



Welcome 2024!!
Zone 4 Women's Committee



January Newsletter

Like many of you, I've managed to play a golf game (on January 1st) then sadly had to put the clubs away for the winter weather that arrived. Some courses are saturated and still experiencing deep freeze or damage in the turf/greens. There are some great prices for tee times – but as usual – you have to be ready for any conditions. As some will say, 'There is no bad weather, just poor clothing choices!'

Zone 4 Executive is meeting next month in preparation for the season and our Spring Meeting for Captains and Vice Captains on **March 21, 2024 at University Golf Course**, coffee ready for 9:30. Meeting starts at 10 am and is followed by lunch at 11:45 am. Please put this in your calendar. Notice of meeting will be out mid-February.

<u>Some other dates for you:</u>	May 27 & 28	Zone 3 and 4 Amateur/Senior Championships, max 60 golfers max HI 18.3 Day 1 at Hazelmere GC, Day 2 at Shaughnessy GCC.
	June 24	Partner Best Ball at Greenacres GC – 1 pm Shotgun open for 140 golfers
	September 16	Women's Fall Classic – Surrey GC – 1 pm Shotgun open for 140 golfers

Registration information will be available on the Zone website closer to the dates. We will be looking to implement Golf Genius for the operation of our tournaments.

Items from the Winter that will be discussed further at the Spring Meeting

1. New **Captain's Manual** is available on the BC Golf Website and includes updating and editing of many features.
[Women's Captain's Manual](#) Revised December 2023.
2. Revised **Team Manual** available on Zone 4 Website <https://bcgazone4.org/women/docs/team/team-manual.pdf>
Team Schedules are available and contact information for Zone Team Chairs and Club Team Chairs is available. I'd like to welcome **Debbie McKay** our new Team 3 Chair.
3. **Albatross Celebrations** – Confirmed, the Eagle Pin from BC Golf is awarded for Eagles and Double Eagles (Albatross) If you have a golfer who has scored an eagle or albatross–this is the pin to award!!!
4. BC Golf has released its latest information on the **Cloud Series** and events for each month. Last year had 380 players per event and this year they are hoping for 400+. Visit the link here for details. <https://bit.ly/41sqBtS>
5. **Rules Books** – Clubs will have to purchase their own Rules Books from Golf Canada this year. There is no offer to bulk order like last year. Check this link <https://www.golfcanada.ca/rules-of-golf/> The site also provides the link for Android/IOS Player's App for Rules. The Player's Rules Book is no longer printed.
6. **World Handicap System 1st Revision** – launched January 17, 2024. 4 components: New lengths of 18 and 9 hole courses accepted for course rating/slope; Expected player score to replace a 'Net Par' score; Playing Condition adjustments to be more frequently applied; and, Guidance to Club Committees for Conducting Handicap Reviews of players through upgrades to Golf Canada software.
7. **BC Golf Funding Formula** – Changes are forthcoming to the way Zones are funded from BC Golf. Individual Zone Operating Agreements will replace current funding and will be based on Championship Grants for Amateur, Senior and Junior golfers including Zone Teams to BC Golf Championships. Funding should be slightly more for 2024 with this format.
8. **Rule 25** – Supporting players to access EDGA documentation for Stroke and Match Play, Team Play, Tournament Entry and Championship Play. Details of Rule 25 available on BC Golf site <https://www.golfcanada.ca/rules-of-golf/>

Lots of information, lots of discussion and questions for clarification at the Spring Meeting. See you soon.

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