

# Executive Women's Golf Association Tucson - Old Pueblo Chapter

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## The President's Tee Box

**A**s your newly elected President, I am very excited to be leading such a dynamic team of individuals and proud to be associated with a professional group of women who continue to think from the forward tees. My commitment to you is to give back to the organization that has allowed me to connect, evolve, and create positive change.

Like many of you, I joined EWGA because I wanted a group of female golf pals to join out on the links. Relocating to Tucson from Seattle, I figured if I was going to live here, I might as well learn how to golf. My husband would drag me to the course fulfilling his role as a self-appointed PGA instructor, while the stability of our marriage hung on my acceptance of his advice and my ability to sink a 6-foot putt. Relatively new to the game, I lacked the skills and confidence to even consider joining a ladies club or league. I didn't know what a golf handicap was or why I would ever need such a thing. Where would I find this comfort circle I was seeking?

As serendipity (good luck in making a fortunate discovery) would have it, a friend of a friend, neither of whom play golf, mentioned EWGA and just happened to produce a dog-eared brochure from the deep recesses of a female purse. I carried it around for months, the dog ears now elephants, before I mustered up the nerve to mail the application. And the rest is history.

Jumping into the bunker with both feet, becoming an EWGA Board Member has presented a growth and learning opportunity well beyond my expectations. My EWGA network now have become my best confidantes and provide support and camaraderie both on and off the course. The same experience has been shared by our spouses and significant others as well. I am still wondering if the merits of the latter is necessarily a good thing.

So, I would like to extend a personal invitation to all of you to share with me what has created a positive impact in my life. Take that initial step, dust off those clubs, and join a dynamite group of ladies at one of our upcoming events.

To quote Oprah Winfrey, "We have to keep transforming ourselves to become who we ought to be." Transformation doesn't just happen unless you're willing. It's your choice.

*Kathy Lobato, President*



**Fact** -- Golf originated in Scotland during the 15th century. The original golf balls were made of thin layers of leather filled with feathers and went about 250 yds. Compare that to the longest drive recorded in 1990 of 684 yds - although there are days we may play like our ball is filled with feathers, thankfully we have technology today to provide us with options - too many options.

### VISION:

*We are the premier force for promoting women's golf.*

### MISSION:

*The EWGA exists to provide opportunities for women to learn, play, and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life.*

### GOALS:

*To provide premier programs for EWGA members in golf education, player skill development, organized play, and in learning how to use golf in business. To provide timely and valued benefits and services to EWGA members and volunteer leaders. To promote the growth of women's golf. To be an advocate for positive change on issues of importance to women golfers.*

# Another Amazing Annual Dinner

**W** Thirty-six members tuned out for the Tucson – Old Pueblo EWGA Chapter annual business meeting Thursday, October 20 at the Omni Tucson National Resort.

Outgoing President Kathie Coil, the evening's master of ceremonies, welcomed all in attendance and introduced the sponsors in the group. The Omni served a delicious dinner of a choicer of salmon or steak ranchero. But new sponsor and member Sherry Elliott, better known as "Cooking Sherry" stole the show with her chocolate fountain.

Pat Kambourian gave her final financial report. The good news, according to Pat, is that the league had a balance of approximately \$9,300 in the treasury at the time of the report and the board was able to land a new treasurer for the coming year.

Kathie Coil's year-in-review report summarized board activities, many mandated by the national organization, during her tenure as president: the business plan, the new membership scheme, player development including mentors and the golf management system, news letters, online registration, the Desert Dove, Tucson EWGA Bucks, member appreciation day at Vistoso, the leagues at Ventana and Del Urich, and more.

She also announced our chapter's success in achieving CEA status three years running and thanked the Board for all its tenacity and hard work.

Incoming President Kathy Lobato thanked Kathie for all her work as president and presented her with a gift: a dazzling photo of Kathie, Char Kemp and Jack Talmage at the Chapter Championship. K-Lo mentioned that K-Co is one of the few presidents in history to have her handicap continue to descend during the presidential tenure.

Norah Schultz announced the most improved golfer for the 2004 – 2005 season: Desiree Davis. That two in a row for Desiree. You go girl!

The five next top improvers were: Ellie Barkley, Linda Liguore, Janet West, Cathy Bishop, and Kathie Coil.

Norah mentioned AWGA handicap renewals are coming up soon and asked those interested to pick up forms, before Kathie Coil thanked and introduced the outgoing board and gave each member a gift. Kathy Lobato presented the incoming board then the highlight of the evening finally arrived.

