

M I N U T E S  
Spring Captain's Meeting  
March 26, 2012  
Uplands Golf Club



PRESENT: Merna Mickelson (Chair), Corrine LaBelle (Vice-Chair), JoAnne Hoffman (Publicity), Lee Frank (Rules Chair), Barbara Rainey (Secretary)

REGRETS: Peggy Wright (Course Rating/Handicap), Lynne Foxall (Treasurer), Nel Bing (Junior Chair)

CLUBS PRESENT: Total of 15 Clubs present. Bear Mountain does not currently have a Women's Captain.

Meeting called to order at 10 am with 26 Captains/Vice Captains/Representatives present (32 for lunch including Committee).

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

Merna briefed the gathering on the days' presentation. Due to the reduced number of Committee members, the Workshop as originally planned, would be conducted by the Chair and Secretary.

Barb advised there was a quorum. Minutes of March 28, 2011, previously circulated, were moved to accept as presented by Nancy Greer (Uplands), seconded by Elaine Crossley (Olympic View). Carried.

REPORTS:

JUNIOR CHAIR: - Nel Bing (presented by Merna Mickelson)

- Successful Meeti & Greet was held March 25<sup>th</sup> at Gorge Vale Golf Club with 7 juniors attending. Mike Cook was guest speaker. Season's events/activities were outlined:

Mar 31/April 1st - Wahlroth Trophy – BC vs Washington – Match Play

April 21/22 – Skills Clinic – Cedar Hill Golf Course - 7 – 14 years

April 28/29 - Regional Camp – Highland Pacific -10 handicap or less

May 6 & 13<sup>th</sup> – Qualifier Rounds for BC Summer Games, Hazelmere, Surrey

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Vancouver Island Jr. Girls Championship – Cowichan Golf Club

June 23/24 – Zone 5 Jr. Girls Championship – Olympic View/Glen Meadows

It is important to contact as many junior girls as possible and the Committee relies on the Captains/Vice Captains to get the message out that we have some excellent Tournaments for beginners and advanced players. Certainly our Skills Clinic sponsored by National Bank Financial (Susan Dafoe) is professionally run by Jamie Murphy, CPGA at Cedar Hill Golf Course and an excellent starting point for those just getting into the game.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynne Foxall (presented by Merna Mickelson)

- So far, levies have been received from just 3 clubs; Gorge Vale, Salt Spring Island and Victoria Golf Club. Deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Captains were asked to contact their Managers to see that they have attended to or shortly will be forwarding monies to the Committee Treasurer, Lynne Foxall (as instructed on form provided to each club). Levy fee is \$4.00 per female member (includes Junior girls.). Levies are our only means of revenue to run the Zone.
- During 2011 we replaced outdated equipment:

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|------------------------|--|
| Computer Lap Top       | \$1,008.00                               |
| Radios (4)             | 2,452.88 (Old radios (3) sold for \$100) |
| BogeyFree Golf program | 115.00                                   |
- Current Bank Balance - \$4,738.46

RULES CHAIR – Lee Frank

- Lee expanded on the 4 new radios in that they will have headsets so as not to disturb players.
- Rules Clinic will be held APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> at OLYMPIC VIEW GOLF CLUB. A poster is included in the Captain's folder along with a signup sheet (previously distributed by the Secretary).

Each person attending the Clinic must have a ticket in order to register. Do not, as has happened in the past, hold onto the tickets and issue at registration. This has not proven successful if the Captain is late or a participant does not show.
- Tickets were issued to each Captain based on past attendance. More tickets are available by contacting Lee. Submit final numbers attending by April 19<sup>th</sup> via email [bfrank6142@shaw.ca](mailto:bfrank6142@shaw.ca).
- Bring unused tickets and monies to registration for handing to Zone Treasurer.

## PUBLICITY CHAIR - JoAnne Hoffman

- JoAnne outlined her duties to keep media advised of Zone tournaments and their publication of results.
- To take pictures at all events, for scrapbook purposes and the Zone web site. One of the current scrapbooks was on display.

## COURSE RATING/HANDICAP – Peggy Wright (presented by Barbara Rainey)

## Course Rating:

- 2011 was a difficult year for Course/Slope rating in BC. The Manager for BCGA, Dick Lyle, was ill for much of the year, and as a result, the courses we rated in Zone 5, faced some difficulties and errors. The courses involved were Olympic View, Highland Pacific, Glen Meadows and Cordova Bay. The information has been resent to the Richmond office for re-entering into the C/R Program. Hopefully we will have everything cleared up by Spring. The clubs involved will be sent new paperwork and likely new ratings as soon as they are finished.
- Victoria Golf Club requires a rating of a new tee box area on their #13. That will be done on Peggy's return in plenty of time for the Zone Amateur/Senior/Handicap Championship at the end of May.
- Other courses in the Zone are fairly well up-to-date, however, if there are any changes to your course, please let Peg know and the Course Rating team will have a look.

