

MINUTES  
SPRING CAPTAIN'S MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2011



Gorge Vale Golf Club

ZONE COMMITTEE;

Jean Anderson (Chair), Merna Mickelson (Vice-Chair), Lynne Foxall (Treasurer), Peg Wright (Rules), Shirley Granger (Publicity), Barbara Rainey (Secretary)

REGRETS: Diane Phillips (C/R Handicap), Nel Bing (Junior Chair)

CLUBS PRESENT:

A total of 15 clubs were present. Regrets: Bear Mountain, Galiano, Prospect Lake.

Meeting called to order at 10 am with 27 ladies present (31 for lunch including Committee)

Jean welcomed all present and introduced the Committee members. Jean then asked each Captain and/or Representative to introduce themselves and accompanying club member.

Jean gave a brief overview of today's presentation as the Committee wanted to try a new approach to the Spring Captain's Meeting. A Workshop was planned to review various Zone and *British Columbia Golf* Tournaments and Programs. Each Committee member (Team Leader) would be joined by a predetermined number of ladies to discuss information contained in the Captain's folder.

Barb advised that there was a quorum. Minutes of March 22, 2010 previously circulated, were accepted as presented; motion to accept made by Judy Cryderman (UP), seconded by Val Noyes (ARD)....Carried.

REPORTS:

Peggy Wright, Rules Chair.

- Peg stressed the importance of having a 'Rules Book' or the 'Easy Guide to the Rules' in your golf bag at all times. Rules Books are scheduled for update in 2012.
- The Zone Rules Clinic will be held Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Royal Colwood. Registration at 9:30 am. A poster and instruction sheet is provided in the Captain's folder and should be displayed in a prominent place in your locker room. Peg handed out Clinic tickets based on the attendance per club in 2009. Price is \$21 which includes early coffee, the outside clinic, lunch and a short question period.
- At the 2010 AGM, Peg put out a request for an Assistant for this year to work towards joining the Committee in 2012 as Rules Chair. After 3 years on the Committee (this time around), Peg feels it is time to step down. She asked the Captains to check with their members to see if anyone would be interested in working with her this year. It is very much a learning process with rules and we have a good number of qualified rules officials in the Zone to help out.

Lynne Foxall, Treasurer.

- Treasurer's Report for the period October 1, 2010 to March 28, 2011 is as follows:

Cash in Business Account	\$ 10,151.21
Cash in Petty Cash	100.00
Money Market Account	<u>3,991.55</u>
Total Cash	\$ 14,242.76 (of which \$2,876.22 belongs to Junior Development)

**Shirley Granger, Publicity:**

- Shirley advised that the job of the Publicity Chair is to keep the media advised of upcoming Tournaments and follow up with the results; Camera at the ready, pictures are taken at all events such as the Junior's Meet and Greet event yesterday and today's gathering. Albums will always be on display and each year the Chair and Shirley present a special album to our sponsor, Metro Lexus Toyota.

**Merna Mickelson, Vice-Chair (Tournament Director)**

- Merna gave a brief overview of the tournament dates and venues scheduled for 2011 (all entry forms can be found on the Zone web site) [www.bcgazone5women.org](http://www.bcgazone5women.org).
  - Amateur/Senior/Handicap – May 30 (OV); May 31<sup>st</sup> (RC)
  - Net Tournament – Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> (SSI)
  - Foursomes – Qualifying – Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – Cedar Hill  
Mon, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Glen Meadows  
Tues, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Cowichan  
Thurs. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Highland Pacific  
Fri. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gorge Vale

**Amateur/Senior/Handicap Championship:**

Entry fee is \$145 to play in both the Amateur and Senior Championship. \$120 to play in just one event.

Question was asked about those ladies whose handicap is lower than required for the Amateur or Senior event but actually play in the Handicap.

Answer: The prime reason for this is that they do not want to play from the longer tees as required for the Amateur/Senior.

**NET Tournament:**

Merna pointed out that a major change has been made regarding the field/eligibility section for the NET. The NET is open to players with a handicap factor of 18.2 to 40.4, but this year the field will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The first 60 eligible entries received will be accepted and any subsequent entries will be wait-listed in order of date received.

