



2013 GOLF NSW WOMEN'S CAPTAINS MEETING NOTES

10.00am on Friday 8 February 2013 at Pymble Golf Club

Clubs Present: Asquith, Avalon, Avondale, Balgowlah, Bankstown, Bardwell Valley, Bayview, Belmont, Beverley Park, Bexley, Bondi, Bonnie Doon, Bowral, Camden Lakeside, Cammeray, Carnarvon, Castle Hill, Castlecove, CCWGA, Chatswood, Concord, Cromer, Cumberland Country, Eastlake, Elanora, Glenmore Heritage Valley, Gordon, Gosford, Highlands, Horizons, Jamberoo, Kareela, Killara, Kogarah, Lane Cove, Liverpool, Long Reef, Macquarie Links International, Magenta Shores, Manly, Marrickville, Massey Park, Merewether, Mollmook Hilltop, Mona Vale, Monash, Moore Park, Muirfield, Nelson Bay, New Brighton, New South Wales, Newcastle, NHDLGA, North Ryde, Nowra, Oatlands, Palm Beach, Penrith, Pymble, Richmond, Roseville, Royal Sydney, Ryde Parramatta, Shelly Beach, St Michaels, Strathfield, Tallwoods, The Australian, The Lakes, Toronto, Wakehurst, Wallacia, Waratah, Warringah, Windsor, Woollahra, Woolooware, Wyong.

In Attendance: Match Committee: Jean Moran, Annette Baggie, Marcia Box, Janet Bracken, Les Browne, Julie Jones, Lynne Robson, Susan Wilson
Golf NSW Board Members: Chairman: Chris Allen, Deputy Chair: Sue Fabian, Chair of Handicapping and Course Rating: Lynne Ritchie
Golf NSW Staff: CEO: Stuart Fraser, General Manager – Golf: Graeme Phillipson, Events Coordinator: Nicole Bessant

Apologies: Golf NSW: Christy Collier
Clubs: Catalina, Coolamatong, Corowa, Cowra, Deniliquin, Fox Hills, Hawks Nest, Magpies Belconnen, Moruya, Narooma, Tamworth, Yamba Golf & Country Club

Welcome by Jean Moran – Chair of Women's Match:

- Jean welcomed all Captains to the meeting
- Jean introduced herself as the new Chair of Women's Match and congratulated her predecessor, Sandra Gillies on the excellent job she had done for the past three years.
- Jean introduced the members of the Board, members of the NSW staff and the members of the Women's Match Committee
- Jean advised that all Captains in their final year are welcome to bring along their Vice Captains to the meeting

Handicapping and Course Rating - Lynne Ritchie - Chairman of Handicapping and Course Rating

GA changes due this year

- As far as Golf NSW is aware the remaining components of the Australian handicap system, including slope will be introduced in Sept 2013.

Course Rating and your course

- Majority of the Metropolitan courses have been rated and their scratch score or ACR/AWCR issued.
- New name for ACR/AWCR is going to be known as 'Scratch Rating'
- Your new scratch rating when received should be used immediately and will be found in Golfink under e.g. Course No. 4 USGA Red Women
Many of the country courses have been rated but scratch scores may not yet have been released. These are being finalised and put into the web-base and will be released as time permits.
- Any issues with your scratch rating (old AWCR), if it is too high/too low, there is an 'Application for Review' on the Golf NSW website. Complete the form and send it into Golf NSW, your course will then be placed on

the list for review and reviewed in order of receipt of application. We suggest you talk to the Men before sending through the application to see if they believe that the Men's course rating is not suitable as well.

- Most of the Women's courses new ratings have gone out to 1-2 strokes.

Some clubs have decided to revert back to the old rating but we remind you that you should not do this.

If there are major alterations or changes to your course, you do need to let Golf NSW know as it may affect your rating.

