

## **BURNABY MOUNTAIN LADIES GOLF CLUB**

### **SPRING GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON – MARCH 4, 2008**

**Executive in Attendance:** Joan Walker, Captain  
Leslie Ingram, Secretary  
Moe Clouston, Treasurer  
Mae Wuttunee, Membership  
Elaine Chang, Tournaments  
Betty Johnston, Rules  
Stephanie Templeton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain  
Joan Jeffries and Nellie Stewart, Draw  
Barbara Collins, Social

**Executive Absent:** Gael Porter, Vice-Captain  
Maxine Rayner, Handicap  
Marlene Tansley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Captain

The Spring General Meeting and Luncheon was held on March 4, 2008 at the Eagle Creek Restaurant with 77 members present. The meeting commenced at 10:10 with Joan Walker in the Chair.

#### **Opening Comments**

Joan Walker welcomed everyone back to Burnaby Mountain and wished them a great season.

Mae Wuttunee introduced the seven new members, six of whom were in attendance. The new members are Sue Bunten, Joan Krop, Marion McCluskie, Shirley Redahl, Glady Smith, Marlene Westerlund, and Jeanette Young.

Barb Collins welcomed the social members: Jean Banfield, Betty Forsyth, Rosie Kami, Lucy Labentsoff, Dorothy Pastro, Marg Prior, and Elsie Snider. Tillie Burger was unable to attend.

Joan Walker introduced the two new executives: Leslie Ingram as Secretary and Elaine Chang as Tournament Chair. She thanked Mary Tahara for her work as Secretary over the last two years, and Gael Porter for her continued involvement as she moves from Tournament Chair to Vice-Captain.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Leslie Ingram read the minutes from the Fall Meeting and Luncheon held on October 30, 2007. Joan Walker asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were noted. Barb Kromm moved and Gerry Abrams seconded that the Minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

Joan Walker indicated there were two follow-on business items resulting from the minutes.

- The suggestion to change the date of the Spring Meeting and Luncheon was discussed at the Spring Executive Meeting and the idea of postponing was not well received. If any member wishes to pursue the idea, it must be put forward, in writing, to the Executive, prior to the Fall Meeting in order to have the item revisited at that time.

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- The Fall Social was also discussed at the Spring Executive Meeting and no decision was made. The topic will be revisited at the next Executive Meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Moe Clouston reported that the starting bank balance as of October 31, 2007 was \$4,449.55. Income since then has been \$9,250.70 (including \$9,200 in 2008 membership dues) and expenses have been \$4,605.55 (including \$1,870.25 for the Fall Luncheon and \$2,419.20 in BCGA Fees for 2008). The current balance is \$9,094.70 and there is \$9.44 in petty cash.

Veronica Paulus moved and Marie Thomson seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read. Carried.

### **Captain's Report**

Joan Walker circulated and read an Important Notice to all Members of the Burnaby Mountain Ladies Golf Club describing concerns about no-shows and last minute cancellations on Ladies Day. Members are asked to phone one of the Draw Masters at least 24 hours in advance if canceling. If an emergency happens after 6 p.m. Monday, the member is asked to contact the Pro Shop directly. Members are also asked to show up well ahead of their tee-times (one half hour or more) to ensure they are ready at the first tee when their names are called. Any member who does not cancel in advance or continually arrives late for her tee time will receive a verbal warning. Any member with a second offence will receive a written warning. The third time, the member will be placed at the end of the draw until further notice. In the event of rain, members are asked to either show up or phone the Pro Shop to check conditions. Not showing up and not phoning is not acceptable.

Joan reported that, thanks to the efforts of the Burnaby Mountain Senior Men (Frank Blair in particular) and Stephanie Templeton from our Club, we are now on-line with the RCGA handicap system. A copy of the RCGA Network Quick Start Guide was provided to each member when they arrived at the meeting. Leslie Ingram and Audrey Lindsay will be assisting Maxine Rayner on the Handicap Committee in rolling out use of the system.

