

ZONE 5 WOMEN'S  
SPRING CAPTAIN'S MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2014  
Gorge Vale Golf Club.

PRESENT: Margaret Rogers (Chair), Nancy Greer (Vice-Chair), Lee Frank (Rules), Bonnie Fung (Treasurer), Peg Wright (Course Rating/Handicap), Melanie Iverson (Publicity), Anni Jakubowski (Juniors), Barbara Rainey (Secretary)

CLUBS PRESENT:

Total of 14 Clubs present. (Regrets: Duncan Meadows). Bear Mountain and Highland Pacific do not currently have Captains.

- 1.Meeting called to order at 10 am with 26 Captains, Vice Captains and or Representatives present (30 total for lunch).
- 2.Margaret welcomed all present and introduced the Committee members. Marg then asked each Captain and/or Representative to introduce themselves and any accompanying member.

Barb advised there was a quorum.

- 3.Motion by Jeanne Royer Collard (OV), seconded by Pat Molyneaux (CGC) to dispense with the reading of the 2013 SCM Minutes and accept them as presented. Carried.

**4.WEBSITE: Barbara Rainey**

One of our major sponsors, National Bank Financial – Wealth Management has been very generous this year allowing us the opportunity to upgrade our Zone 5 website for inauguration in 2015. This will give us plenty of time to test the changes before going on line. We will be working with a graphics designer to spruce up the cosmetic side of the site as well.

Our major thoughts are to upgrade so that various Committee members can access the site to update immediately, whether it be Tournament draws, Results, Pictures, Zone Highlights or any changes required.

We are considering following the Zone 5 Men's site format. We would also like to go the route of BC Golf where you can go on the registration site and see who has already signed up. This may give some bashful ladies the incentive to sign up if they see their friend's name already on the list. We will also add your club's web site on the Captain's page – just another opportunity for viewers to access your web site for Field Day information.

If you have some ideas you would like to put forward, please email Barb at [misssb@shaw.ca](mailto:misssb@shaw.ca) The Committee has its own wish list but we are open for other suggestions.

Hopefully we will get started this Summer; do a trial run in the Fall and be ready to launch in 2015. This is an exciting project for a more user friendly site and particularly for the Committee who can now do a better job of informing the membership in a timely fashion.

## **5. REPORTS:**

### **Vice Chair: Nancy Greer.**

An emailed survey was sent to over 240 participants from last year's tournaments to seek their advice. We were gratified but not surprised to receive very positive feedback overall about the planning and implementation of last year's tournaments and some excellent suggestions that we will endeavour to incorporate into our planning this year.

Four General Reminders that apply to the Zone Tournaments:

- 1.** Our tournaments must be self-supporting with the combination of entry fees and sponsors' support.
- 2.** Each tournament offers tremendous value for the money.
- 3.** Prizes are all awarded as Pro Shop Scripts in order to support our Zone 5 Clubs. They cannot be applied against monthly member dues or food. Please cash in promptly (within 6 months), otherwise they will become invalid.
- 4.** The range of tournaments appeals to all handicap factors and are not just for the lower handicap players.

### **AMATEUR/SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (18.1 factor and lower) & HANDICAP TOURNAMENT (no factor restriction)**

First tournament of the season

- 2-day stroke play events on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Royal Colwood & Cowichan)
- Field limited to 69 participants overall
- Lunch is included – Presentations to follow

Thanks to the continued generosity of our long time sponsor, Metro Lexus Toyota, combined with preferred green fees, we have been able to lower the entry fees this year to \$125 for a single tournament, and \$140 to enter both the Amateur and Senior event. **NOTE:** This is a one year trial for reduced fees and cannot be guaranteed for 2015. An exceptional opportunity for the ladies to take advantage of these lower rates this year!

In addition, we have also increased our prize purse considerably over last year. There will be five low Gross prizes and one Low Net prize each in the Amateur/Senior with each Champion receiving \$175. In the Handicap Tournament, there will be 8 Low Net Prizes across four flights and the overall Low Net Champion will receive a \$150 script.

**NET TOURNAMENT:** Ardmore Golf Club – July 17<sup>th</sup> – Shotgun 10:00 am

A one-day event specifically designed for handicap factors of 18.2 – 40.4 on a 9-hole golf course. If the survey responses are any indication, this is a hugely popular event that is treasured by the participants. Please encourage your higher handicap players to enter.

There is no change in the entry fee - \$60 which includes lunch  
12 Low Net prizes as well as prizes for putting and KP  
Maximum field of 60, so we expect this one to fill up quickly.

