

**Minutes of
Arbutus Ridge Ladies Club
Opening Day Meeting
April 19, 2016**

1. Welcome & Introductions – Marg Graham
 - Jason Lowe – General Manager gave a brief outline of what the ARGC has planned for the 2016 season and the Arbutus Ridge Open on the weekend of April 30th and May 1st, 2016 and requested volunteers to help make the tournament run successfully.
 - Richard Ingle – ARGC Head Professional gave a welcome to everyone and reminded everyone to check into the pro shop prior to arriving at the 1st tee.
 - Jody Jackson – GBC Golf Academy Instructor gave a brief outline of her duties and what she has planned for the coming year. She is going to be offering more Yoga for Golf and also some lessons on the course where you would play 3 or 4 holes with a group of 4

2. Call Meeting to Order @ 1:30 – Marg Graham
 - Attendees introduced themselves around the tables
 - Cyndi Powers provided a brief announcement
 - Thank you to Mike & staff for the lovely buffet lunch that was available as soon as the golfers arrived in the Clubhouse
 - Thank you to all members for attending and congratulations to everyone on scoring a “hole in one” today – your reward is a chocolate “golf ball” treat

3. Captain’s Report – Marg Graham
 - Handbook - Marg introduced the 2016 handbook pointing out that this year’s theme “Graciousness on the Greens” was described on Page 2,
 - the Executive Committee Members were listed on Page 3 and would be pleased to hear from anyone with questions or suggestions (one error was pointed out – Myra’s phone number should have an area code of 778)
 - the Fixture List starts on Page 10 but the 2016 Calendar was posted in the Ladies Locker Room and would also be sent to all members via email
 - Other items in the Handbook will be presented by your Executive Committee members

4. Vice Captain’s Report – Virginia Goodings-Wolfe
 - Interclub
 - As in past years, Arbutus Ridge (AR) Ladies club is participating in Interclub matches between the following clubs: Mount Brenton, Cowichan, Nanaimo, Cedar Hill and Cordova Bay. There is a sign-

up sheet for Mount Brenton on the board in the ladies locker room now. Criteria for choosing ladies to play each match (should there be an abundance of ladies), are: having not played inter-club before at Arbutus Ridge and having not played that particular course in Inter-club before. In addition, every effort will be made to match an inexperienced Inter-club player with an experienced one. While matching handicaps with the other club may be desirable, it is not necessary, as the purpose of a handicap system is to try to ensure an equal playing field. There are some AR club shirts still available in the pro shop in case anyone wants to purchase one.

- Ringer Board, Chip-Ins, Birdies
 - In addition to Inter-club, the Vice Captain role is also responsible for the Ringer Board (instructions are on the board in the locker room and the board will be created once we have all our ladies registered), chip-ins and birdies. The little chits for chip-ins and birdies are also downstairs and should be completed and witnessed by someone who is playing with you. Chip-ins could be entered for today's round but not birdies.
- 5. Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Carter
 - Registration went very well as many pre-registered online and this sped up the process.
 - We currently have 42 registered members. This includes three new members: Carol Grant, Nancy Pidzamecky, & Eleanor McGale.
 - Our bank account is sitting at approximately \$950.
- 6. Secretary/Web Page – Dora Dunlop
 - Some changes have been made to the format of the Tuesday Signup registration form on the web. These changes are working well so far and members are encouraged to use the website to sign up for Tuesday Golf as it helps make the draw committees job easier.
- 7. Tournament Chair – Myra Jones
 - This year's tournament committee consists of Katie McFadden, Adele Manz, Chrissie Chandler and myself as chair person. We have big shoes to fill, as Sandra Strump did an excellent job these past years in organizing our tournaments. I do have to find out where she gets such fresh licorice though! Most of the ladies are very familiar with all the tournaments, but for the benefit of new members I will give a brief run-down.
 - Match Play - 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 12th. You may pick your own partner and we will do the draw by May 20th. 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.

- Eclectic - to be held June 21st and June 28th:
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.
- Diamond Stableford is on July 26th and July 28th: Another 2day 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 18th to select the Teams – betting will start following the Team selection.
- Golden Girls tournament is on August 3rd:
A couple of key things to note on this one. Based on an informal survey conducted last fall, it was requested that this tournament be held on a Wednesday as opposed to being part of the ladies' day draw or Net Tournament. Also, to encourage more participation, it was suggested by some members that the age be reduced to 65 from 70. I would therefore propose the following Motion:

“I Move that the Golden Girls tournament age requirement be reduced to age 65 from 70 on a one-year trial basis.” – discussion - Kathy White objected to the Motion as it was not following procedures in that it was not posted 30 days in advance for the membership to view and adopt. If we were making changes to the awarding of the Golden Girls Trophy we needed to follow procedure. Barbara Bertagnolli came up with a great suggestion that we make two flights: one for 65 to 69 years and the other flight of 70 years and older with the second flight competing for the Golden Girls Trophy. This suggestion was put to a general show of hands and the majority in attendance were in favor of it. This way we can test the participation level this year and make appropriate procedural changes in due course. The motion was therefore withdrawn.

