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#### EPSON TOUR: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sewailo Golf Club will once again host the Epson Tour with a "Road to the LPGA" tournament from March 30th - April 2nd! A 144-player field will compete in a 72-hole stroke play format with a cut to the low 60 players and ties after 36 holes. The purse is a total of \$200,000 with a winner's share of \$30,000. The 2023 Epson Tour event will benefit the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona. The Casino Del Sol Golf Classic has volunteer opportunities during this event. Some players will also be requesting caddies. To sign up as a volunteer, please visit:

#### www.casinodelsol.com/golf/ events-tournaments

or for more information contact: <u>Rob.Charland@casinodelsol.com</u>

## PLAY READY GOLF

Playing Ready Golf happens from tee to green and is the key

to speeding up the pace of play. Ready Golf is when a player is at their ball or on the tee box and is ready to play, they go ahead and play. If you are waiting for others to hit, mentally prepare by selecting your club and planning your shot. The twenty-foot putts you have do not need to be read for five minutes. Stand behind the putt, read it for about 10 seconds, and then give it your best effort. No honors on the tee box if the person with the honor is delayed. The first player who is ready plays. Players should play their own ball before looking for any lost balls. The order of play is based on who's ready, not who's away. Don't wait for someone who is "away" but is not ready to hit their shot. If you're away, but not ready to play your shot, ask another player to hit. You will be making it a great day for everyone when you keep pace with the group in front of you.

#### MERCHANDISE PRODUCT OF THE MONTH:GARMIN APPROACH G30 GPS

The Garmin Approach G30 is a compact handheld GPS that is pre-loaded with 40,000 golf courses. The GPS has a 2.3-inch-high resolution color screen and a touch screen display. The lightweight unit displays distance to greens, hazards, doglegs, and features a big number mode to make it easy to view valuable information. There is a clear display of the overhead view of the hole. The device is useful for





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your course management and graphics providing information on the shot to play. Also, the GPS has battery life for more than two rounds.

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### HOLE IN ONE

On November 28th, Judy Miller aced #7 with a 6 hybrid from 130 yards.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The green on Hole #1 and #8 was designed to be Notah Begay and Ty Butler's is a tribute to links golf and inspired by St. Andrews. The enormous double green is 29,000 square feet! If you overshoot the pin and are long on your approach, you could potentially have a very long putt back to the pin. The enormous green makes for some fun putts and a lot of pin locations. You want to be below the hole as much as possible on either the first or eighth green so you can have an uphill putt to the hole. If you hit a solid approach shot, you will have a good chance at making a birdie.



#### GOLF TIP: FAIRWAY BUNKER SHOT

You can be successful with a fairway bunker shot with a few tips. If there is a severe front lip, we want to get the ball back in play by taking a lofted club and hitting the ball safely back to the fairway. If the lie is better and lip is not in your way, you can take less loft and go for the green. Take a light stance in the sand and do not dig in too much. Spread your feet slightly wider to keep the lower body quiet. Play the ball back in your stance one to two inches to assure that the club hits the ball before the sand. You want to make ball first contact and hit a little bit of sand out in front of the ball. The ideal swing picks the ball out cleanly. Move your body weight through the shot toward your target. Do not try to overpower this shot and swing easy. Take an extra club to have great tempo with this shot.