- Some courses are suffering from extreme wet or drought conditions. In this case there a 'Temporary Climatic Rating Form' available on the Golf NSW website for you to fill in and send through to Golf NSW and a temporary rating will be issued.
- Bunkers filled with water – there is a document available on the Golf NSW and Golf Australia website about this issue. Ultimately It is the Club's decision whether to handicap the competition or not. If the decision is made not to handicap the competition then the decision MUST be made and announced prior to the commencement of the competition
- Women's committee have total control over the competition of the day, so if the green keepers have moved your tees forward by 100m on three different holes, you as a committee should determine that the competition is not to be handicapped.
 - There is a document 'Competition Administration and Competition Conditions' on the Golf Australia website (latest versions 9 February 2013) - <http://www.golfaustralia.org.au/site/content/document/00013938-source.pdf>

Handicapping a 9-hole Competition

- If you hold a competition in your club, you can choose to handicap or not, if you wish.
- If you decide not to handicap the 9 holes competition you must notify players of your intention not to handicap prior to the competition. The Club can make a blanket decision e.g Summer 9-hole competition will not be handicapped.

If your score is worse than nett par – double the score that was scored for 9-holes

- Stableford - e.g. 15 points for 9-holes = 30 points for 18-holes
- Par – e.g. -3 for 9-holes = -6 for 18-holes
- Stroke – e.g. 4 over handicap for 9-holes = 8 over handicap for 18-holes

Equal to or better than nett par

- Stableford – 9-hole score and add 18 points e.g. 20 points first 9-holes, then add 18 points for the second 9-holes = 38 points
- Par – 9-holes score and add square e.g. +3 first 9-holes, then add square = +3
- Stroke – 9-holes nett score and add nett par e.g. on a course with a par of 72 (36 each 9), player had 33 nett first 9-holes, then add nett par of 36 = 69 nett

All the above information is on page 2 of the handicap document (latest version September 2011) which is available on the website.

There is also a conversion table available on the website

Handicapping a Fourball Competition

- You must handicap Fourball events in the following circumstances.
- You need at least 42 points for Stableford or +6 in a par round
- The players individual score must appear on the scorecard 9 times
- After adjusting the score, if the calculation produces a handicap differential which is equal to or better than the player's handicap, use it as a handicap score but e.g. if the players handicap is 8 and after adjustment the differential is 9, you don't use the score for handicapping.
- The score adjustment uses the scores on the holes that the player has recorded, then for holes with misses or wipes, if she doesn't receive a handicap stroke on a hole you allocate one Stableford point, if she receives 1 to 3 strokes on the hole then allocate 1.5 points to the hole that is missed. Once all the gaps are filled in and total up and calculate the differential, half points are rounded down. Remembering that the score has to be equal to or better than the handicap to be used for handicapping.

Indexing

- For those clubs that enter their score into Golflink hole by hole – there is a function within Golflink that keeps all the scores (particularly Stableford) for the whole year and calculates the difficulty of the hole - see 'Hole Statistics'
- Shows you how many wipes players have had on a hole throughout the year.
- Shows you the hardest to the easiest hole – you can do your hole indexing from this function if you wish.
- MiClub also has this function, where it captures over 5000 scores to re-index your course if and when required.

Questions and Answers

Q: Same gender different tees. What happens if you have a competition with some of your ladies playing in a Fourball but off different tees?

A: Adjust scores

Manual Indexing Spreadsheet – if you wish to access a manual spreadsheet email Lynne Ritchie on lynne.ritchie@golfnsw.org

Q: Can you give more information about the new system of 9-hole handicapping?

A: We will not know about this and how it will be run until the new package for handicapping comes out. Golf Australia and Golf NSW will contact all golf clubs about the new changes etc.

Q: New member scorecards – can new members put in 9-hole scorecards instead of 18?

A: Yes, they can and they must submit 3 cards

Q: When new women members are given a handicap of 45 and following their first round in which they have 35 points they find that their handicap is reduced to 41 which is unreasonable.

A: The initial handicap of new players needs to be adjusted and entered as having a 48 handicap so that when their scores is multiplied by .93 it will come out as a 45 handicap.

