

CLGA Spring AGM - May 2, 2016 - Glencoe Golf & CC

Welcome/Call to Order: by Joanne Saunders at 7:05pm

Executive Attendance:

Joanne Saunders - President
Debbie Cook - Past President and Publicity
Sylvia Dugas - Vice President
Cara Bonney-Barr - Secretary
Joanne Hruska - Treasurer
Monika Jansen - Tournament Liaison and Website
Barb Alexander - Amateur Tournament Chair
Bonnie Morris - Senior Ladies Am Chair
Shannon Lefroy - Junior Girls Am Chair
Cindy Beaudet - Riley's Co-Chair
Daniela Cote - Riley's Co-Chair
Cheryl Inkpen - Medalist Series
Karen Saunders - Tournament of Champions

Regrets:

Margie Nicol - CHAMPS Chair

Approval of Fall AGM Minutes -

Motioned by Wanda Norbert, Turner Valley

Seconded by Bernie Gristwood, Lynx Ridge

Roll Call:

Bearspaw 2
Calgary Elks 3
Calgary Golf & CC
Canyon Meadows 2
Carnmoney 3
Carstairs
Cottonwood 3
Cochrane
Country Hills 1
Earl Grey 2
Elbow Springs 4
Fox Hollow
Glencoe Golf & CC 5
Hamptons
Heritage Pointe 1
Highwood 2
Inglewood 3
Lakeside 2
Lynx Ridge 2
Maple Ridge 2

Pinebrook 3
Priddis Greens 1
Redwood Meadows 2
River Spirit 2
River's Edge
Shaganappi 2
Silver Springs 2
Sirocco 1
Springbank Links 1
Valley Ridge 2
Turner Valley 1
Willow Park 3
Wintergreen 2
Woodside 1

Reports:

Debbie Cook, Past President -

Over the winter months I transitioned the President's role over to Joanne Saunders. We were in constant communication regarding preparations for the 2016 golf season. Together with Margie Nicol, we met with Rae Perry of the Beads of Courage program to set up our 2016 sponsorship. No questions or comments.

Joanne Saunders, President -

2016 Presidents Spring Report

The year started out very quietly, thus we decided there was no need for a January Executive meeting.

Things started to happen in February regarding the Ladies Medalist. An email was circulating amongst the General Managers about charging a \$25 green fee to the participants of the Ladies Medalist. Unfortunately, the GMs did not warn us that this is what they were doing and we found out in a rather un-businesslike manner. An emergency meeting was held to decide how we would deal with this. We decided to arrange a meeting with Mike Kenny, General Manager of the Glencoe Golf and Country Club. We came up with some valid arguments to present to him. It was decided that Debbie Cook and Karen Saunders and I would attend this meeting and present our arguments.

We had 2 meetings with Mike Kenny and Theo Mayer, General Manager of Pinebrook. The results of these meetings will be discussed in New Business at the AGM

Our Executive meeting was held April 5, 2016

No questions or comments.

Sylvie Dugas, Vice President -

I Met with Joanne Saunders early in the year to review the new job description and role of the vice president position. We also spent a bit of time on the CLGA web site reviewing the different sections and talking about the process for updates and reporting information. (Thanks Joanne!) The proposed dates for the City Amateur next year at Country Hills Golf Club are June 26th, 27th, and 28th. Our GM will be confirming these dates over the next few weeks. I am also working with Brent to select the tournament Chair. We have notified 4 members from our club and are awaiting their responses.

Update: Holly-Jean Kadonaga will be our City Amateur Chair in 2017

Lauren Brescacin is our Junior Golf Program Director at the club and has agreed to assist with the Junior Girls Camp on July 7th at the Glencoe Club.

I will be talking to a number of members at our club regarding the positions of Treasurer and Secretary for the CLGA 2017 year. I will confirm names over the next few months.

Update: Julie Arnott has accepted the position of Secretary Carolyn Dahl has accepted the position of Treasurer

I will make every effort to be available to assist with the Senior Ladies Amateur, City Amateur, and Junior Girls Open this year – please reach out to me any time.

No questions or comments.

Cara Bonney-Barr, Secretary - no report

Joanne Hruska - Treasurer -

1. Review of Dec 31, 2015 financial statements (which are posted on the CLGA website). We ended 2015 with a Net Loss of (\$3,491.83). Most tournaments either made a small amount of money or broke even. Some golf courses are now charging for use of their courses and that was the rationale for increasing the assessments this year.

Our bank statement balance at Dec 31, 2014 was \$3,316.57 and there were no outstanding cheques.

