

Good Day Ladies,

2018 golfing season was very productive as far as playing days during our season. The Senior Women's tournament There was a field 79 Women playing at Crown Isle Golf Course. Zone 6 had a good showing of Women and tied for 3rd in the Zone competition. Participation and Volunteering grow the sport of golf. One of the comments I heard from a volunteer was, Hmm, now that I have experienced this tournament as a volunteer, I know I could participate as a player, it's not as daunting as I imagined. Next year this tournament will be in Kimberly at St Eugene Mission golf course, registration will open up March 1st so sign up early to get a spot. Volunteers are special and I have challenged Zone 6 Women to nomination a deserving candidate and you have come through once again. We have two winners for the Volunteer Recognition Award, Irene Creally and Katy MacAuley. A presentation will be made later in the program.

Golf Canada has a new CEO, Laurence Applebaum, his profile is on the BCGolf website.

Many Championships were held this year and all results can be found on the updated website bcga.org. The Championship Fixture list is already posted for 2019

2019 will be a year of changes, the New Rules will be introduced this year, Handicap and Course Rating workshops as posted, May 14 at Arrowsmith and two more scheduled Jun 11 in Vancouver and Aug 24 in Kelowna. The World Handicap System, will be tested, before the Launch in 2020. This project has been investigated since pre 2018. In 2018 awareness communication of the program, preparation of materials, system testing and evaluation. 2019 supporting this initiative include education, roll out of materials and continued parallel testing. The official of the World Handicap system will be launch in the year 2020.

The other major event which will take place in the 2019 Golf Season is the new Membership Module. There will be a Gold Membership at. A cost of 49.95 which will offer several benefits. Ongoing this will include the handicap scoring Centre, labels for your clubs, insurance covering 6,000. For lost or stolen clubs, damages to property, and other benefits, which you can read up on the website. The other membership available does not offer a handicap opportunity, which would restrict you from playing in tournaments. There is extensive coverage of the New Membership online.

An interesting survey was taken this year by BCGA , seeking input on the use of marijuana on the course, some interesting results are More than half of golfers under the age of 35 plan to smoke marijuana on the course, that drops to less than one in ten over the age of 55. The results will appear in an issue of The Scorecard BCGA's digital magazine, which you can access on the BCGA website.

Well with all that said, it is a lot to take in, so if you are staying home this winter and the days are rainy, fill your time reading the website online. There is so much information you will appreciate.

Enjoy your Winter Golf and wherever you may be May the sun shine brightly and your putts drop lightly, preferably as birdies.

Respectfully submitted
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