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USGA Grant for Association Volunteers

Nancy McDermid, NNWGA Rules Chairman, went to Far Hills, New Jersey, to Golf House to learn more about the USGA, Rules, Course Rating, Club and Ball Testing and other information. Her expenses were all paid by the USGA. She met other Association's volunteers and brought back valuable information.

Message from the President

As your thoughts begin to turn away from skiing and indoor winter activities, the NNWGA Executive Board is hard at work on your behalf planning an exciting and busy 2003 Golf Season.

We have several new projects underway for 2003 and one of our goals is to better communicate with our NNWGA Clubs and Members. This year it is our goal to publish three (3) Newsletters; Spring, Summer and Fall editions. Look for our next Summer addition in early June. The Fall edition should reach you by mid October. These Newsletters provide timely updates on upcoming seminars and tournaments as well as great tips from our local teaching Pros. It is our goal to keep each Member informed of NNWGA activities and golf related news, which affect our Members.

This year, it is also our goal to e-mail each edition of our Newsletter to as many members as possible. We are doing this to save time and money. Your e-mail address should be entered in your Club's GHIN computer the first time you post a score for the 2003 season. We will use this e-mail address for future mailings. If your e-mail address changes, it is your responsibility to tell your Handicap Chairman and have her update the GHIN computer records. If you do not wish to receive the Newsletter via e-mail, please complete the form attached to this Newsletter and let us know your mailing address. Our Newsletter is also posted on our web site at www.nnwga.org.

Peggy Young, our Vice President, and Sharon Schultze, our Executive Director, have recently completed the preparation of the NNWGA Directory. This Directory contains valuable information about the Member Clubs, their officers, and NNWGA liaisons for correspondence, as well as NNWGA Tournament Entry Forms and information regarding both State and NNWGA Championship Tournaments. The dates for our Board of Director's meeting in August and our General Membership meeting in August are also included. These Directories should now be at your Member Clubs so look for them and contact your Club liaison if you do not see them.

New this year is the Member Club Handbook. Each Club should have received their Club Handbook. This Handbook contains valuable information for the Handicap and Membership Chairmen as well as the Club Treasurer, about NNWGA policies and procedures for submittal of member dues and information. It also explains the member-benefits of NNWGA, and contains copies of the By-Laws and the proposed Restated and Amended By-Laws which we hope to have approved at the August Board meeting. This Handbook should be posted in a prominent place at each Club where it may serve as a reference guide for all members. Please take the time to look through it and familiarize yourself with its contents.

We have also been hard at work on a NNWGA web site. The address is: www.nnwga.org. Sharon Schultze will complete this site in its entirety by May 1st. In the interim, many pages of the site are now completed and you are encouraged to visit the site at your convenience. You will find links to other USGA and GHIN sites, as well as copies of the NNWGA By-Laws, information regarding up-coming seminars and events, recent copies of the Newsletter, and much more valuable information. Sharon is commended for a job well done! If you have information that you would like added to the Web site, please contact Sharon. You may contact her or any other NNWGA officer from the Web site with a direct link.

Some of the purposes of the NNWGA are to encourage our Members to become better golfers by honing their skills and knowledge of the game. NNWGA also seeks to recognize personal golf achievements by our Members. In this regard, NNWGA will continue to sponsor the 2-Gal Best Ball Tournament, (July 2-3 at Dayton Valley) and the NNWGA Amateur Stroke Play Tournament (August 19-20 at Eagle Valley.) ALL Members are encouraged to play in these tournaments. Entry Forms are in the NNWGA Directory and on the Web Site.

The NNWGA Executive Board and the Club Delegates, who make up the Board of Directors, are here to serve you. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact a Board Member or our Executive Director. Any member of the NNWGA Executive Board would also be pleased to attend one of your Club's meetings and answer any questions. I want all Members to know what NNWGA does for them and the services we strive to provide.

I wish you all a very healthy and successful 2003 season.

Happy Swinging to ALL.

Virginia Bonar, NNWGA President



With spring rapidly approaching, many of us are getting ready to dust off our clubs or look at new equipment. This is a great time to talk about the importance of properly fit clubs.

I bet that most of us choose our irons one of four ways:

1. We received them as a gift or,
2. We tried a few irons and bought the ones we hit the best that day or,
3. We bought the clubs that looked the best to us or,
4. We bought the most popular brand.

