

Comments and conclusions from the Spring meeting, April 3.

- 1. Zone 4 Team 1 for public courses: questions have been raised about the challenge of driving distances and the present “host pays” system—right now Zone 4 has only 4 clubs fielding a team at the Team 1 level. Zone 3 has resisted the user pay system. Comments:**

- Increase the maximum hcp for Team 1 to get more clubs from Zone 4 having a Team 1. Several clubs said not enough low handicaps to field a Team 1
- Go to a user pay system for Team 1—(*Note: Zone 3 has agreed to try a user pay system for 2025.*)
- Some clubs not enthusiastic about the drive to Zone 3 clubs while others like going to new courses.
- Would having Team 1 play on a different day of the week make it easier for clubs to field a Team 1?
- Question: how many teams are necessary to have a Team 1 solely within Zone 4? Business Women have 7 teams from Zone 4 and 1 from Zone 3.
- Concern raised that some exact matches at other team levels were repeating from last year.

Take away: Approach Zone 3 again to go to “user pay” system. Discuss raising hcp level for Team 1 at the Club level. If a club is interested in adding a Team 1, please let Jessie and Sherry know as soon as possible. We will be starting a new rotation in 2025, and its helpful to avoid repetition in matches from one year to the next.

- 2. Currently the private and public courses have separate team events. What about having a Zone 4 event that would involve teams from both public and private courses. This could be the “Zone 4 Team of the Year,” Winners could simply be honoured.**

- Yes, good idea.
- Yes, have a Zone 4 Club Team championship—**use Stableford**. Could have as many players as a club wants enter, and take the best 4 or 5 player scores.
- Yes, have a Zone 4 Tournament and each club could send up to **6 people**.
- Yes, have an event like the Business Women—a tournament with **4 people** from each club.
- Yes, have an event with up to 6 people from one club (3 teams of 2) and mix up the format—could be some people play stroke, some play match, some play Stableford, or could be 6 holes of one format, then 6 holes of another format, eg. 6 holes partner best ball, 6 holes scramble, 6 holes alternate shot.

- Go for a modified shotgun - 1st group starts at hole #1 / 2nd group starts at hole #7 / 3rd group starts at hole #13. If shotgun not possible, instead of everyone joining for a meal & prizes, prizes can be handed out at the Fall AGM inviting the winning team members. Perhaps snacks of hot dogs, hamburgers or sandwiches at certain holes, fruits and/or chips at certain holes.
- Yes, plan for 2026.
- Really best if there can be a meal together afterwards.
- Not necessary—instead promote the events that we have already.
- Early October might be a good time.
- Everyone was very interested in the Zone 4 Team tournament – a member brought an old printout which described the City interclub of several years ago and all thought it would attract more players. Suggestion to keep the cost down is to not have a big meal following (“just some type of snack”), and another suggestion that each club entered could donate a prize. How many players per club? --it would depend on how many clubs sign up – but a minimum of 6 if you want three types of play.

Conclusion: Definitely significant interest in having a Zone 4 event that would result in a CLUB winner, that would engage both public and private courses and involve a variety of formats. Perhaps organize for next year.

3. Ideas and best practices at the club level

- A mixed tournament where everyone plays from the ladies tees, fully handicapped very popular, eg. University Cup at UGC
- Scrambles of various kinds are fun.

Conclusion: Consider opening a Zone 4 event to men to participate.

4. Other comments

- Clubs should get Zone events on their fixture sheets.
- Promote Best Ball Tournament and Fall Classic as **Fun** events, not hcp driven.
- What is the Zone 4 men's levy? (*Unknown, but here is a breakdown of the levies charged by the women's committees in various zones:*

Zone 1 - \$1.00 (reduced from \$5.00)

Zone 2 - \$3.00

Zone 3 - \$1.00 (reduced from \$5.00)

Zone 4 - \$4.00

Zone 5 – \$5.00

Zone 6 - \$12.00