

The Niners

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We ended our season with excitement and fun



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Our golf season is over. Now it is time for holiday fun, winter events and maybe even ways to keep our golfing skills intact. Yes, we all have a level of skill for the game.

We did end our season in the Niner way, with excitement and, of course, lots of fun. Although a couple of the October Tuesdays were a bit wet and soggy, that did not stop Joanne Sturvik from managing to create loud cheers heard even by other Niners, as Julie Reeves tells me, who were on other holes. This all happened on Green Five. The rain was persistent, the club grips wet and Joanne hit her tee shot much shorter than she had planned. It landed 50 yards shy of the green with one of our more challenging traps between her and the flag. She strolled up to her ball with determination, took her stance and hit a high, perfect chip shot. It went in the cup, the cheers exploded and for a moment the rain was forgotten. It was a nice way to end the season, Joanne.

Then, as it turned out, the last Tuesday for the Niners play was Halloween. Not to let an opportunity to have fun get by the Ladies, one can only imagine what was in store for that morning. As it turned out there was a frost delay so one Niner after another arrived to check in for golf. There was a sea of unusual

looking women, and this was definitely not a sight that would be an advertisement for golf attire. There were skeletons, ghostly faces, a witch, an elf, some not so easily identified, and even a ghastly looking old lady in a bathrobe. One golfer, Helene Meskers, decided to bring her heritage to the game by having hair in yellow braids and wearing a Dutch hat and clogs, "klopen" as they are known officially. She then took it one step further with a putter that could have been construed as a mallet, yet it was a wooden shaft with a wooden shoe as the head. Even Chris and the pro shop staff enjoyed a bit of entertainment that morning. Check out the pictures on the Niners' website, ladiesninersgolf.com.

Now to what is in the works going forward. The Niners' first annual holiday party will be a fun Happy Hour on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 3-5 p.m. in the Lewis and Clark Room of the Activity Center. Be sure to let us know you will be coming. You can email your RSVP to info@ladiesninersgolf.com or sign up in the book at the Pro Shop. Just bring an appetizer and a "Secret Santa" gift valued at \$10. Wine and soft beverages and desserts will be provided. If you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a Niner, please bring her.

Also, watch for the invite to a January get-together. It just may surprise you what is planned.

Finally, Leesa Gango, our scramble chair, is getting a head start on the first Scramble of 2024. The theme will be "When I Grow Up, I Want To Be A Niner." Watch for an email. She will have a special request for all Niners.

Applications to renew your membership or join the Niners are available in the pro shop and online where you can also pay with a credit card. Renew by Dec. 31 to get a discount.

By the time you read this Thanksgiving will have already been celebrated. May we all continue to be thankful for our community, family and friends throughout this holiday season.



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