

MINUTES
BCGA WOMEN'S
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 29, 2008
Gorge Vale Golf Club

PRESENT: Margaret Rogers, Susan Ovans, Mary Malanchuk, Shirley Granger, Anni Jakubowski, Diane Rands, Barbara Rainey

30 Ladies representing 15 clubs.

Guests: Merna Mickelson (CH), Carol Bradshaw (CH)
Joanna Barrett (SSI), Alison Murdoch (Harris Erickson)
Bert Churchill, Past Chair & Nominating Committee Chair

REGRETS: Committee: Christina Munro, Rules Chair
Captains: Galiano, Glen Meadows, Prospect Lake, Royal Oak

Meeting called to order by Zone 5 Chair, Margaret Rogers. The Secretary reported that 15 clubs were present which constituted a quorum. The Secretary read the Notice of Meeting.

Margaret welcomed all present to the 2008 AGM – Zone 5 and introduced her Committee and Guests, Merna Mickelson, BCGA Recognition, Joanne Barrett (SSI), Bert Churchill, Past Chair and Nominating Committee Chair and Alison Murdoch, Chair, Harris Erickson Group. Carol Bradshaw would arrive later. Captains were asked to stand and introduce themselves, their club affiliation and any club members that accompanied them.

Margaret reminded the Captains that Mary Malanchuk, Treasurer, would have pins available at the end of the meeting.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM (condensed) were read by the Secretary. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Lynne Foxall (BM), seconded by Mary Bennett (GV) – Carried. There was no business arising from the 2007 Minutes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER– Mary Malanchuk

Financial Statement for year ending September 30, 2008, showed a current bank balance of \$9,263.61...this total included accruals of \$1,658.11, \$100 petty cash, \$3,935.59 money market investment, and \$3,786.78 for Junior Girls. There is an overall deficit of \$127.29 which is the result of expenses exceeding receipts in our junior program.

The financial statement was reviewed by Jim Oslund, CMA who found no errors or omissions in the information presented.

Receipts from the Dorothy Olive Franklin were \$486 (9 clubs participated); \$829 from the BC Pin Round (11 clubs participated). Monies were forwarded to BCGA headquarters. Also received \$83 from the Beat the Champ event for our junior program.

Mary advised that new 'break' pins would be available at \$4.50 or the old pins at \$3.00, all plus gst.

Captains were requested to fill out the "Club Supplies Order Form" and these supplies will be available at the Spring Captains' Meeting. Pins for pin rounds and low net winners, require the appropriate completed form. Hole in One pins are free, but a signed score card is required before issuance.

Mary thanked all those who participated in the Zone raffle to support the Player Development Trust Fund. \$520 was raised. Winner of the basket was Moira Black of Arbutus Ridge.

QUESTION: from Bonnie Fung, Olympic View

Why was there a deficit?

Mary advised that the deficit occurred in the junior program where expenses exceeded receipts in 2008. Due to increase in travel expense (gas, entry fees, accommodation), the Zone provided additional financial assistance to Juniors attending BC Championships. However, there is still \$3,786.78 in the Junior account.

QUESTION: from Janet Ellis, Pender Island.

Does the Zone provide birdie pins or know where they can be obtained?

Lynne Foxall (BM) will provide Janet with this information.

COURSE RATER/HANDICAP CHAIR – Diane Rands

Diane advised that BCGA has announced the dates of the inactive season for handicap purposes are November 15, 2008 to March 1, 2009. This inactive season is mandatory but may be extended by the Club Handicap Committee should local conditions warrant the extension, (eg. Close November 1st – Re-open April 1st) (See Section 6-2 of the RCGA Handicap System Book.)

Clubs rated in 2008 (all or part) were Cowichan, Cedar Hill, Victoria and the new nine at Bear Mountain. The front nine of Highland Pacific, was rated on Friday, October 24th as their grand opening was October 25th. The second 9 is expected to be open in the late summer or early fall.

QUESTION: Marianne Hunt (CG)

When can we expect an official printout of our rating?

