

The Niners

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We welcome two new members to the club



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The Niner winter events have proven to be fun and successful, ending with a bowling excursion to Langers in Sherwood. Some ladies showed hidden talents, while others tested our balance with the balls ending up in the gutters. Evidently my ball decided it wanted to be nice to the pins and left them standing most the time.

In this article I want to welcome two new additions to the Charbonneau Ladies Niner Golf.

First is new member Louise Hendel. She recently moved to Charbonneau from Lake Oswego with the goal of going from a two-story house to a single level. As with many

of us she also moved to be closer to her two grandchildren, a boy and girl, ages 9 and 12. She certainly is a professional at moving, having changed residences 16 times all over the states due to her husband's career with Alcoa. At one point she moved every two years. My guess is she doesn't want to add to that number, so hopefully she is here to stay.

Prior to retiring she was a tax person, experienced both in U.S. and international tax. Her preference was international as there was more appreciation for her work, rather than clients in the U.S. having a "shoot the messenger" attitude. In addition to golf, she enjoys water aerobics and reading. What really stands out about her is her willingness to volunteer. She was a volunteer with CASA for 10 years.

Also new to the Niners, yet 10 years in Charbonneau, is Ruth Bishop. With the encouragement of her husband, Ruth began to golf a couple of years ago. Then, recently while volunteering at the Wilsonville Senior Center serving lunch, she met Niner Mindy Berquist. After a bit of coaxing by

Mindy, Ruth decided she would give being a Niner and a weekly golfer a try.

After over 40 years of nursing Ruth retired two years ago. For the last 10 years she had been working for Kaiser Sunnyside as an Operating Room nurse. She has three children, two girls and a boy, and two granddaughters 18 months and 4 years old, who reside in Salem and Portland. Other activities she enjoys are walking, water aerobics, and basically anything outdoors. She has an inflatable kayak that she puts to use often on the Molalla River. No doubt Ruth will be a great asset to the Niners.

Our New Member Orientation and Social Member get together will have occurred by the printing of this article and, as in past years, I am sure it was beneficial to all who attended. At this event our Big Sister, Little Sister program is always welcome to our new members. The big sister volunteers help new Niners navigate their way through the golf signup processes, establishing a handicap, etc. along with just being a new friend. Niners...more than a golf club!

What is next for the Niners? Be sure

to attend the Welcome Back Coffee on Tuesday, April 2 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse Dining Room. It is free to all Niners. Then in May is the first scramble and luncheon, "When I grow up I wanna be a Niner" on Tuesday, May 7. Leesa Gango, the chair, has added a bit of humor to this event. It seems our season is off to a good start.

The Niners, in collaboration with the CWGA, are inviting both memberships to a very special event on Friday, April 26 at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse Dining Room for a morning with Coach MJ aka MaryJo McCloskey. She is a winning golf coach and inspiring author of "When Girls Win." In her engaging and conversational book, she shares her journey toward developing mental toughness, building confidence and breaking through resistance. She will share her tips that will inspire you not only in golf, but in everyday life. The cost is \$8 and the signup is in the Proshop. A continental breakfast will be served. Please make your payment to Charbonneau Golf Club. The women's golf clubs in Charbonneau are proud to support women's golf.