladies. That is so true! It also provided a new experience. I had never played for a club that had Interclub and I found being a member of our team was a great experience. I am looking forward to more fun in 2023!



Is thinking bad on the golf course? This question receives a lot of attention and discussion among the golfing world. Thinking is not only beneficial but necessary to plan your strategy for each hole and each shot. Bryson Dechambeau is an example of a 'thinking' golfer.

Thinking becomes detrimental when you can't shut down those conscious thoughts just prior to striking the ball. This is when golfers cross over to the side of overthinking.

Overthinking is when you put too much time into conscious thinking about how you are playing a shot, swing mechanics, second-guessing, projecting outcomes, mentally reviewing past shots, or overanalyzing what you need to change from other missed shots.

Overthinking becomes mental interference when your thoughts start to cause your body to freeze even though your body knows what you want it to do (often the culprit with the yips).

You can manage overthinking and play your best golf even under the pressure of winning.

#### Helpful Steps for a Golf Thinker

1) Relax your mind and body. This can be accomplished by taking several deep breaths prior to your shot.

2) Simplify your pre-shot routine. Once you make a decision, stick with it.

3) Focus on one image over the ball — such as tempo or target. Keeping it simple will improve consistency.



The feeler plays well when they have a clear sense of one part of their body. The feeler's wiring is located in the brainstem cerebellum. This is an <u>instinctual</u> player who is naturally comfortable with executing the golf movement. This player sees the target and feels the shot in relevant parts of the body.

When practicing, work on your mechanics without a target. Isolate a body part, get that part in the correct position and see what happens. Don't be afraid of changing your awareness to another body part to experiment. A good Mantra for a feeler is "Don't swing until you're ready".

The key for good play for feelers is getting set before you take the club back. Don't try to visualize or work on your tempo! Use feel to play and to correct your swing errors.

#### A Feeler will:

- 1) Selects clubs on feel
- 2) Learn by "hands on" non-verbal instruction
- 3) Stress at being rushed
- 4) At times get overwhelmed with 'too many mechanics' when learning.

Watch videos of 'feel' players such as Fred Couples and Ernie Els.

- The key to all of this is the answer to the question: HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO TAKE THE CLUB BACK?
- The feeler will answer, "when I feel a stillness, quietness, a peace that tells me to go."
- Every now and then feelers should ask another golfer to watch their swing and tell them if what they 'feel' is what the reality is.

#### **January BIRTHDAYS**

Becky Reeves Jan 21 Suzzette Kirchner Jan 23 Mary Bracken Jan 15 Stacie Strine Jan 28

#### **February BIRTHDAYS**

Cyndi Svoboda Feb 1 Maria Reid Feb 8

#### **March BIRTHDAYS**

Claudia Gerault Mar 3 Natalie Taylor Mar 15 Linda Fankhauser Mar 22



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#### ----A LITTLE FYI----

Tiger Woods could apply to use a golf cart in a PGA Event because he can no longer walk an 18 Hole Course due to his leg injuries, but he says that's not who he is. He said if he can't play at that level, he can't play at that level.



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### My brain at address on every shot

DON'T THROW IT FROM HERE SWIND 001 ANDSY EVERY INON IKE A WEDGE. -SHOT ZONE -HAVEI + NEVER PAST HERE! -> 100% -WORKED ON THE GRIP !! POINTS AT THIS THE GLIP! ZONE? TARGET -: FOCUS! SWING DOWN ISEE THE SHOT! POSITIVE GOLF THOUGHTS! HINK THEN AROUND !! - BACK TO TARGET --TRUST THE SWING! TURN !! DON'T SWAY !! FILE THE RIGHT SIDE CONTROLLED AGGRESSION! FLAT LEFT WRIST = LESS IS MORE! STRAIGHT SHOT! SOFT HA. A TURN MIDDLE 1/2 AS FAR ALIGN NENT! AS LEFT SHOULDER -BALL POSIFION : TORque RESISTANCE! SWING PLANE! (SEE HOGAN) - CLEAR THE HIPS !!= DON'T HOLD ON! DON'T PULL! DRIVE THROUGH WITH THE BIG HUSCLES -ROTATE + RELEASE HANDS! - KNEE FLEX -STAY ON BALANCE! IMPALT ZONE KNEE SMOOTH! ONE HOVE! TO KNEE -> DON'T JUNA AT IT!! FINISH THE SWING! HOLD FINISH -E LEFT HEEL DOWN HIGH HANDS! FOR CONTROL! STANCE + FOOT ANGLES! DLIVE DUWN + THROUGU: STAY DONT MAKE THE BALL TEMPO!! SWING THE CLUB! THE TARGET - DRIVE THROUGH -> TURN IN THE BARREL! COMPLETE THE CIRLLE!!

2023 Calendar

1st 18-Hole Playday of 2023

General LGA Membership Meeting

5th

5th

January

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

Ladies Golf Association