**FOURSOMES: September 19, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

This ever popular and most expensive tournament is a match play/alternate shot format played with a partner. In spite of the costs involving green fees at 5 different courses, we have been able to 'hold the line' on entry fees at \$125/per person or \$250 per pair. Our thanks go to National Bank Financial – Wealth Management for their very generous support for this tournament.

We are delighted to be able to increase the prize money over last year; again thanks to our generous sponsor.

All other tournament information can be found on the entry form posted on the Zone website.

**How will we help you promote these events to your members?**

- You will receive updated entry forms and posters. Please make copies for your members and have them prominently posted in your locker rooms.
- Emails will be sent to all of last year's participants for whom we have email addresses.
- Promotional emails will be forthcoming for Captains to pass onto their members.

**The financial success of all Zone tournaments is based on the assumption that we will have full fields, so it is vital that we all work together to achieve that goal. Please continue to encourage your members to sign up for these events. All entry forms are posted on the web.**

**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CHAIR – Anni Jakubowski**

The season has already begun with our first event, Meet & Greet, held at Gorge Vale on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to acquaint the girls with the 2014 schedule, and meet some of the other girls. Thanks to Peggy Wright who spoke to the girls about pace of play and emphasized the importance of putting in all scores and following the rules of golf. Our thanks also to one of the Mothers, an expert in yoga, who provided tips and how to apply the yoga philosophy to golf. Thanks also to Nancy Greer for taking pictures.

Our next event is the Spring Clinic to be held at Cedar Hill, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$10 for the two day event which includes lunch both days. Thanks to our

generous sponsor, Susan Dafoe of National Bank Financial – Wealth Management, funds have been provided not only for the Clinic but a fun day at the Cordova Bay Ridge on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Susan is also supporting our 2-day Zone Junior Girls Tournament, June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Vancouver Island Girls' Championship to be held in Nanaimo on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Zone 5 is hosting the V.I. tournament this year and hopefully we'll have a good turnout.

Posters and entry forms are in your folders. Please post in your respective locker rooms and also spread the word to your fellow members. There are a number of junior girl golfers listed in the Zone....we just need to encourage them to participate.

### **RULES CHAIR – Lee Frank**

Rules Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Olympic View. Registration is 9:30 and the Clinic will commence at 10:00 am. Cost is \$22 per person and includes morning coffee and lunch. Please dress warmly, but in the event of inclement weather, the Clinic will be held indoors.

These Clinics are an excellent way to brush up on your knowledge and for the newer golfer to gain a basic understanding of the rules and what to do in the most common situations. We are hoping for at least 100 participants this year so please make sure the Clinic poster in your folder is posted and can be easily found in your Locker Room. We need your assistance to encourage your ladies to attend.

Each Captain will receive an envelope with tickets to sell at her club. There are instructions with the tickets in regard to letting me know the number sold by April 17<sup>th</sup> as well as a form to fill out that allows us to track the tickets and monies. Each registrant must have a ticket in order to attend and be eligible for the door prizes. Please ask them to sign the back of their ticket before they arrive.

We will continue to monitor Pace of Play. This is a work in progress and will continue to be addressed at all levels of golf from play at our own club to the professional tour, although we are much faster than the Pros!!

### **PUBLICITY CHAIR – Melanie Iverson**

While carrying on my normal responsibility to notify the TC and the Island Golfer of our events and tournament, I will also be taking photographs during our meetings, event and tournaments and maintaining albums for our two sponsors.

I am looking to expand our coverage and newsworthy events at the club and membership level. This year by email, and in the future with our website. I am hoping to email our membership with what's hot, what's not, upcoming events, tournaments, interesting occurrences, etc. etc. . I will be relying on the Captains and those within your club to let know what is happening so that we can share the information to

everyone. Let's hear about.....that best score ever! A Hole In One, the funniest shot...get the idea? We want to make it interesting for everyone. I have set up an email account [bcgolfzone5women@gmail.com](mailto:bcgolfzone5women@gmail.com). I expect lots of emails, otherwise you will hear from me!! Will send out a 'trial run' shortly, after this meeting.

### **COURSE RATER/HANDICAP CHAIR – Peggy Wright**

#### **COURSE RATING:**

This year the Provincial Course Rating Committee, of which I am a member, is going to focus primarily on the finding and training of new Zone Course Raters. To begin this search, we are offering three Webinars titled "Course Rating 101". We have 3 dates set up and anyone interested should go to [www.britishcolumbiagolf.org](http://www.britishcolumbiagolf.org) website and sign up. Click on Education. Later on in the year we are planning 3 on-course seminars for experienced raters to make sure we are all on the same page.

