

**Minutes of  
Arbutus Ridge Ladies Club  
Opening Day Meeting  
April 18, 2017**

1. Welcome & Introductions – Virginia Goodings-Wolfe

- Richard Ingle – General Manager gave a brief outline of what the ARGC has planned for the 2017 season. The MoJo will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the Arbutus Ridge Open on the weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and he requested volunteers to help make the tournament run successfully. This year they will be starting to run some clinics once per month with 16 spots available. Richard introduced team members Andy Hajer, Jody Jackson, Jayme Young, and Mason LaFrance who recently became a PGA. Richard also informed us that Jason Lowe is enjoying his new position in Whistler and his family are settling into the new lifestyle.
- Andrew Hajer – ARGC Head Professional thanked everyone for the warm welcome he received and he is looking forward to working with the Ladies Club and is planning to organize a Ladies Mystery Tour for later in the year.
- Jody Jackson – GBC Golf Academy Instructor gave a brief summary of what she has planned for the coming year including a Yoga for Golf which will run on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Ladies Locker Room at a cost of \$10.00 per class with a maximum of 10 participants.

2. Call Meeting to Order – Virginia Goodings-Wolfe

- Welcomed all in attendance and apologized for cancelling the game of golf due to rain.
- Virginia stated she was honored to have excellent members on the executive this year and looks forward to working with everyone.

3. Captain's Report – Virginia Goodings-Wolfe

- Handbook - Virginia introduced the 2017 handbook pointing out that this year's theme "Fun with Friends on the Fairways" was described on Page 2, with a reminder that Pace of Play is always strived for.
- Please accept the draw as assigned and don't ask to be put with certain people or not to play with certain people.
- Know the rules and if unsure of a ruling please ask our Rules Chairperson who is very knowledgeable and will get back to you if she is unable to answer the question right away.
- Presented Cyndi Power with a hole in one pin for the hole in one she got while playing interclub at Cordova Bay.
- Stated that she had a Breaking 90 Pin for Verena Westbrook who was unable to attend today's meeting.

4. Vice Captain's Report – Cyndi Powers

• Interclub

We have 5 Interclub matches scheduled for the 2017 season. Cedar Hill Golf Club advised us late last year that they would not be participating in Interclub matches with us going forward. The reason given was the drive "up island". Fortunately, around the same time Olympic View approached us asking if we would like to participate in Interclub matches with them this year. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 10  
Friday, May 26

Mount Brenton at Arbutus Ridge  
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Wednesday, June 7	Arbutus Ridge at Cowichan
Thursday, June 15	Cowichan at Arbutus Ridge
Thursday, June 29	Arbutus Ridge at Olympic View
Wednesday, July 5	Olympic View at Arbutus Ridge
Wednesday, July 12	Arbutus Ridge at Nanaimo
Wednesday, August 2	Nanaimo at Arbutus Ridge
Wednesday, August 9	Cordova Bay at Arbutus Ridge
Tuesday, August 22	Arbutus Ridge at Cordova Bay

The sign-up sheets for all matches will be posted at the beginning of the season this year. This will allow members to sign-up around their personal schedules.

- Ringer Board

There will be a change in the way the Ringer Board results are calculated this year. The competition will be based on low gross scores, and there will be at least 2 flights (the number of flights based on the number of participants).

A Ringer “Binder”, instead of a Ringer Board, will be used to record your scores. Some members found the Ringer Board cumbersome to use so we will try this different format for 2017. The Ringer Binder will be found on the desk inside the alcove in the locker room.

- Team Shirts

We have new Ladies 18 Hole Golf Club team shirts this year. Samples have been available in the Pro Shop since November. Members wishing to purchase the new club shirt need to advise Cyndi by end of day April 18, 2017. Cost \$49.99.