Leslie Ingram provided a brief overview of the system telling the members that:

- The computer in the Clubhouse is on the RCGA system. The Ladies Golf Membership has been activated with minimal personal information, and some, but not full, scoring history has been loaded for all members as of the end of 2007. New members are not yet on and will be added by Maxine towards the end of March.
- The System Administrator will be Maxine Rayner with support from Leslie and Audrey Lindsay.
- There are two ways to access the system – as a Kiosk from the Clubhouse computer and as the full RCGA system from a home computer. The Kiosk system is very much like the old system and allows members to enter and review scores and see their handicap information. The full system, available at home, allows members to enter scores, check handicaps, print reports, get loads of statistics, update personal information, provide a personal preference profile, “network” with other golfers who are members of RCGA, and access a vast amount of golf related information including the Rules Book and the Rules of Handicapping.
- The handout provided at the front desk gives each member their personal Username and Password. This is all that is needed to use the Kiosk in the Clubhouse, and will allow entry into the full system at home after updating mandatory personal information. It was

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recommended that each person change their password and provide only the minimal amount of personal information when they first start to use the system at home.

- Maxine, Audrey and Leslie will be providing support and answering questions in the Clubhouse every Ladies Golf Day throughout March. The goal is to have members comfortable using the system in whatever way(s) they want by the end of March.

Joan thanked Barb Kromm, who, once again, published the membership roster booklet for us. She asked everyone to check the information to see if it was correct. The following corrections were noted:

- Diane Sentes and Shirley Neilsen are in the book twice
- Grace Park's phone number should be 341-1919
- Timmie Marr's phone number should be 294-5653
- Vicky Niccoli's postal code should be V5A 3L2
- Irene Wilson has a new address: 204-700 Klahanie Dr., Pt. Moody V3H 5L3

### **Vice Captain's Report**

Gael Porter was not in attendance. Joan Walker reported that she expected Gael would have wanted to tell everyone to continue with their fine penmanship.

### **Membership Report**

Mae Wuttunee reported that we accepted 7 new members and now have 37 names on the wait list.

### **Handicap Report**

Maxine Rayner was not in attendance. Joan Walker reported that she was sure Maxine would have wanted to remind everyone that they must post every game they play at Burnaby or any other course unless there is a sign stating otherwise. Anyone who has returned from vacation in the South is obligated to post those games, as is anyone who has played in BC since the first of March if that particular course is posting. Members playing Team must post all team games whether they putted out or not.

### **Tournament's Report**

Elaine Chang reported she will be working with Theresa Choi this year. There will be one minor change in the tournaments from last year – the two round Past Captain's tournament in September will be an eclectic competition (one eighteen hole score using the best score from each of the two rounds). She reminded everyone to mark their calendars with the dates of the tournaments and try to schedule their other plans around these dates. The information about birdies and chip-ins will be kept in a manual in the Clubhouse rather than noted on the boards.

### **Rules Report**

Betty Johnston asked any member who wanted a copy of the new Rule Book for 2008 to add their name to the sign-up sheet. She will order the appropriate number of copies and distribute them when they arrive. The books will cost \$5 each and the cost is to be paid by the member. She emphasized the importance of knowing the rules and said they tend to change every four years and this is the year. The major rule change of note is the right to identify your ball in a hazard. This means there will be a penalty if you hit the wrong ball out of a hazard. There are still some problems with the staking on the fourteenth hole and she will be asking the Pro Shop to ensure there is marking put on the right hand side off the tee box.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain's Report**

Stephanie Templeton asked those members who want to play Team and have not yet signed up to put their name on the sign-up form at the front desk. She emphasized that all members who play Team must post scores in a timely manner and keep their handicap current. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Games are as shown in the roster book.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Team Captain's Report**

Marlene Tansley was not in attendance. Stephanie Templeton reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Games are as shown in the roster book with one change. Burnaby will be home to Shaughnessy on June 24<sup>th</sup> (not having a bye) and the bye will be August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Draw Report**

