

M I N U T E S
Zone 5 Women's
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2009
Uplands Golf Club – 9:30 am

PRESENT: Margaret Rogers (Chair), Jean Anderson, Peggy Wright, Lynda Terrell, Mary Malanchuk, Shirley Granger, Diane Rands, Barbara Rainey

28 Ladies representing 16 clubs.

Guests: Merna Mickelson (CH); Berne Neufeld (VC)

REGRETS: Captains: Galiano, Prospect Lake, Royal Oak

Meeting called to order by Zone Chair, Marg Rogers. The Secretary reported that 16 clubs were present which constitutes a quorum. The Secretary read the Notice of Meeting.

Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced her Committee and Guests, Merna Mickelson, BCGA Recognition Committee, and Berne Neufeld of Victoria Club. Captains were asked to introduce themselves and club members that accompanied them.

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

Captains were asked to read the 2008 AGM Minutes posted on the web, prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Joan Thomson(ABR), seconded by Lynne Foxall (BM). Motion carried. There was no business arising from the 2008 Minutes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER – Mary Malanchuk

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

The Statement showed a current bank balance for the year ending September 30, 2009 of \$9,429.92 (\$4305.71 of which is in the Junior's account). Receipts for DOF were \$481 with 7 clubs participating and \$774.00 for BC Pin Round Competition with 11 clubs participating. \$56 was received from Beat the Champ competitions. \$586 was raised in support of the PDTF during the Foursomes – Lynne Duquesne (RC) won the basket.

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Pins are available for pickup today or Captains can place orders for delivery at the Spring Captains' Meeting.

Motion was made by Lynne Foxall, seconded by Jeanne Royer-Collard to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

HANDICAP & COURSE RATING – Diane Rands

Handicap:

Diane reported that obtaining handicap factors from the RCGA system was a great success and eliminated the need for pre-registration. The only Zone 5 clubs not on the RCGA system are; Arbutus Ridge, Ardmore, Cowichan, Metchosin, Prospect Lake and Royal Oak. Since all clubs are paying for the service whether they use it or not, Captains were encouraged to discuss with their club management to sign on to the RCGA System.

In 2010, entry forms will note the date player's handicap factors will be taken off the computer and any changes after that date, will not be used for the tournament. This will assist the Committee in making the draw and distributing information to participants and clubs in a timely fashion.

Remember, if you go south, keep a record of your scores and either put them in if you have internet access or enter on your return home.

Course Rating:

Diane advised that Galiano will be at the top of her list next year for rating and her Team will do the measurements (normally provided by BCGA). Bear Mountain's new 'Valley' course was rated last Spring. Victoria Club is in the process of constructing new forward tees and adjustments can be made as each hole is completed. Visits will not be necessary as adjustments can be made to paperwork already in the system. Diane understood that Olympic View was also making changes, but as yet, has not been asked officially to review any particular hole(s).

A very good description of the History of Course Rating can be found on the BCGA website bcga.org. If anyone has an interest in joining the Zone Course Rating team, please contact Diane.

Diane thanked Marg for her leadership and endless hours of work for us, and with us, and will miss those late night chats to solve a problem.

Diane Cook (ABR) asked: "Who decides when a club closes the computer for the season"? Response: The official BCGA 'inactive' season is November 15th to March 1st, however, depending on the condition of the course, this date could be before or after the above date. The Club's Handicap Committee or Club Captain would most probably make this decision.

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Marg reminded the Captains that each club must have a Handicap Committee and it would behoove the Ladies' Captain to make sure there is a woman or a member of her Executive on that Committee.

JUNIOR CHAIR – Lynda Terrell

Lynda thanked those clubs that made generous donation to the junior girls' program. The majority of these funds were used for financial assistance to those girls who travelled to Provincial Junior and Juvenile competitions, representing the Zone.

The year started with a "Meet & Greet" where families were invited to participate in a fun round of golf at the Cordova Bay Ridge Course. In April a full day clinic was held at Cordova Bay; open to any girl over the age of 10. Sixteen girls participated with instruction provided for all levels from beginner through advanced.

The Zone Championships, or Centennials as they are more commonly known, were held during the month of May. Twelve of our more advanced players participated and a zone team was selected based on the overall results. Nine of these girls played in the Vancouver Island Junior Girls Championship, hosted this year by Zone 6. (Zones 5 & 6 host on alternate years).

There was good representation from the Zone at the BC Juniors and Juveniles and three of our girls even travelled to Nova Scotia to participate in the Canadian Amateur and Junior Championships. Competitive play opportunities are abundant in the area with the Vikes program, which runs Spring and Fall, the inclusion of girls in most of the junior boys' events, and the opportunity for the more advanced player to play in the Zone Amateur or Harrison Erickson tournaments. For the highly skilled competitive young golfer, the opportunities, both educationally and professionally are endless.

