

ZONE 6 WOMENS GOLF
Spring Captains' Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 28th, 2025, 11:00 am
Arrowsmith Golf Course

1. **Call to Order:** Jacque Bater, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11 am.
2. **Head Table Introductions:** Committee Chairs and Assistants were introduced.
3. **Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum:** Acting Secretary, Susie Youle, declared a Quorum with 16 clubs present.
4. **Approval of Agenda: Motion:** To approve agenda. Moved by Patricia Trasolini of Storey Creek, seconded by Sue Fulkerth of Comox. All in favour.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** of the Spring Captains' Meeting 2024. Motion to approve, Rona Lawson of Sunnydale, seconded by Barb Sheare of Port Alberni. All in favour.
6. **Any business arising:** There was no business arising from these minutes.
7. **Committee Reports** (all will be on web site at the conclusion of this meeting).
 - i. **Chair** – Jacque Bater stressed the importance of event participation.
 - ii. **Vice Chair** – Susie Youle – Presented a proposed Nominating Committee Rotation
 - iii. **Treasurer** – Heather Bishop Presented the Budget and Financial Statements.
 - iv. **Teams and Tournaments** – Leah Miltenberger discussed tournaments
 - v. **Junior Chair** – Monique Saindon-Syringe announced the clinics booked
 - vi. **Rules** – Gerry Gillis discussed recent certifications and recertifications.
 - vii. **Handicap and Course Rating** – Marge Bibby announced which courses will be rated this year.
 - viii. **Zone** – Ruth Chapman discussed her role as both liaison and BC Golf Board Member
 - ix. **Webmaster** – Sandi Reed encouraged everyone to make use of the website

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8. New Business

Need a Zone Secretary: Due to a family emergency we lost our secretary this winter. We need a new secretary immediately. If you know of anyone who could take this on, we will welcome them with open arms.

Arrowsmith Ladies Club Request for Clarification of Procedure

In February we received correspondence from Arrowsmith Ladies Club. They felt

ZONE 6 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

SPRING CAPTAINS' MEETING – 8 APRIL 2024

Area of Responsibility	Chair
Executive Officer	Lena West, Chair, Zone 6 Women's Golf
Report Date	April 8, 2024
Update	
<p><u>Items of importance for Zone Chair and for the prosperity of Zone 6 Women's Golf:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a reminder that my Zone 6 Women's Chair term of office will end on October 21, 2024, having reached my two-year term. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Moving forward: Attain a successful transition of this role by October. 2. Succession Planning is vital to the strength of Zone 6. Listed below are the interim Executive positions to be considered for 2025: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vice-Chair b. Junior Girls Chair and Assistant c. Handicap and Course Rating Assistant d. Rules Chair e. Rules Assistant 3. Support open lines of communication, in order to promote a stronger Women's and Junior Girls' golf community: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initiate a Captain's discussion forum – How can we help each other? How can we work stronger together? Etc. b. BCGA – promote programs and tournaments with a timely turnaround. c. Zone 6 Mens/Zone 6 Juniors – course rating and junior programs are vitals. 4. Zone 6 Women's Policies and Procedures Manual: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Seek volunteers to assist with the review of the Zone 4 Women's Manual and draft a Zone 6 version with critical procedures of this '<i>much needed</i>' document. 5. Administrative procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enhance and minimize Website modifications. b. Raise the interest in clubs to support Women's Program (DOF, Pin, BTC), by streamlining the reporting process. 6. Find opportunities to promote golf for women, who have little or no golf experience, through BCGA programs and funding provisions. 	

Respectfully submitted by:

Lena West
Chair, Zone 6 Women

that the Executive had not followed correct procedure when we raised the Zone Levies from \$7 to \$12 at the Fall Meeting, and that it should have been done at the Annual General Meeting. We double checked our Bylaws, which were provided to us by BC Golf, and found that it is indeed up to the Executive to set the levies. Here is the quote from the Constitution and Bylaws, 2023, Item 8 Finances, 8.2 Zone Dues:

All female golfing members of member clubs pay an annual levy in an amount that the Zone Executive may prescribe from time to time. The Zone levy is due on the first day of May each year and shall be paid not later than the first Zone Tournament date.

Since you are all here, we would like to ask for input from you. As we stated at the 2024 AGM in October, we have taken a proactive position and have decided that instead of just running five tournaments a year, we want to be proactive and help to 'grow the game' here on the Island by encouraging women and girls who have not previously played to get involved. We are doing that by running clinics, which we are paying for.

Our question to you is:

Do you support the action taken by the Zone in regard to the annual levy?

