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Second Win in Three Years

Wiener Triumphs in Close Battle

The 2002 Club Championship trophy probably feels right at home on Bobbie Wiener's mantle. This is the second time in the past three years that the trophy has been awarded to Bobbie for her efforts. She bested seven of the top SNGABW

golfers with an overall score of 181 for the 36 hole tournament.

Thirty-one women competed in the two-day event at Painted Desert over the November 16th and 17th weekend.

"This is by far the best showing we've

King and Jackie Pierson.

All of the ladies in the Championship flight were also team play members who took home top honors in the Blue Division this year.

The Silver flight saw two newcomers to SNGABW capturing top honors. First year member, Barbara Ford, earned the low gross medal with her score of 185. Ann Contine and Kathy Cormack tied for low net honors with a score of 146, and Ann was awarded the medal in a card playoff.

The Silver flight had the most competitors with 13 ladies qualifying based on their handicaps. Other members of the flight included Susan Boswell, Geneva Cullen, low gross medalist from 2001, Deb Koch, Jan Manning, low net medalist from 2001, Sandra Marksberry, Connie Patterson, Karen Power, Theresa Prospero, most improved golfer of 2001, Sue Silcott and Jean Sundgren.

Billie DeNezza and Cathy Siegel traded medals for 2002. Cathy took top honors this year in the Bronze flight with her two-day total of 200 and Billie claimed low net with her score of 140. Cathy moved up a notch from 2001 when she was awarded low net honors. Billie had taken the top spot for the past two years.

Others competing in the Bronze flight included Cindy Bonko, Sandy Gray, Gail Horky, Rita Morgan, Sheryle Pepper, Sunny Sundgren, Mary Beth Treat and Shirley Wickham.

The ladies capped the tournament off with an awards luncheon at Bogie's Restaurant. They also said adios to Kathy Cormack, long time member, who is moving to Huntington Beach, California to tackle a new career as well as new golf courses.



Champions for 2002, Bobbie Wiener, Barbara Ford, Billie DeNezza, Ann Sutton, Cathy Siegel, Ann Contine and Marilyn Schaupp, proudly display their medals. Bobbie took home the traveling trophy for the second time in three years with her top score of 181 for 36 holes edging out her nearest competitor by only one stroke. The competition had its best showing in recent years.

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had in a long time," said Jan Hansen, special events coordinator. "I think it had a lot to do with the nice weather and the President's Cup seems to have sparked competition within the organization."

Bobbie squeaked by her closest competitor, Ann Sutton. One stroke separated the champion from the runner-up. Ann was runner up to her in 2000 when Bobbie won her first Club Championship.

Medalist honors went to Marilyn Schaupp, this year's President's Cup winner, with her first day low net score of 73.

Others competing in the Championship flight were Christina Caruso, last year's runner up and medalist, Eve Farr, defending Club Champion, Jan Hansen, Lynn



FOREwords

By Jackie Pierson
SNGABW President

*I wanted to live in a carnival city,
With laughter and love everywhere...
I wanted my friends to be thrilling and witty...
Have I stayed too long at the Fair...?*

I Staved Too Long At The Fair B. Barnes

I wanted to live in an exciting (carnival) and interesting city. Outside of New Orleans and Rio, where could it be more "carnival" than Las Vegas?

I wanted laughter and love. Getting to know you, my friends, has granted me laughter and love.

Oh, and yes, I wanted my friends to be thrilling and witty. Without a doubt, you are that.

In the span of 4 1/2 years that I've been in Las Vegas, you people have challenged me, competed with me, competed against me, and won me over with your friendship, camaraderie, and by just being who you are. It's hard to believe it has gone so fast, but in those 4 1/2 years, I have spent 4 of them on the Board, two as Vice-President and now two as President. Now, at the risk of "staying too long at the fair," it's time to move on and get some fresh blood and ideas on the Board. I thought it would be more difficult to say it. I'm relieved in a way, but I also want to linger.

Letting someone else take over on the Board will be giving up something that has been rewarding and mostly enjoyable to me. Your help and support made my task one of pleasure and, though I admit that I'll enjoy filling up my newly found free time with different things to do, I will miss the contact with others on the Board and Committees. I wish to thank ALL members of the Board and Committees (past and present) for their hard work and support.

