

Hello, Zone 4 Men golf clubs! We appreciate your support and participation, and thought you'd like to learn a

little more about what we've been up to, as well as where we're going.



Above: Trophy-wielding 2024 Amateur champion Dylan Bercan and Mid-Amateur champion Tyson Turchanski with Zone 4's Bill McDonald.

BC Golf's Zone 4 encompasses roughly the western half of Metro Vancouver, as well as the Whistler area and the Sunshine Coast. It's the BCGA's most populous zone, and there's a lot going on here. Do read on—you'll find some things that surprise you as well as important information concerning your club.

Recapping 2024

It was a busy and productive year for Zone 4 Men, with 20 Junior, Senior and Amateur tournaments on tap, not to mention our season-ending Champion of Champions event, which hosted teams consisting of men's, senior men's, women's and junior boy or girl's champions from 17 clubs.

Based on these tournaments we selected and supported teams for BC Golf's provincial championships, emerging as the winning zone in team competition at both the Amateur and Senior tournaments, while also taking individual championships at the Senior and Super-Senior levels.

As well, teams from nine clubs participated all season long in our weekly Players' League.

Here are our 2024 champions

Senior Peter Chen, Richmond Golf and Country Club. Tournament hosted by Beach Grove Golf Club and Richmond Golf and Country Club.

Junior Max Osten, Richmond Golf and Country Club. Tournament hosted by Quichena Golf and Country Club and University Golf Club.

Amateur Dylan Bercan, Marine Drive Golf Club. Tournament hosted by Kings Links By The Sea and Marine Drive Golf Club.

Mid-Amateur Tyson Turchanski, BC Golf Players Club. (Tournament coincidental with Amateur.)

Champion of Champions Richmond Golf and Country Club. Tournament hosted by Seymour Golf and Country Club.

Players League Marine Drive Golf Club.

Want to know more? All our championships are covered on our website. Visit the news section at bcgazone4.org/men to meet our champs and find out more about the tournaments.

Past Champions—These Guys Are Good

We thought you might be interested in how a few of our past champions made out in 2024, so here's a brief sampling:

2010 Amateur Champion **Adam Svensson** placed 76th in the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup race.

2012 Amateur Champion **Stuart MacDonald** graduated to full status on the PGATour Korn Ferry circuit.

2014 Junior and 2016 Amateur Champion **Chris Crislogo** retained status on the PGATour Americas.

2018 Junior Champion **Ilirain Zalli** qualified for the European Challenge Tour with conditional status on the DP World Tour.

2018 Amateur Champion **A.J. Ewart** won a stop on the PGATour Americas.

2019 and 2022 Amateur Champion **Jace Minni** placed fifth in the Washington State Amateur, and won the VGT Vancouver Open.

We hope you agree that this impressive list suggests our tournaments have been effective at identifying top local talents while also playing a role in helping to develop their careers.

Upcoming! The 2025 Season

On our website you'll find our complete 2025 schedule. A heartfelt thanks to all of our host clubs.

There's one notable development we wanted to draw your attention to. As you may be aware, BC Golf has made a significant change to manage entrants in its perennially oversubscribed Senior Championship, requiring zones to qualify most participants, our allotment being 29 entries not otherwise exempt.

In response we've rearranged the dates of our Senior Championship to successive days in May. Twenty qualifiers and ties will advance from this 36-hole championship tournament, with an additional one each from the two successive Seniors Tour tournaments, and the remaining additions, if any, at the committee's discretion. In all cases this refers to players who are not otherwise exempt. We anticipate larger fields in each of these tournaments as a result.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Few dates have been set for 2026, and some sites have yet to be determined, but we do know what many of our host clubs will be, thanks to the previously agreed upon nine-year rotation. If your club appears below, please be in touch with the appropriate Zone 4 Men official when planning for 2026.

Junior (Greg Moody, kylerinn@telus.net): Capilano (2), Shaughnessy, Squamish, Marine Drive, Point Grey, Vancouver, Seymour, Richmond.

Amateur and Mid-Amateur (Bill McDonald, <u>bmcd365@hotmail.com</u>; Lloyd Hikida, lloyd_hikida@telus.net): Kings Links and Shaughnessy

Senior (Lexx Potter, lexxpotter@gmail.com): Beach Grove, Point Grey, Riverway, Sunshine Coast, Squamish, Kings Links, Richmond

Champion of Champions (Sean Crowther, crowthersean70@gmail.com): Richmond

Players' League finale (Bill Ramsey, billframsey@gmail.com): Mayfair Lakes

Thanks For Reading

We welcome your feedback. To connect with Zone 4 Men, please email us at BCGAZone4Men@gmail.com. For news, schedules, information, additional contacts and results, go to our website at bcgazone4.org/men/. Also note that Zone 4 Women maintain a similar program and can be found at bcgazone4.org/women/.

Finally, please feel free to pass along this newsletter to anyone who might be interested!