9. Awards

a. Rosa Hwang, Winchelsea Golf Course, Low Pin Round in BC.

b. Joanne Revel, Nanaimo Golf Club, Dorothy Olive Franklin.

10. Guest Speaker: Jen Woods Pro at Sunnydale

11. Open Dialogue with Clubs (If there is time)

12. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

Next Meeting: **Monday, October 6** Nanaimo Golf Club 11 am.

Enjoy your lunch and have a wonderful summer!!

8. New Business

Zone Secretary: We lost our secretary in the Fall due to a family emergency. Our new secretary, Toni Clackson was welcomed as our new Acting Secretary. She will be nominated at the AGM.

Arrowsmith Ladies Club Request for Clarification of Procedure

In February we received correspondence from Arrowsmith Ladies Club. Arlene King presented a motion indicating that they felt that the Executive had not followed correct procedure when raising the Zone Levies from \$7 to \$12 at the Fall Meeting, and that it should have been done at the Annual General Meeting. We double checked our Bylaws, which were provided to us by BC Golf, and found that it is indeed up to the Executive to set the levies. Here is the quote from the *Constitution and Bylaws, 2023, Item 8 Finances, 8.2 Zone Dues*:

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Discussion ensued and **Caroline Scott presented a second motion: that we move on from this topic.** Sue Fulkerth seconded. All in favour

9. Awards

- **Rosa Hwang**, Winchelsea Golf Course, Low Pin Round in BC. Unfortunately, Rosa was unable to attend due to illness.
- **Joanne Revel**, Nanaimo Golf Club, Dorothy Olive Franklin.

10. **Guest Speaker:** Jen Woods, Pro at Sunnydale. Jen had to cancel due to an accident and injury. We wish her well and hope she will be able to attend at a future date.

11. **Open Dialogue** This was a lively discussion with lots of announcements. Summarized here:

Gabriola talked about their 2 ball best ball tournament coming up on Saturday, August 16th. Poster in envelopes.

Sunnydale said their Tillicum is booked solid. Clinics with Jen Woods (pro) are popular. She is very energetic and enthusiastic.

Glacier Greens has a tournament June 13th and 14th. Info in envelope.

Morningstar has a new pro, Tyler. He is setting up clinics.

Storey Creek talked about their Crystal Open, July 26 and 27 (info in envelope). The high school has been contacted about the Junior clinics.

Nanaimo is hosting a Rules Seminar on May 29th. All clubs are invited to attend. Contact at Nanaimo is Gwen Cleave. The Nanaimo Womens' Amateur is coming up on June 7th and 8th.

Fairwinds has been getting a lot of upgrades. A new restaurant is being constructed and will be operated by the owners of Nanoose Bay Cafe. Many upgrades have been made to the course in terms of tree clearing and new tees and a new paved parking lot. They are also participating in First Tee.

Crown Isle is not doing clinics as their pros are too busy. They are participating in First Tee. They hope to have a Rules Clinic. The Majestic Cup is July 5th and 6th.

Myrtle Point talked about their tournament, Ladies Malaspina, September 6th and 7th, and First Tee. Milda Karen Byng also recertified her Level 3 Rules this year.

Qualicum has 26 members in their Ladies Club. Their restaurant is now being run by Off the Hook. New pro is Steve Hocking. They will be running some clinics targeting girls from ages 7 – 13.

Arrowsmith had a successful field day with 92 participants. They wanted to know why the Spring Meeting was so late and there was some discussion about the bylaws and moving the meeting dates to be more flexible.

Alberni discussed tournaments – Mixed Ladies West Coast Amateur, June 22nd, and Seniors Games (Info in envelopes)

Mount Brenton is working on "'Growing the Game' with a fun day for players 14 years and older. They are happy with their two rules clinics presented by Susie and Barb from Zone 6.

Comox – their North Island tournament is full. There will be two clinics in May and 2 in June. Junior Sunday Every Month.

Pheasant Glen reports their course is in great condition. They have a new food truck catering. They will have 4 – 5 clinics targeting people who have never golfed previously. They have a robust Juniors program. The Juniors invited their mothers and mothers' friends.

12. **Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn at 12:43. Moved by Barb Sheare, and Seconded by Rona Lawson. All in favour.

There were two door prizes. Sandi Reed of Qualicum won a round of golf and Arlene from Arrowsmith won a \$50 gift certificate.

Next Meeting: Fall AGM will be held at Nanaimo on October 6th.

Teams and Tournaments - 2025 Spring Report

Teams and Tournaments are busy organizing the season's events. I am excited to have Jen Zbinden join the team. As Sandi will be unable to assist this year with scoring we will be looking for volunteers to help with scoring on the day of the tournaments.