2. 2016 Budget (which is posted on the CLGA website)

The CLGA executive chose to send assessments out early with favourable initial results: 34 assessments were sent out in mid March and as of today's date, 9 payments have already been received.

The CLGA has fixed the City Amateur cost at \$170.00 per player, and the host club will budget expenses accordingly.

Other expenses since Dec 31st, 2015 include \$220 for website domain and hosting as well as \$2,100 for beads of courage packages for all tournaments.

In recent years, the CLGA executive has spent funds for CLGA markers, laptop and program for pairings & results, a Wi-Fi printer and 2-way radios. All of these expenses have improved the overall efficiency for Clubs hosting the City tournaments.

The 2016 budget as submitted shows the CLGA at breakeven.

For the 2016 season, the Ladies Amateur is scheduled for the Glencoe Golf and Country Club, the Senior tournament is at Elbow Springs and the Juniors will be playing at Carnmoney.

3. Current Financial Position

Our current bank balance as at April 14, 2016 is \$5,367.56.

Submitted April 14, 2016

No questions or comments.

Barb Alexander - Amateur Chair -

The Glencoe Golf & C.C. is pleased to host the 2016 Ladies City Amateur. It will be played on the Meadows course – Lakes and Slopes nines June 21st – 23rd.

It will be tee times off the 1st and 10th tees all three days. The entry fee is \$170 which includes 3 rounds of golf, tee gift, prizes, club storage, lockers, snacks on 1st and 10th tees all 3 days, buffet lunch Tuesday and Wednesday and a closing banquet on Thursday after golf.

The poster is done and entries are now open. Entries will close June 12th.

Practice rounds will be available for \$57 + GST. They are available Monday – Thursday any time after May 29th. They will be booked through the Head Pro, Judy Forshner.

The committee held their first meeting in October of 2015 and will be meeting again on May 4th. Decisions on course setup, rules volunteer needs etc. will be discussed at that time.

No questions or comments.

Bonnie Morris - Senior Amateur Chair -

The 2016 Senior Ladies Tournament will be hosted by Elbow Springs Golf Club on August 3rd and 4th.

.The Event Poster has been completed and has been posted. (Thank you Monika)

.The entry fee is \$120/player and we are providing for a full field of 96 players and have budgeted accordingly.

.We will be playing The Mountain Course as the number 1 tee (2703 Yards) and The Elbow Course as the number 10 tee (2680 Yards).

.The first tee time will be 8:00 a.m. each day.

.The course is walkable but carts will be available at \$19 plus GST.

.Beads of Courage will once again be the first tee gift.

.Day 1 we will provide water, fruit and homemade granola to all players.

.Day 2 we will provide a breakfast sandwich/wrap and water and fruit on the first tee.

.Also on Day 2 there will be a Champagne table at the 18th hole welcoming the last groups and to celebrate the end of the tournament.

.Day 2 will also include a plated roast beef banquet following the reception where prizes will be awarded.

.Practice rounds will be available Monday through Thursday during July, \$65 cart included. Tee times should be booked by calling the Pro Shop.

.Our Host Committee has been recruited and will meet the last Tuesday of April, May, June and July.

No questions or comments.

Shannon Lefroy - Junior Amateur Chair -

I met with Monika Jansen and Sylvie Dugas a few weeks ago, to review what was done in past years, for the Junior Ladies City Tournament. We discussed the number of volunteers needed, budget, rules, and possible discount for a practice round for the junior girls, prior to the tournament. I have not been able to connect with Head Professional Rob Rusznak, to date, but I do have a meeting scheduled for next week. I spoke with the food and beverage manager, Sean, and he is confident he can meet our budget for this tournament. Therefore, I currently do not have all the confirmed numbers for our budget, but we should have them soon.

The tournament dates are August 15th and 16th of this year. The event poster has been completed and Monika has made extra copies, so we can take them to surrounding clubs, which do not necessarily belong to the CLGA. We will be having an 18 hole division and a 9 hole division. The 9 hole division will be a par 3 course, with each hole being at a maximum of 150 yards.

Also, we have been in contact with head professional Jeremy Maher, from Valley Ridge Golf Club. We have confirmed that they will be hosting the 2017 Junior Girls City Tournament and a suggestion of appointing a Tournament Chair for this tournament should be considered, in the near future.

Carmoney is committed to making this tournament a success. If you have any questions or suggestions for this event, please feel free to contact me.

No questions or comments.

Cindy Beaudet/Daniela Cote - Riley's Match Play -

The 2016 Rileys Best Ball Ladies Classic entries closed last week and once again we have a full draw of 48 teams.

Three teams had to get refunded for being too high. Cindy wrote them all a letter on qualifying and how we sort out the flights. Typically, we get questions on why teams don't qualify so this gives them something to work on or a least getting their indexes down just a little to qualify. The #1 ranked team and defending champions are Jana Johnson and Andrea Kosa from The Glencoe Golf & CC.

We have scheduled the Cocktail and Draw party for Wednesday May 11th at the Calgary Golf & CC. We will send reminders to all participants that qualified. Due to the economy, our budget has been cut by 30% from our sponsor. So we will be subsidizing the difference from our entry fees. We have made the executive decision not to have a giveaway item or the Champions dinner afterwards. This will allow us to have a great cocktail party and to create a positive feeling moving into the matches. We hope to have our budget increased for 2017 but we will need to wait until our fall meeting with Wade from Rileys.

No questions or comments.

Margie Nicols - CHAMPS Chair - Joanne Saunders will address CHAMPS under New Business.

Karen Saunders - Tournament of Champions -

The tournament is scheduled for September 6th at Springbank Links.

I have been in contact with the pro and will touch base shortly with the Food & Beverage manager to discuss the meal served after the round.

There is a \$1700 budget (\$50 x 34 clubs) for this tournament. In prior years approximately 65% of these has been spent on tee gifts and prizes for low gross, runner up and low net outside of the venue. Based on the climate in the golf industry I am proposing that this tournament spend the bulk of their funds each year at the host club.

I will be in discussion with Cam Heise at Springbank Links to look at what they would have to offer for overall prizes and possibly a tee gift for participants. I would look at holding back \$100 for snacks at the first tee and miscellaneous items (trophy engraving). I believe that clubs maybe more amenable to hosting our event if they know that they will be receiving \$1600 for their club.

Thoughts? Tee gift suggestions?

***Karen updated the Representative and advised that the date has changed from September 6 to 20th.

Cheryl Inkpen - Medalist Series Coordinator - Update will be provided under New Business.

Debbie Cook - 5-Year Plan -

All venues for 2017 major tournaments have been confirmed except for the Senior Ladies Amateur that should be confirmed within the next 10 days. Host Clubs for the Tournament of Champions and the CHAMPS Wind-up are Redwood Meadows and Priddis, respectively. Country Hills will be hosting the 2017 Ladies Amateur and Valley Ridge will be hosting the 2017 Junior Ladies Amateur.

During the 2016 golf season, I will be attempting to secure Host Clubs for the 2018 golf season. Debbie will provide a further update under Old Business, 2017 Senior Amateur.

Monika Jensen - Website/Tournament Liaison -

The web site company I use was bought out by Go Daddy, I have to switch to their templates. I hope to not change until the end of season but at this point there is no set date.

Email blasts will be sent out for tournament and event information, stay informed by signing up on the websites home page.
No questions or comments.

Debbie Cook - Publicity -

A Press Release has been sent out to local newspapers, TV and radio concerning this year's Agenda of Events. It will be challenging to get local coverage in the Calgary Herald/Calgary Sun as they have amalgamated and are both now part of the National Postmedia group which tends to focus more on national and international events.

It is our hope to get TV coverage for all three of our major Amateur events.

No questions or comments.

Old Business:

Junior Camp for 2016 - It was decided to have only one Learn to Play camp this year to be held at the Glencoe July 7. It is felt that Learn to Compete programming is being addressed at many clubs already. It was asked that the club representatives encourage their juniors to come to the camp. Feedback from the last few years has been excellent. Women's golf will strengthen with upcoming kids. Question was asked about age group for the camp. Response was offered that this is juniors anywhere from age 6 - 14.

Shannon Lefroy added that the Junior golf camp is for beginner players and also hopes to encourage players who are beginners to come play the 9 hole Novice event in the Junior Amateur event. It will be set up as a par 3 course.

2017 Senior Amateur - Debbie Cook addressing this. Need a host club for this. Turned down by 3 clubs. We're waiting for a response from one club but nothing yet. Debbie made a plea to the representatives to come forward to host. A Silver Springs representative inquired what time of year and how many days. Answered. Another representative asked what happened with the 5 year plan to be in this predicament. Debbie responded noting that the 5 year plan maps out courses so that fair rotation between clubs and events happen and all events are generally confirmed 1-2 years in advance. Debbie added that half the CLGA Clubs are semi private and finding it difficult to host and private clubs don't want to give up their club for 2 or 3 days.