I also wish to thank my dear friend, J. Ashman, who, as my ghostwriter, took all my jumbled thoughts and wrote them down so eloquently.

Take Care and God Bless! See You on the Links!

That's Maary With Two A's

Founder Remembered

SNGABW lost a great lady with the recent death of Maary Smith, club founder.

Maary died September 26, 2002 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She never let this fight interfere with her love of the game of golf and her devotion to SNGABW.

Maary and ten other hotel-oriented business women found a common bond in their

lunch in the fall of 1986 at the Alexis Park and formed SNGABW."

Maary continued to be an active member in the organization all her life. She served as President in 1988 and repeated this job in 1998. She also served as tournament chair and Team captain and continually served as unofficial membership chairman.

"Maary was so good at increasing membership," commented Shirley Wickham. "She loved the organization and lauded it like you wouldn't believe."

As SNGABW started to grow and take on inexperienced golfers, Maary saw a need for and organized Saturday morning golf at the North Las Vegas Par 3, which remained one of her greatest legacies.

"New members always felt welcome," Maary had said. "It was a great way to get introduced to the game of golf. They learned the rules and courtesy. These players didn't feel they could play with us on Sundays, but they felt quite comfortable on Saturday morning."

Maary took the time to learn the rules of golf and prided herself on being an expert. Although her health hindered her from participating in the

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This traveling trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Maary Smith Founder's Memorial Tournament

love of the game of golf. SNGABW grew out of that love.

"I was working at the Alexis Park Hotel and had a standing Monday morning 5 am tee time with Barbara Allen," Maary once said. "We would play 18 holes and then go to work. There were other women, mostly in hotel work, who were also looking for female golf partners because it was so difficult to get on the local courses as a single woman. Ten of us met for

That's Trish Not Hal

First Hole-in-One Takes Sutton by Surprise

Trish Sutton's cell phone came in handy on the third green at a recent Las Vegas Golf Club outing as she used it to call her husband with the news that she had just scored her first hole-in-one.

"About two months ago he taught me the rule about not removing the flag to retrieve your ball on a hole-in-one and risk a penalty stroke," she chuckled.

"Little did I think I would ever use it."

The hole is an 89 yard par 3 over water. She pulled out a water ball, her 8 iron and let it rip. The ball soared over the water, hit the green and rolled up into the cup.

"We were in the last group and made so much noise that everyone wondered what had happened to us," she re-

lated.

Playing in a Club event, she was awarded a trophy for her fete.

Rounding out her foursome were Sue Silcott, Cathy Siegel and SNGABW's newest member, Julie Heimbeiger.

Trish has her eye on another Club award, now that she's gained her hole-in-one trophy—a break 100 pin.

Roots Keep City Slicker Grounded

Picture this—two friends waiting in front of a one-room schoolhouse for a ride home on a crisp fall afternoon. Up trots a horse named Babe and the two girls climb aboard for a leisurely trip home.

This could be the next Disney movie plot. But to Jan Hansen, it's memories of growing up in the northwest corner of Iowa.

"I was technically born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota," Jan smiled, "because that was the closest hospital to our farm which was 10 miles away in Iowa."

Her families' 180-acre farm yielded crops and livestock.

"The chickens were a pain," she winced, "I hated gathering eggs. As I grew up, I got to help out with the crops and did a lot of haying until my two younger brothers were old enough to take over."

It's not hard to see that some of her fondest memories come from the small country school one-half mile from her home.

"School was a great, great experience," she remembered. "We had a black pot bellied stove for heat, windows open for air conditioning, two outhouses, a ball diamond and a well where we would drink from a pitcher. In those days, we didn't worry about germs, everybody shared the same pitcher."

Although all grades were represented, the school had no more than 30 students.

"When I started the first grade, my best friend was in the second," she smiled. "At the end of my first year, I was put in the third grade so the teacher would have two students in her class."

Growing up on the farm proved difficult but had its rewards.

"We didn't have the influences of drugs and alcohol," she said. "They were certainly there but it never occurred to me to get involved in drugs. We made our own fun and created our own games because we were all in the same boat. Going to town was a big deal."