We have noticed a substantial increase in food costs and green fee costs that have put us into a deficit position for the year. We can consider decreasing the payout amounts, the amount of players paid out, or increasing tournament cost (next year). At present we will require an increase in the Zone subsidy for this year's tournaments, or reduce the amount of tournaments we hold.

Date and Locations as follows:

May 5 -Morningstar - Amateur/Senior

June 9 - Club Team Scramble

July 7 - Arrowsmith -Net Tournament

Aug 18 - Port Alberni - 4 Ball

Sept 23 - Nanaimo - Champ of Champions

I have attached the Tournament Budget and Pay Out Sheets.

Respectfully Submitted

Leah Miltenberger

Teams and Tournaments

ZONE 6 – BCGA ZONE REP

SPRING 2025

Update:

The British Columbia Golf By-laws have now been amended and approved. The key changes to the bylaws, as they affect the Zone are outlined herein:

The Revised Bylaws reflect the following:

Section 2.1 and 2.3 Membership Categories and Eligibility

- Consolidate memberships into three classes: Individual Members, Clubs and Club Representatives with clear definitions and eligibility criteria.

Section 3: Zone Representation

- Retain Zones but remove their governance from the Bylaws and introduce the use of Operating Agreements to govern their roles and activities with the Association
- Provide clarity on the role of Zone Committees and Zone Council
- Provide clear processes for the election or appointment of representatives to the Zone Council
- Specify that the Zone Council Chair (elected or appointed by the Zone Council directors) automatically serves as a Director without a fixed term and that a 2nd person may be appointed as a Director with a fixed term.

There are numerous other amendments and the full content of those amendments can be found on the British Columbia Golf web page.

The **Cloud Series** tournaments are continuing for 2025 and any inquiries for the Cloud Series should be directed to Tyler McKay at tyler@britishcolumbiagolf.org. If you have participated in the Cloud Series events in the past, you will be receiving emails from Tyler regarding the upcoming events.

BC Golf Policy on qualifying for Golf Canada events

Preamble:

- Each Provincial Golf Association is allocated a certain number of spots into Golf Canada national championships. These spots are referred to as quota spots.
- The number of entries varies and is calculated by Golf Canada based on field size and provincial golfer results from past years.

- • Golf Canada advises each Provincial Golf Association with the number of quota spots available for each event. Notification is received well before the championship season begins so they can be communicated to golfers before registering for provincial events.
- • Members of Interprovincial teams (3 per province) are included in quota spots,

British Columbia Golf policy:

- • For communication purposes, quota spots are split into 2 categories.
- • First category is **qualifying spot**. The top 70 % and ties (not otherwise exempt) will receive a qualifying spot. Anyone who plays the provincial event (regardless of membership status) will receive a qualifying spot if they finish within the top 70%
- • If the top 70% and ties results in more players than BC has qualifying spots to a national championship, qualifying spots will be based on retrogression in the following order: lowest final 18 holes, lowest final 36 holes, etc.
- • Second category is **quota spots**. After all **qualifying spots** have been allocated any remaining spots will be referred to as **BC quota spots**.
- • BC Golf's Championship department will advise Golf Canada as to who is receiving spots at the conclusion of our event.

Rules:

- • No quota spots will be allocated prior to the conclusion of the provincial event. (covers the possibility the top 70% plus ties utilizes all spots available)
- • Any golfer who wishes a quota spot and did not enter the provincial qualifying event must apply in writing to either the Director, Rules and Competitions, Managing Director, Player Development or CEO (email request ok) prior to the start of the provincial event. Players are encouraged to include a playing resume in their request.
- • Any golfer securing a **qualifying spot** must enter the national event by midnight (EST) 48 hours after the completion of the provincial qualifying event. Any player who does not register will lose the **qualifying spot**. **If registration for a particular national championship has closed before the conclusion of the provincial qualifying event, they must register within 48 hours of being notified by Golf Canada of their ability to register.**
- • Any golfer wishing to be considered for a **BC Quota Spot** must be entered, but not accepted into the event. Players will not be charged the registration fee for a national championship until BC Golf notifies Golf Canada that a player has been awarded a quota spot.

- 24 hours prior to the conclusion of the provincial event the Director, Rules and Competition, Managing Director, Player Development and the CEO will determine the order on which **BC Quota Spots** will be allocated.
- Golf Canada will be asked to accept provincial players based on the order provided by BC Golf.

Additional information will be provided subsequent to the Zone Council meeting on April 9th.

Ruth Chapman

Zone 6 Council Representative

Spring Treasurer's Report

The 2024 books were reviewed by an outside source. After reviewing all receipts, disbursements and E-transfers, no errors were found and the records were accurate.