Cost for the tournament is \$60 which includes a buffet and prize presentation after the tournament  
- Shotgun start at 10:30 am.

Merna has booked a block of rooms at the Harbour House for those players wishing to go over the day before (Wednesday) and play a practice round or just enjoy looking around Salt Spring. An information poster is in the folders. To join in the fun, just call the hotel and book a room. Room reservations are under Merna's credit card number but will only be held until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Phone Nos. are in the folders.

**On the Day of the Tournament:**

Ferry service from Swartz Bay for Fulford Harbour is at 9:00 am with a crossing time of 35 min.

From Crofton to Vesuvius Bay is at 8:35 am with a crossing time of 20 min.

For those wanting to walk on, either at Swartz Bay or Crofton, the Salt Spring Island ladies have generously offered to provide transportation to the golf course and return to the ferry. Anyone holding a gold card will travel free.

**FOURSOMES:**

Keeping costs down is a major challenge. We have arranged with Cedar Hill to host the Qualifying Round for the next few years. The green fees from Cedar Hill have been quite reasonable, and if we have a full field of 96 pairs, this makes quite a difference. As matter of information, if we have a full field of 96 players, the cost for green fees alone will be \$19,179.20

PLEASE display the Entry Forms in a prominent place in your locker room and ENCOURAGE your members to support the Zone tournaments.

**RECOGNITION AWARDS:**

As a member on the **British Columbia Golf's** Recognition Awards Committee (a founding member), Merna discussed the Zone/Club Volunteer Service Award and advised that nomination forms may be found on [www.britishcolumbiagolf.org](http://www.britishcolumbiagolf.org). Please be very specific about dates and accomplishments for your candidate.....'helps around the club' is not acceptable. Deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Norma Kronland (CB) received the first award in 2006 followed by Sheila Morgan (RC) and Al Foster (RC/CH) in 2007; Carol Bradshaw (CH) in 2008; Berne Neufeld (VGC) in 2009 and Bert Churchill (RC) and Maureen Yip (UP) in 2010. Awardee receives a pin, framed certificate and letter from the BCGA President. At the same time, you should also complete an application for the **Golf Canada** Volunteer of the Month Program at [www.rcga.org](http://www.rcga.org).

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:**

This candidate must have made significant contributions at the Club, Zone, Provincial level, and service at the National level. Other Provincial or Regional golf associations will be considered. Nominations for this award must be submitted by 2 BCGA Directors or Zone Committee. If you know of someone that you think should be considered for this award, contact Barbara Rainey or Jean Anderson. Our own Peggy Wright (RC) received the DSA in 2008 and Linda Ball (GV) in 2009.

Merna thanked the Zone, the Captains and their Committees, and all the hard working volunteers in the Zone.

Nel Bing - Junior Development Chair (report read by Secretary)

The junior Meet & Greet was held on Sunday with 9 girls present along with their parents. Jody Jackson, Head Coach for **British Columbia Golf**, was guest speaker.

At this point we are not exactly sure how many junior girls are members in the Zone. Some clubs have been reluctant to give names. It would be very helpful if Captains and Vice Captains would make contact with their juniors and talk to them about the events and opportunities available in the Zone. Most importantly, encourage them to participate. Some of the juniors would appreciate being introduced to other junior members so that they can make a contact for a playing partner.

Thanks to a new sponsor, National Bank Financial (Susan Dafoe), we will be holding a 2-day clinic at Cedar Hill for juniors in the 7 - 14 age bracket. This will be followed up with a game at the Ridge later on in July. The date of the clinic is April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Centennials have unfortunately been abandoned due to Province-wide lack of interest. In its' place the Zone has decided to run a 2-day stroke play Junior Girls Championship....June 25<sup>th</sup> at Arbutus Ridge and June 26<sup>th</sup> at Victoria Golf Club.

Diane Rands- Course Rater & Handicap Chair: (report read by Secretary)

**HANDICAP:**

Just a reminder that the Handicap Seminar is scheduled for 9:30 am on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Cowichan Golf & Country Club. The due date has gone by but the web would indicate they are not full. At the current time Diane is not aware of any changes, but will advise by email if anything major occurs.

**COURSE RATING:**

Courses scheduled for rating on Diane's return will be Cordova Bay; all the tees plus any changes that have been made. Olympic View is also scheduled.

