



# DESERT DIVOTS

EWGA Palm Springs/Desert Cities, Calif., Chapter

Summer/Fall 2003

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Volunteers needed for several board positions & committees. Please contact Theresa Miller or Cathy Brown-Wellins.

The 2003 election results are in, and three women will assume new posts on Oct. 1, 2003.

Cathy Brown-Wellins of Bermuda Dunes was elected president; Suzanne Powell of La Quinta was elected vice president; and Mickele Cunard of Palm Desert was elected secretary. Brown-Wellins and Powell will serve one-year terms; Cunard will serve a two-year term.

Other women serving on the 2002-2003 board are: Debra Bamber, sponsorship; Carol Bayless, education; Becky Beidebaugh, golf events; Dean Jackson, treasurer; Josie Ramirez, social events; Dori Smith; membership; Lynn Smith, handicaps; and Kate Spates, Web master.

Brown-Wellins, a Desert resident since 1983, joined two years ago. She has been leadership chair for more than a year, and chaired the 2002 nominating committee and elections. She is president of CB Wealth Management Co. in Palm Desert, a financial planning company. Brown-Wellins learned to play golf four years ago, but did not play seriously until 18 months ago. She also is on College of the Desert's women's golf team this year, for the second year in a row.

"I am looking forward to helping our EWGA Chapter grow," she said. "I believe this organization appeals to golfers at any level—from beginner to

advanced. I also want to continue our tradition of offering a variety of golfing and networking events."

Powell, who was

born and raised in Indio, is vice president, sales & marketing for Peter Rabbit Farms in Coachella, a family-owned business started by her grandfather in 1950. She attended the University of Southern California, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She joined EWGA in December 2001.

A golfer for 14 years, Cunard joined the chapter in early 2002. She has been the education chair for a year, organizing clinics and seminars. A lifelong native of the Coachella Valley, Cunard earned an associate's degree from Orange Coast College and numerous certificates in the food and beverage industry. She is general manager of the Daily Grill Restaurant on El Paseo, a position she's held for five years.

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Cathy Brown-Wellins

## GOING FOR THE "GOLD" IN TEMECULA

**T**welve chapter women competed against 12 San Diego women in the 2nd Coast to Cactus Challenge in July. The event was held at the Temecula Creek Inn.

"Unfortunately, we still haven't managed to wrest the trophy away from San Diego," said President Theresa Miller. "But there's always next year!"

Playing were: **Debra Bamber, Carol Bayless, Cathy**

**Brown-Wellins, Susan Bryck, Jeanne Carroll, Dean Jackson, Theresa Miller, Dori Smith, Nancy Stinson, Michelle Talone, Kathlene Tumpane and Diane Ure.**

The format was an 18-hole net team-play event with points awarded based on a player's score as follows: -2 pts. for a double bogey, -1 pt. bogey, 0 pt. par, 2 pts. birdie, and 4 pts. eagle

Our thanks to **Susan Bryck,**

golf events chair, who organized the event (twice!).



## MEMBER APPRECIATION SEPT. 23

THE FIRST "MEMBER APPRECIATION" MIXER  
6 P.M., TUES., SEPT. 23  
TOMMY BAHAMA'S RESTAURANT  
The Gardens on El Paseo, Palm Desert

\$15/member OR  
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membership renewal form  
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Includes: Appetizers plus choice of a Hurricane Tommy,  
a Baja Margarita, soda, tea or coffee.  
Raffle prizes!

Come network with your EWGA friends.  
Also, there's a shopping discount in Tommy's store!

RSVP Required by Sept. 16 to:  
Kate Spates (409-1133 or [kate@ewgadesert.com](mailto:kate@ewgadesert.com))  
Payment accepted at door with confirmed RSVP.

## WOMEN COMPETE IN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

**Marilyn Dotson** won the chapter's 2003 championship, which was June 1 at Desert Willow Golf Resort, Palm Desert. Other women who placed in their flights were:

Championship Flight: Susan Bryck, low net, 82. First Flight: **Jeanne Carroll**, low gross, 97; **Kathleen**



**Marilyn Dotson**

**Tumpane**, low net, 79. Second Flight: **Dori Smith**, low gross, 93; **Carol Bayless**, low net, 74. Third Flight: **Theresa Miller**, low gross, 97;

**Suzanne Powell**, low net, 79.

These local members competed in the 2003 California Sectional tournament, which also was at Desert Willow. More than 100 women—members from Sacramento to San Diego—played in the tourney on Sat., Aug. 16.

### Sacramento Member Wins!

Joyce Baker, a teacher from Sacramento, won the 2003 EWGA California Sectional event, shooting a 79. Palm Springs/Desert Cities member **Carol Bayless** is advancing to the first-flight finals in September.

Other chapter women earning distinctions: **Susan Bryck**, 2nd low-net, championship flight; **Jeanne Carroll**, 2nd low-gross, first flight; and **Dori Smith**, 2nd low-net, second flight.

The sectional tournament is the second stage of EWGA's annual event. Women competed in either stroke play or scramble team play.

The other stroke-play winners, in flights based on handicaps, are:

Championship flight: Visaka Langlois, San Diego, low net (67).

First flight: Paula Mullins-Worster, San Diego, low gross (89); and Linda Barneson, Sonoma-Marin-Napa, low net (74).

Second flight: Stacey Baba, San Francisco, low gross (88); Carol Bayless, PS/DC, low net (71).

Third flight: Lori Lucius, Sacramento, low gross (97); Natalie Nichols, Orange County, low net (71).

Fourth flight: Synette Tom, Orange County, low gross (106); and Lori Shima, Orange County, low net (76).

Scramble Team: Four Sacramento women— Kris Corbridge, Karen Garcia, Clare Payne and Toni Mensch—won this competition by shooting net 66 and will proceed to the finals. The chapter did not field a scramble team.

Bayless and other California

women will next compete against golfers from EWGA's 11 other sections in the 2003 annual tournament. The 36-hole event is Sept. 12-13 at Talking Stick Golf Club in Scottsdale.

EWGA's annual tournament, which follows USGA guidelines, is played in three stages with two divisions (stroke and four-woman team scramble); requires a USGA handicap index; and is for members only. Thousands of women compete each year.

"It's fun to compete," said President Theresa Miller. "I encourage all members to work on their

games and obtain their handicaps so they can play in the chapter's next championship, which will be in early June 2004."

Also, PS/DC hosted a very successful "Birdie Bash" BBQ on Fri., Aug. 15, at Club Intrawest. The Section raised several thousand dollars through a raffle, and some of the proceeds will benefit the LPGA-USGA Girls Club. Education Chair **Mickele Cunard** and President **Theresa Miller** coordinated the event, which 130 women attended.

Also, our thanks to member **Deb Bamber** for all her assistance with lodging and the BBQ at Club Intrawest.

The chapter's and EWGA Web sites ([www.ewgadesert.com](http://www.ewgadesert.com) or [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com)) have more photos and information.



**Enjoying Sectional:** Chapter members who enjoyed the California-wide event (left to right): Jeanne Carroll, Suzanne Powell, Susan Bryck, Carol Bayless, Mickele Cunard, Dori Smith, Theresa Miller and Kathlene Tumpane. Not pictured is 2003 Chapter Champion Marilyn Dotson.

**Ladies...  
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Web site,  
[www.ewgadesert.com](http://www.ewgadesert.com),  
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