

**Minutes of
Arbutus Ridge Ladies Club
Opening Day Meeting
April 17, 2018**

1. Welcome & Introductions – Cyndi Powers:

- Cyndi welcomed the returning and new members and introduced the 2018 Executive.
- Jody Jackson, our pro, welcomed the ladies to a new season and spoke about lessons and initiatives by the club to enhance the golf experience.

2. Lunch

3. **Call Meeting to Order** – Cyndi Powers called the meeting to order at 13:45 pm.

4. **Andy Hajer/Head Professional & Richard Ingle/ARGC General Mgr:**

- Andy Hajer our Head Professional gave a brief outline of what the course has planned for the year. He asked about interest in a Mystery Trip and the price that our members would consider paying for a "day away to play". It will probably be on a Thursday in August. There was interest at a cost not exceeding about \$150.00. He further mentioned the availability of our team shirts in the Pro Shop at a cost of \$49.99 plus tax.
- Richard Ingle then welcomed the ladies to a new season.
 - He reminded everyone that the AR Invitational is May 5/6, 2018 and asked members to consider volunteering to assist with spotting, scoring, etc.
 - He spoke about the moving of the 150 yard markers to the side of the fairways to assist with ease in mowing and at the request of some members to the MAC.
 - New carpets are being done throughout the clubhouse on the evening of the 18th of April.
 - Richard also updated on the new golf shop personnel as well as our newly promoted Superintendent.
 - Further reminded everyone that there are Member Calendars available with a pen, in the office for all members.

5. **ARGC Member Kick-off Tournament (MOJO):** Sharon Boulton:

- Our Club Pros will be the Captains for the annual Kickoff Tournament. It will be held on May 3, 2018. Two person teams, best net score per hole.

6. **Golfers For Cancer Tournament:** Sally Giles

- It is the 29th Anniversary of the tournament. Entry forms are available. The courses will be Mount Brenton, Cowichan and Arbutus Ridge. The dinner will be at Arbutus Ridge this year. The date is June 8, 2018.

7. **Captains Report:** Cyndi Powers

- **2018 Season** – Other than the less than desirable weather we've been experiencing the past few weeks, the season is off to a great start. We have seven new members joining us already, and there are a few other ladies who have expressed interest to join this year once their schedules allow it. 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the Arbutus Ridge Golf Course. Our slogan for the year 'Time to PAR tee' was chosen because of this milestone. Back in 1988, Pat Collins and Mary Laverty, long time members of the Ladies Golf Club, worked with the Pro Shop in setting aside Tuesday mornings for Ladies Golf. 8 ladies played regularly that year. By 1989 that number had grown to 54 and it became a more structured club. Three of these ladies, ladies who have lived in Arbutus Ridge since 1988, are Gail Wright, Kathleen Wood, and Brenda Osborne. Unfortunately Brenda can't be with us today but happily Gail and Kathleen are. Please give these ladies a round applause for their support and dedication to the Arbutus Ridge Ladies Golf Club over the past 30 years. Gail and Kathleen presented with logo 30 Year wine glasses.
- **Handbook** – Each member should have a 2018 Handbook in front of them. There is a lot of information in the handbook, so it is a good resource. There will be a link to it on the website as well. If you need clarification on anything please don't hesitate to ask me or one of the other Executive members. I want to thank Marilyn Carter for all the work she's done putting this year's book together. This is the second year she's volunteered to do it and we really appreciate it.
- **Motions Document** –Marilyn Carter took on a project last year that had her reading through all the minutes from our Opening Day meetings, our AGM's, or Executive meetings since 1989 to present. We now have a document available that lists all the motions, in chronological order, that have been made and carried at any of those meetings since 1989. Going forward it will be the responsibility of the Secretary to update this living document with any new motions going forward. It certainly will be a great resource for new Executive teams going forward. The document has been linked to the website if anyone would like to look at it. Again, thank you to Marilyn Carter for taking on this initiative.

- **Captain's Gift** – Hopefully everyone can make use of the ball cleaning cloth that you found at your place setting. It has a hook on it so it can be attached to a belt loop. If your golf skirt or pants doesn't have a belt loop then I would suggest attaching it with a large safety pin. It works for me. I want to give a big thank you to Mardie Austman who helped me cut the squares. She not only saved me hours of cutting, but they're a lot prettier too.
- **Presentation to 2017 Captain** – Sandra Strump, presents Captain's gift to Virginia Goodings-Wolfe. Sandra was not available at the October 2017 AGM to make the presentation then. Past Captain Sandra Strump presented our last year's captain, Virginia Goodings-Wolfe with a gift of thanks.

