

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MARVOL BARNARD

This edition of our Member Spotlight features PGA and LPGA member Marvol Barnard. Marvol first discovered the game of golf in 1996 during an off-season winter in Arizona. Since then, she has excelled in every aspect of golf. Marvol came to Arizona after a career as a dispatch supervisor for the Alaska State Troopers in Fairbanks, Alaska and as a co-owner/operator of a charter fishing business in Ketchikan, Alaska. Marvol quickly grew into a skilled amateur before becoming a member of the LPGA in 2002 and the PGA in 2005.

Marvol is the Director of Instruction at the Country Club of Green Valley. She graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Public Administration degree and a Master's in Organizational Leadership. Her enthusiasm for growing the game for girls and women is unmatched. She focuses on introducing new golfers to the endless business and social benefits of playing golf.

Marvol understands the deep impact one simple invitation can make when introducing women to the game, and as a result, has devoted her career to developing and leading women's programs worldwide. She is most proud of launching an LPGA*USGA Girls Golf Program in Southern Arizona bringing previously underserved local girls into the game of golf. She has also led educational efforts introducing Girls Golf Program to the LPGA Professionals in Korea.

Marvol's Girls Golf program is now in its fourth year and has over 60 girls in the program. It started out as a supporting program for the local high school girls' team (previously non-existent), beginning with just 3 girls. Her program supported the high school team by purchasing equipment, umbrellas, shoes, pull carts, tournament entry fees, etc., and the program exploded with tons of local interest.

Today, her program supports the high school girls golf graduates with scholarships, including the new Marvol Putzier Barnard Scholarship, which gave out over \$9,000 in scholarship awards, including travel and participation for four local girls to the Girls Golf Leadership Academy in San Francisco. Her Girls Golf program also gave a \$2500 scholarship to one graduate who also received \$2500 from the Marvol Putzier Barnard Scholarship fund.

Marvol gives much credit to the support of the local community. From volunteers to a White Elephant grant, from a grant from the BAJA Sporting Club, and to the enthusiastic support of the Country Club of Green Valley.

Marvol feels like her greatest joy and career success is in bringing all aspects of the golf world together to support these girls in a sport that we know will open so many doors.

Marvol is a very influential advocate for the LPGA Professionals. She has held nearly every leadership position in the LPGA, including Section President and Secretary, Member advisor, Chair for various National Committees and since 2019 has served two consecutive terms as National President for the LPGA Professionals.

No one takes greater pride than Marvol in representing the LPGA. She has become a respected leader within the LPGA and the golf world for the past two decades and has won numerous awards in the golf industry, including the LPGA's National Teacher of the Year and the PGA's National Player Development Leader Award. She has been named to Golf Digest's Top 50 Women Teacher as well.

Most recently, Marvol was named to the LPGA Professional's Hall of Fame, joining the ranks of many remarkable women.