5. Treasurer’s Report – Marilyn Carter

- We currently have 42 registered members. Hopefully we will have 50 members registered soon.
- Our bank account is sitting at \$876.00

6. Secretary – Dora Dunlop

- No Report

7. Web Page – Sally Giles

- Web Page is working well

8. Tournament Chair – Myra Jones

- This year’s tournament committee consists of Chrissy Chandler, Katie McFadden, Adele Manz and Carrol Harlan.
- As you know, our main tournaments are the 4-Ball Match Play, the Eclectic, the Stableford and the Net Tournaments. Participation in the Golden Girls tournament has declined these past years, and was therefore cancelled in 2016.
- We do not want to lose the tradition of the Golden Girls Tournament but must address the diminished number of participants. As per discussions at the AGM last September, the Executive Committee would like to propose a tournament that would combine participants in one event under the heading Senior / Super Senior Tournament. This tournament would be held on two consecutive Tuesdays in September.

The overall Low Gross winner would receive a new trophy, and the Dogwood Cup would go to the overall Low Net winner of the tournament. The Golden Girls Trophy would be awarded to the Lowest Net winner in the "70 & over" age group.

Potentially, the same person could win the Dogwood Cup as well as the Golden Girls Trophy!

- Most of the ladies are very familiar with the existing tournaments, but for the benefit of new members I will give a brief run-down.
- First up is the 4-Ball Match Play Tournament.  
The sign-up sheet will be posted in the locker room and we request you commit to this by May 11th. You may pick your own partner and we will do the draw by May 19th. If not enough players sign up we will run a Round Robin style – awarding 2 points for a Win, 1 point for a Tie and 0 points for a Loss. The Team with the most points will be our winners, and the winners announced at the AGM.
- Next tournament is the Eclectic to be held June 20th and June 27th:  
This is a 2-day tournament where you have a chance to improve your score, hole by hole, on the second day of play. The Crystal Bowl Trophy will be awarded to the winner at the reception following the second round of golf.
- The Diamond Cup Stableford is on July 25th and July 27th:  
Another 2-day tournament with teams of 4 players, recording the two best scores on each hole using the Stableford scoring system.

There will be a cocktail party on July 17th to select the Teams – betting will start following the Team selection.

- The Senior/Super Senior Tournament date (formerly the Net Tournament) has been moved ahead one week and will take place on September 5th and 12th: This is two rounds of individual stroke play. The winners will be announced at the lunch following the 2nd day of play.
- Also of note, the Club Championship this year will be held on August 19th and 20th. New this year will be a Short Game Challenge (from 80 yards in) on Friday the 18th. This is a great tournament run by the professional staff in the Pro Shop and we encourage all our members to participate.

The Tournament Committee's goal is to encourage as many players as possible to just go out and play and enjoy the game of golf.

#### 9. Draw Chair – Judy Huska

- Draw Committee this year:  
Moirra Lucas  
Barbara Bertagnolli  
Linda Williamson  
Gale Ellis  
Carol Grant  
Nancy Pidzamecky

I look forward to working each week with these awesome volunteers!

- Sign up:  
Sign up is on line or on the sheets in the locker room  
On line sign up available for 3 weeks in advance  
Please try to sign up in a timely manner -Sign up ends on Friday at 2 PM - for the following Tuesday  
Handicaps are taken from the Golf Canada website Friday evening or Saturday morning
- Draw:  
Draw will be emailed out Saturday or Sunday mornings – and will be posted in the locker room and given to the proshop. Please check in to the proshop before your round  
We will be starting at 08:30 for April and May. In June the time will change to 08:03.
- Results and prizes  
Results will be emailed to all and posted in the ladies locker room  
There are 9 individual and 10 team games  
Prizes are awarded to the top 3 in each of 3 flights for individual games, or top 3 teams in team games- \$5.00 for winner, \$4.00 for 2nd place, \$3.00 for 3rd place  
Winnings will be posted to your credit book
- Toonie Pot:  
We have some fun toonie pot events for this year!  
A toonie jar and sign-up sheet will be placed at the desk in the proshop – please sign up there when you check in for your game  
We will try to catch you after the game for your winnings – or your winnings can be picked up in your file in the proshop.