Courses in the Zone to be either rerated or reviewed this coming season are Royal Colwood, Cedar Hill and Metchosin. I will be in touch with those courses later on to set up dates.

#### **HANDICAP:**

Now that the snowbirds are arriving back home, it is a good time to remind them that their southern scores should be entered into their handicap history, keeping in mind the system of Equitable Stroke Control that we 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

Hopefully your Club Handicap Committees are working and that periodic checks are being made on handicap records to make sure that all appropriate scores are not only entered but entered using ESC correctly. I have sheets that may help you and your members understand just what scores per hole should be posted.

### **TREASURER – Bonnie Fung**

Our finances are in a positive position now as we receive Levy Fees in from the clubs – so far have received 6 with the deadline being March 31<sup>st</sup>. Levies must be paid in order for members to participate in our Zone tournaments.

Your folders will contain a list of the pins available for purchase or free. You will also find an order form enclosed.

**CHAIR: Margaret Rogers**

Thanked the Zone 5 Committee for all their enthusiasm and hard work. Congratulated the new Captains and Vice Captains starting their first year of duties. It is so important that the Captain and Vice Captain work closely together as it is a learning experience for both of you.

I would like to start this year by remembering the passing of our dear friend and past Zone Chair and member of Cedar Hill, Merna Mickleson. On behalf of the Zone, we will be sponsoring Hole #5 in Merna's memory at the Cedar Hill Ladies Field Day on Friday, June 13, 2014. The best way that we can pay tribute to Merna is to keep smiling and be happy as this was Merna's way.

Barb has told you about the exciting prospect of putting together a new website for the Zone.

Nancy and Melanie have been working together to provide more information to the membership and opening up communications. They will gladly receive your suggestions.

Moved by Marianne Hunt (CGC), seconded by Susan Morriss (UP) to accept the Reports as given. Carried.

**6. WORKSHOP – Barbara Rainey**

A brief overview was given to acquaint the newer Captains with the Zone. Responsible for Southern Vancouver Island, the Zone extends from Duncan Meadows south to Victoria, Pender and Salt Spring Island. Our Mandate is to preserve the traditions and history of the game; provide golf related activities and programs to develop, educate and elevate the skill levels of female golfers in Zone 5. That just doesn't apply only to the Committee but also to the Captains and her Executive.

Each table will have as their host, one or two Committee members who will bring the Captain's folders to the table. The purpose of the folder is to keep you up to date on the files and forms that will come into play this golfing season; both for the Zone and British Columbia Golf.

We are delighted to start you off with an up-to-date Captain's Manual. Updates will be on the BC Golf website [www.britishcolumbiagolf.org](http://www.britishcolumbiagolf.org) Click on Zone Resources. Check regularly for updates.

In the package are a couple of brochures; one lists all Zone emails and phone numbers for the Zone Committee, Captains and Vice Captains. The other is a smaller brochure which is meant for your new members. Please advise how many copies you would like. Our supply is limited, but we can always have more printed. Send your requests to [misssb@shaw.ca](mailto:misssb@shaw.ca) . Overlays for the Tournament poster will also be found at the back of your folder. Please pick up copies of BC Golf's posters.

**7. QUESTION & ANSWER:**

No questions arising from the Workshop.

Marianne (CGC) asked Lee if she would supply an address to obtain the Rules Sheets for posting (8-1/4 x 14 approx). Cost is approx. \$35 or \$60 laminated. Lee will provide.

**8. CLOSING COMMENTS – Margaret Rogers**

Margaret thanked all the Captains/Vice Captains and Ladies' Representatives for their attendance and hoped that everyone found the Workshop interesting and helpful. Any feedback would be useful for next year.

Margaret requested that the Captains and Vice-Captains keep their new members informed of the work that the Zone Committee does on their behalf to promote golf on Southern Vancouver Island; and to encourage them to take part in their Club and Zone tournaments. They will meet a lot of great gals from other clubs and will certainly make new friends as well as enjoy the competition.

**9. CHAIR & SECRETARY FOR CAPTAIN'S FORUM:**

Jeanne Royer-Collard (OV) and Donna Prelypchan (CH) volunteered. Thank you very much.

**10. Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 Noon. Moved by Cathy Hartnell (GV), seconded by Katheryn Atchison(ABR)**

Next Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2014 – Captain's Forum – Victoria Golf Club

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