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Spotlight on a Sista >>>

Spotlight on SOTL Founder Janet L. Johnson

SOTL founder Janet Johnson says Sistas On The Links was a gift given to her in the midst of grief. “I found myself just wandering around in a fog,” Janet says of losing her only son, Edward, to Lupus in 2007. A friend suggested she get back out on the golf course and use golf to help her focus and cope with the loss of her son. She had not golfed in over a decade and thought this advice was sound and worth considering. As chance would have it that afternoon Janet saw a flyer for a women’s group and decided now was the time to take the next step in her path to healing. She pulled the tab, stepped out in faith, and joined a group of lady golfers.

Before her first outing with the group, in the parking lot Janet sat in her car praying that no one would ask about her family. It had only been six months since Edward’s passing and she could not talk about him without breaking down. Janet’s prayers were answered, no one asked about her family that day. But to her surprise, no one asked the next week or the week after that. Surely, someone in the group would want to know something about her, she thought. They did want to know something—just one thing—about the only Black woman in the group—**“how did you find us?”**

Feeling isolated and underrepresented in the group, Janet asked about inviting her friends to join—and was politely told that membership was capped at 75. Not deterred one bit—in that moment Janet decided to start a golf club for Black women. “All I can say is that I’m thankful that those ladies didn’t allow other sisters to come,” says Janet, “because I would’ve never seen the depth of the need.” This group did for Janet what our mothers and grandmothers would tell us in a minute “they did you a favor. Now what you gon’ do?”

Janet answered the question! What started as an email chain in July 2008 has grown into a 100-plus sista hood of Black women golfers across the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond, in 2022. Since its inception the group’s mission has been to unite and expose Black women and girls to golf. Under the leadership of Janet, SOTL continues its journey to create a safe and accepting space for Black women to have fun, bond and create lasting relationships through golf. We are educators and police officers, fire service professionals, nurses, photographers, entrepreneurs, corporate executives, and retirees. **We are Sistas!**



“We want to continue to nurture women, build them up and help them feel comfortable and that they belong on the golf course.”

Janet L. Johnson
President and Founder of Sistas on the Links

Janet Louise Johnson was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and raised 46-miles away in nearby Malvern. Malvern is a place where she loves the southern hospitality and the peaceful surroundings. Janet resides in both Hot Springs Village, Ark, and in Richmond, CA.

Off the Greens >>>

Try Yoga to help increase your flexibility and golf game

We have so many talented Sistas in our club. Last month **Sista Stephanie Jones Peeks** graciously shared her wisdom and insights about her yoga practice. As some of you know, Stephanie is completing a rigorous yoga certification. We are both honored and enriched by her sharing.



Sista Stephanie Jones Peeks



Yoga resources recommended by Stephanie

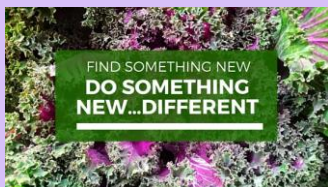
- [Yoga for Golfers](#)
- [The Flexible Golf](#)
- [Fitness & Yoga Videos](#)
- [Chair Yoga Video](#)

On the Greens >>>



As member NCGA golf club we get access to a plethora of information including monthly NCGA news, updates, resources, and reminders.

- Looking for resources to help you navigate any questions about the rules of the game? [Click here!](#)
- Have questions about the Golf Handicap system? [Check out the Handicap 101 article.](#)
- Expand your golf experience and network, click on the link to [check out the 2022 NCGA Master Event Calendar.](#)
- **Also note:** Registration is now open for [NCGA Championships](#), [Women's Legacy Tournaments](#), [Weekend Net Tour](#), [Women's Play Days & Member Outings](#), [Senior Series](#) and [Club events](#) (Team Match, Four-Ball Net, Zones, Associate Club).
- When you get a chance click here view the [NCGA Golf Winter 2022.](#)



Looking for a new course to play—check out one of these!

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Callippe Preserve, Pleasanton, CA (18)
Canyon Lakes, Dublin, (18)
Metropolitan, Oakland, (18)
Redwood Canyon, Castro Valley (18)

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Diablo Creek, Concord (18)
Diablo Hills GC, Walnut Creek (9)
Boundary GC, Walnut Creek, (18)
Franklin Canyon, Hercules, (18)

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Haggin Oaks, Sac, (Two 18s)
Teal Bend GC, Sac, (18)
Bartley Cavanaugh, Sac (18)
WildHawk GC, Sac (18)

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

TPC Harding San Francisco, CA (18)
Fleming 9 Course, San Francisco (9)
Presidio GC, Francisco's (18)
Gleneagles GC at McLaren Park, (9)

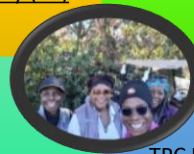


Photo: Franklin Canyon, Hercules: Clarice Baptiste, Angela Anderson, Cheri Toney, Jessica Harris



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>>> Two Month Calendar



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Mar 6	Maples Golf Club Otta Bounds Tournament Boundary Oaks GC Walnut Creek / Tee Time: 8:30 For more tournament info contact Club President, Roland Maples - Click to see the full Tournament schedule
Mar 13	General Virtual Membership Meeting Meeting 3:00. For more info, contact: VP, Stephanie Fleming
Mar 16	9, Dine & Wine Vintner's GC – Yountville Dine - Oxbow Public Market/Gott's - 610 1st Street, Napa Contact Ora Anderson for more info and to sign-up Tee Time: Tee times have been confirmed for 10:20, 10:30, and 10:40
Mar 19	18 Hole Play Day - Details TBA
Mar 19	Spear Golf Club Manteca Park Golf Tournament. For more info contact Darren Avent , Tournament Chair
Mar 26	SOTL 9, Hole Play Day Buchanan. For more info contact: Rose King



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Apr 3	Maples Golf Club Paradise Valley Fairfield Tee Time: 8:30-0 AM For more tournament info contact Club President, Roland Maples Click here to see the full Tournament schedule
Apr 16	SOTL April 18 Hole Play Day @ Harding TPC, SF Note: As of this publication all 16 slots have been filled. To place your name on the waiting list contact Angela Anderson
Apr 16	Spear Golf Club Spear Spring Valley Milpitas \$104.00 10:30. For more info contact Greg Bennett
Apr 20	SOTL 9, Dine & Wine Vintner's Yountville Time TBA. For more info contact: Ora Anderson
Apr 24	SOTL 9 Hole Play Day Buchanan, Concord Tee Time: 11:00. For more info contact Rose King

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