



JoAnna Sawyer, the game guru, passes out prizes to Joyce Bowden, Claudia deVries, and Louise McCallum.

Niners

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Get excited for the spring

As I write this article, I find myself struggling — not with words, but movement. Why, you ask? Well, I decided to take to the ice, skating that is. It seemed such a good idea at the time and the grandkids were excited. When I stepped on the ice, I felt a bit of trepidation and I was the oldest person on the ice. I should have taken heed of the warnings. After 30 minutes it was over, with the result being a broken elbow. What some of you know and I now understand is that taking risks can have unfortunate consequences, one of which is probably making playing golf a bit more interesting and

more humorous for those playing with me. As one person said to me, "It may help you keep your elbow in when you swing." Kaitlyn did tell me I golf like a chicken with my wing out. My mantra going forward is to stay off the ice and on the course. Speaking of golf, our February Winter Event was at Apex Golf Club in Tigard. Ever play Pebble Beach before? Some of the Niners now have bragging rights (so to speak). Most had not been to Apex before and were pleasantly surprised by the venue. It was fun and it did not matter if you had golfed before or not. You were also able to choose full 18 holes or mini games. Even just observing was entertaining. Look for more details to come regarding our March event.

Opening day for our golf season is a few weeks away. This year our Welcome Back Coffee, with golf after, is early, March 31. This is a great way to kick off the season, meet new Niners, catch up with friends and get the latest news about our

play. Social members are encouraged to come. Your friendships are valued and participation is appreciated.

Volunteerism is a great way to give back and there are many opportunities whether it is helping on a committee or even chairing an event. One great way is to be a mentor. You can share your knowledge and guide a new golfer through learning about our course, processes and understanding the Niners as a club. We have written documents and other tools to help you in this process. If interested, contact Cathy Loffink or any other person on the Membership Committee.

In the future you may see our Niner article occasionally written by someone else. A volunteer wants to try her hand at writing and I am positive she will bring a new style and fresh ideas. I'm not sure if March will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. Either way, it may be time to get your clubs out, practice your swing and putting and start getting excited for all that spring season brings.