8. **Vice-Captain/Interclub Report:** Sharon Boulton

- Explanation of the Ringer Book, Chip Ins and Birdies as per previous years.
- Thanks to the many signups for the Interclub. Priority will be given to those ladies who will be available to play both the home and away games on each course.
- Sharon again mentioned the availability of our Ladies Team shirts at the Proshop.

9. **Tournament Report:** Myra Jones

- Introduced the tournament committee.
- Match Play will be in place this year. Adele Manz is heading this up. There will be a minimum of 8 teams required. This will be done by Blind draw. Maximum handicap factor of 43. It will start end of May and finish by end of June. Teams are to arrange their own games. If, after 3 attempts, the match cannot be played, winner will be decided by coin toss. This will be strictly enforced.
- Eclectic will be June 19 and June 26. Players have the opportunity to improve their score on a hole by hole basis on the second day of play.
- Diamond Stableford will be as per previous years with draws for teams and betting on the winners.
- Sr./Super Senior Tournament will be July 17 and July 24. Individual stroke play with lunch and presentations after the play on the 24th.
- Arbutus Ridge Championship Tournament will be August 25 and 26th and will be run by our club pros.
- Motion for re-designation of the Whale Trophy: Barbara Bertagnolli asked that the motion be amended from as written to show what the trophy was prior to this new designation.

Moved by Myra Jones, seconded by Diane Cook THAT the retired Whale Trophy, previously awarded to the Ladies Match Play Flight 3 Winner, be reinstated and awarded to the Low Gross winner of the Senior/SuperSenior tournament. Motion Carried.

The motion will be added to our Motions Document.

10. Treasurers Report: Marilyn Carter

- Bank balance is just under \$650.00; Fees have been increased as approved; we have 43 members of which 7 are new.
- Our Captain, Cyndi reminded members that Marilyn has been approved for a medical exemption as she is having surgery. She is a paid member of MAC, Golf Canada, and Ladies Club.

11. Webmaster Report: Sally Giles

- The auto response function for Tuesday Signup is now live but she is looking for how to get a better return message confirmation.
- The Minutes page has been amended to include past motions and information regarding our trophies.
- The Calendar has been updated for 2018.
- There has been a page added with information from the Vancouver Island Senior Ladies Association (VISGLA) Annual Tournament which is commonly referred to as Buttons. A history of the VISGLA is now on the page. There will be additions regarding rules of play and general information.
- Members List will be updated, so if any ladies have changes, please let Miriam know.
- 2018 Handbook will replace the 2017 Handbook.
- Some issues with the Registration Page relative to increase in fees occurred and changes will be made for 2019.
- Sally is looking into any changes that might make signup easier. She is happy to hear input from members.

12. Rules & Handicap: Deirdre Zlomanchuk

- Deirdre will continue with the weekly "Did You Know" email on rules.
- She asks everyone to please enter scores in a timely manner. When playing, please keep your own scores, on a hole by hole basis, in case of discrepancy.
- Seminar on new rules will likely be in the fall.
- Deirdre will be tracking the Pin Rounds in 2018. It is an RCGA award.
- The Golden Plate will be awarded end of year for the biggest Handicap Reduction of the year. You must play in at least 40% of Tuesday's Ladies Days to qualify for the competition.

13. Draw Chair Report: Nancy Pidzamecky

- Proximity Winners for April 3 and April 10th pre-season rounds for KP on number 9. Lois Stoppler and Diane Cook received a sleeve of balls each.

- Opening Day Proximity Winners announced. Chrissie Chandler won the KP on Hole #9 and Katie McFadden won Closest to the Pin on #2.
- Deadline for signup to play on Tuesdays is Friday prior at 2:00pm. Once the draw has been completed, there will be no additions – the teams are put together based on handicaps, etc.

14. **Zone 5 Report** – Cyndi Powers:

- **Tournaments** – Look at the boards in the locker room. There is entire section for all of the Zone 5 tournaments. Plus, another large board that has events being hosted at other clubs. It is a big year for the Zone 5 Four-Some tournament as it's celebrating its 70th year. The organizers have lowered the registration fee to \$200 per team for 2018 in celebration of this milestone. There are paper registration forms available for the events. If there is only one left please get a copy made at the office so we will always have one available.
- **New rules review session** – Trevor Brown, who is a Level 4 Rules official, has made an offer to ARGC to do an overview session of the new rules that are coming into effect in January 2019. The Men's and Ladies' Executives have agreed that this should take place in late September or early October. The Club will communicate the date for this session once it has been organized.

15. **Door Prizes**

- Door Prizes were awarded which were Wine Glasses with the 30 year Arbutus Ridge Logo and the Golf Club Necklace. Door prizes will be given out at each lunch during the season.

No other new business brought forth from the membership.

Meeting called at 2:36 pm.

Next luncheon and informal meeting following golf on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

Wear your Club Colors!!!!