

M I N U T E S
Spring Captains' Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2015
Metchosin Golf Club

PRESENT: Margaret Rogers (Chair), Lee Frank (Rules), Bonnie Fung (Treasurer),
Peg Wright (Course Rating/Handicap), Anni Jakubowski (Junior Chair),
Barbara Rainey (Secretary/Publicity)

CLUBS PRESENT:

All 15 Clubs represented. Bear Mountain and Highland Pacific do not currently have Captains.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:10 am with 27 Captains, Vice-Captains and/or Representatives present. A total of 33 for lunch.
2. Margaret welcomed all present and introduced the Committee, then asked each Captain and/or Representative to introduce themselves and any accompanying member. Barb advised there was a QUORUM.
3. Motion by Marianne Hunt (CGC), seconded by Susan Russell (SSI) to accept the March 24, 2014 Minutes as previously distributed. Carried.
4. WEBSITE: Barb Rainey
The website has now been up for about 4 months and hopefully members are making use of it, or at least going on occasionally to see what's new. As requested at the AGM, a short history has been added for each tournament and the members' area includes club, captain and website. A new photo gallery has also been added. Next project will be setting up the grid for the upcoming draws. So far the online entry program is working well.

REPORTS:

COURSE RATING & HANDICAP – Peg Wright

- Course Rating for women in pretty much up to date. Metchosin Golf Course is due this year and I have been informed that Victoria Golf Club has several new forward tees to be rated. Nora asked when Pender Island was last rated.....Answer: 2013
- Handicap. BC Golf has a number of Handicap Webinars scheduled, with the remaining dates being April 6, May 11 and 18. Remember the official posting season for BC is March 1st to November 15th, just as long as your course is playing close to its rating.

RULES: Lee Frank

- While the Zone women did not plan a Rules' Clinic this year, the Zone 5 Men have offered two indoor sessions; the first at Victoria Golf Club which we understand was very well attended, and the final session is April 19th at Royal Colwood. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch.
- Nora Brulotte asked where to obtain the small booklet on Guide to Etiquette of Golf. Can be purchased on Golf Canada website for about \$2.00. Rules Books also only obtainable from Golf Canada – about \$4.00. There is usually a discount for members.

- Susan Russell asked if there would be an emphasis on ‘Pace of Play’. Clubs should be impressing upon their members of the ‘need to keep up’. Zone policy posted at all tournaments.

TREASURER: Bonnie Fung

- Bank account is healthy as reported at AGM due in part to our two sponsors, Metro Lexus Toyota and Susan Dafoe of National Bank Financial.
- We expect the tournaments to break even, however the Amateur/Senior/Handicap is being held at two courses where the green fee cost is high and includes cart cost at Bear Mountain. In order to keep the entry fee at an affordable cost, it sometimes becomes necessary to offset overages from general revenue.
- LEVIES: Each club is assessed \$4.50 per female member (including Juniors). These fees provide almost 90% of the total income for the Zone’s organization. BC Golf also provides a grant based on the number of female members, amounting to \$1,000 last year. To date we have received levies from 8 clubs indicating a increase of 40 members which hopefully means our numbers are on the rise. Deadline is March 31st. Captains normally do not get involved with collection unless we ask you to remind your Manager that their remittance is overdue. Entry into a Tournament may not be accepted if their club is not up-to-date with levies. We would certainly contact the player and the club to make sure that does not happen.

SECRETARY: Barbara Rainey

- Nothing further to report since the AGM. Zone Council will meet this Friday in Richmond prior to the BCGA’s Annual General Meeting. Will report at Captain’s Forum. Hopefully all your clubs have submitted their Delegate’s names and/or proxies.

WORKSHOP:

ZONE CONTENTS:

1. 5-Year Plan:

Peggy explained that a great deal of thought goes into developing the plan, and in particular the current year. In the case of the **Amateur/Senior/Handicap**, we look at price, location and challenge. The price does not always work out on what is available but we try for a low to medium range and one that is a bit higher. The **NET** is always on a 9-hole course and pretty much looks after its self. Some years ago we made a deal with Cedar Hill to host the qualifying round of the **Foursomes**. The price is attractive and affords equal playing ground for all. We always have a club from Up Island and the other clubs are based on how often we use them and availability.

Harris Erickson make their own arrangements, playing alternate Mondays between April to mid-October.

Anni schedules her Junior Girls Tournaments; alternating years with Zone 6 for the V.I Championship which is now held at Nanaimo, regardless of which Zone is hosting.