The raffle winners were:

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| Maryanne Bate        | Kathy Lobato   |
| Bernie Scott –Twice! | Char Nanos     |
| Janet West           | Pat Kambourian |
| Del Norton           | Barb McCormick |
| Barb Cusick          | Judi Davis     |
| Jenny Ritchie        | Norah Schultz  |
| Jill Hutcheson       |                |

And Michelle Hartley took home the trip for two to Pebble Beach. Congratulations Ralph!

Thank you to all of our members and sponsors who donated raffle gifts; Desiree Davis, Michelle Hartley, Pat Malloy, Kathy McClendon, Linda Neeffe, and Donna Shaw.



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• **C**ongratulations •  
• Michelle •  
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• *string* of tickets. •  
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## Got Opinions?

We're beginning to plan the golf event calendar for the coming year and we'd like your input.

E-mail your opinions to [golf@ewgatucson.org](mailto:golf@ewgatucson.org).

We want to know where you'd like to play, what event formats you like, how much you're comfortable with spending on a round of golf, if you want lunch with golf events, if it should be included in the price, are you willing to pay more if it is included (indicate how much more), are any new golfers interested in a 9-hole Ringer Tournament with mentors?, and are any golfers interested in a night golf tourney (with glow balls) at Kino Springs in May? These questions are just a sampling, a way to get you thinking about what you may want, so don't be shy, give us your opinions. We have a very diverse group, so we will do our best to meet the needs of most. Thanks and see you on the fairway!



*Michelle Hartley and Jacki Mc Cue, Golf Events*



## In The Pink

**O**ur Chapter was well represented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Fore” Golf Invitational at Arizona National Saturday, October 22, 2005. With four spirited EWGA foursomes and several volunteers, our ladies stepped up to the tee box to support breast cancer research and outreach programs, joining a multitude of Southern Arizona businesses, family, and friends who gathered to raise funds for this worthy cause.

The spectacular “pink” sunset was just the starters for our group of lucky ladies on the winners list. Our pink-zone group comprised of Jacki McCue, Linda Neefe, Norah Schultz and Barb Dildine, won prizes for the foursome wearing the most pink. It had to be the pink caps and pink and white polka dot skort worn by Linda Neefe that clinched the deal.

“Think pink” was the theme for Erin McGinnis who walked away with a prize for the individual wearing the most pink. She even dyed her golf shoes and commented that they have never looked better! Sharra Reed and Janet West also claimed prizes with their lucky raffle tickets. EWGA was definitely glowing in the winner’s circle limelight.

Special thanks to our organizational therapist, Desiree Davis for her unbridled enthusiasm in directing us in this fun, worthwhile venue. Her husband Alan and daughter Alexandra joined in the festivities completing part of a foursome, exemplifying the adage, “The family that plays together, stays together.”

And, once again, that warm, familiar smile of Donna Shaw, an event volunteer, greeted players as they arrived. Donna’s community involvement and willingness to take that extra step never seems to dissipate. She truly sets a benchmark from which we can all learn. Thank you, Donna, for being there for all of us.

Our ladies displayed a perfect example of EWGA camaraderie, support, and generosity that is the essence of our organization. Now it is “set in stone,” as our chapter received the engraved flagstone piece for our event participation at tee sponsors. In a way, it signifies our group solidarity and provides a foundation for moving forward to support not only women’s golf but women’s issues in general. The spirit experienced at this event will continue to be felt by all who attended.

## Duffing the Ball - Not Me. . .

**H**ow many of us have had the experience of stepping up to the tee box, our monster driver in hand, ready to crush the ball off the tee. We take a few practice swings, then a deep breath, and we find ourselves in the embarrassing situation of having “duffed” the ball in front of our playing partners. The ball has not even left the tee box! *Speak for yourself* some of you maybe saying, but even those of you who have never had this humbling experience may be called upon to assist in handling the situation. What to do? Probably the most important thing is to regain your composure as quickly as one can. There is no right or wrong answer. Sometimes you want to say something funny, sometimes one might need to withdraw briefly and have a talk with oneself. It will vary depending on the individual golfer and how the particular golfer feels at the time. With respect to the playing partners, the best thing to do would be to take your cue from the player. If the player doesn’t make a joke, maybe its best not to make a joke and just give the player some space. **Rule 10-3 states that if a player plays a second ball from the teeing ground, she must do so after the other opponents take their first strokes.** This allows the player to regain her composure and refocus on the shot. The penalty for playing out of turn varies. Generally, under Rule 10c there is no penalty for playing out of turn in individual stroke play.

