

# Calling Senior Professionals & Amateurs

**Senior Professionals and Amateurs do you have game?** The Southwest Seniors Golf Association (SWSGA) was created by PGA Professionals, **Gene Lesch, Jack Morrison** and **Bill Johnston** to provide a venue for senior professionals and amateurs to compete on a monthly basis. Played at some of the finest golf facilities in Arizona the SWSGA has stood the test of time running consistently since being established in 1978! Seniors 50 and over with a verifiable golf handicap of 10 or less are welcomed and may play twice as a non-member to test their game in this competitive arena.

Southwest Section PGA Senior Professionals, here is an opportunity for you to play on a consistent monthly basis keeping your game sharp or to knock the rust off for your upcoming events! Each month, in addition to the team competition the field is broken down into age groups where you compete individually against your peers. Consistently, over fifty percent of the field wins some form of prize money.

The SWSGA annually has a thirteen event schedule culminating with The Founder's Championship, which is a year-long points race based on performance and participation. The top 72 amateurs and 24 professional point leaders are invited to compete in an added purse event where the Player of the Year is determined. The 2015 Players for the Year were; Amateur, **Steve Stuebner**, of the Gallery Golf Club and Professional, **Ronnie Black**, from Canoa Hills Golf Club.

Governed by a nine-member volunteer Board of Directors made up of professionals and amateurs the SWSGA is well organized, established and provides a wonderful opportunity for its members to compete and win gift cards for the amateurs to Van's Golf Shops and Cash for the professionals. The SWSGA recently welcomed two new Board Members, **Gary Ireton**, and **James Sladovic**, who join President, **Bob Pancratz**, Executive Director, **John Benda**, Tournament Director, **Jeff Reich**, Tournament Administrator, **Loren Foye**, Secretary/Treasurer, **Charles Shoemake**, Board Member, **Doc Watts** and Board Member, **Randy Wittig**.

"SWSGA members and Guests play many private golf facilities in an organized competitive event followed by a food function at a great rate which is a win-win for all," stated President Bob Pancratz. We congratulate **L. Don Brown** on his recent Hole-in-One at Mission Royale Golf Club, **Barry Conser**, who earned his card to compete on the European Senior Tour and **Murphy Mitchell**, who was the Arizona Golf Association's 2015 Senior Player of the Year.

**To learn more about the SWSGA and how you might participate and play facilities like Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club, Terravita Country Club, Mirabel, Phoenix Country Club, Alta Mesa Country Club, Arrowhead Country Club, Seville Country Club and Briarwood Country Club in the coming months visit [www.swsga.com](http://www.swsga.com)**



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