If there are any major changes to your course please let Diane know and she will schedule a visit or it may just be a matter of updating worksheets on hand.

Diane advised that she has enjoyed doing the Course Rating but it has been 7+ years and feels that at the end of this year she will step down from the Committee. If anyone would be interested in Course Rating or knows of someone, please contact Diane or any Committee member.

Barbara Rainey - Zone 5 Women's Director(BCGA)

Barb sits on the following **British Columbia Golf** Committees, By-Laws, Membership, Human Resources, Hall of Fame and Player Development Trust Fund. Another task this year is to keep the Captain's Manual up-to-date on the web site [www.britishcolumbiagolf.org](http://www.britishcolumbiagolf.org) and asked that the Captains go on the site and see if they can easily find their way to the Manual and the forms.

A new web site was launched last week by **British Columbia Golf**. In the future you will hear us saying **British Columbia Golf** more frequently than BCGA. BCGA still remains as the governing agency for golf in the Province. The same with RCGA...it is the governing agency for Golf in Canada but will be known as **golf Canada**.

A reminder was made to pick up your 2011 Membership card provided by golf Canada and **British Columbia Golf**. This year your name and club affiliation is printed on them. Instruction for activation is printed on the back. Expiration date is December 31, 2011. Some clubs are already thinking of using them as their club membership card. Down the road, this card may be swiped for tournaments as you'll note they have a magnetized strip on the back. It is foreseen that as you record your scores on the Network, it will be tied in with your membership number and you'll always have an accurate handicap factor with you. Also, for those who want to go to the RBC Men's Open at Shaughnessy Golf Club, there will be a discount for tickets when ordered on line at RCGA using your membership number. Date of the Championship is July 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately this overlaps with the Canadian Women's Amateur which is at Duncan Meadows this year - July 18 - 22<sup>nd</sup>. Requests for volunteers and volunteer forms have been sent out to all Zone 5 clubs.

In order to raise some money for the Player Development Trust Fund, Barb has 4 passes for 18 holes at the Dunes in Kamloops. A lovely course according to their web site where the green fees are \$75.00. If the Captains or Vice Captains have any ideas for using these passes to raise money, let Barb know.

The PDTF offers scholarships and financial assistance to young adults. In 2010, eight \$1,000 Scholarships were issued, 3 coming to Zone 5; and over \$25,000 in financial assistance for travel and accommodations to BCGA sanctioned tournaments.

The Zone 5 web site, [www.bcgazone5women.org](http://www.bcgazone5women.org), has updated the photo gallery into categories. We will also post the Zone 5 By Laws, Minutes from the Spring Captain's Meeting and upcoming Captain's Form along with the AGM Minutes.

Jean Anderson - Zone Chair

Jean spoke on the importance of continuing with the Women's Program, particularly the pin rounds. A minimum of 6 are required and this is the one true way of recording a score that is played by the Rules of Golf. A prize is presented to both Club and Zone winners. The Provincial Award is presented to the lowest Net Handicap Differential of all the Zone winners for the 18 hole competition. All monies collected from these Programs, Beat The Champ, Dorothy Olive Franklin and Pin Rounds, benefit junior girls and women's player development programs.

Question: If more than one lady "Beats The Champ," can each receive a pin?

Answer: Yes.

Workshop conducted with Captains and Vice Captains assigned to six tables lead by a Committee Member as their Team Leader. Purpose was to cover what the Zone Committee does and what the Captains do in relation to each Committee member's duty; ie levies, 5-year plan, tournaments, rules, handicap and *British Columbia Golf* Women's Programs.

In her closing remarks, Jean thanked everyone for coming and from early comments, felt that the Workshop format was successful. Before retiring for lunch, Jean asked for volunteers to act as Chair and Secretary for the Captain's Forum to be held at Cedar Hill on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am. Thank you to the ladies from Cedar Hill for volunteering.

Aki Graber – Chair  
Carol Thompson – Secretary

Captains should forward any subjects for a Captain's agenda to either Aki or Carol. This is a meeting for Captains to discuss mutual situations of interest. The Committee will not be present except at the beginning and end of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm. Moved by Joyce Mylymok (GM), seconded by Merna.

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