Diane will call BCGA to expedite.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CHAIR – Anni Jakubowski

Anni highlighted the various meetings, clinics and tournaments arranged for the Junior Girls in 2008.

The year kicked off with a Meet and Greet afternoon held on February 24th at Cedar Hill. Alison Murdoch spoke to the girls and provided a wealth of information. Barb Rainey spoke to the families regarding the PDTF which provides financial assistance and scholarships upon application.

A Skills Clinic was held on April 13th at Uplands. Don Billsborough and his staff were fabulous with instruction. Diane Rands showed a video and talked about handicaps. Thirty girls attended. Registration was just \$10 which included a pasta buffet lunch.

The 3 Centennial Championships were held at Olympic View (May 18), Victoria Club (May 24) and Glen Meadows (June 1). Thanks to the Committee for acting as walking scorers. Low Gross and Low Net prizes are given.

This year, Zone 5 hosted the Vancouver Island Championship held June 15th at Royal Colwood. This is a competition between Zone 5 and Zone 6 and alternates between the two Zones. Sixteen girls participated (6 from Zone 6 and 10 from Zone 5). The trophy was won by Monica Huang of Pheasant Glen with a Gross score of 74. Haley Kruse from Gorge Vale won the Low Net with a score of 66. Christina Spence attended the dinner and spoke to the girls. She offered first hand information to obtain scholarships and what the girls should be focusing on to obtain them.

Anni has completed her two year term on the Committee and leaves wishing her successor good luck and the Committee a successful year.

PUBLICITY CHAIR – Shirley Granger

With camera in hand, there were a number of meeting and tournament events during the year that the Publicity Chair attended; Captain's Welcome (Jan), Spring Opening (Mar), Rules Clinic (Apr), Captain's Forum (June). In addition, attended the Junior events, putting together a photo album for them. 2008 Photo Albums were on display for the meeting. A separate album will be presented to our sponsor, Metro Lexus Toyota.

2008 was a very special year for the Zone 5 Foursomes. Suggested that the Committee search for hole sponsors to help finance the special draws, raffles and prizes planned for the event. A total of 26 sponsors were obtained. Coordinated the donated prizes, prepared list of draw prizes for each day, organized the Committee to assemble 5 raffle baskets along with preparing a workable budget. Selected the beautiful pendant that was the grand prize at the Friday Reception, won by Jane Oliver-Brown (GV)

While the media were all advised of the pending event (Including TV), we were somewhat disappointed with the coverage, particularly the results of the Foursomes. A few write-ups made the papers along with one picture, however, expect that the Island Golfer's November issue will give us great coverage. Regardless, the event was a huge success. Next year, Margaret Rogers and Shirley plan to visit the various media contacts personally in hopes that they can give them a better understanding of women's golf in the Zone.

RULES CHAIR: - Christina Munro (read by the Secretary)

Since joining the Committee in 2005, Christina advised that it has been a very interesting and educational three years. Not only has she been able to teach and inform, but found it a learning process for herself as well as making so many new friends along the way. Christina extended a warm thank you to all the Committee members, past and present, Captains, Rules Chairs, spotters and Pros.

In addition to organizing the Rules Clinic in April, attending all Zone Tournaments as the senior rules official (initiated gentlemen officials to women's tournaments), preparing 'Instructions to Competitors' for each course, Christina has also officiated at a number of Men and Junior boys tournaments and is qualified to work all Provincial Championships.

VICE CHAIR & TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – Susan Ovans

Sue gave a brief review of this year's tournaments along with the winners and runners-up. A full listing can be found on the Zone web site www.bcgazone5women.org

Amateur/Senior/Handicap:

A full field turned out for the Amateur/Senior/Handicap Held at Cowichan (June 8th) and Cordova Bay (June 9th). Actually we were 4 over the full field (64) and Norm Jackson and Jim Goddard very graciously agreed to the extra tee time. Alison Murdoch (Vic) won both the Amateur and Senior Championships and represented Zone 5 at Williams Lake with Katie Snell (Vic) at the BC Amateur and with Carin Gallie (Vic) at the BC Seniors at Spallumcheen. The Handicap Champion this year was Bonnie Fung (OV). Flight winners were Sue Miller (Met), Marianne Hunt (CG), Barb Armstrong (Vic) and Elaine Crossley (OV).