She smiled as she remembered the monthly trips to Sioux Falls with her mother and the visits to the Woolworth open candy bins filled with her favorite orange slices.

Jan finished school at an early age and didn't have much direction in her life. She credits her father with getting her started in her future career.

"He was willing to send me to a four year college if I would major in music," she added. "I did play the piano and enjoyed the arts but I didn't think I had enough skill for the college level. But he



Jan keeps in touch with her roots by returning to Iowa each year to help out with the families' Annual Threshing Bee. What started out as a gathering of friends 21 years ago has turned into a three day event drawing more than 7000 participants.

insisted that I at least go to business school."

After a short stint in a Sioux Falls business school, she was invited by the school to teach for the next three years.

Jan remained in Sioux Falls for an additional 12 years working for the U.S District Court where she picked up a love for the law.

"I pretty much made the decision to go back across the state and attend law school, but I needed to finish my undergraduate work first and enrolled in the University of South Dakota with the goal of enrolling in their law school," Jan remarked.

When this law school lost its accreditation, she looked to the Univer-

sity of Minnesota in Minneapolis for her undergraduate degree and William Mitchell for law school.

"I spent the next four years working during the day and going to school nights," she remembered. "I studied on the weekends and really had no life."

But she achieved her goal the following February when she passed the bar exam to practice law in Minnesota.

"So here I am now at age 44 coming out of law school," Jan commented.

"Candidly, law firms aren't going to look at someone that age unless you are absolutely stellar and in the top part of your class because everybody gets on a partner track which usually takes seven years and they didn't want to make a seven year investment in me."

Instead of trial law, Jan had an affinity for estate planning and looked to the Northwest Bank trust department. Norwest hired her in 1987, transferred her to Las Vegas to establish a trust department in 1997 and the rest is history.

With all of the time she spent in school, it was surprising that Jan ever found time to take up the game of golf. Although she had a love for most sports, softball and basketball caught her interest first.

The country school taught her 500 work up where you worked your way around the bases until you came up to bat. In high school, she found herself on the six-person varsity basketball team where they played the Iowa rules of half court basketball.

"We had a pretty good team and found ourselves and our stiffest competition trading regional titles back and forth," Jan smiled, "until we merged with them my senior year."

In Sioux Falls, Jan found herself a member of a fast pitch softball team playing a mean first base.

"We were State champs many times and went to the National championship and even the World tournament in Stratford, Connecticut," she beamed.

It was here that Jan found the game of golf but decided it wasn't to her liking.

"I went out and bought all of the things

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Hansen Has A Love for Life, Golf

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without bothering to get lessons," she said. "I hacked my way around the course for a couple of years. It became too frustrating and I didn't have the time to take lessons because I was too busy partying and playing softball. So I gave it up."

It wasn't until years later that Jan returned to golf.

"A friend was a golfer and invited me to come out," she remarked. I really started to get intrigued by this sport again and asked if I could caddy for her. After a couple of times doing this, I took some lessons and started to play as much as possible."



Surprisingly, Jan never felt good enough for tournament play and didn't know the rules of golf before coming to Las Vegas. Part of her golf learning experience in Minneapolis included caddying for various friends including Jackie Pierson.

In addition to a passion for golf, Jan also has a passion for golf equipment.

"When I started out, I bought a beginners set of men's clubs with steel shafts and I could hit them pretty well," she chuckled. "As I got older, they got heavier. We had a store in Minneapolis that had a policy of trading clubs in for their value so I started trading them in every few years...we do have a few extra clubs in the garage, particularly woods. I never could use a driver."

Never being known for her shyness, Jan became an active member of SNGABW shortly after joining the organization.

"If you want to make change, sometimes you have to be willing to step up to effect change," she commented. "I didn't feel it was fair for me to be a member of the audience and critique things or make suggestions without getting involved at some point."

And she has certainly done her part. She successfully ran for president in 1999 and was reelected in 2000. For the past two years, she has served as special events coordinator. In addition, she has been an active member in team competition and has helped to promote SNGABW by serving as current vice president of the Women's Southern Nevada Golf Association.

But she has also found time to further her own golf game with her most memorable moment breaking 80 at Painted Desert.