Barb schedules meetings based on clubs that have facilities to handle 30 or more ladies and luncheons, rotating the locations each year.

2. **Fixture Lists:** Fixture List is self-explanatory, however, Junior list has been sent out to all known juniors. A separate poster will be produced for Captains to post showing Junior events separately.
3. **Entry Forms:** Copies are supplied to post for those ladies that do not have access to a computer. Barb will reproduce and send separately after the meeting. However, all other members should be encouraged to use the online entry procedure which is working very nicely www.bcgazone5women.org. Note that the Early Bird Entry prize is again on the Foursomes entry. Salt Spring Island ladies are already working on the NET Tournament for Thursday, July 16th. We'll have a poster out as soon as all arrangements are finalized for a 9-hole practice round the day before, BBQ, billets, cost, ferry schedules, etc.

JUNIOR GIRLS:

As yet we have not produced an entry form for the Junior Girls waiting to see what the numbers might be. This year the Championship will be held at Cordova Bay, June 20th and 21st, in conjunction with the Boys. The V.I. Junior Championship entry form is included in your package.

For the last couple of years we have had an on-going problem of finding Junior Girls and suspected the same for this year, however, to my surprise, we have approximately 13 girls and a potential of a couple more.

We have been working with Saanich Municipality in their attempts to offer some Skills Clinics to youngsters in the 6 to 7 age bracket. They have two 1 hour sessions planned indoors on April 11th at Cedar Hill and April 25th at the Gordon Head Rec. Centre.

At Cordova Bay, Jim Goddard has another Skills Clinic slated for the "Little Vikes" in which the Zone will be involved and supporting with \$300. The actual clinics will take juniors up to 18 years of age.. The regular Vikes tour is every Sunday and again the Zone Committee volunteers will act as walking scorers, etc. The theme this year will be **SCORING**. Some of the young ladies have difficulty with math, therefore, emphasis will be put on handing in a true and correct card.

We have a fun day planned at the RIDGE on May 9th. This is a free outing with lunch for juniors and usually our sponsor, Susan Dafoe will join in with the Committee and play with the girls. All ages are encouraged to come.

The Vancouver Island Junior Girls Champions will be held at Nanaimo on Sunday, May 17th. And finally, the British Columbia Golf Junior Girls Championship will be held at Cordova Bay from July 7 – 10th. Barb Rainey will be the Tournament Chair. Peg Wright and Lee Frank will also be involved with Scoring and Rules.

A poster will be prepared listing all the Junior events and also information will be forwarded to the Club Junior Reps.

4. **POSTERS:** Included in your package is a handbook listing Captains/Vice Captains and the Committee emails. Also a large poster to be picked up displaying our 2014 Champions and showing the dates for the Amateur/Senior/Handicap Tournament. In your folder are two other labels. As soon as the June tournament is over, take the NET label and affix over the Amateur/Senior/Handicap dates; the same for the Foursomes.
5. **95th ANNIVERSARY;**
At the June tournament, we plan a small celebration to mark the 95th playing of the Zone Amateur. Right now we have 10 former Champions living in the Greater Victoria area, and hopefully they will be well and able to attend. For those that no longer drive, we will supply transportation. There are even a couple of ladies that have won multiple times that are older than the trophy that bears their name. It won't be a lavish production but we thought we might mark the occasion now, as 5 years down the road might make quite a difference to who will be attending, and who will be arranging, for that matter!!

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLF - CONTENTS

All forms in this Section can be found on the British Columbia website

www.britishcolumbiagolf.org – click on Zones – go to Zone Resources – Women's Manual