NET:

As always, the NET is a fun event and this year was no exception at Ardmore Golf Club as 60 ladies took to the field on July 17th. The winner was Cathy Keats (ARD) and Runner-up was Linda Pengelly (Ard). A hole-in-one was recorded by Toni Henderson, her first!

FOURSOMES: - September 19 – 26th

A very special year celebrating 60 years. It was fitting that the final day was played at Royal Colwood where it all began in 1948. Host clubs this year were Cedar Hill, Gorge Vale, Arbutus Ridge, Glen Meadows and finally Royal Colwood. Margaret Todd, who played in the first event, attended the Friday gala celebration and spoke to the gathering passing along some first hand knowledge of the tournament and its progress over the years.

This year the tournament was over-subscribed by 5 teams, however, withdrawals due to illness and accidents brought us back to a full field of 96 teams. The 2008 Champions were Melinda Spoor and Lynda Morrison of Cowichan over last years winners, Sheila Mitchell and Susan Dafoe from Olympic View. Medalists were Paul Green and Sybil Hurwitz from Cordova Bay.

Christina Munro, Rules Chair, sent each Captain and Rules Chair some very good information on Match Play and problems encountered during this years Foursomes. As there were a number of new participants to the Foursomes, Sue suggested each club hold a session to help out those members new to match play.

For the first time, we were able to put the draw on the web and hope to continue that practice for all tournaments next year.

Sue thanked all the Captains and their volunteers and management of clubs that hosted the 2008 tournaments, and of course a big thank you to all players; and the Committee for their help and Metro Lexus Toyota for their support. Sue wished the new Vice Chair the very best.

CHAIR: Margaret Rogers

Our purpose was to make sure that every club member had information about the Zone Committee and what our duties were, to help you all as members to promote golf for women, have a smooth running club and most of all make sure that you all have fun and make great friends. I had the honour this year to be invited to the opening Ladies Day at Victoria, Uplands, Royal Colwood and Arbutus Ridge and discuss the year ahead.

Margaret stressed the use of our Zone web site and if you have any ideas for improving the site, please let Barb know. There is also a link to the BCGA site where you will find the Captain's updated Manual and the Captain's Calendar. Both are useful tools for the first year Captain as well as the veteran.

Dates have been determined for next years' meetings and tournaments, however, venues have not yet been decided upon. Please take into consideration the following dates when putting together your club fixture list.

Captains' Welcome - Margaret's home - date to be advised

Captains' Spring Meeting - March 23rd - location TBA

Rules Clinic - April 30th - Royal Colwood

Amateur/Senior/Handicap Tournament - Sun. June 7th & Mon. June 8th

Captains' Forum - June 15th - location TBA

Net Tournament - July 16th - location TBA

Zone 5 Foursomes - Sept 18th, 21st, 22nd, 24th & 25th

Zone AGM - October 19th

We are currently working on a five year plan for scheduling tournaments. The Scheduling Committee has had one meeting and hope to finalize the plan at the next meeting on November 18th. The Committee recently played Highland Pacific Golf's as they officially opened their front 9 on October 25th. A wonderful 9 holes and the Committee thought that this might be a possibility for the NET Tournament this year. As soon as we have club and meeting locations confirmed, Captains will be advised. Green Fees may be a problem this year, particularly for the Foursomes.

Margaret thanked all the Captains for their support this year and reminded the outgoing Captains to hand over the Captain's Handbook to the new Captains. Updates will be given at the Spring meeting.

As a member of Arbutus Ridge, Margaret drives the Malahat a minimum of 3 times a week and with other members of up-island clubs, wondered why there seems to be anxiety about driving north to a tournament. She read a poem composed by a gentleman from her course entitled "The Malahat".

