

ZONE 6
BC GOLF REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
FALL 2022 MEETING

Good morning everyone. I'd like to present a brief summary of information from the fall (2021) and spring (2022) Zone Council meetings.

With respect to the state of golf, membership is up approximately 4,000 over 2020. I do not, at this time have the numbers for 2022. There is no definitive explanation for the increase however there has been a very large increase in the number of Public Players and that is expected to grow. Player's Club membership has increased from \$49.95 to \$60.00 and membership is up across the country as well.

There was a discussion regarding competitive golf games. The consensus was that it is not recommended that members with a 50.4 index play in Zone events, but they can certainly play in a group at the club level.

Slow play was a hot topic at the spring meeting. BCGA is using the timing system, front, back and overall. Everyone in the group is penalized (at the competitive level) but there is an opportunity to appeal. At the club level it was suggested to start with a warning but if the individual(s) continue to ignore the warning then a letter should be written advising that any further infractions will result in suspension of privileges.

Zone Grants continue to be paid; $\frac{3}{4}$ at the start of the season and $\frac{1}{4}$ at the end of the year. There should be no change in grant amount for 2023.

British Columbia Golf **Strategic Plan** for 2022 – 2025 include

Participation Growth: Increase participation by promoting the benefits and fun of golf in a safe, inclusive sport environment.

Player Performance: Increase the number of competitive golfers and enhance their performance in BC, in order to develop Canada's best players.

Organizational Sustainability: Deliver sustainable revenue, organizational framework and governance to ensure stability and maximize investment in the sport.

Relationships: Continually improve relationships with partners to build participation in the sport.

State of Golf:

Rounds played in **2020:** 1,668,206 and in **2021:** 2,075,876 (totals for BC) **24% change over 2020**

The suggested posting period (posting scores to Golf Canada) is from March 1st to November 15th; however the majority of clubs should not be open before May 1st.

Volunteer Recognition Award:

This may seem premature, however it is something to keep in the back of your mind going into next year. July 31st is the deadline for VRA nominee submissions and everyone is encouraged to submit a nomination from their Zone.

Respectfully submitted,

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