

LADY PUTTERS

ABOUT THE CLUB

The Sun City West Lady Putters, was founded by Leslie Knox in 2002 and was accepted as a Chartered Club of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc. Our main purpose is to enjoy the camaraderie of friends and neighbors while developing and enhancing our putting skills on the natural grass of a golf course green.

We have a website – <https://ladyputters.scwclubs.com/> - and is a valuable source of information regarding upcoming events, minutes of Board Meetings, General Meetings and weekly competition results.

Our putting competitions are held on Wednesday mornings at the Grandview Golf Course. Our times are arranged to avoid interference with the Wednesday events of the Men's golf club. We originally dressed in all-white attire accented by our burgundy aprons and white name badges. In 2020 the club voted to no longer require the all-white attire and allow members to wear clothing allowed by the Golf Clubs of Sun City West.

After Check-In is closed, all players gather to be briefed on current Club matters by the officer in charge. They will go to their assigned hole and form groups of two. When the officer in charge determines that all groups are ready, she will blow the starting whistle for game play to begin.

We lay out an 18-hole, par 36 putting course on the large practice green and we accommodate as many as 144 players in a shotgun start.

Scores are recorded, individual handicaps are derived over a period of time and members compete for prize money for holes-in-one and for low net scores in their handicap-grouped flights.

We follow our putting rules strictly, we do not line up our putts or take practice swings and the surrounding atmosphere is not necessarily quiet. We have fun and get to know others with interests in common with ours.

Every three months we have a General Meeting and Awards Luncheon. At the luncheon, we award prizes for low scores and special accomplishments which have accumulated during the previous quarter of competition. From time to time, we stage special events for the enjoyment of our members. We are headquartered at the Grandview Golf Course, where we have the Club's Official Bulletin Board.

STANDING RULES

Yearly membership will run from January 1 through December 31. Dues for existing members is currently \$20 and must be paid by January 15th. Members who have not renewed by Jan. 15th will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Dues for new members joining in January through October will pay the current annual membership rate \$20 plus a one-time fee of \$20 to cover the cost of the Club apron and the name badge.

Dues for members joining in October through December will pay \$25.

WEEKLY PUTTING COMPETITIONS

Will not involve any sign-ups in advance or cancellations. Weekly fees are \$3, always bring \$1 bills for your fee. \$1 of our weekly fee shall be paid to the course as a green fee. The remaining \$2 shall be used for the pay-off of holes-in-one and weekly prizes. Pay-off for holes-in-one will be made upon presentation of the attested score card at the Pay-Out Table. Other prizes for the weekly competition will be awarded at the next general meeting luncheon.

In determining the results of weekly competitions and in order for members to compete for prizes in groups of comparable skills we have groups also known as flights. New members start with no handicap and will compete in a no handicap flight until they have turned in 5 attested score cards. The no handicap flight will compete on the basis of gross scores. After 5 scores, the Handicap Chairman will assign a provisional handicap in order to allow the member to compete in the regular group/flights. After the first 10 attested scores, the member will be assigned a regular handicap.

Handicaps will be updated and published twice monthly.

ATTIRE ON THE COURSE

Our official Lady Putters attire is the Club apron, shirts may be with or without collars and sleeves. Shirts must be non-revealing in nature. No spaghetti straps, fishnet, tube tops, halters, midriff exposing tops, swimwear or the like. Slacks, Shorts and Skirts – Shorts/Skirts must be mid-thigh in length or longer. Proper footwear is required to be worn on the golf course and practice facility. Tennis

shoes, walking shoes or flat rubber-soled sandals are required on the green. No heels of any kind or golf shoes with cleats are allowed. Any footwear that would damage the greens is strictly prohibited. Shoes MUST be worn in the pro-shop due to the AZ Department of Health regulations. All clothing must be hemmed and free of holes and tears. Any clothing displaying profanity, inappropriate wording or controversial messages will not be considered appropriate. If in doubt, the final determination of appropriate clothing will be determined by the golf shop staff on duty. Players must comply with their judgment.

GUESTS

Guests of residents are welcome to putt for free. However, they will not be eligible for any prizes, including holes-in-one. Residents may putt for free up to two times before joining Lady Putters, however, they will not be eligible for any prizes including holes-in-one.

LUNCHEON

Payment for a luncheon should be by check only. No refunds will be issued after the stated deadline.

The Club will hold 3- 4 general meetings during the year.

PUTTING RULES

1. No practice putting is allowed on the putting green on the day of play. Surveying the putt from the side, crouching behind the ball to study the break and repeated practice strokes are not permitted.
2. Competitors will be grouped as playing partner twosomes. Each group will be assigned a starting hole for the shotgun start. Double cards must be kept by each twosome. Mark your partner's score and your score at the completion of each hole. After completing 18 holes check each hole with your playing partner and resolve any differences. Sign and attest final results and together turn in the cards at the Pay-Out Table.
3. Start all putts with the ball close to the tee marker on your side. Putt with the pin in the hole. Retrieve the ball by lifting the pin out of the hole and picking up the ball. Return the pin to its proper position, with the flag clearly visible from the tee marker.
4. A ball putted entirely off the putting green to the fringe or beyond is deemed out of bounds. Procedure: take the ball in a straight line to the nearest edge of the green. Then hand place ball one putter-head length inside the green on this line. Add a 1 stroke penalty for that specific hole.
5. If a competitor holes the ball into the wrong hole, she must cancel the strokes, take a 1 stroke penalty, return to the tee marker, and play out the hole correctly.
6. Continuous putting is the order of play, with no marking of the ball between putts. Complete your putts and hole out before your partner tees off. In order to keep play moving the maximum number of strokes on any hole, including penalty strokes is 5. If you have not holed the ball after 4 strokes, pick up your ball and record a score of 5.
7. If your ball strikes another ball which is at rest: 1) the moving ball shall be played from where it stops. 2) The ball at rest shall be returned to its original spot. If a ball is moved by wind or any outside agency, it shall be

replaced without penalty in its at rest position. Failure to replace the ball before the next putt shall incur a 1 stroke penalty.

8. If two balls in motion strike each other, each player shall replay her ball from its original spot with no penalty.
9. Ball in motion stopped or deflected by any moving or stationary outside agency – no penalty. Stroke canceled and ball shall be replayed from its original spot.
10. No player shall take any action, other than putting, which influences the position or movement of the ball.
11. Upon completion of a hole, players shall hand-carry the ball to the next hole. Striking or pushing it with the putter head shall be deemed a testing the surface or practice putting and they shall be given a 1 stroke penalty.
12. Observe the following matters of courtesy:

Move quickly to the next hole, always avoiding holding up the speed of play.

Do not stand too near your fellow competitor.

Do not stand directly behind the pin.

Keep conversations to a minimum while others close to you are putting.

HANDICAP CALCULATION

The handicaps are calculated and posted by the Handicap Chairman according to the following calculation:

1. Take the best 5 scores of the most recent 10 games.
2. Add these 5 best scores together and subtract 180 (5 X Par 36)
3. Divide the resulting number by 2, and round down the result to a whole number. This result is known as the Differential Index.

A player with fewer than 5 games scores will be assigned a no handicap, denoted as NH.

A player with at least 5, but fewer than 10 game scores will be assigned a provisional handicap with the handicap number followed by a P. Each new game score, after the 5th, will be used to update her provisional handicap and an updated list of Provisional Handicaps will be posted on the Bulletin Board prior to each weekly putting event. When the player has accumulated 10 or more game scores the P will be dropped.