Margaret then asked the Captain of Arbutus Ridge, Marg Sparkes, to come forward to present a cheque from their Ladies Division to the BCGA Player Development Trust Fund. As a member of the PDTF Committee, Barbara Rainey accepted the \$300 with appreciation. Marg advised that this project was started by Moira Black, assisted by Ann Frame, ran a raffle over the summer. Unfortunately, Moira was unable to make the trip today.

BCGA DIRECTOR – ZONE 5: Barbara Rainey

Barbara acknowledged other clubs that had also contributed to the **PDTF**, namely, Cedar Hill, Royal Colwood and Gorge Vale. Of the 11 juniors scholarship applications received this year, two were from Zone 5. There has also been a number of requests for financial assistance this year. The Committee is trying very hard to find a sponsor which is really a necessity.

The **BCGA School Program** has had very positive results reaching more than 4500 young adults this year. School clinics ran in April & June, concentrating on grades four, five and six– the target age is 9 and up. The program consists of multi-level instruction and rewards, plus the clinics, also camps, support material and special programs to raise awareness of junior golf and address the issues of accessibility to promoting golf in this Province. Junior membership has dropped considerably, particularly for junior boys.

The BCGA was instrumental in bringing BC School Sports together with the **BC Egg Marketing Board** with the latter serving as the title sponsor of the annual BC High School Golf Championships.

Experiences BC is another program to further British Columbia as Canada's Golf Capital. BCGA has partnered with Tourism BC to promote BC as a golf destination.

Barb also stressed the need to download the Captain's Manual from the BCGA web site as they will not be receiving a hard copy. Outgoing Captains should make sure that their successor has a copy.

A reminder that your club should fill out the proxy forms and return to the BCGA office promptly with their delegate names and addresses. The next BCGA AGM is not until March 29th, and Barb would be happy to take proxy forms for those that will be unable to attend. In the meantime, please check with the club office to see that they have completed the forms and returned.

HARRIS ERICKSON: Alison Murdoch

Alison presented the 2008 report for the low index women golfers in Zone 5. This year, 23 ladies played in 15 events between April 21 and October 20. These events are scheduled on Mondays and were hosted by Royal Colwood, Glen Meadows, Uplands, Duncan Meadows, Olympic View, Victoria, Gorge Vale, Cowichan, and Bear Mountain.

15 players played the necessary seven (half) events to qualify for the year-end prizes and the results for this year's campaign were as follows:

First Gross	Alison Murdoch (Vic)
Second Gross	Penny Baziuk (CB)
First Net	Rita Seigo, (GM)
Second Net	Margaret Foreman (RC)

Harris Erickson defeated the Sweeny Group from Vancouver by 20 points to 16 in the annual Hunting Cup match hosted by the Victoria Group and held at Gorge Vale on September 21. Alison advised that they are working with representatives of Zone 6 to

launch a similar event versus the Island north of Duncan which she was confident would get underway in 2009.

Harris Erickson numbers have diminished over the past several years. While there are several members in their twenties, they do need more members of all age categories if the league is to remain viable. All HE members are in agreement that the league provides them with a local forum to develop and maintain their competitive skills throughout the season. Alison asked the Women's Captains to encourage any player with a factor of 13 or less to join the HE group or at least check out the benefits of playing competitive golf in a safe environment.

Margaret asked for a motion to accept all Reports. Made by Betti Lott (GV), seconded by Gail Hunter (CH) – Carried.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS:

Margaret introduced Merna Mickelson, who discussed the various BCGA and RCGA Award Programs. Under the BCGA Recognition Program, there are two categories:

Distinguished Service Award – nominations must be signed by any 2 BCGA Directors, Zone Directors or Zone Committee – due by January 15th

Zone Level Volunteer Award – nominations may be submitted by any BCGA Member. There is a maximum of 2 per Zone. There are many worthy workers a every club, so don't forget to fill out a form.

Forms for both the DSA and ZLVW can be downloaded from the BCGA web site www.bcga.org

The RCGA also has a Volunteer Award Program (Volunteer of the Month). Deadline for nominations is the last day of every month. In December, a selection of Volunteer of the Year will be made from those winners of the Volunteer of the Month awards. Criteria and nomination forms can be downloaded from the RCGA web site (under membership category).

