



TPWGC NEWSLETTER

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ACE DAY Winners

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Overall Gross: Cristina Lopez, with a gross score of 78.

Overall Net: Kelly DeMello, with a net score of 67.

Congrats to Cristina and Kelly.

SANDY'S SNIPPETS

Thank you for participating in the volunteer activities – you are ROCK STARS! Now that the Farmers is over, the city will be kicking off more divot parties – I will be emailing out the dates soon. Future volunteer activities may include gardening, so get your gloves and your green thumbs ready!

The new world handicap system is now being implemented. The big takeaways are you are encouraged to post scores “hole by hole” each time you play, and the “shorter course” will now have a rating/slope. Please contact Michi at handicap01@tpwgc.com, if you have any questions.

The 1-minute rule for lost ball is no longer in effect. Sorry gals, but you must find your ball or take the penalty for lost ball.

Ready Golf Tip – study your putt while you are waiting. But don't go on walkabout around the green while another player is putting!

Sandy Wichelecki
TPWGC President



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Month's Play Dates:

April 2 - ACE DAY.

April 16 - Partner 6-6-6 (T).

April 23 - Even Front/Odd Back.

April 30 – If Only.

WHY 18 HOLES?

The first courses varied in number of holes, with St Andrews having 22 at one time. The number was cut to 18 when 4 short holes were combined into 2. I prefer the idea that it's 18 holes because 18 shots make up a bottle of whiskey! CHEERS!

KNOW OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES?

Let us know about any volunteer opportunities and all your golf related volunteer hours and donations. Email the info to: EVENTS@TPWGC.COM

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Brenda Hetherington, TPWGC member since 2012, was born and raised in one of the most idyllic parts of North America - Vancouver, BC (*in the author's not-so-humble opinion!*) After a 25-year nursing career, Brenda successfully shifted gears to a small business owner on the internet.

If you could play any course in the United States:

Augusta. Brenda would love to play amongst the rhododendrons in full bloom!

If you could play any international course:

St. Andrews. Her Scottish heritage calls the bonnie lass!

Dream Foursome: Brenda and her three sons.

Hole-in-one's:

Torrey North, 13th hole.

Words of advice to a newbie:

“Enjoy where you are – look around, hear the birds, see the trees, and chase a little ball. It's very soothing to the mind (*really Brenda?*) and you will meet wonderful people.” (*absolutely!*)

Life lesson from golf:

“Patience and forever optimism, as you just never know, this COULD be the shot!”

Rules Corner



Question: Can you rake the sand before you hit your ball out of the bunker?

Answer: Yes and No! Yes, if you are smoothing the sand to care for the course. Rule 12.

No, if you are testing the condition of the sand to learn information for the next stroke or improve the Condition Affecting the Stroke (CATS). Rule 8.1.

How can you tell if someone is smoothing the sand to care for the course? You ask! Generally speaking, don't rake your line of play or the area around your ball or stance. You will incur a general penalty.

Questions: In match-play, your opponent asks you the following questions. Is she in breach of Rule 10.2 (Advice and Other Help)?

1. How far is it to the water hazard?
2. Which club did you use?
3. Is it a 2-club wind?

Answers:

1. No. Distance is info, not advice.
2. Yes, she cannot ask you which club you hit. She incurs a general penalty. (*no additional penalty for fibbing!*)
3. Yes, wind strength is advice. She incurs a general penalty.