

**NOTES – CLGA GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2012 – Louise Yont**

**THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS MOTION THAT WILL ALLEVIATE THE CLGA'S CONTINUING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING TOURNAMENT VENUES FROM THEIR MEMBER CLUBS.**

**ACCEPTING OR REJECTING THIS MOTION WILL NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT THE CITY LADIES MEMBER CLUBS CAN ONLY HOST AS MANY TOURNAMENTS AS THE CITY OF CALGARY GOLF COURSE OPERATION WILL ACCEPT.**

**ALTHOUGH THIS MOTION CONTAINS TWO SEPARATE ISSUES THE BOARD HAS PRESENTED IT AS A SINGLE MOTION:**

- 1. THE CITY GOLF CLUBS ARE TREATED AS ONE ENTITY IN THE 5-YEAR ROTATION FOR TOURNAMENT HOSTING.**
- 2. THE CITY LADIES MEMBER CLUBS WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CHAMPS PROGRAM AND IN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

**ITEM #1 – THE POLICY OF THE CITY CLUBS TO BE TREATED AS ONE ENTITY FOR TOURNAMENT ROTATION HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE BEFORE 1991 AND GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS HAS NOW PROVIDED THE CLGA WITH A WRITTEN COMMITMENT TO THAT EFFECT.**

**ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT RESEARCHED THE CLGA RECORDS OURSELVES AND THE CLGA APPARENTLY HAS ONLY RESEARCHED THE MINUTES FROM 1992 FOR ANY WRITTEN EVIDENCE, I DID FIND ON THE WEBSITE IN THE CHAMPS HISTORY SECTION FOR 1991 A REFERENCE TO THE CITY COURSES INDICATING THAT A MOTION TO GROUP CITY COURSES WAS PRESENTED AND DEFEATED, INDICATING THAT TOURNAMENT HOSTING AS A GROUP WAS IN PLACE AT THAT TIME.**

**I ALSO HAVE DOCUMENTS FROM PAST CLGA TOURNAMENTS HELD AT CITY COURSES THAT INDICATE THEY WERE HOSTED BY ALL OF THE CITY LADIES MEMBER CLUBS - CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE BUT NEVERTHELESS EVIDENCE.**

**VOTING YES FOR THIS PORTION OF THE MOTION WOULD BE GOOD BUT UNNECESSARY – IT WOULD NOT CHANGE ANYTHING JUST VERIFY WHAT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR 20 YEARS.**

**ITEM #2 – CITY CLUBS TO BE ALLOWED ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE IN CHAMPS AND THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

**CHAMPS PARTICIPATION**

**DOES LIMITING THE CITY CLUBS TO ONE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CHAMPS PROGRAM BENEFIT ANYONE?**

**THE CITY CLUBS ONLY HAVE 2 CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN CHAMPS AT THIS TIME.**

- **IT LIMITS THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY CLUBS IN CLGA COMPETITION AND THAT WAS NOT THE INTENT WHEN THE CLUBS WERE ACCEPTED INTO THE CLGA 20 YEARS AGO. THEY WERE TO HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS ALL OTHER MEMBER CLUBS.**
- **BECAUSE THE CITY CLUBS HAVE FEWER MEMBERS IN EACH CLUB THAN SOME OF THE OTHERS IS NOT A VIABLE REASON FOR RESTRICTING THEIR PARTICPATION.**
- **HAVING FEWER CLUBS PARTICIPATE IN CHAMPS WILL NOT FREE UP ANY SPACE.**
- **INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERS WHO WANT TO PLAY IN CHAMPS BUT HAVE SO MANY MEMBERS THE CHAMPS PROGRAM CANNOT ACCOMMODATE ALL WHO WANT TO PARTICPATE HAVE TO TAKE TURNS YEAR TO YEAR.**
- **MAYBE THAT IS THE REASON BEHIND THIS PROPOSAL – “IF WE HAVE TO TAKE TURNS THEN THE CITY CLUBS SHOULD TAKE TURNS”.**
- **THE CLGA HAS ACCEPTED TWO NEW CLUBS INTO THE ASSOCIATION AND THEY MAY CHOOSE TO PARTICPATE IN THE CHAMPS PROGRAM.**