## Handicap:

- Effective March 1, 2012, our Handicap System has changed. From then on, we, namely GOLF Canada, thereby British Columbia GOLF, have adopted the USGA method of Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) to bring us into line with the US Golf Association. Since the onset of Slope Rating, we have used our own ESC which was:

## Handicap:

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 or plus   | Maximum of 1 over Par on any hole |
| 1 – 18      | Maximum of 2 over Par on any hole |
| 19 – 32     | Maximum of 3 over Par on any hole |
| 33 and over | Maximum of 4 over Par on any hole |

From March 1<sup>st</sup> onward we will use:

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 to 9    | Maximum of 2 over Par on any hole |
| 10 to 19  | Maximum of 7 on any hole          |
| 20 to 29  | Maximum of 8 on any hole          |
| 30 to 39  | Maximum of 9 on any hole          |
| 40 & over | Maximum of 10 on any hole         |

- While it is difficult to accept change, we are being assured that this will be of benefit to all in due course, so let's make the adjustment and get on with our golf! Be sure not to pick up your ball until you are sure that you are at your maximum for the hole.
- If you spent time in the south this winter, enter your scores using the old method.
- Peggy will be discussing the ESC in more detail at the Rules Clinic on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Olympic View.

#### VICE CHAIR – Corrine Labelle

- Corrine provided an overview of the 2012 Zone tournaments dates and venues. Entry forms were provided in the Captain's folders for posting and can be found on the Zone 5 web site [www.bcgazone5women.org](http://www.bcgazone5women.org). We have worked very hard to keep the fees at an affordable rate. Only the NET Tournament did not change from last year. There is a fantastic lineup of courses as follows:
- Amateur/Senior/Handicap Championship:
  - Round 1 – Mon. May 28<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Golf Club – first tee time 1:00 pm
  - Round 2 – Tues. May 29<sup>th</sup> – Gorge Vale Golf Club – first tee time 10:00 am
  - Fee: \$155 to enter Amateur and Senior
  - \$130 to enter one Tournament (Amateur, Senior, or Handicap)
  - Lunch included at Gorge Vale.
- NET Tournament
  - Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Metchosin Golf Club. Shotgun start – 8:00 am
  - Lunch included which will be a salmon plate. If anyone has an allergy to salmon, please contact Corrine [corrinelabelle@shaw.ca](mailto:corrinelabelle@shaw.ca) 778-425-0098.

We will be contacting local players seeking billeting options as has happened in the past to assist those coming from the Gulf Islands or Up Island.

We'd like a full field for the NET so please encourage all members with a handicap factor of 18.2 to 40.4

- Foursomes:
  - Keeping entry fees to an affordable rate was a major challenge. We are ever hopeful for 96 pairs on qualifying day, however, that has not happened for some time. We do want 80 pairs to begin match play on the Monday.

Qualifying Round – Fri. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Cedar Hill – 7:30 am shotgun  
Round 1 Match Play – Mon. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Uplands – 8:30 am start  
Round 2 Match Play – Tues. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – Arbutus Ridge – 9:00 am start  
Round 3 Semis M/P – Thurs. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Glen Meadows – 10:00 am start  
Round 4 Finals M/P – Fri. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Bear Mountain – 12:25 pm start

You'll note there is a change in venue for the Semi Finals from Cordova Bay to Glen Meadows. The green fee costs were not manageable at C/B and we thank Glen Meadows for offering their course and a fee that was workable.

We are actively seeking a sponsor for the Foursomes and hope to have a positive response within the next couple of months. If we are successful, then there is a good chance that we may be able to lower the price. Posted price is \$130 Per Person (\$260 Per Pair). **NOTE: Since reduced to \$125 per person and \$250 per pair thanks to sponsorship by Investors Group.**

Please encourage your members to support the Zone Foursomes now in its' 64<sup>th</sup> year, and in particular, talk to your new members – this is the perfect tournament for them to get acquainted with the Zone events.

#### Questions from the Floor:

1. Jean Owens (Cordova Bay) was very surprised that they were unaware of the change from Cordova Bay to Glen Meadows for the Foursomes. Corrine advised that there were numerous email exchanged with Management and was also surprised that the info had not been passed to the Ladies.
2. Darlene Wellington (SSI) asked for suggestions in setting up a Handicap Committee. Certainly someone from the Women's Executive should be on the Club's Handicap Committee. Make sure that a committee member attends a BCGA Handicap Seminar. Tournaments should be checked that all scores are being posted.
3. Carol Thompson gave a brief overview of where Cedar Hill Golf Course seemed to be at present. The restaurant and upstairs is definitely closed to members and the public. It is not certain what will fill the vacant area, but it is not golf related. For those tournaments already booked, they have said they will be honored. Meals may be catered from outside. Right now, all that's available is the "grab & run" downstairs.
4. In reviewing the inserts from BCGA, it was noted that the Pin Round Competition and DOF forms contain a statement regarding payment which is contradictory to the use of the Combined Payment form'. Barb will have this corrected (eliminate the info on the Pin Round & DOF form so that only the Combined Payment form will be used).

In lieu of the Workshop, Merna and Barb reviewed the folder inserts asking Captains to take every opportunity to remind their membership to enter Zone tournaments. Make copies of the entry forms and post (keep original with the office). Most of the Forms should be transferred into the Captain's Handbook.

Barb ask the Captains and Vice Captains to make sure the office has notified their members of the GOLF Canada Membership cards. They now contain the player's name and golf club and are easily activated online.

Linda Ball from Gorge Vale was introduced by Barb to speak on the upcoming B.C. Senior & Super Senior Women's Championship to be held June 18 – 20 at Highland Pacific Golf. As a BCGA Director, Barb has been asked to act as Tournament Chair and she in turn has asked Linda to act as Host Chair.

As Highland Pacific does not have a women's membership, Linda will be drawing from other clubs for volunteers, particularly Captain's if they are available. After touring the course in the worst possible conditions on March 20<sup>th</sup>, it was decided that the women would act as spotters, timers, scoreboard workers, score card collectors; the men would be asked to act as walking scorers or standard bearers. Of course if any lady wants to take on the terrain of the course, just let Linda know.....250-658-0025 or [linaball@shaw.ca](mailto:linaball@shaw.ca) . Posters were distributed for posting to encourage all Senior Women to enter the Tournament...online at the British Columbia GOLF web site [www.britishcolumbiagolf.org](http://www.britishcolumbiagolf.org). Entry fee is \$235.20 with a grand banquet to be held at Royal Colwood on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Also Volunteer signup sheets were distributed.

Last year the tournament was held in Cranbrook with only 55 entrants and this year we would certainly want to considerably exceed that number....hopefully to at least 70 entrants. We will be sending out the posters to all clubs on Vancouver Island as there are certainly some great senior players...defending Senior Champion is Jackie Little from Alberni Club and Super Senior Champion is Alison Murdoch from Victoria Golf Club.

To clarify the prize categories, there will be:

#### **54 Hole Event**

1. A Senior Champion with a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> runner-up
2. A Super-Senior Champion with a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up
3. There will be 4 flights based on handicap at time of registration
4. There will also be prizes in two Division  
Senior (age 50 to 59)  
Super-Senior (age 60 +)

#### **36 Hole Event**

1. Zone Team Champions (Gross & Net + Runner-up)
2. Zone Club Champions (Gross & Net – No Runner-up)

While a budget is nonexistent for a 'tee gift' it was thought that perhaps we could ask each club on the Island to donate 2 or 3 towels which would be given to each participant along with golf balls, etc. donated by Highland Pacific. Barb will write to each Pro and make the request unless in the meantime the Captain is able to obtain. Please let Barb know so there is no duplication of request.

Please assist Barb and Linda in getting the word out to the membership that this is an opportunity to play in their B.C. Senior Championship, right in their own backyard.

#### Closing Remarks:

In closing, Merna discussed the British Columbia GOLF reports of the decline in golf memberships in North America and Europe. In BC we are down by approximately 13,000 players. Between 2005 and 2001, numbers for Women are down by 13%; Men down by 18%, Junior Boys down by 50% and Junior Girls down by 47%. These declines are reflected in the dwindling number of participants in our Zone tournaments. No longer do we have to wait-list or even have a full field. With the decline in numbers, it is now a challenge to keep Zone tournaments such as the NET and the Foursomes viable. If we are to continue, we must put forth an effort to reach those players who for whatever reason have not played in Zone Tournaments.

The NET is always played on a 9-Hole course and for higher factors 18.2 to 40.4. It is an 18 hole competition and while we didn't quite have a full field at SSI in 2011, it was close enough to run the tournament. In 2010 we had to cancel due to lack of entries.

The Foursomes are especially affected. For this tournament to flourish, we would like a full field of 96 pairs with 80 pairs qualifying. The tournament can be played even if we only get 80 pairs, then the qualifying round would flight the players. Anyone who has played in this tournament knows what fun it can be; alternate shot; match play; very unique.

There may be new members to the Zone or new members at your Clubs who don't know about these tournaments. They may notice the posters in your locker room but the poster will have no meaning if they don't know anything about the Tournaments. We need your help and **enthusiasm** in promoting Zone tournaments.

The bottom line is that these tournaments (NET and Foursomes) will just die away if this downward trend is not stopped. What a shame that would be. The Foursomes was first played in 1948 and we know that it is the only tournament of its kind in Canada and probably North America. We need you on the front

line; enthusiastically promoting Zone events. I sincerely hope we can work together so that these tournaments will survive.

Merna thanked all the Captains, Vice-Captains and Representatives for attending.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

CORRECTION: The next meeting will be the Captain's Forum on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Arbutus Ridge Golf Club.

Doreen White (CGC) has agreed to act as Chair for the Forum  
Pat Molyneaux (CGC) has agreed to act as Secretary.

Please forward any items you'd like on the Agenda to Doreen [billdoe@shaw.ca](mailto:billdoe@shaw.ca) or Pat [patlyle@telus.net](mailto:patlyle@telus.net).

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