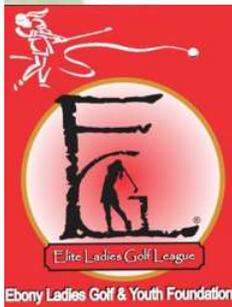


Elite Ladies Golf League

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May 2020

Greetings From Kusana:

Welcome to the fifth issue of the Elite Ladies Golf League Newsletter. Elite Ladies Golf League is proud and honored to announce our newest ELGL Advisory Board member.

Debert Cook, the founder and publisher of the African American Golfer's Digest. Debert Cook has been a longtime supporter of the Elite Ladies Golf League (formerly Ebony Ladies Golf League) since she first published an article about the Ebony Ladies Golf League, OH back in 2005.

Please welcome her to our Elite Ladies Golf League family!

Reminder, when playing golf remember the distance safety rules.

Fore the love of golf,
Kusana Turner, Chairman

Elite Ladies Golf League TX Chapter
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ELGL Chairman Kusana Turner



Important COVID-19 Preventive Measures

Depending on where you live, some golf courses are open and some are still closed. If you choose to golf now or later, please stay safe and continue to follow Center of Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Guidelines and your city's emergency regulations regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

Golf course regulations / openings are changing weekly if not daily and their web sites are not updated as often as the changes occur. **Call before you go** to your course for up to date information.

A few **new changes** you can expect at some courses:*

- Social Distancing of 6ft. required.
 - City of Ft. Worth Golf Courses - walking only with exception for those with a state issued ADA parking tag may use a cart.
 - One person per cart only. Walking and push/pull carts welcome.
 - Tee time reservation required. No walk-ups.
 - Pre-payment of green fees with credit/debit card. No cash transactions.
 - Pre-payment via course's app only. Online check-in.
 - No Clubhouse dining. Food-to-go only, if available.
 - Water fountains on course turned off. No course water coolers.
 - Clubhouse restroom closed!?! Course restrooms open or vice versa.
 - Rakes removed from bunkers.
 - Do not touch Flagsticks. Cups have inserts so that balls will not drop in.
 - Ball washers and sand bottles removed.
 - Some courses the practice range and putting green remain closed.
 - Staff disinfects carts between rounds
 - Wear a mask at check-in.
 - SEE APRIL NEWSLETTER ISSUE FOR MORE SAFE PRACTICES. www.eliteladiesgolf.org
- *Not all of these changes apply to every course – check the courses' web site AND call ahead.



Spotlight



Debert Cook



Elite Ladies Golf League would like to welcome Ms. Debert Cook to its' Advisory Board as an ELGL Consultant.

Thank You and Welcome!

Ms. Debert Cook is the founder and publisher of the **African American Golfer's Digest**. Ms. Cook launched her publication in March 2003 focusing on news, information and activities in the 'soulful' world of

golf. Headquartered in Manhattan in New York City's Financial District, the magazine has been PGA of America Diverse Supplier since January 2009.

Ms. Cook is the first black woman to wholly own a Black-focused golf magazine in the U.S.A. and prides herself in providing balanced editorial that showcases in print and digital formats the individual and collective efforts of Black Americans playing and enjoying both leisure and competitive golf; the sport of a lifetime.

The magazine is subscription-based and serves a controlled circulation of over 80,000 readers each quarter, with added distribution to over 250 African American-focused golf events around the country. **National Media Partnerships** help golfing groups, along with nonprofit and for-profit organizations, with a variety of affordable advertising and marketing campaign strategies to promote their tournaments and outings to this niche golf targeted marketplace.

Ms. Cook is also President/CEO of **Event Planners Plus NA Inc.**, a corporate and small business meeting management and solutions firm which she founded in 1998. Ms. Cook is a Certified Meetings Professional and holds the distinguished CMP certification, a designation

by the Convention Industry Council (CIC). Event Planners Plus NA Inc. specializes in everything from public seminars to training programs, incentives travel, cruise meetings and awards galas.