#### 10. Rules & Handicap Chair – Deirdre Zlomanchuk

- My job as Rules Chair is to help all of you with the rules of golf, and by knowing them can help you play your best golf! If you have any queries about an incident during your round, or a question about a procedure, email me and I will be happy to help you out. If I don't know the ruling, I will find out for you.
- To assist you with this, I email a "Did You Know" each week which outlines a rule, tips on the course, and procedures in various scenarios that might take place during a round. I also might present a question that one of our ladies has posed, as it might assist others with the same query.
- Handicap is the second part of my job. I record all the scores each week, and monitor the scoring and recording of your scores on the Golf Canada scoring site. I will notify you by email if there is an error (and trust me ALL of us make them!), so don't worry or be offended because you have been contacted!  
To assist me, please record your scores as soon as possible (best to get in the habit of recording on the day that you play), as I do the scoring soon after each round.
- As Tuesday play has many team games, it's important to keep your own score card so that you are able to enter your round correctly. Be sure to put in your adjusted score (which is established according to your handicap)

ex. If your handicap is between 20-29, your adjusted score to put in for handicap purposes only, would be a 8 on any hole. Your score might be 98 for the round, but as you had “an over” on one hole, say a 10...you would record 96 as your adjusted score when putting it into the system. So, your score for the round was 98, but your adjusted score was 96. If you are unsure how to do this, don't hesitate to call me and I can go over it with you.

- Another duty for me is keeping track of pin rounds and fewest putts. There is an award for the lowest net rounds on those days, sponsored by the RCGA. Remember that on those days, one must putt out each hole and no “pick ups” and taking max on a hole. We also have a trophy for the golfer with the fewest putts over a number of these rounds.
- Lastly, there is the Golden Plate Trophy awarded to the female Ladies member golfer with the greatest reduction in handicap (Improvement factor), over the golfing year from September of 2016 to September of 2017.
- To be eligible for any yearly prizes, you must golf 40% of the Tuesday Ladies Days.
- On another note, the USGA, and the R&A, are giving the Rules of Golf a “make-over”! They are reducing the number of rules (34 to 24) and trying to make the rules book a little easier read. After reading over all of the proposed changes, I for one think that it will do nothing but make the game easier and faster to play and score. Right now, any golfer can access these proposed changes online, make comments about liking or not liking any proposals and even putting in suggestions for other ideas that you might have. We have until the end of August, 2017 to comment on these proposed changes, and then between that date and the end of 2017, they will assimilate all the suggestions and start to write the new rules book throughout 2018, and finally, presenting the new rules for implementation in Jan.2019.

Don't worry about learning the new rules: after viewing them, everything is just way easier and shouldn't prove any problem for golfers to learn.

11. Motion – I, Cyndi Powers move to discontinue the ARLGC \$50.00 payout for a Hole in One on Ladies Days (The member would still receive the \$50.00 payout from ARGC/MAC).

Seconded: Dora Dunlop

Discussion took place the motion was carried.

If anyone has ideas on how to recognize a member of the Ladies Club who received a Hole in One on Ladies day please forward that information to a member of the executive and it will be discussed at the Executive Meeting.

12. New Business:

- Tee Times will be at 8:30 am at least until the end of May
- MoJo Tournament – Judy Huska gave a review on the upcoming MoJo tournament and horse race to be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. This year will be a celebration of Canada's 150 anniversary. Signup sheets were placed at the back of the room for anyone to sign up for and they would be then put on the Bulletin Board downstairs. Everyone is encouraged to attend this fun tournament.
- Zone 5 Events & Tournaments – Marg Rogers

A brief over view on Zone 5 was given and if anyone would like more information for Zone 5 they have an excellent Web Site that gives you all the information you would ever want to know.

There are 16 golf clubs covered in Zone 5 and the zone 5 committee is a team of eight volunteers working on behalf of Golf BC to promote, support and expand women's golf in the Zone.

Meetings are held in the Spring, Midsummer and the Annual General Meeting is in the fall.

13. Other Business: None

14. Next Luncheon and Informal Meeting - following golf on Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

15. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Note:

Following the adjournment of the meeting, informal discussions took place regarding the proposed format for the Senior / Super Senior Tournament. It was felt that there should be one tournament recognizing the Senior Low Gross winner, the Senior Low Net winner and the Super Senior winner. If a winner qualified to win in more than one category, they would receive the more major award and the next best golfer in line would be awarded.