

# The Niners

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We've had a variety of fun events these last few months



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**The Niners — More than a golf club. This is a phrase coined by our longtime Niner Virginia Horler. It is the Niner mantra. As you read the Niners articles, my hope is that you will come to realize how true this statement is.**

The New Year is in progress, however, the Niners finished December with another successful fundraising event. The Holiday Gift Wrapping Elves brought smiles and cheers to those who wanted that special gift wrapped just right for their loved ones. The Wilsonville Community Sharing and Senior Center were presented with a check that reflected all those that donated generously to have their gifts wrapped.

After the success of the December Holiday Happy Hour, the winter event schedule continued with an excursion to the Top Golf venue for a few rounds of "practice" golf. It was a venture that will be remembered for all the fun we had. Even social member Paula Johnson joined in. She was sure she would have a big goose egg as a score. Her teammates, however, found out otherwise. Is that what one calls a hustler? Luckily no money was involved, just laughs.

The February event was lunch and games. It included a delicious lunch catered by the Market Café and party games that reflected questionable skills of a few of us. Maybe we should stick with golf!

March 12 will be the last winter event. At this writing it will be a bowling excursion, subject to change depending on the arrangements we are able to make. You can sign up in the book in the ProShop and put your check in the Niner drawer or you can sign up online at [ladiesninersgolf.com](http://ladiesninersgolf.com) where you can pay with a credit card or sign up and still drop a check off in the ProShop. This



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**Niners enjoying the holiday happy hour.**

is another way for us to connect with our Niner friends and other women who may want to be a part of this fabulous club.

As we gain new members, I will try to feature a biography of them in my articles. Rochelle Petts is relatively new to Oregon, coming from Michigan, and now resides in Canby. Why Oregon? Her family is here and spending time with her 4-year-old granddaughter is a priority. While in Michigan, she golfed in leagues and, since moving here with her husband who already plays at Charbonneau, she too wanted a weekly commitment to golf. The Niners fit that need. She spent 30 years in technology, primarily as a project manager for implementations. She finds it interesting that within her age bracket of those she has met, typically, there are few if any who took the technology walk. She enjoys all activities outdoors and is anxious to transform the yard at her new home. I have touched on just a few highlights from our conversation, so, when you see her spend a few minutes, you will enjoy her amiable nature.

Do you know someone new to Charbonneau or



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**Niner gift wrapping elves with Rick and Larry and their gifts.**

who may want to be more active or involved? Are you interested in joining a club? On the Niner area of the counter in the ProShop is a pamphlet that summarizes who we are and what we are all about. Also, visit our website, [ladiesninersgolf.com](http://ladiesninersgolf.com), and see the many pictures and information related to the Niners. Any Niner would be happy to talk to you about our club and you can also contact Cathy Loffink via text or call at 503-422-6044.



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**Paula Johnson hits a shot at Top Golf.**