Ms. Cook is a native of West Virginia and grew up in Ohio prior to relocating to New York in 1988. She holds an A.S. Degree in Music Business from Georgia State University, a Certification in Radio/TV Production, a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Youngstown State University, a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies/History from the City University of New York (CUNY). She has served as an adjunct professor teaching courses in African American Music and African American Art History at the South Bronx (NY) campus of The College of New Rochelle.



Ms. Cook is a frequently invited keynote speaker. Her achievements have been documented in many publications including these books: **"The African American Woman Golfer, Her Legacy"** and **"Heroines of African American Golf,"** both authored by M. Mikell Johnson, Ph.D.

To learn more about the **African American Golfer's Digest** and its many programs, events and partnership opportunities, or to subscribe visit the website:



AfricanAmericanGolfersDigest.com or call (212) 571-6559.

Membership in ELGL has its Privileges!

Join ELGL Today!

We are designed for golfers of all playing abilities. 9-hole play, 18-hole play, instructions, social events, competitive events and more. It's easy to participate. Simply sign up and show up!

Full Member Benefits - \$75.00/year

- Membership card
- USGA Rule Book
- Goodie Bag
- Membership in the *Midwest Golf Association*
- Discounted lessons with golf pro
- Reduced green fees as negotiated by ELGL (when available)
- Discounted registration fee for the *Midwest Golf Association* and ELGL hosted tournaments
- One voting right on League matters (as necessary)

Junior Member Benefits – Complimentary

(Girls and boys, ages 7 to College Level)

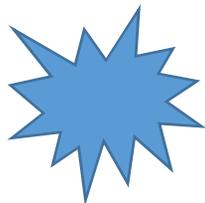
Benefits include all of the above* plus:

- Registration fee waiver for ELGL sponsored tournaments
- Eligible for scholarship to participate in LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program of Dallas
- Additional League discounts (when available)

*Voting right excluded.

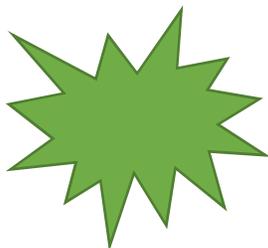
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EBONY LADIES GOLF AND YOUTH FOUNDATION - 501c3

Our foundation was established in 2004 and granted its 501c3 non-profit status on May 31, 2005. The Foundation's Board Members elected Brunilda Turner, President of the Ebony Ladies Golf League, as its first executive director.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To motivate and train youth to utilize golf for personal growth and academic achievement; provide educational and mentoring programs; improve golfing skills; and increase knowledge, self-confidence and enjoyment of the game.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the contributions of individuals like you to help support our Ebony Ladies Golf & Youth Foundation. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to help us continue our Mission. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

How to donate:

1. Online at www.eliteladiesgolf.org
2. Call 214-417-1815
3. Mail Check, money order or cashier's check to – Ebony Ladies Golf and Youth Foundation
P.O. Box 743062
Dallas, TX 75374

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TOURNAMENTS AND NEWS

Kusana Turner, President of Elite Ladies Golf League: Navigating the Challenges of the Coronavirus

April 18, 2020



Founder and Publisher of African American Golfer's Digest, **Debert Cook** interviewed **Kusana Turner**, Charter and Founding Member of the Elite Ladies Golf League. Kusana also serves as Director of the Ebony Ladies Golf & Youth Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization established to motivate and train youth to utilize golf for personal growth and academic achievement. In Debert Cook's episode of *Tee Box*, Turner shares her challenges of running both organizations while facing the rampage of the coronavirus.

Follow this YouTube link for the interview:

https://youtu.be/gE3VCODZ_8Q



Due to the evolving dynamics of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the 75th U.S. Women's Open Championship, originally scheduled for June 4-7, 2020, at Champions Golf Club in Houston, Texas, has been **postponed to Dec. 10-13**.

To account for reduced daylight given the move to December, the Jackrabbit Course at Champions Golf Club will be used in conjunction with the Cypress Creek Course, which was originally slated to host all four rounds of championship play. The Jackrabbit will co-host Rounds 1 and 2.