The best way to buy clubs is **have them fit to you and your swing**. There are many custom elements to look at when buying clubs. These include set make-up, shaft flex, shaft length, grip size and lie angle. Lie angle is a critical element to properly fit clubs and the most commonly ignored. Let me explain in greater detail.

Proper Lie Angle – When **swinging**, the **center of the club head sole** should hit the ground squarely. If the lie angle of my clubs does not fit me properly, let's take a look at what will happen:

Assume I am hitting a standard set of men's irons, which are 2 degrees too upright for me. When clubs are too upright, the toe of the club will be up at impact causing the heel of the club to dig into the ground first. This causes the face of the club to close resulting in a pulled shot.

But here's the kicker, I will pull every iron in my bag a **different degree off line**. The more lofted the club, the more I will pull it. With irons that are 2 degrees too upright, the following is true:

- A pitching wedge hit 110 yards is **pulled** approximately **12 yards** off target,
- A 7-iron hit 140 yards is **pulled** approximately **10 yards** off target,
- A 5-iron hit 160 yards is **pulled** approximately **8 yards** off target.

This means I need a different swing with every iron to get my ball flight on the target line. This game is already tough enough; I don't need to have a different swing for each club when this can be eliminated with properly fit clubs.

So, how do you ensure your clubs fit you? The only way is to hit your clubs off a lie board, which is best done with a Golf Professional or Professional Clubfitter. I highly recommend using face tape at the same time to understand the mark on your club's sole in relationship to where you hit the ball on the clubface.

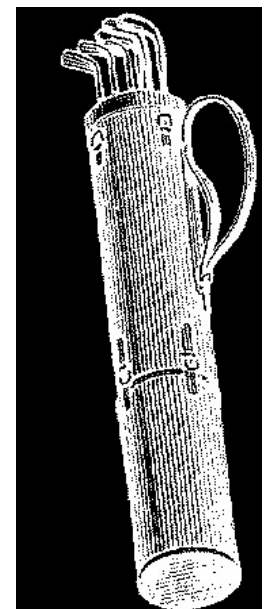
Properly fit clubs are critical to a consistent golf swing. If you have any further questions about club fitting, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Barrie Brodrick
LPGA Class A Professional

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775-250-8093

Pro Tips

Barrie Brodrick



ATTENTION NNW G A M E M B E R S

Wildcreek and Northgate Golf Courses would like to offer a 2-for-1 (green fees and cart) rate to NNW G A m e m b e r s and guests on Mondays. This offer cannot be used with any other promotion, rate, tournament or offer. Applies to posted daily rate. Tee times are required. Call Wildcreek at 775-673-3100 or Northgate at 775-747-7577 and identify yourself as a NNW G A m e m b e r.

NORTHERN NEVADA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

2003 TWO-GAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

July 2nd and 3rd

DAYTON VALLEY GOLF CLUB

51 Palmer Drive, Dayton, NV 89403 (775) 246-7888

Practice Round: July 1st, Tuesday, 1 p.m. shotgun

Cost is \$35 and players can call up to fourteen days in advance to sign-up.

Entry fee: \$150.00 per player

Includes golf with cart and range balls; continental breakfast (two days), box lunch (day one) and awards luncheon (day two immediately following play)

Tee-times: 8:00 shotgun both days

Registration: 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. on July 2nd, before play begins.

Format: 36 hole better ball of partners

Handicap strokes shall be taken in order assigned on the scorecard for the course.

Eligibility:

- Partners must belong to a member club of NNWGA at least 60 days prior to the tournament, but may belong to different clubs.
- Competitors must meet amateur status per USGA Rules, be a female at birth, and must be 18 years of age before the first day of play.
- Handicap must not exceed 40 for the tournament course as of the last June GHIN revision.

Tournament Details:

- Each player will receive 90% of sloped handicap for the tournament course.
- USGA Rules of Golf shall govern with such local rules as the Committee deems advisable.
- Prizes will be distributed to both gross and net teams – at least 1/3 of the field will be paid.
- Practice or play on the competition course between rounds is not allowed.
- Soft spikes are mandatory. NNWGA dress code will be in effect.
- Cellular phones and beepers may not be used during play.
- Caddies are not allowed.
- Non-conforming clubs, such as the Callaway ERC driver, are not allowed.