"We started on the back nine and I had a 39 at the turn," she said. "As we kept go-

ing, I wasn't keeping track of my score, but I knew I was doing pretty well when the other three stopped talking. I ended up shooting a 40 on the front for a 79. It was just so exciting that I was beside myself. I

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Jan Hansen

had shot a 77 at Los Prados but it wasn't nearly as exciting."

Jan sees herself retired in two years, staying in Las Vegas, continuing with golf, traveling and helping out organizations, but law no longer enters the picture.

"If I need something to do, I'll find something more fun like being a golf course marshal," she laughed.

Like the commercial says, Jan has certainly come a long way, baby. She's traded the one-room schoolhouse for the Wells Fargo Bank Tower and the horse named Babe has been replaced by an electric golf cart, but she can always be counted on to disregard the germs and share the pitcher with her friends.



Cindy Bonko newly elected vice president, joins returning officers Geneva Cullen WSNGA representative, Karen Power president, Mary Beth Treat treasurer and Connie Patterson secretary for 2003. Increasing membership and participation top the list of goals for the upcoming year. The officers took the oath of office at the annual Christmas Party.

Tis the Season

Christmas Party Spotlights Charity

The annual Christmas party takes on a more charitable face this year with the elimination of the gift exchange and addition of donations for needy families.

The membership voted to dispense with the usual gift exchange and decided instead to use the money to help make Christmas a little brighter for five families.

After dinner, a gift-wrapping party is planned. Those members not previously contributing cash are being asked to bring a gift geared toward ages three and under. The wrapped gifts will be distributed to

five families designated by the Special Children's Clinic.

Eagle Crest Golf Club of Sun City will once again host the annual event with an 8:30 am modified shot gun start Saturday, December 14th. The executive course has housed the year-end event for the past two years. The cost of the golf is \$32.00.

A luncheon will follow with an entrée choice of Chicken Marsala, London Broil or Shrimp Scampi.

Cinderella Season

Team Blows Away Blue Division Competition

SNGABW Team members posted a phenomenal season by capturing top honors in both the overall and gross categories in the Blue Division. The ladies nipped at the heels of Sun City but fell short of also taking the net category.

Needing 17 ½ points out of a possible 24 to cement the victory, Geneva Cullen, team captain, once again laid down the challenge and the Team responded as they had so often this season.

"I told the gals before we teed off," said Geneva, "that each team needed to win 4 ½ points. We ended up with a total of 20 overall, 11 gross and 9 net."

Just two short years ago the Team, finished sixth overall out of thirteen teams in an extended two-year competition.

2001 brought better results, but they fell short of making the yearly playoffs with a third place finish in the overall division.

Determined not to let this happen again, the ladies got off to a strong start as the 2002 season began.

By the April break, the Team found itself leading the Blue Division in both overall and gross points. They never relinquished either of these leads and challenged Sun City for the top spot in net points as well.

The final match at Badlands proved the ladies had finally come together as a team as they managed to capture 20 out of a possible 24 points against a strong Canyon Gate Team.

The ladies ran into a buzz saw in the playoffs when they faced an equally strong Las Vegas Golf Club team. The match went down to the wire but SNGABW fell short of victory by two points. Stallion Mountain took the gross point overall and Sun City, SNGABW's closest competition all year, took the net point honors.

Fifteen teams will fill the league's ranks in 2003 with SNGABW leading the second division.

Joining Geneva on the squad this year were Bobbie Wiener, Jan Hansen, Ann Sutton, Jackie Pierson, Eve Farr, Marilyn Schaupp, Lynn King, Christina Caruso, Karen Power, Connie Patterson and Cathy Siegel.



The ladies representing SNGABW in team play for 2002 were (top row: Cathy Siegel, Marilyn Schaupp, Geneva Cullen, team captain, Jan Hansen, Lynn King and Eve Farr. Bottom row: Karen Power, Bobbie Wiener, and Connie Patterson) Jackie Pierson, Christina Caruso and Ann Sutton rounded out the team. The 2002 had the best showing in team play in the history of SNGABW.

National Rejoins Monthly Schedule

Club members can look forward to new turf in 2003, when Las Vegas National joins Painted Desert and Desert Rose on the monthly calendar.