Lynda requested the Captains help to promote and attract younger and less experienced players into our program. She has contacted the Girl Guides, the coordinator of the Junior Esso program and Jodi Jackson (BCGA) who runs the school program (SNAG) at the elementary school level.

Linda Woodly (SSI) asked: "How did the girls do that went to the Canadians?" Response: While they did not make the cut, the experience would have been very beneficial.

PUBLICITY CHAIR – Shirley Granger

Shirley detailed the various tournaments that she attended to raise the Zone and MLT banners before recording pictures of the participants. The camera goes along to all the other events, Captains' Meeting, Rules Clinic, Captains' Forum and AGM.

The Zone album was on display detailing the 2009 season in pictures. Marg Rogers and Shirley will be presenting Bob Marchand of Metro Lexus Toyota with a picture album of all the Zone Tournaments, before the end of November.

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While it is difficult to get our names in print these days, the Island Golfer is always a big supporter with a published Fixture list and coverage of each tournament. We are not always as successful with the Times Colonist, although this year the Foursomes received quite good coverage although none of the pictures submitted were published. We did have one exception, the article and picture submitted regarding the three generations of the Sharratt family that played in the Amateur/Senior/Handicap, was printed by the T/C.

Pictures of the 2009 tournament winners and a photo gallery and recognition section can be found on the Zone website www.bcgazone5women.org

RULES – Peggy Wright

A very successful Rules Seminar at Royal Colwood on April 30th with 125 attendees. Peggy extended thanks to Alison Murdoch and Barry Anderson for their assistance at the Clinic and the qualifying round of the Foursomes; also Alison Crone and Syd Price at the Rules Clinic; Christina Munro at the Amateur/Senior/Handicap and Net Championships, and Shirley Semken and Marcia Littlewood for their assistance at the Foursomes.

In addition to “on course” rulings, a number of calls are fielded throughout the year. While the problem is fresh in your mind, just give Peggy a call and if it can’t be solved immediately, she will research and get back with an answer as soon as possible.

It was decided as a Committee that we would not hold a Rules Seminar in 2010, but would do so again in 2011. Peggy will be away during the normal time of the Clinic and since changes will be coming in 2011, it was felt that it would be more beneficial to hold the next Seminar in that year.

Peggy offered a big thank you to Marg for her diligence in performing her duties as Zone 5 Chair and for her understanding demeanor, no matter what occasion arose, and her friendship.

VICE CHAIR – Jean Anderson

Jean gave a brief review of the 2009 Tournaments with the winners and runners-up. For a listing of all other placements, she suggested viewing our Zone web site at www.bcgazone5women.org

The first tournament of the year was held Sunday, May 31st at Glen Meadows, followed by June 1st at Victoria. A total of 49 ladies played in the Amateur/Senior/Handicap. The Amateur and Senior Championships were won by Alison Murdoch (VC) with Penny Baziuk as runner-up in both events. Alison and Penny represented the Zone as a Team in both the BC Amateur at Salmon Arm and the BC Seniors at Pitt Meadow. The Handicap Champion was Alana Creuzot (OV) who is a fairly new member to the golf scene and we congratulate her on her exceptional play in this division.

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The NET Tournament followed on July 16th at Highland Pacific with a full field of 60 ladies. Terry Bergman (ABR) was the winner with Judy Cartwright (MET) as the runner-up. The putting contest was won by Lorna Ruttan (ARD)

Finally the Foursomes began in September with the qualifying round at Cedar Hill on September 25th followed by Uplands on the Monday, Arbutus Ridge on Tuesday, Olympic View on Thursday and the finals at Gorge Vale on Friday, October 2nd. The ultimate winners were Judy Cryderman and Jill Howard of Uplands and runners-up from Olympic View, Sheila Mitchell and Susan Dafoe. Consolation winners were Shirley Granger and Mary Malanchuk from Cedar Hill. Low medalists for the event were Liz Munn and Alison Sweeten from Cedar Hill with a Net score of 64. Two holes-in-one were recorded: Liz Munn (CH) at Cedar Hill on #11 and Heather Rumsey (RC) on the 4th hole at Uplands.

Jean thanked all the Captains, along with their volunteers and club management, for their help and guidance. Cooperation received from all the clubs was very much appreciated. Jean also thanked all who participated in the events and hoped to see everyone back next year. Metro Lexus Toyota and Bob Marchand have been exceptional supporters of the Zone tournaments and without them, our costs to run these tournaments would be considerably more. We hope this association will continue for many more years.

Jean thanked the Committee for their support during 2009 and as she moves to the position of Zone Chair, looks forward to an exciting two-years of working with her Executive, the Women's Captains and all those who participate in our events.