Entry Forms:

- Incomplete entries will be considered void and will not be accepted.
- **The opening date for sending entries will be May 12. Forms and cancellations must be received by June 12, 2003. No refunds will be given after this date.**
- **Make checks payable to Northern Nevada Women's Golf Association or NNWGA.**
- **Send completed entry form and checks to: Gretchen Legarza, 440 Shamrock Lane, Reno, NV 89509.**
- Field is limited to the first 60 team entries received

**For specific questions contact Gretchen Legarza,
Tournament Chairperson at (775) 329-3309**

Entry Forms for both NNWGA Tournaments can be found in the 2003 Directory and on the web site at www.nnwga.org. These tournaments are for you, the member, as part of the benefits of belonging to the Association. Enter the Amateur Tournament in August or get a partner and enter the 2-Gal Team Tournament in July. Get involved!

NORTHERN NEVADA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

2003 AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

August 19th and 20th, Tuesday and Wednesday

EAGLE VALLEY GOLF COURSES (EAST AND WEST)

3999 Centennial Park Drive, Carson City, NV 89706

(775) 887-2380

- **Entry fee:** \$150.00 per player. Includes golf, carts, practice balls, continental breakfast on the first day, water, awards luncheon, and Tee-prizes.
- **Tournament starting times:** 7:30 am tee times on August 19th, East Course, and 7:30 am shotgun on August 20th, West Course.
- **Format:** 36-hole stroke play over the field.
- **Practice rounds:** anytime during the month of August the fee will be \$25.00. Schedule by calling the Golf Shop up to ten days in advance for tee times. Identify yourself as a participant in this tournament.
- Practice or play on the competition course between rounds is not allowed.
- **Competitors:** must be a member of NNWGA at least 60 days prior to tournament date, meet amateur status per USGA Rules, be a female at birth, and must be 18 years of age before the first day of play.
- Handicap for course must not exceed 40 as of date of entry.
- Field is limited to the first 120 individual entries received.
- USGA Rules of Golf shall govern with such local rules as the Committee deems advisable.
- Prizes will be distributed to both gross and net players - at least 1/3 of the field will be paid.
- Incomplete entries will be considered void and will not be accepted.
- **Entry forms or cancellations must be received by August 4, 2003. No refunds will be given after this date.**
- **Make checks payable to Northern Nevada Women's Golf Association.**
- **Send completed entry form and checks to Gretchen Legarza, 440 Shamrock Ln. Reno, NV 89509**
- An Awards luncheon will follow play on Wednesday, August 20th, at Eagle Valley Golf Course.
- Soft spikes are mandatory. NNWGA dress code will be in effect.
- Cellular phones and beepers may not be used during play.
- Caddies are allowed subject to NNWGA Rules and must be approved by the Rules Committee prior to the competition. The Player and her caddie must walk.
- Non-conforming clubs such as the Callaway ERC driver are not allowed.

**For specific questions contact Gretchen Legarza,
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Important Dates for 2003

April 8	USGA Handicap Seminar (not GHIN)	Red Hawk Golf Course	Sparks
April 10	USGA Course Rating Seminar	D'Andrea Golf Course	Sparks
April 25	Rules of Golf Workshop	Hidden Valley Country Club	Reno
June 9-10	NSWGA Partners Tournament	Sienna Golf Course	Las Vegas
July 2-3	2-Gal Team Tournament	Dayton Valley Golf Course	Dayton
Aug 9-10	NSWGA Quad (4-Gal) Championship	Ruby View Golf Course	Elko
Aug 19-20	NNWGA Amateur Championship	Eagle Valley-East and West	Carson City
Sept 2-4	NSWGA Amateur Championship	Paiute Golf Courses	Las Vegas
Oct 6-8	NSWGA Silver Cup Matches	Sierra Nevada Golf Ranch	Carson City



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The addresses (home and email) are being maintained on the GHIN computer. If your address is incorrect, have your club change it.

Important Announcements

NNWGA has signed new contracts with the USGA for providing Handicaps and Course Ratings. Both require education by members to be valid. The Course Rating Committee has sent one member to a National Calibrations Seminar to fulfill its requirements for 2003. The Handicap Contract requires that each club in the Association send a representative to a USGA Handicap Seminar in the next 3 years to be valid. See the information on Page 1 about the local seminar being offered in 2003.

The first time you post a score on the computer at your club, you will be asked to verify your address, phone number and Email address. Providing an Email address will allow GHIN to send your handicap update each revision and will allow NNWGA to send all future Newsletters to you. If you would rather have the Newsletter mailed to you, you MUST send the form provided below to: Sharon Schultze, NNWGA, 1702 Bonita Vista Drive, Sparks, NV, 89434..

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