

# The Niners

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## We encourage ladies in the community to join our club



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Mid-summer is here, the kids and grandkids are out of school, the pools are open and golf and other activities are in full swing. The Niners are a testament to how to embrace what this time of year brings and others are hearing about us.

Word of mouth has spread and the Niners continue to welcome new ladies to our club and, with each one, often a story follows. After playing with the Niners for a month or so, Lynn Hannah found that maybe there is something to be said about golfing in Charbonneau. It was a gray, drizzly day and she was playing the green course, before the irrigation project started. As she approached hole



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Social members Victoria Koach, Judy Bonino, Bee Benesh, Paula Johnson and Lynn Theis are pictured here.

7 she thought to herself, "I can make it over the water." With great focus and care, she took a masterful swing. The club connected with the ball and it flew in the air and over water and the green! A majestic tree stood in its path. The ball hit the tree, trickled back to the green and was headed for the flagstick. It hit the pole, which stopped the momentum. Lynn watched in wonder as it dropped to the ground. Alas, it did not go in the hole,

but a short putt gave her a memorable birdie. The group was sure someone was filming "Caddie Shack 2."

Not only do we accept new players without a handicap, we embrace them. Just ask Kim Hensley. Although she still works, she wants to try and play more golf when she can on her limited free days. It was going to be tough playing the required holes to get a handicap. Her Niner big sister, Brenda Gardiner,

was going to make it happen. The time came at the end of April for her last nine holes. The weather that day was going to challenge this group. It was pouring rain and most ladies cancelled. Yet Kim, Brenda and Lucky Lynn Hannah were her teammates and following them was the cheering section of Julie Beaton and Cathy Loffink. They all trudged on and the weather worsened. Yet in the end a celebratory cocktail, picture of the scorecard and a selfie of wet women culminated in her achieving her bucket list goal – to obtain a handicap.

Not only do we value our new members, but I also want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our social members who are so much a part of our membership.

Soon after this article was written, our June Scramble will have taken place. Look for an entertaining article next month as you get a glimpse of what went on.

Be sure to sign up for the Guest Day Scramble and Luncheon, "Putts, Pearls and Polka Dots", Tuesday, July 9. It will be delightful and chair Debbie Schwindt assures me that good things happen when you bring a guest.