

Under the CWGA Golf Umbrella

Last season CWGA celebrated our 50th season of golf! It was a great theme to honor our foremothers and to springle our events with gold and glitter everywhere! This year our Board decided that we should follow up with a theme that reflects the vision and values of our club. The theme is inspired by a children's book written by Davina Bell, *Under the Love Umbrella*. So, in 2024, we invite you to come with us "Under our CWGA Golf Umbrella".

"When everything is strange and new"

Or the days when your game needs super glue

There is lots of room here for all of you, under the CWGA Golf Umbrella!

This is just a sample of the parody our Co-Presidents, Amy Day and Carol Riley wrote to introduce the theme. If you could picture a giant golf umbrella with these words decorating it: Belonging, Joy of Golf, Mentorship, Education, Inclusivity, Relationships, Appreciation, Celebration, Gratitude_ then you will understand the essence of our club and the reason that our membership is 112 strong! Our co-presidents introduced this theme at board meetings and just recently at the February Winter Luncheon.

Our Winter Luncheons are a vehicle for keeping old relationships strong and building new relationships as we include new members. The February luncheon brought 57 CWGA members together, which is a record in attendance especially since some of our members migrate to the south to warmer and dryer weather. We were introduced to new members and entertained with a song to the tune of *Winter Wonderland* by our extraordinary Membership Committee, Marikate Book, Jean Czubin, Mary Jane Hunt and Maryanna Wiese.

Player's shout, Are you listening?

Oh, those shots we are missing!

It's always the same, in fog and in rain,

Playing with CWGA!

Needless to say, we have already demonstrated this club's ability to have fun and appreciate the humor in playing golf in the *Winter Wonderland*! In addition to all of the social benefits of the luncheon, we received some valuable education on preparing our bodies for the golf season by Assistant Professional, Kaitlyn Howe. Kaitlyn is an excellent teacher, and she has scheduled another series of golf clinics in the spring. I was able to attend a few of the winter series and look forward to attending some of the ones I missed. I already feel that I am on my way to a better season of golf! I encourage you to seek specific information about this opportunity in the pro shop.

The last winter luncheon is scheduled for March 7th. Cheryl's on 12th, As Good As It Gets Catering will serve a sandwich and salad smoragasbord. The theme is *Think Spring and Bring a Book*. Since our January luncheon was cancelled due to the ice storm and for the safety of our members, the committee decided to bring back the book activity. The notebook to sign up for the March luncheon will be on the CWGA counter in the pro shop on February 21st, The deadline for signing up for the luncheon is March 4th at noon. Our Membership Committee is excited to welcome and orientate new member on April 2nd at 10:00 AM. Just two days later on April 4th our season opens with a Welcome Back Breakfast at 8:00 AM followed by a Scramble.

At the Men's Club Chili Feed in January, CWGA sponsored a 50-50 raffle that raised \$200 thanks in part to our own CWGA member Carol McLeod who won and graciously donated her winnings of \$100 back to the Scholarship Fund. This brought the total raised to \$720 which will be added to Scholarship Fund donations gathered throughout the year by the three golf organizations, Men's Club, CWGA and the Niners.

Before I end this article, I want to note an error in last month's publication. I incorrectly listed the wrong URL for our website. To check out Board Agendas, Board Minutes, the approved 2024 CWGA calendar and much more go to correct website, golfcwga.com.