Merna then asked Carol Bradshaw (CH) to come forward and receive the BCGA 2008 Zone 5 Volunteer of the Year Award and presented Carol with a pin, and a beautiful plaque. Margaret Rogers presented Carol with a floral bouquet from the Zone 5 Committee.

Carol began her golfing years at Gregarah Golf Club, now known as Prospect Lake. She served as Ladies' Captain and was also interested in Rules. For many years, Carol chaired the Lower Island Nine Hole Golf Association.

Joined Cedar Hill in 1981 and served as Ladies Vice Captain and Captain 1984/1985 and Captain again in 1995. In 1986, Carol was elected to the Board of Directors of Cedar Hill serving in various positions over an 8-year term.

From 1988 to 1993, Carol serviced on the District 1 Committee as Rules Chair, Tournament Chair and finally as Chair. At the same time, Carol served as Treasurer for the VI Senior Ladies Golf Association from 1980 to 2005.

Carol was delighted with the honour and felt it was the icing on the cake to receive such recognition for something she loved to do.

ZONE 5 AWARDS:

Margaret announced the 2008 Zone 5 Winners. Unfortunately the BCGA does not have the awards available. They will be given at the Spring Captains Meeting in March.

Dorothy Olive Franklin competition winner is Lorna Rooper of Uplands with a net differential of -7.5.

BC Pin Round Competition – 18 holes was won by Joanna Barrett of Salt Spring with a great score of -9.57. Joanna’s score should be very competitive with the provincial scores. Margaret presented Joanna with a floral bouquet. Two other Salt Spring ladies were also successful in the 9 hole competition; Kathy Darling and Darlene Wellington with scores of -5.04 and -6.5 respectively.

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Bert Churchill was then asked to come forward to conduct the 2009 elections. Bert advised that there were three positions to be filled: Treasurer (2-year term), Junior Chair (2-year term) and Vice Chair/Tournament Chair (1-year term – Chair Elect)

Nominations were: Mary Malanchuk, Treasurer
Lynda Terrell, Junior Chair
Jean Anderson, Vice Chair/Tournament Chair

As there were no further nominations from the floor, the above 3 candidates were elected by acclamation.

Margaret congratulated and welcomed the new members of the Committee and announced that Shirley Granger would be continuing in 2009 as Publicity Chair (last year of a 2-year term). The Following individuals were appointed to the Committee.

Peggy Wright, Rules Chair
Diane Rands, Handicap & Course Rating Chair
Barbara Rainey, Secretary

Barbara Rainey will continue in 2009, completing a 2-year term as BCGA Director, Zone 5.

NEW BUSINESS:

Handicap Committee:

Diane advised that each club should have a Handicap Committee in place – can be two or three people. Women’s Captain should contact Handicap Chair to make sure one of her Executive is on that committee. While there is no control of scores put in for games from other clubs, Ladies’ day scores and tournament scores can easily be reviewed. The Handicap Committee also has signing authority at many clubs. Club Pro would not be a member of the Committee.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Margaret reminded the Captains to send in their 2009 Executive roster as soon as known, to Barb. Also, the display posters from the Foursomes are available if any of the clubs would like them for their AGM's. Cedar Hill will display on November 8th and Royal Colwood on November 15th.

Margaret advised that a note was received from Christina Spence thanking the Zone for their contribution towards her expenses to attend the World University Games in South Africa. Christina has offered her services whenever possible to talk to our Junior Girls at Meetings or Clinics.

Three Committee members will not be returning next year, Anni Jakubowski, Sue Ovans and Christina Munro. They will all be terribly missed, but no doubt numerous phone calls will be made over the next few months. Margaret asked Anni to come forward and Barb presented Anni with a bouquet of flowers. Margaret then presented a bouquet to Sue. These ladies have added so much to the Committee with their hard work and dedication, but still took time out for fun. While Mary will be continuing for another two years as Treasurer, she too received flowers for putting her name forward for a second term.

There being no further business, Margaret asked for adjournment of the meeting. Moved by Lynne Foxall, seconded by Marianne Hunt (CG)

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