CHAIR – Margaret Rogers

Marg referred to the upcoming 7% HST tax that will be applied on July 1, 2010. This will certainly add to the cost of running tournaments as it applies to green fees and cart costs.

While the Committee is currently working on the 2010 tournament schedule, nothing is yet etched in stone. We can however give the anticipated dates but will not announce the clubs until confirmations have been received.

Meetings/Clinic schedules:

Spring Captains Meeting – Royal Colwood	March 22 nd
No Rules Clinic this year	
Captain's Forum – Cowichan	June 14 th
2010 AGM – Highland Pacific	October 20 th

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Tournament Schedule:

Amateur/Senior/Handicap

May 31st & June 1st
(Monday/Tuesday)

NET Tournament

July 15th

Foursomes

Q/R September 17th

1st Round

September 20th

2nd Round

September 21st

3rd Round

September 23rd

4th Round

September 24th

Our Scheduling Committee will meet on November 5th and will make announcements of any date changes and host clubs as soon after as possible.

A few BCGA dates to mark on your calendars:

BC Seniors

June 14 – 16th

Summerland

BC Amateur

June 29 – July 2nd

Arbutus Ridge

BC Junior Girls

July 6 – 9th

Gorge Vale

BC Juvenile Girls

August 17 – 19th

Glen Meadows

BC Bantam Girls

August 23 – 24th

Mt. Brenton

Marg reminded current and incoming Captains to keep their Vice Captains well informed on their activities and help them to understand their duties for future years. Refer to the zone website www.bcgazone5women.org for more information. We will be changing servers shortly which we hope will widen our scope of information that can be posted.

Marg reiterated the discontinuance of pre-registration. Jean has been emailing all the draws to the entrants, and Captains, and this appears to be working quite well. When time permits, draws will also be posted on the web.

Marg attended Opening Day at Victoria Club, Royal Colwood, Uplands and Arbutus Ridge and thanked those clubs for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Zone Committee.

Helen Malcolm (UP) asked if the Captains' Meeting could not be held in early April as discussed at the last Captain's Meeting.

Response: The new Committee will look into this possibility. Barb requested each Captain advise the date of their planned 'Opening Day' to avoid conflict.

Lyn Talling (CGC) asked if both participants (Foursomes) could be emailed.

Response: The emailing list is extensive now and to double the number would be horrendous. It is hoped that the emailed partner would communicate with her partner.

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Nancy Munro (CGC) asked if the Captains could also be emailed at the same time as even those who are not in the competition are interested in the draws.

Response: Currently the Captains are being emailed with the draws for each day, but perhaps time does not always allow them to post. When possible, draws are posted on the website.

Marg presented each of her Committee members with a bouquet of a red and white rose and thanked them for their support not only during her tenure as Chair, but for the entire 4 years.

BCGA DIRECTOR – ZONE 5 WOMEN – Barbara Rainey

Barb asked the Captains to check with their Management to make sure that they complete the Club Delegate form sent by BCGA and return by January 15, 2010. The number of delegates to represent your club at the Spring BCGA AGM is determined by the membership numbers: less than 150 – 1 delegate; more than 600 – 5 delegates.

Women's Captains' Manual was posted on the BCGA website this year and copies given to each Captain at the Spring Captains' Meeting. This is a great tool along with a Policy and Procedures Manual that will soon be completed and posted.

The School Programs (SNAG), aimed at introducing children at the elementary school level to the fun of golf has been very successful. Over 15,000 students were reached during the period October 1st – to the end of June.

Currently trying to develop a tournament that would support the Player Development Trust Fund. We do not have a sponsor and must rely on individual and club donations. A big thank you to the Zone for their contribution of \$586 as the result of the raffle run during the Foursomes.

As mentioned by Marg, the HST will make a big difference this year to all of us and that includes entry fees to tournaments. The BCGA is participating in direct conversation with the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Finance to analyze the impact. Regarding Tourism BC, the BCGA is also working closely with Tourism in targeting specifically Arizona and California to spend their summers in the North American Capital for Golf...British Columbia!! The website is also being revamped to show off our beautiful golf courses with the emphasis on green, water and mountains. Hopefully this will entice those desert lovers to our beautiful part of the world.

BCGA is currently running a contest for some lucky volunteer to win two tickets to the Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 Olympics. The draw will be made October 22nd. These tickets were won by the BCGA in a contest sponsored by 2010 Legacies Now.

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As Marg noted, a number of Championships will be hosted by Zone 5 and Zone 6 clubs. This will not only give us an opportunity to have a close up and personal look at our best amateurs and upcoming junior golfers. Zone 5 and 6 certainly have two of the best amateur golfers in Canada, Jackie Little and Alison Murdoch, who by the way will be entering the BC Golf Hall of Fame on October 22nd along with Richard Zolkol and Steve Berry.