Q: We have heard that some players are electing not to be handicapped on some of their rounds by not handing in their cards and thus effectively having an NCR.

A: It is up to Club Committee to police this issue. It should be registered as an NCR. NCR should be 'No Score – Not Approved'

Golf NSW Competitions - Jean Moran – Chair of Women's Match:

Events run by Golf NSW

The following questions were submitted for discussion:

- What are the options for those clubs who are holding a Golf NSW event on their ladies day? Clubs need to be proactive and approach surrounding clubs or clubs within their districts about having some time slots allocated for their ladies to play in the competition of the day
- Key Dates Sheet – outlines the dates by which the results must be submitted or when the registration/competition closes for Women's GolfNSW events
- We again ask you to avoid scheduling your club events against Golf NSW events that would draw on the same client base. Eg veteran's event against Golf NSW Senior's event
- Important changes: The Women's 3BBB is now a Fourball – and the good news is that we are dropping \$5 per person charge!
- Online entries – Direct Debit will be available soon for those who do not wish to pay via credit card or cheque
- Will the 'No Caddies' rule extend over into Grade? No, it will not. Grade matches will be allowed caddies. The main reason for not allowing caddies for the Coronation Medal and events such as these is to speed up the pace of play, and it has been very successful.
- Junior Pennants – girls can now play junior pennants and we urge you to encourage the girls to play. 2 players will play off scratch and the other 4 players will play handicap matchplay
 - If a boy plays against a girl for the handicap matches – the shots will be adjusted based on the rating differential e.g. if the rating is 72 for men and 74 for women, the girl will get an extra 2 shots
 - For the scratch matches – on those holes where it is a Men's par 4 and a Women's par 5, we will have the Women's tees moved forward so that hole is equivalent to a par 4

- This is mainly for the metropolitan clubs and is run through Jack Newton Junior Golf and their intention is to have a state wide event

Order of Play in Grade – Julie Jones – Women’s Match Committee:

Clarification of the Conditions of Play for teams

- Most recent published conditions are available on the website and are dated 24 August 2012.
- Condition 11.2 – Order of Play – Teams will hit-off in order beginning with the No.7 players, or No. 5 players on Grades 5 & 6 (generally the highest handicapped players) and concluding with the No.1 players hitting off last.
 - This order should not mean that the matches will be slower. The main reason for this change was to try and take some pressure off the lower end of the team so they are not the players who are taking the burden if the 3 other matches ahead are squared. The more experienced and better players would be able to take the burden
- Condition 8.2 – Nominations of Teams to Host Club - The playing position of each player shall be determined by the Club Captain or Team Manager (i.e. teams should be selected in order of ability which is expected to be in approximate handicap order).
 - If a player inadvertently played in the wrong order, they were faced with disqualification. This change has been made to avoid this occurring.
 - Sometimes handicap isn’t always a strict predictor of a players ability to play matchplay, so the clubs are given a bit more flexibility to reorder their players on ability
 - We expect clubs to select teams in the spirit of the game, so alignment to handicap would be expected
- Condition 9.1 – Advice - Permission to appoint one person to give advice to members of the team is provided under the Note to ‘Rule 8 – Nomination of Teams’. It is not a requirement to provide an advisor, but is allowed as an option.
 - The appointed person is to be identified to the opposing team captain and the host club Captain or Match Committee in charge of the venue prior to the commencement of the Contest. A nomination of this advisor as a Team Manager on the Team nomination form is sufficient notice for this purpose. This person must not be a participant in any Individual Match
 - This is an option for a club to elect an advisor but must name this person when the Nominations of Team is submitted to the host club
 - This person cannot be a caddy or player
 - This person can be a manager or someone else nominated from their club
- Condition 12.5 – Undefeated Player - To be eligible to receive an undefeated player award a player must have competed in every programmed round of Metropolitan Grade and have won or squared all of their respective Individual Matches.
 - A spreadsheet of scores and matches played will be recorded by Golf NSW – at the conclusion of the season, a communication will be sent to all clubs participating in Women’s Grade with a list of those players who are eligible for the Undefeated Player award and if there are any discrepancies, please notify Golf NSW as soon as possible
- Condition 16 – Suspension and Postponement of Play
 - There is an expectation that where ever possible matches will be played unless the course is unplayable. It may be necessary to suspend play and wait for the weather to improve. If the host club is going to, or wants to make the decision to abandon that game, we suggest that you contact Graeme to discuss what the options are. Graeme’s contact is in the Conditions of Play
 - Points allocation for rained out matches – there are two scenarios for the allocation of points based on whether or not there are sufficient individual matches completed to provide a result e.g. 4 matches won out of 7 will be sufficient for a result to be determined. If there are insufficient matches completed, there is a distribution of points across the board.
 - if there are any discrepancies, please notify Golf NSW as soon as possible
- Condition 26 – By-Laws, Club Rules and Dress Regulations
 - Clubs and team managers are reminded to ensure that their players are aware of the dress regulations for the host club