For more tournament information, see www.eliteladiesgolf.org

The ELGL's Book & DVD Club

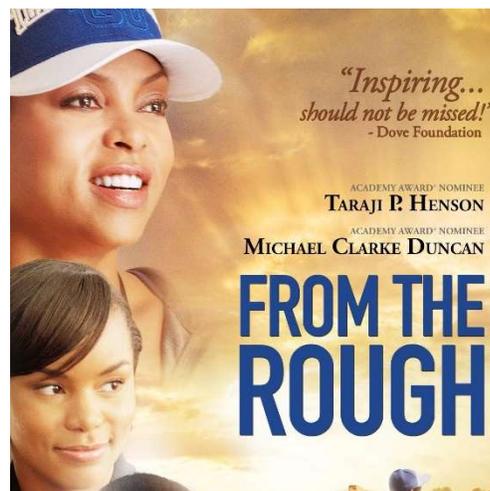
African Americans in Golf History



Dr. Catana Starks

From the Rough is a sports drama film based on the true story of **Catana Starks**, a former Tennessee State Tigers swim coach, who became the first woman ever to coach a college men's golf team. With drive, passion, and guts, she took an unruly group of mismatched kids from around the world and guided them to an all-time record at the PGA National Collegiate Minority Championship.

Tasked with building Tennessee State's first golf team and finding only one available African American golfer – Craig, a former caddy with plenty of talent but no confidence – **Catana Starks** pushes outside TSU's Historically Black context, and, against huge resistance, opens up the roster to underprivileged kids from around the world. The film stars **Taraji P. Henson** as Coach Starks,



USGA Rules Quiz



Q. In Foursome play, the player's ball must be dropped only by the player who is to make the next stroke; no one else, including a partner, may do so even if authorized.

- True
- False

A. Answer on last page.

Etiquette tips to speed PACE OF PLAY

- **Be ready** to tee off as soon as the group ahead is far enough out of reach.
- **Be ready** to tee off as soon as the tee box becomes available.
- It's okay to hit at the same time as another player in the fairway, if you are on the opposite sides of the fairway.
- Avoid trips back to the cart to get clubs.
- Always carry an extra ball in your pocket.
- Have tees and ball markers ready.
- Always park your cart next to the side of the green where you are exiting.
- Exit the green as quickly as possible.
- Wait until you are at the next hole to write down your score.
- Avoid using cell phones when possible.
- If there is a hole open in front of you, speed up. Don't wait for the ranger to tell you to do so.



ELGL Rally for the Cure Tournament

Crossword

DOWN

1. Vehicle for use in transporting players from hole to hole.
2. A hole completed in two strokes under par.
5. You may lift the ball to identify it, but the spot of the ball must first be (b) _____.
15. _____ club face: the heel of the clubhead is leading the toe.
19. A hole played one stroke over par.
11. In match play a contest between two sides consisting of a pair of players, where 2 partners hit alternate shots on one ball.
21. The ELGL March "Meetup Event".
22. When other players agree that a putt is made without being played.
31. Awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from President Obama. ONEDA _____.
32. You must drop a ball the "right way" which means that you drop it from _____ height, and you don't influence how the ball will come to rest.

UP

35. A piece of turf cut out of the ground by a golf club.
14. "Snowman". Slang term for a score of _____ on one hole.
27. Golf _____. Facility where people can practice golf.

COMBINATION – ACROSS & DOWN

16. There is no penalty if your _____ (16a-across) is accidentally _____ (16b-down) by you, your opponent, or anyone else while trying to find or identify it. If this happens, the _____ (16a-down) must be replaced on its original spot.

Look for Answers in the June Newsletter

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ELGL's MISSION

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USGA Quiz Answer

Answer: **False**

Rule 22.2 Either Partner May Act for Side

As both partners compete as one side playing only one ball: Either partner may take any allowed action for the side before the stroke is made, such as to mark the spot of the ball and lift, replace, **drop** and place the ball, no matter which partner's turn it is to play next for the side.



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