The Fall meeting of the BCGA will be held October 28th through October 31st, which I will attend.

HARRIS ERICKSON – Margaret Kavanagh (read by Diane Rands)

Margaret will be taking over as the Harris Erickson Chair for 2010 and thanked Janine Kosmenko for her hard work in 2009.

The Huntting Cup was hosted at Point Grey and the Sweeny Cup team from Vancouver won the competition. The 2010 Huntting Cup competition will be held on October 3rd at Royal Colwood. In an attempt to improve performance at this competition, match play will be played in three HE events next year.

Thanks to the efforts of Lenore Davis and her Zone 6 counterpart, Dee Horrie, the first Island Challenge was held at Duncan Meadows, and was a major success. The 2010 event will likely take place in May, but date and venue are yet to be determined.

2009 Results are as follows (see also Zone website)

1 st Low Gross	Alison Murdoch
2 nd Low Gross	Penny Baziuk
3 rd Low Gross	Colleen Wheatley
1 st Low Net	Penny Baziuk
2 nd Low Net	Alison Murdoch

Anyone interested in joining the Harris Erickson group should contact their Club representative or Margaret Kavanagh at kavanaghmf@shaw.ca

Merna Mickelson (CH) asked how does one get into the Harris Erickson group?

Response: See note above re club contact or direct to Margaret Kavanagh. Diane mentioned that while they would like to increase their membership, they are being restricted to 4 tee times per outing. Diane will also discuss with HE Committee, possibility of asking Captains to submit names of low handicap players at their respective clubs.

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Marg asked for a motion to accept all reports: Moved by Marianne Hunt (CGC), seconded by Doreen Sharratt (ABR)

5 Minute Break

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE – Merna Mickelson

Merna reviewed the procedure for submitting Volunteer Recognition forms for both Zone and Club applicants. Suggested that these application forms should be posted near the computer, as gentlemen are eligible as well. Forms can also be downloaded from the BCGA website. Applications for Distinguished Service Awards must be submitted by BCGA Directors. Merna recognized Peggy Wright as a recent DSA awardee as well as Linda Ball last year.

Debbie Gill, Women’s Captain at Victoria Club, introduced Berne Neufeld (VC) and presented Berne with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Berne was nominated in 2007 by the then Captain, Dolly North for her work at the 100th Anniversary of the BC Women’s Amateur held at Victoria Club in July 2005. Berne has also been a member of the Victoria Board of Directors, is also on the BOD of the PNGA, and will become the Chair of the PNGA Ladies Division next year. Berne has been a devout supporter of the Evans Caddy Scholarship Program and the influential force behind establishing the first program in Canada, at Victoria Club. Berne received a framed recognition letter from BCGA, along with a pin, and Margaret Rogers, on behalf of the Zone, presented a bouquet of flowers.

Others members of Zone 5 received the following Awards:

Connie Thompson	Arbutus Ridge	Zone Pin Round Award
Jane Fairhurst	Uplands	Dorothy Olive Franklin

Lovely clocks were presented to each woman (from BCGA) along with a bouquet of flowers from the Zone.

ZONE NOMINATIONS: Bert Churchill (conducted by Margaret Rogers, Zone Chair)

The Nominating Committee is comprised of the Immediate Past Zone Chair (Bert Churchill); the current Chair (Margaret Rogers) and a Captain or member in good standing (Merna Mickelson). The clubs were solicited to submit names for this years’ elections, however, the response was less than encouraging. Next year, the Nominating Committee will consist of (Margaret Rogers, Immediate Past Chair), Jean Anderson (Zone Chair) and a third member will be selected at the Spring Captains’ Meeting.

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Following Candidates were elected by acclamation:

Vice Chair – 2 year term	Merna Mickelson (CH)
Publicity Chair – 2 year term	Shirley Granger (CH)
BCGA Director – Zone 5 Women	Barbara Rainey (GV)

Marg presented Merna with the BCGA shield.

Jean Anderson announced the rest of the Zone 5 Committee for 2010

Treasurer 1 year remaining of a two-year term	Mary Malanchuk
Appointees:	
Course Rating/Handicap Chair	Diane Rands
Rules Chair	Peggy Wright
Secretary	Barbara Rainey

On behalf of the Committee, Jean presented Marg with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for her dedication to the Zone and the friendship and support she gave to each of her Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Debbie Gill (VC) announced that on October 22nd, Alison Murdoch will be inducted into the BC Golf Hall of Fame at a dinner at Capilano Golf Club. A number of Victoria Club members will be attending.

Marg closed the meeting by thanking her Committee and wishing the new Committee every success.

Doreen Sharratt (ABR) thanked Marg and all the Committee members for their dedication to the task of running the Zone.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 moved by Marianne Hunt (CGC), seconded by Debbie Gill (VC)

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