- Net Tournament will be held on September 6th and 13th: This is two rounds of individual stroke play and one of the few tournaments where both days are posted as Tournament scores. The winners will be announced at the lunch following the 2nd day of play
- Arbutus Ridge Golf Club Championship Tournament - Also of note, the Club Championship this year will be held on August 13th and 14th with a Horserace on Friday the 12th. 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. Thank you.
8. Draw Chair – Judy Huska
- Draw Committee this year:
 - Moira Lucas
 - Mardie Austman
 - Cyndi Powers (when available)
 - Barbara Bertagnolli
 - Linda Williamson
 - Gale Ellis

This is my first year doing the draw – I look forward to learning each week with the help of 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 2:00 PM - for the following Tuesday
 - Handicaps are taken from the Golf Canada website Saturday morning
- Draw:
 - Draw will be emailed out Saturday or Sunday mornings – and will be posted in the locker room and given to the pro shop. Please check in to the pro shop 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 an equal number of individual and team games
 - Prizes are awarded to the top 3 in each of 3 flights - \$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!
 - We are trying a new way of doing the toonie pot
 - A toonie jar and sign-up sheet will be placed at the desk in the pro shop – please sign up there!
 - We will try to catch you after the game for your winnings – or your winnings can be picked up at the office downstairs

9. Rules & Handicap Chair – Deirdre Zlomanchuk

- Rules...who would believe that a “fun” game would have so many?! Hence, why my chair exists on this committee! Knowing the rules will help all of us, play fairly as well as taking all the advantages that the rules will afford you during a game of golf. As a new golfer, it sometimes gets a little intimidating to know all these rules but the best way is just to come on out and play your rounds with the ladies. Usually someone in the group will be able to help you out. But if not, please come and speak with me, email or phone me. If I am not able to help you on a ruling, I will find out the answer for you!

Another good way is to attend one of the rules clinic which are put on throughout the season. The next one is this Thursday which will be attended by seven from AR! You can also purchase a rules book for \$5.

Handicapping is the second part of my job. What other game allows a scratch golfer to compete fairly with a 37 handicapper? But in order for everyone to be playing on equal groups, each golfer has the responsibility of entering all scores (I'm talking ALL scores, the good the bad and the ugly!!, 9 or 18 holes) in a timely fashion. You can access the Golf Canada scoring centre through the AR website.

It will ask you to put in your adjusted score: which is simply your score on the hole minus your equitable strokes. For anyone in the 40's that's 10 strokes, 30's 9 strokes, 20's 8, and teens, 7 on any given hole. So, as a 27 handicapper, you might score a 10 on hole 6...your adjusted score on that hole would be 8. You do this adjusting at the end of the round. So if your score was 104, and that was your only hole where you were over, you would subtract those 2 strokes and enter an adjusted score of 102.

As your chair, my responsibility is to monitor these weekly scores. So please don't be offended when you get an email or phone call about your scores entered!! We ALL get a call sometime or other! I'm there to help you if you're not sure what to do! To help me, please put in your weekly and tournament scores, promptly. It's a good idea to get into the habit of putting in your scores as soon as you return home from the golf course.

Another thing is to keep your own score card so that you are able to figure out those equitable strokes.

We also have what are called 6 “pin rounds” sponsored by the RCGA. You will find the info on Pin rounds on pg.8 of your handy dandy AR booklet. As Handicap Chair, I am in charge of figuring out the winner in each handicap grouping.

My last duty as chair is award the most improved golfer which is the gal who lowers her handicap factor the most in 2016. So...put those scores in!

Remember I'm there to help you whether it be rules, scoring or handicapping!

10. Resolutions:

- M/S Marg Graham/Dorothy Leavitt THAT the Eagle Trophy (formerly awarded to the 1st Flight Winner of the Match Play) will be awarded to the winners of the Team Match Play Tournament. Carried
- M/S Marg Graham/Myra Jones THAT the Whale Trophy (formerly awarded to the 3rd Flight Winner of the Match Play) will be retired. Carried
- M/S Marg Graham/Deirdre Zlomanchuk THAT the Salmon Trophy (formerly awarded to the 4th Flight Winner of the Match Play) be discontinued as it can no longer be found. Carried

11. New Business

- MOJO Tournament – Judy Huska - The Member Advisory Committee is pleased to invite all the Arbutus Ridge Golf Club members and guests to the opening MOJO tournament – come play and get your golf MOJO back, meet new people and have fun! The event is Thursday May 5th.

Since golf will be included in the Olympics in Rio this year for the first time in ages, our theme is the Olympics. You will compete for a country – Greece, Russia, Canada, US, Brazil. Come dressed up in their colours, and participate in fun events on some holes such as chip in to the Olympic rings

The format is a 4-man scramble – teams are mixed. 08:30 shotgun start., drinks at 5, dinner and great prizes at 6 with music from around the world to follow.

There will be a horserace starting at 4:30 PM on May 4th, – this is always fun! Sign up for the horserace and the MOJO downstairs on the fun events board.

Hope to see you all there.

- Zone 5 Events & Tournaments – Kathy White gave an update on the Zone 5 Events and Tournaments.

12. Other Business: Marg Graham

- Tee times will be at 8:30 am at least until the end of May changing to 8:00 am in June
- The Arbutus Ridge Golf Club pace of play is 4 ¼ to 4 ½ hours

- Active Season commenced on April 15th but we are still playing Winter Rules.
- The Arbutus Ridge Golf Club has a 72-hour cancellation policy for all scheduled functions with meals.

13. Next Luncheon and Informal Meeting - following golf on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

14. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm