



SJHWGA WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to winter, 2019! Flying blind or blindly flying, take your pick. As the new incoming president, I have some mighty big shoes to fill, so buckle up, Buttercups! I am thrilled with the members of our new board. They are, one and all, a smart, capable bunch of women who are more than able to help us negotiate 2019.

Looking back on 2018, I would like to give a shout-out to the winners of our three major tournaments:

Binky Valentine Eclectic:
1st Flt.: Annamaria Ruffels
2nd Flt.: Karen Yoshihara
3rd Flt.: Lori Davies

Club Champion: Lori Van Hove
Sr. Club Champion: Mary Dean*

President's Cup: Tracy Steele
Consolation: Lori Davies

The Binky Valentine Eclectic is coming up on March 7th, so time is a-wasting for you to use that free warm up bucket of balls on Thursday mornings and tune up your game. Except for Lori Davies. She wins too often and should definitely not practice.

*Speaking of Mary Dean, I would also like to give her a shout out as she

quietly works behind the scenes to keep our website, sjhwga.com up to date. Mary is just one of our unsung heroines who keeps the SJHWGA machine humming.

The new USGA Rules took effect on January 1, copies of which are available from our new Rules Chair, Tracy Steele. You can also download the Rules on your smart phone. USGA has loosened a number of rules, such as removing debris in a bunker with no penalty, and tightened one that I can think of: you no longer have 5 minutes to find a lost ball. That has been reduced to 3. A good visual tutorial is located at <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/major-changes.html> All in all, most of the rule changes seem to have been made to advance pace of play, so have a look, as our adversaries in the Hills Creek Cup and Team Play will have!

See you on the course,

Terry Burd

"Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose."

- Winston Churchill