Another American Golf property, Wildhorse, had been a mainstay of the group for many years. Due to poor course upkeep, the club voted to cancel its contract after the 2000 season.

For the past two years, a floating play day was substituted. This gave the ladies a chance to play throughout the Valley.

National's outings are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month. The normal price will be \$55. September green fees will be \$45 because of cart path only rules following overseeding. Tee times

will range from as early as 6:30 am in the summer to 8:00 am for the winter months. All times and dates will be posted on the web site calendar at <http://members.aol.com/SNGABW>. As with all play dates, the course needs to be notified of the confirmed tee times on the Wednesday before the outing.

"At one time, National served as our home course," said Jackie Pierson, Club President. "We dropped it when it became to pricey. But we feel we have negotiated a very reasonable deal this time around."

Gail Horky and Sheryle Pepper have volunteered to co-chair the play date.

Members Shine Once Again

It seems as though every major women's tournament of Nevada has one common denominator—a winner from the ranks of SNGABW.

The September State Amateur tournament was no exception as Sandra Marksberry took top net honors in the Diamond division. Karen Power followed with a third place net in the same division.

Sandra posted scores of 99, 94 and 92 over the 72-hole event with a net overall score of 205.

Her scores were good

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enough to also place 2nd overall.

"My goal was to just not DQ on Sunday," chuckled Sandra, "because so many of the women found themselves disqualified for one reason or another."

Karen posted scores of 96, 97 and 86, and also shot her personal best 37 for her final nine holes.

The three-day event was hosted by the Casablanca Golf Course in Mesquite.

Sandra and Karen were joined by Susan Boswell, Lynn King, Ada Steppes and Mary Beth Treat at the annual event.

Calendar of Upcoming SNGABW Events

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Contact Information
Christmas Party	Dec 14	8:30 am	\$32.00	Jan Hansen 240-7924
Painted Desert	January 5	8:00 am	\$55.00	Rita Morgan 240-8079
Desert Rose	January 11	8:00 am	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
General Meeting @ Magoo's	January 14	6:00 pm		Karen Power 396-3149
National Golf Club	January 19	8:00 am	\$55.00	Gail Horky 454-0288
Painted Desert	February 3	8:00 am	\$55.00	Rita Morgan 240-8079
Desert Rose	February 8	8:00 am	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
General Meeting @ Magoo's	February 11	6:00 pm		Karen Power 396-3149
National Golf Club	February 16	8:00 am	\$55.00	Gail Horky 454-0288
Painted Desert	March 2	8:00 am	\$55.00	Rita Morgan 240-8079
Desert Rose	March 8	8:00 am	\$40.00	Trish Sutton 243-7668
General Meeting @ Magoo's	March 11	6:00 pm		Karen Power 396-3149
National Golf Club	March 16	8:00 am	\$55.00	Gail Horky 454-0288



Despite her medical problems, Maary always found time for Club members. She is seen here explaining a little known rule to Cathy Siegel.

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Maary: First Lady of Golf

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monthly activities, she always welcomed calls from club members checking on a rule.

A memorial gathering at the 19th hole of Painted Desert took place December 8th to celebrate the life and times of

Maary Smith. The afternoon was full of laughter as she requested.

She was awarded a lifetime membership to SNGABW in 2001 for her contribution to the organization. In addition, the President's Cup was recently renamed the Maary Smith Founders' Memorial Tournament in her honor.

Weekend Outing Offers Getaway

Twenty SNGABW members abandoned California and Utah and opted to head east for the annual fall trip.

Instead of checking out the foliage, they preferred to inspect the plush fairways of the London Bridge Golf Club.

Lake Havasu City, Arizona was chosen as an alternative to the usual St. George trip this year and the twenty women enjoyed almost perfect golfing weather for the weekend.

The three-hour trip from Las Vegas left plenty of time for a Friday afternoon tee time on the Havasu Island

Golf Course, an executive 18-hole course.

Because of overseeding, Saturday and Sunday's rounds were both played on the London Bridge Golf Club course with tee times beginning 10:30 am each day. By the second day, the ladies were more familiar with the course, causing scores to decrease and increasing competition for the side pots.

The Ramada Inn handled the accommodations as well as the evening's entertainment of country western music where a few of the women showcased their skills at line dancing.