Results

- Results are phoned through to AAP by the Host club. Notifying them in the following order:
 - Golf NSW event
 - Women’s Metropolitan Grade Division ‘X’
 - Played at ‘X Golf Club’

- Then list the results of the individual matches
This will avoid the results appearing under the name of the host club. By providing AAP with the results in the above format it will allow all Grade results to be presented in one section of the paper.
- Results sheet is available on the website as well as at the end of the conditions of play

Questions and Answers

Q: If you have to put your reserve player in to fill an absent match in the field, you need to put them in whatever order is the one that is absent

A: Correct, if it is a last minute change after the 'Nomination Form' has been exchanged. Substitutes play in the position of the player who has withdrawn.

Q: What happens if a club feels that the opposing team is playing out of order unfairly?

A: As stated clubs are expected to field teams 'in the spirit of the game', however, if a Club wishes to make a protest it must be done as outlined in the conditions of play.

Q: Will grade be scheduled to start at the same time next year?

A: The time grade starts etc. will depend on when Easter falls in 2014. We will find out and notify all clubs involved

This year we are trialing the new conditions and if anyone has a comment regarding these after the season, please ensure you write to us and we will review.

Rules Presentation – Sue Fabian – Deputy Chair of Golf NSW:

Pace of Play

- The host Captain has the resources to enforce pace of play on those groups who are falling behind
- Captains and team managers should also take responsibility for their players to instil a reasonable pace and not to delay play
- It is possible to impose the same penalties on players in matchplay as it is in stroke play under rule 6-7, however, this is not something anyone really wants to do.

Rule 18-2b – discussion on recent changes (a ball moving after address)

If a player's ball in play moves after he has addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the player is deemed to have moved the ball and incurs a penalty of one stroke. The ball must be replaced, unless the movement of the ball occurs after the player has begun the stroke or the backward movement of the club for the stroke and the stroke is made.

- Even if the ball moves once the player has begun the stroke or the backward movement, they still incur a one stroke penalty

Exception: If it is known or virtually certain that the player did not cause his ball to move, Rule 18-2b does not apply.

- If there is a gust of wind, there is no penalty and the ball is played from its new position and the same for if the ball has been moved by water.
- Remember that it has to be known or virtually certain that the ball has moved, so on a calm and perfectly still day, if you have addressed the ball and you step away and the ball moves, it will be very hard to argue that the ball was moved by the wind and you would incur a one stroke penalty
- If the ball moves after address and there is no apparent cause for the ball to move, you might say that gravity might have done it – the decision clearly states that gravity is not in itself an element to be considered when applying the exception to rule 18-2b, therefore, unless it is known or virtually certain that some agency other than gravity for example, an outside agency or wind caused the ball to move after address, the player is subject to a one stroke penalty under rule 18-2b and must replace the ball – Once you have addressed the ball, if it moves for a reason other than wind or an outside agency or water, you are deemed to have moved it even though you have not actually done anything to it, you must take the penalty and replace the ball

Definition Change to 'Addressing the Ball'

The Definition is amended so that a player has addressed the ball simply by grounding his club immediately in front of or behind the ball, regardless of whether or not he has taken his stance. Therefore, the Rules generally no longer provide for a player addressing the ball in a hazard.

- If your own particular method of putting is to ground the club six inches behind the ball and then make your stroke for the putt, then that is immediately for you

Therefore, if your ball moves after you have addressed it, you'll be penalised unless something other than you or gravity moved it and when you are deemed to have moved the ball, it must be replaced. Another way to remember is, if you are being penalised for moving the ball, it must always be replaced.

Once you have addressed the ball, the above penalty still applies, if your balls moves, even though you have stepped away from the ball, for example, you have addressed your ball, you are bothered by a bee and walk away and then the ball moves while you are away from the ball, you will still incur the penalty. However, if the bee is bothering you and you mark the ball and lift it before stepping away, then replace the ball, you have broken the situation up and it is a new situation. If gravity moves the ball and you have not addressed it, there is no penalty because you have not addressed the ball and it has moved without penalty, you will play the ball from its new position.

After you have addressed your ball, if wind or water moves your ball, you play the ball from its new position. Everything else, you need to replace your ball.

Even if your ball marker is still in place and your ball moves by wind or water to a new position, you play the ball from the new position.

Rules regarding Swingers in a Fourball

- Swingers are not permitted in Fourballs – cannot be a fellow competitor and partner at the same time, you can only be one or the other
- If you have a group that does not have a partner the committee has a couple of options
 - A hard decision but you can decide that all the pairs involved are ineligible to win prizes and they would not handicap the Fourball at all
 - Can consider the Fourball a novelty event and not handicap the event at all, especially if you have a singles in conjunction
 - If there is one or more groups that do not have partners, you can at the end of the round marry the cards of those without partners for a result
 - If there is one or more groups that do not have partners, once the field has hit off, the pro or the committee member draws a name out of a hat and any person who does not have a partner can have their score married up with that person who's name is drawn out of the hat

This then avoids the same person playing in the same group and breaching the rules and also gives those people who do not have a partner to also participate in the competition

Disputes and Claims

Rule 34-1a – Claims and Penalties – Matchplay

If a claim is lodged with the Committee under Rule 2-5, a decision should be given as soon as possible so that the state of the match may, if necessary, be adjusted. If a claim is not made in accordance with Rule 2-5, it must not be considered by the Committee. There is no time limit on applying the disqualification penalty for a breach of Rule 1-3.

- This is where your pennant and grade players need to understand that if they are going to make a claim, they are to do it straight away, it's not use coming into the club and finding out later you could have made a claim, it would be too late as the committees hands are tied and the players need to be aware of this
- Players are to say, if making a claim, 'I believe you have breached the rules there and I want a ruling, I am going to make a claim', and they need to do it within the time of 2-5
- The players complete the match, and then they come in and report to the committee that a player is making a claim/s. The committee decides the fact, it's an onus on the committees to do this job thoroughly, and the committee will talk to both players to get the situation straight, caddies and even bystanders, if any. The committee needs to determine as accurately as possible the facts of the matter and then make a decision. If the player did breach the Rule, then it would be a loss of hole and then if necessary, the players would be sent out for more holes to determine a score
- The reason for having claims in matchplay is to avoid having players stand around waiting for a rules or committee representative
- If a player comes in and suddenly realises that something happened out on course that shouldn't have happened and thinks, I should make a claim about this (stage two of the claim). A claim relating

Rule 2-5 – Doubt as to Procedure; Disputes and Claims

Stage 1

In match play, if a doubt or dispute arises between the players, a player may make a claim. If no duly authorised representative of the Committee is available within a reasonable time, the players must continue the match without delay. The Committee may consider a claim only if it has been made in a timely manner and if the player making the claim has notified his opponent at the time (i) that he is making a claim or wants a ruling and (ii) of the facts upon which the claim or ruling is to be based.