- **UNLESS THE CLGA IS PROPOSING CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULING OF CHAMPS GAMES, THERE IS NO RESTRICTION AS TO HOW MANY CLUBS MAY PARTICIPATE. IT WILL JUST TAKE LONGER THAN 3 ½ YEARS TO COMPLETELY ROTATE THROUGH THE CLUBS.**
- **IF THE CLGA WANTS TO ALLOW MORE THAN ONE GROUP FROM EACH OF THE LARGER CLUBS TO PARTICIPATE AND SOMEHOW WORK OUT A SCORING SYSTEM THEN PERHAPS THAT MIGHT BE AN OPTION TO ALLOW MORE PLAYER INVOLVEMENT FROM THOSE CLUBS.**
- **THERE ARE SIX OTHER MEMBER CLUBS IN THE CHAMPS PROGRAM WHO HAVE LESS THAN 100 CLUB MEMBERS (THIS INFORMATION IS FROM THE 2012 CHAMPS SCHEDULE AND THE 2008 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS SO MAY NOT BE UP-TO-DATE).**
- **SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT THIS ASPECT OF THE MOTION, IT WOULD INDICATE A DISREGARD FOR THOSE MEMBER CLUBS WHO DO NOT HAVE LARGE MEMBERSHIPS BUT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHAMPS PROGRAM AND HAVE ENOUGH INTERESTED PLAYERS AND CAN FULFILL THE REQUIRED OBLIGATIONS**

## **TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PARTICPATION**

**THIS MOTION ALSO INCLUDES THE CONCEPT THAT ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY LADIES GOLF CLUBS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

- **EVERY MEMBER OF A CITY LADIES MEMBER CLUB HAS JUST AS MUCH PRIDE IN THEIR OWN CLUB AS ANYONE ELSE AND WANTS TO REPRESENT THEIR CLUB AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.**
- **REPRESENTING ALL THE CITY CLUBS AT THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS WOULD CERTAINLY BE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT AND AN HONOUR BUT THE LOGISTICS INVOLVED IN DETERMINING WHICH CLUB WOULD REPRESENT THE CITY WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERTAKE. PERHAPS NOT IMPOSSIBLE BUT MAYBE ENOUGH TO DETER THE CLUBS FROM MAKING THAT FINAL EFFORT TO DETERMINE A WINNER FROM ALL FIVE CLUBS.**
- **THERE IS A VERY HIGH PROBABILITY THEREFORE THAT THE CITY CLUBS WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THAT COMPETITION SHOULD THIS CHANGE BE REALIZED.**

**THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE NOW OR THE PAST – IT IS ALSO ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR CLUBS AND THEIR VIABILITY. WE, THE CITY LADIES MEMBER CLUBS OF THE CLGA APPRECIATE OUR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ORGANIZATION AND HOPE TO CONTINUE WITH THAT RELATIONSHIP. THE FUTURE MEMBERS OF OUR CITY LADIES**

**GOLF CLUBS NEED THE ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THIS GOLF COMMUNITY IN THE COMPLETE SENSE.**

**I DON'T BELIEVE YOU WANT TO RESTRICT THE PARTICPATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY GOLF CLUBS JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS AS THEIR COURSE MANAGERS.**

**HOW MANY OF YOU GOT YOUR START IN GOLF ON A CITY GOLF COURSE?**

**IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE CITY CLUBS HOSTED TOURNAMENTS ON A EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE PRIVATE AND SEMI-PRIVATE CLUBS AS INDIVIDUAL CLUBS WE COULD RETAIN OUR INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION IN CHAMPS AND THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

**THIS TOURNAMENT HOSTING COMMITMENT WOULD REQUIRE THE CITY, ON BEHALF OF THE LADIES MEMBER CLUBS, TO HOST A CLGA TOURNAMENT AT A CITY GOLF COURSE (STILL OF GCO'S CHOOSING) EVERY YEAR. THE CLGA ROTATION SCHEDULE IS BASED ON A 5 YEAR ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR EACH CLUB. EACH CLUB MUST HOST A TOURNAMENT EVERY FIVE YEARS. THE CITY MUST THEN ACCOMMODATE THE FIVE CITY LADIES MEMBER CLUBS IN THAT ROTATION WHICH AMOUNTS TO THE CITY COMMITTING TO HOST A CLGA TOURNAMENT EVERY YEAR.**

**I DON'T THINK THAT IS A REASONABLE REQUEST – DO YOU?**

**SINCE 2006 THE CITY HAS BEEN HOSTING A CLGA TOURNAMENT EVERY 1.6 YEARS BUT THE DEMANDS ON THE CITY GOLF COURSES BY THE PUBLIC HAVE INCREASED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT TRYING TO FULLFILL THESE REQUESTS WAS BECOMING IMPOSSIBLE FOR GCO AND THEY ARE REASSESSING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO ALL THE GOLF ASSOCIATIONS.**

**BY DEFEATING THIS MOTION THE MEMBER CLUBS OF THE CLGA WILL CONFIRM THE POLICY ALREADY IN EXISTENCE THAT THE CITY LADIES MEMBER CLUBS WILL BE TREATED AS ONE ENTITY FOR TOURNAMENT ROTATION PURPOSES AND AS INDIVIDUAL CLUBS IN ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

**THEREFORE, THE CITY CLUBS ARE ASKING YOU, THE MEMBER CLUBS OF THE CLGA, TO DEFEAT THE MOTION PUT BEFORE YOU.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**

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**ON BEHALF OF THE CITY LADIES MEMBER CLUBS**

**OF THE CALGARY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION**