

Dear Captains, Vice Captains and Executive,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023. The Golf Courses had some significant snowfall and temperature changes to contend with late December and seem to be rebounding beautifully. Occasionally, we are lucky to golf January 1st as I did this year. Great fun!

Team 1, 2 and 3 Schedules (revised) are posted to the Zone 4 website effective January 15th. Please disregard previously posted schedules. Changes to the originally posted schedules were necessary due to a late withdrawal. Scheduling is complicated by a number of factors: Clubs having 3 or 4 Teams; two or more Club Teams playing away or at home on the same date; and the addition/withdrawal of Teams. Every effort is made to utilize a five-year rotation of matches. 2023 Dates for Team are: May 9, June 6, July 4, July 25, Aug. 29

2023 Rules publications will be limited to the 'Big Book'. BC Golf has advised that there will not be a Player's edition of the new rules printed. Clubs are encouraged to purchase the full-size version for Rules Committees/Chairs and have players access the app for personal use. BC Golf will let Zones know when Golf Canada releases the pricing and ordering form for the book. The app can be found at <https://www.randa.org/rules/rules-app> with downloads for Apple and Android.

Championships and Tournaments 2023 are currently being booked with Golf Courses. Dates and posters with full information for entry will be available as confirmations are made. Entry fees and catering costs continue to be challenging as demands for playing time have increased along with food costs. For 2023, Zone 3 and Zone 4 will combine for the Amateur/Senior Championships, Junior Girls Tour Events, Women's Partner Best Ball, and Senior Women's Fall Classic. This joint effort provides greater options for shotgun starts and course access.

We are saddened to lose the following members of our golf community:

Fyfe Brown – December 28, 2022. Fyfe was a member of Greenacres Ladies' Club and an executive member of Zone 4 until 2017. Her contribution to women's golf is remembered by many and recognized at the Zone 4 AGM in 2016. A memorial service to be held in March.

Isabella Brown - December 27, 2022. Isabella was a member of Fraserview Ladies' Club and was recognized at the Zone 4 AGM in 2017 for her volunteering efforts to welcome golfers to the game with translated versions of golf rules, etiquette and handicap among many other things.

Notice of Meetings the Executive Committee will be meeting in early March to prepare for the Spring Meeting to be held in the last week of March. Dates, times and location will be sent out in the near future.

The **Nominating Committee** has begun their search for two executive positions for two-year terms. A separate information email will be sent to Captains/Vice Captains shortly.

1. Secretary – vacant – fillable immediately
2. Treasurer – for October 2023 start.

Volunteering for Zone 4 Executive is a rewarding experience. Please consider this opportunity to support women's golf or recommend a friend who would be interested.

Sincerely,
Brenda Burroughs
Zone 4 Chair