1. **Captain's Calendar:** – outlines by month, duties to be performed and deadlines. Note under Deadline for Levies is shown as May 15th. It is March 31st in Zone 5.
2. **Women's Programs:** Consist of Dorothy Olive Franklin funding Junior Girls; Beat the Champ also funding Junior Girls and Pin Rounds which funds amateur and senior players throughout the Province to improve their competitive skills. Last year we had 3 clubs participate in all 3 programs; 5 clubs in one; 1 club in two programs, and 4 clubs did not participate at all. Prizes are given at the Zone level at the AGM. There is also a BC/Zone Net Tournament which we play on a 9-hole course. Please note all monies, and forms are to be forwarded to Bonnie Fung, Treasurer, contrary to what it may say on the forms.
3. **Pin Rounds:** A poster, worksheets, Participants/Fees sheet and Results Form are included. A minimum of 6 to a maximum of 10 pin rounds can be scheduled; either for 18 or 9-hole competition – stroke play and you must hole out. Designate at the beginning of the year. The Golf Canada Pin Round consists of the best 4 pin rounds played during the season, whereas the BC Round only requires one round. Played in conjunction with each other.
The Golf Canada pin is obtained from the Treasurer. The Zone pin round awards are handed out at the AGM and are in competition for overall Provincial winner.
4. **Dorothy Olive Franklin Tournament:** Dorothy was a member of BCLGA and a Course Rater for CLGA. She passed away in 1985 and her husband started a memorial fund to aid junior girls when travelling out of province or internationally. An award is presented to the Zone winner at the AGM. Work sheet is provided to figure out your club winner. While the suggestion is to hold in the month of June, it

is acceptable to fit in where you can as long as you meet the July 31st deadline for submitting your winner's worksheet.

- 5. Beat The Champ:** Another program which funds junior development. Usually held the first week in June. A work sheet is provided to calculate the participant's scores against the 2014 BC Amateur's best score. The player's score with the lowest net handicap differential shall be forwarded to the Treasurer along with 40% of the monies collected; the remaining 60% should be used for the Club's junior girls' programs. Barb will check on price increase to \$2.00 for this program to coincide with DOF and Pin Rounds.

There is also a Combined Payment Form that can be used for submitting your Pin Round, DOF and Beat the Champ Competition information if you are participating in more than one program.

- 6. Pins:** List of pins available at \$5.00. Understand that eagle pins can be purchased from Zone 2 by contacting reddivioici@gmail.com . There is a supplies form to order your pins and a separate form for the Golf Canada Pin Award.
- 7. Captain's Manual:** Only two new pages, 38 & 39 to be added to your Captain's Manual, listing changes to BC Golf Executives, Zone Council, etc. All updates can be found, along with the various forms discussed above, on the BC Golf website www.britishcolumbiagolf.org.
- 8. Recognition Awards:** It's now time to be keeping your eyes open for a suitable candidate for the Zone Volunteer Recognition Award and submit to British Columbia Golf by July 31st. It is extremely important to supply dates, names and locations, and any supporting letters add a lot of weight to your nomination. Over the years we have had some very worthy members receive this award. If you have any questions, check with Barb as she is a member of the BC Recognition Committee.
- 9. CLOSING REMARKS:** Marg thanked the Captains, Vice Captains and those representing their club for their attendance. We hope you found the format helpful and would appreciate any feedback that would be useful for next year. It is important that you keep your members aware of the work the Committee does for the Zone. Please encourage new and current members to participate in the Zone Tournaments; it's a great way to meet other women and an opportunity to play on different golf courses. Captains, we need your help to keep golf expanding on Southern Vancouver Island. It is so important to explain to your members what the Zone is and represents and again, encourage them to participate. Be sure to post Tournament Posters in a prominent place.

The Foursomes as an example, a wonderful tournament that everyone tells us of how much fun they had, and yet, it's not so long ago that we reduced our numbers to 96 pairs, then to 80 pairs, and now we can barely make 64 pairs. We need to really put a concerted effort forward and build this game back up. Bonnie says the first 8 clubs to send in their levies show an increase of 40 members. Let's make sure these ladies in particular know what a great time they can have by supporting the Zone Tournaments.

We could not end this meeting without expressing our grateful thanks to our two wonderful sponsors: Metro Lexus Toyota and Susan Dafoe of National Bank Financial. Bob Marchand who has been our main man at MLT, has retired and on behalf of the Committee and Zone, a Retirement/Thank You card was sent. Their support has been renewed again for 2015 and we will be meeting shortly with the Managers to present our 2014 photo book for the Amateur/Senior/Handicap. Susan Dafoe of course is so involved with our Junior Girls and also the Foursomes, and as you know, funded our new web site. This year she will also be supporting the BC Junior Championship at Cordova Bay. We are indeed blessed to have such fine sponsors.....so if you need a new car.....or..... want to invest for the future.....you know who to contact!!

Thank you to all, and remember, we are just a phone call or email away. Have a great golf season.

Next Meeting June 1st, 2015 – Arbutus Ridge .

Your Chair will be Marg Graham, and Secretary, Moira Lucas. Marg and Moira will be asking for your items for the Agenda, so start thinking about items for discussion now. .

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