

**Linda Reid**

**Women's Golf Ambassador, Haggin Oaks Golf Course**

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In Celebration on Women's Golf Day upcoming on Tuesday, June 4, the [California Golf Course Owners Association](#), [Nevada Golf Course Owners Association](#), and [NGCOA Arizona](#) will profile a series of inspirational women with deep roots in golf.

Linda Reid is passionate about giving back to the game that she loves. A true go-getter, Linda participated in a focus group geared towards female golf players, led by Mike Woods of Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. Mike took diligent notes from the opinions of the women golfers of that focus group and had an overflow of ideas on how to make the golf venue more female-friendly. It was clear by the end of the focus group that Mike wouldn't be able to implement all of those ideas alone. As a natural problem solver, Linda proved to Mike that she was just the type of person he needed on his team and with that, the Women's Golf Ambassador position was created just for Linda!

Since Linda began her role as the Women's Golf Ambassador, she has built a team of 17 volunteer mentors who play with new and returning women golfers, assisting them with the transition from lessons to playing on the course. Linda currently manages three 9-hole women's league program that has grown substantially to 500 members. Most of these recruits were from word of mouth, but some were retained by Linda creating a Meetup.com account. The leagues are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings year round and Thursday evenings from spring to fall.

It is important to Linda that she creates a welcoming and supportive environment for all new women golfers.

"You don't have to spend a lot of money to get started learning how to play," Linda explains encouragingly. "Complimentary golf clubs are provided. You don't need special shoes and clothes. Initially, you will be nervous, but by the end of the first lesson you are guaranteed to be laughing. It's all about getting out there, and having a good time!"

Linda feels that her role as the Women’s Golf Ambassador has been the best fit imaginable. She is proud to represent a management team that is full of forward thinkers and that supports the vision.