Joan Jeffries reported that she and Nellie Stewart are on their second season of preparing the draw. They take turns each month but contacting either one is fine. Sign-up sheets for March play were circulated. Members wanting to play March 11<sup>th</sup> will be contacted with their tee time by phone. Times for the rest of March will be posted at the Clubhouse. They may also be available through the Burnaby Golf website but this isn't certain – Burnaby's website is undergoing revisions and the procedure to put information on the site is still being worked on. Members were reminded not to change the draw on the outside of the Clubhouse, and to phone if there is a red line through the sign-up sheet inside if they want to make a change. The red line indicates the information has already been taken and is being put into the draw. Members were asked to mark holidays with an H and make checks clear. Joan and Nellie monitor the pairings for the first and last few groups to ensure adequate mixing of people and times but do not check every pairing and time. If a member feels they are not getting an appropriate mix, they are asked to let one of the Draw Masters know. Also, if a member wants to play with a particular other person (once or twice in a year) please say something and the request will be honoured if possible. The draw is completed and e-mailed to the Pro Shop no later than Saturday noon (this was later corrected to Friday at noon). The members were asked to please provide cancellations and/or changes before noon on Friday. After the draw is set, cancellations and changes are to be phoned to the Draw Master by 6 p.m. Monday or to the Pro Shop after that.

Joan also stated that she and Nellie enjoy doing the draw. This elicited much laughter.

### **Social Report**

Barb Collins welcomed everyone back and thanked them for keeping her informed of any sicknesses or bereavements amongst the members. She asked members to let her know if they hear about any of these major events and not to assume someone else has already told her. She reminded every one to fill in the sign-up sheet at the front desk with their e-mail address if they have one.

### **New Business**

Joan Walker discussed the security concern with printing addresses in the membership roster. She asked the membership to consider whether to make a motion to change this.

Bessie Low moved and Eunice Chomos seconded that we delete the addresses from the roster. There was discussion about the ability to get the address through reverse phone number look-up on the internet (for listed phone numbers) and access to addresses and phone numbers on the RCGA system. The motion was carried.

### **Announcements**

Joan Walker announced that Don Mark will join us for lunch. She also:

- Told the membership that any member who belongs to more than one club is entitled to a refund by contacting BCGA directly (phone Shirley Simmons-Doyle at 604 279-2580 or email her at [Shirley@bcga.org](mailto:Shirley@bcga.org)).
- Asked anyone who has photos taken at golf meetings, team play, etc, especially for 1998, 1999, or 2000 to contact Barb Kromm who is putting together an album.
- Indicated we will be golfing on July 1<sup>st</sup> this year and will have to pay weekend rates.
- Asked everyone to put their names in for the draw for a gift certificate for golf lessons with Dave Crosby (kindly donated by him)
- Reminded people to pickup any prizes left over from the fall

With nothing further to report or discuss, Veronica Paulus moved the business portion of the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m. Carried.

The membership then moved to the deck where Barb Kromm took a series of group photos.

At noon, Don Mark joined the luncheon and welcomed the new members to the course and the old members back. He discussed the plans for the new driving range and indicated the work is underway. He said the Course is in good condition and they are working to fix any staking problems but to let them know if attention is needed. They are reworking all of the sand traps including the practice facility. Some of the pros are planning on playing with us for part of our rounds this year and they hope to set up a 'beat the pro day'. The majority of the staff are back, although Adam has moved on to another line of work and Igor has graduated and is pursuing his career. They have hired two new pros (Jimmy and Brian). Pace of play, which is an ongoing concern in any club, is mostly good but there are some days when it is not. He asked us to keep the pace of play requirements in mind. He also mentioned the no-show issue but said he knew Joan Walker had addressed this earlier. There are some new golf carts but still no single rate. The Pro Shop also understands the need for some to play only nine holes but he wanted to remind us that

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this not encouraged normally. He has started doing clinics Wednesday mornings at 8:00a.m (\$10.50 for an hour of instruction and practice). He asked the membership if there was a preferred day or time to let Joan know and he will schedule a session (if there are at least six people).

Nelly Stewart asked about the problem with the air pressure cleaners. Don indicated it was a problem in getting parts and they are working fine now. They are planning to put out a bucket of water for cleaning clubs

Nelly also brought up the issue with the geese. Don said they are doing what they can and have three dogs working on the course.

The following lunch was excellent. Leslie Watson won the draw for golf lessons. Virginia Tanaka won the 50/50.

Respectfully submitted

Leslie Ingram