Another issue is that now the Clubs are wanting green fees for the events.

It was also noted that we don't want to go down the road of removing clubs from CLGA for not hosting events and are working hard with GMs to get on board.

New Business:

Medalist Series - Joanne provided background on the recent happenings with the Club GMs. The CLGA found out that there is a plan for the GMs to support a \$25 fee per Medalist player. Joanne Saunders, Debbie Cook and Karen Saunders met with Theo (Pinebrook) and Mike Kenney (Glencoe) ("GMs"). After some discussion the GMs suggested sending survey to the players. A survey was sent to the Club Representatives. Of the 63 surveys sent 48 responses were received. Joanne read the questions asked in the survey. Joanne, Debbie and Karen met the GMs again on April 5th, provided them with the survey results and asked to delay the charge for one year. GMs responded immediately (after surveying the rest of the Club GMs) advising that the \$25 charge would begin this golf season. Joanne Saunders will, on behalf of the CLGA, send a response to the Club GMs advising of our frustration, disappointment in the handling of this matter and the negative effect of their decision on the CLGA and women's golf.

Questions/comments -

- Cindy Beaudet encouraged the Club Representatives to go back to their club president to discuss this with their GMs in the hopes to readdress this.
- Cheryl Inkpen stated that this will continue through other events if it is not stopped.
- Val Walker from Elks - question about GMs as to what their plan is. Cheryl responded that the GMs acknowledged they blindsided the CLGA with this but they have made their decision.
- Ruth O'Bern - inquired how many tee times for each club. It was advised each club gives 6 tee times over 5 years.
- Daniela Cote added that the tee time requests are done on a rotation so that no club is getting hit with more demand than others. This is a planned schedule. Cheryl Inkpen sends a letter out to the 6 clubs on the rotation for that year. Usually the Clubs respond quickly. One responded quickly while the rest didn't seemingly waiting to see how this fee issue unfolded. GMs did not engage ladies presidents/Executive for any feedback.
- Cindy Beaudet added that the Bearspaw GM, who is not from Calgary, didn't understand how the CLGA functions within the golf community as he wanted additional cost to cover green fee. It was noted that there is periodically turnover in that roll and we need to ensure we educate the GMs in our clubs about the CLGA.
- Louise from Sirocco - asked if they are just picking on women's events. It was noted that CGA pays clubs for men's events but interclub isn't included. More discussion occurred with respect to the men.

CHAMPS Discussion - Joanne is putting forward a proposal for the CHAMPS reps to think about. Evaluate the program this year and assess its viability within your clubs. Margie Nicol is proposing for consideration for 2017 decrease the number of games from 12 to 8 games. She has determined that many clubs are having a difficult time getting players for 12 games. Don't want to lessen the program but want it to be something that CLGA members really want to play. Questions - Marian Crisp - Elbow Springs - asked that the CHAMPS reps to introduce themselves. Introductions were made. A few clubs noted that they have people waiting to play. One noted quick support for the change. Matter tabled for the Fall AGM.

Dates and Venues for 2016:

Ladies AM - June 21-23 - Glencoe

Senior Ladies AM - August 3, 4 - Elbow Springs

Junior Ladies AM - August 15, 16 - Carnmoney

CHAMPS Windup - September 15 - Silver Springs

Tournament of Champions - September 20 - Springbank Links *** **DATE CHANGE**

Riley's Final - June 26 - Canyon Meadows

Medallist Series Dates:

May 30 - Woodside

June 28 - Earl Grey

July 11 - Glencoe

July 25 - Hamptons

August 22 - Pinebrook

September 6 - Wintergreen

Upcoming Meetings

CLGA Executive - July 25 - Glencoe Golf & CC

CLGA Fall Executive - September 19, 2016 - Glencoe Golf & CC
CLGA Fall AGM - October 4 - Glencoe Golf & CC

Joanne Saunders added that Alberta Golf has provided material that has been handed out with the packages. In addition to this information there is a tournament for Wintergreen. The poster wasn't ready so they will be emailed out to the clubs.

Other Business: Bernie Gristwood, Lynx Ridge, asked about June 7, International Womens Day of Golf. Wintergreen, Lynx Ridge, Heritage Pointe as well as a few other clubs are involved. Lisa "Longball" Vlooswyk is the host. The intent is to support women's golf. Check the website for more information. www.women'sgolfdays.com

Termination of Meeting by Heather Screaton, Silver Springs at 7:54pm.