I have prepared a draft budget for 2025 that does project a loss of \$2,240 but still leaves a balance of \$5,316.01

Respectfully submitted

Heather Bishop

Zone 6 Treasurer

ZONE 6 WOMEN GOLF - 2024 EXECUTIVE REPORT

Area of Responsibility	Zone 6 Junior Girls Chair – <i>Vacant Position (October 2023)</i>
Report Date	April 8, 2024
Update <i>(List status of activities)</i>	
<p>Items of importance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With the two Zone 6 Women's vacancies of the Junior Girls Chair and the one Assistant, the Zone program is challenged to encourage and promote Zone 6 Junior Girls' golf. 2. The Junior Girls Chair works with the assistance of the BC Golf Development Program and support of the Zone Executive, as well as the Zone 6 Juniors (Wanda Cullen). 3. With the recent BCGA announcements, the following information relates directly to Junior Boys and Junior Girls: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. British Columbia Summer Games (BCSG) qualifiers will be held in Maple Ridge from July 18 to July 21, for competitors in the age range 12 to 16 as of July 20, 2024. b. BC Golf is hosting a Regional Camp on April 26 and April 27 at Pheasant Glen Golf. Open to BC Golf Junior members ages 11 to 16. c. Any questions reach out to Colin Lavers colinlaversgolf@gmail.com or Elizabeth Dunn elizabeth@britishcolumbiagolf.org 4. As background, the British Columbia Golf Zone 6 Junior Web Site is the property of BC Golf Zone 6 Junior Committee, under the authority of Zone 6 Mens Golf. Wanda Cullen is the Zone 6 Junior Contact. For the Junior Tour 2024, there is a change in the Junior Tour this year, which no longer has a Spring and Summer Tour, as it will be combined into one Junior Tour. (See brochure for more details.) 	
Projects Pending <i>(Identify particulars)</i>	
Zone 6 Women's Golf members must promote the importance of Junior Girls' golf and assist with finding someone to lead this role.	
Overall Objectives <i>(Define topics)</i>	
The future of golf is in the hands of the youth. Be of assistance and help us to move forward.	
Key Concerns <i>(Specify details)</i>	
Good things happen when we work together. The future of Zone 6 Women is in your hands.	

ZONE 6 COURSE RATING REPORT FOR SPRING 2024 CAPTAINS MEETING

Zone 6 team rating is a joint effort between the Zone 6 Men's and Ladies groups.

This year we have 6 courses to rate, and with the new changes made to the WHS rating and Handicapping effective starting in January of 2024, for next year we will have par 3 courses to rate also.

The courses are being re rated this year.

Pheasant Glen, Cottonwood, Seven Hills, Campbell River golf and country club, Quadra and Winchelsea.

The relative difficulty of a golf course is determined jointly by Golf Canada and the provincial golf association using the WHS Course Rating System which is administered by Golf Canada.

Specially trained course rating teams evaluate the difficulty of a golf course based on such variables as length and number of obstacle factors, (e.g. topography, bunkers, lateral and crossing obstacles, severity of the rough ect)

All Zone 6 raters will be getting or renewing their certification before rating a course.

Only Golf Canada member courses are permitted to use the World Handicap System and Course Rating System.

The most pressing issue facing the ladies course rating is the issue of the cost.

Submitted by

Marge Bibby

Course rater zone 6 Ladies

2025 ZONE 6 RULES COMMITTEE REPORT – WOMEN

Susie Youle, long time Zone 6 Rules Committee member and chair, is taking a break for the 25-26 golf season. Susie will continue to help out as a referee but has stepped down as Chair. Gerry Gillis has assumed that position for the season. Barb Creek will continue as a member of the team and Kathy Black is working on her Level 2 certification and will participate in some of the tournaments in the zone in order to complete the on course hours required for certification.

Congratulations to Susie Youle and Milda Karen-Byng who both recertified for their level 3 certification by taking on the training program and writing the challenging level 3 test. Well done. Level 3 is required to referee at National Competitions. Milda will be refereeing in the Sunshine Coast region and Susie on the island.

The new season is off to an interesting start with several clubs requesting rules clinics. Susie and Barb Creek will try out a new format with the Mt. Brenton Women in early April and will share the results with the Executive. Gerry and possibly Susie will be holding a traditional clinic at Crown Isle in early June. Crown Isle will invite surrounding clubs to join. Mike, Tim, Barb and Susie will be conducting a rules clinic at the Nanaimo course on May 29.

The Zone Rules Committee met on the 26th and allocated referees to the particular zone tournaments.

Clubs are encouraged to request the Zone for rules clinics.