If the duffed ball comes to rest still in the teeing ground can the player re-tee the ball? I have encountered some confusion on that point, so I decided to review the Rules and ask a pro. The answer is no, unless you are willing to declare your lie unplayable and take a one stroke penalty. The applicable rule here is Rule 13.1 which

provides that a ball must be played as it lies, unless otherwise provided by the Rules. This situation is different from hitting a ball out of bounds or into a lateral hazard from the tee box. In that case a player can choose (in the case of lateral hazard) or is required (in the case of out of bounds) to play the ball from the place previously played. In that situation Rule 20-5 would apply, which states that “where a player elects or is required to make his next stroke from where a previous stroke was made, she must proceed as follows: (a) On the teeing ground: The ball to be played must be played from within the teeing ground. It may be played from anywhere within the teeing ground and it may be teed.” I guess the Rules Committee must have felt that there were already enough penalties in those circumstances. Finally, it should also be noted that the “teeing ground” as defined in the Rules is “... a rectangular area two club lengths in depth, the front and sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee markers.” So keep that in mind when teeing up the ball and have fun out there!



*JoAnn Ellison, Golf Education and Player Development*

# Calendar of Events

For more complete information and to register on line, visit our web site at [www.ewgatucson.org](http://www.ewgatucson.org)

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| October 29     | The Gallery Monthly Event - Invite your spouse/significant other   |
| November 1     | Swing Clinic - El Conquistador "Putting Green"   |
| November 3-5   | National EWGA Conference - El Conquistador - Tucson, AZ  |
| November 8     | Swing Clinic - El Conquistador "Approach Shots, 25-50 yds"   |
| November 12    | Board Planning Meeting - Lobato's  |
| November 13    | Pro Golf Discount Open House and Fashion Show  |
| November 13    | Third Ringer/Forty-Niners Country Club   |
| November 15    | Swing Clinic - El Conquistador "Course Management"   |
| November 17    | Mountainview Golf Course Monthly Event   |
| November 22    | Swing Clinic - El Conquistador "Creating Power in Swing"   |
| December 17    | Torres Blancas Holiday Couples Event "Toys for Tots"   |
| January 2006   | <b>Happy New Year Ladies</b>  |
| January 7      | Starr Pass Monthly Event and/or Clinic   |
| February 10-11 | Tubac Monthly Event - <i>(See Flyer for Early Registration)</i>  |

## Welcome New Members - One and All!

Please extend a warm EWGA welcome to our new members! Our current membership roster can be accessed by logging into [www.ewgatucson.org](http://www.ewgatucson.org) and click on "Members Only" on the left-hand side. Once you are logged in, click on "Membership Reports. You can also update your personal profile from this menu. If you have a change of address/ phone number/e-mail, make sure that you "edit" your profile on the EWGA member directory web site. AND make sure you *advise* [membership@ewgatucson.org](mailto:membership@ewgatucson.org).



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| Marian Bryant  | Ted Coil                       |
| Bob Cometta    | Sherry Elliott – Eagle Sponsor |
| Susan Harnedy  | Ralph Hartley                  |
| Al Lobato      | Kevin McCue                    |
| Brian O'Keefe  | David Schultz                  |
| Howard Shaw    | M. Jo Smith                    |
| Linda Stratton |                                |



## New Golf Book

Frustrated with your golf game - there is a new Golf Book coming to stores soon that may be just the ticket - a sampling of the chapter titles include - *How to Properly Line Up Your Fourth Putt, How to Avoid the Water When You Lie 8 in a Bunker, Proper Excuses for Drinking Beer Before 10 AM, Why Your Spouse Doesn't Care That You Birdied the 5th, When to Re-grip Your Ball Retriever - That's Golf!*



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*Tubac - Girls Getaway Weekend*  
**Tubac Golf  
Resort**  
*Golf and Shop Till You Drop*

**February 10-11, 2006**

*Registration Deadline January 10, 2006*

- *Friday Night Stay at historic Tubac Golf Resort - (two double beds per room)*
- *Friday Night Mini Spa featuring Arbonne - the hottest European Skin Care Products - hosted by member Jill Hutcheson*
- *Saturday Morning Golf - Tee times begin at 9:30a*
- *Saturday Afternoon - Stroll through the booths of the 47th Annual Tubac Arts Festival*



*Total member cost for Friday night and Saturday Golf is \$280 - share a room with a member and the cost is **only** \$140/person.*

*Optional golf available on Friday beginning at 2:00p for \$39.00.*



*Call Tubac Directly at 520 398-2211 to reserve your room - mention EWGA Shop Till You Drop Event*

Call Tubac Directly to make hotel reservation - SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM FOR GOLF ONLY

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE —January 10, 2006 -- Tubac Golf Weekend Getaway**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Index/Avg Score \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate choice of –

FRIDAY OPTIONAL GOLF \_\_\_\_\_ (Individual Stroke Play) SATURDAY GOLF \_\_\_\_\_ (Shamble Format)

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