A claim is considered to have been made in a timely manner if, upon discovery of circumstances giving rise to a claim, the player makes his claim (i) before any player in the match plays from the next teeing ground, or (ii) in the case of the last hole of the match, before all players in the match leave the putting green, or (iii) when the circumstances giving rise to the claim are discovered after all the players in the match have left the putting green of the final hole, before the result of the match has been officially announced.

Stage 2

A claim relating to a prior hole in the match may only be considered by the Committee if it is based on facts previously unknown to the player making the claim and he had been given wrong information (Rules 6-2a, incorrect handicap, or Rule 9 which is incorrect information about the strokes taken) by an opponent. Such a claim must be made in a timely manner.

- From a committees point of view, they need to know what the player knew at the time of playing the hole and when this additional information came to light

Stage 3

Once the result of the match has been officially announced, a claim may not be considered by the Committee, unless it is satisfied that (i) the claim is based on facts which were previously unknown to the player making the claim at the time the result was officially announced, (ii) the player making the claim had been given wrong information by an opponent and (iii) the opponent knew he was giving wrong information. There is no time limit on considering such a claim.

Note 1: A player may disregard a breach of the Rules by his opponent provided there is no agreement by the sides to waive a Rule (Rule 1-3).

- For example, I have seen my opponent drop the ball from a lateral water hazard at two and a half club lengths and I think to myself, well she hasn't gained any advantage, then I approach her to say, 'I can see you have dropped more than two clubs lengths but you can just play on', this is a breach of rules. I can just ignore it and play on and there is no problem there at all.

Note 2: In match play, if a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure, he may not complete the play of the hole with two balls.

- Rule 3-3 does not apply in matchplay
- Should be encouraging our grade and pennant players to play in the spirit of the game and encourage them to learn the rules of golf

Rule 34-1b – Claims and Penalties – Stroke play

In stroke play, a penalty must not be rescinded, modified or imposed after the competition has closed. A competition is closed when the result has been officially announced or, in stroke play qualifying followed by match play, when the player has teed off in his first match.

Exceptions: A penalty of disqualification must be imposed after the competition has closed if a competitor:

- (i) was in breach of Rule 1-3 (Agreement to Waive Rules); or
- (ii) returned a score card on which he had recorded a handicap that, before the competition closed, he knew was higher than that to which he was entitled, and this affected the number of strokes received (Rule 6-2b); or
- (iii) returned a score for any hole lower than actually taken (Rule 6-6d) for any reason other than failure to include a penalty that, before the competition closed, he did not know he had incurred; or
- (iv) knew, before the competition closed, that he had been in breach of any other Rule for which the penalty is disqualification.

- All committees should be familiar with this ruling, it is the committees responsibility
- If you cannot resolve an issue, you have the resources to call Golf NSW for advice and support
- If you read Rule 34-3, there are some guidelines on the process the committee would go through to get information about a decision from players, in getting enough facts to be able to determine a situation
- Work as a committee, don't sacrifice one person to get the blame and deal with disputes and claims

Q: What happens if a player is disputing a score? How is the committee to determine a resolution? Say if player A states that the match is 1up and Player B states that the match is all square, the committee has gathered all relevant information, what would be the right thing to do?

A: The committee should resolve the matter in the fairest way and an equitable solution to order that the match be replayed.

Website Presentation – Nicole Bessant – Events Coordinator:

How to navigate and locate information on the Golf NSW website

- All event updates will be posted on the home page like 'entries open, event updates and event results' in the spotlight section on the home page of the Golf NSW website.
- To the right side of the home page, there is a quick link for the 2013 Fixtures; this will take you to the Golf NSW full calendar of events which includes all Golf NSW events, SOOM events, Jean Derrin events, National events, other state events, and Club events.
- To the left of the full calendar you will see thumbnails for Golf NSW' six year-long events. These thumbnails are shortcuts to their respective event page.
- Another alternative way of finding Golf NSW events is by hovering your mouse over the 'Events' tab and selecting 'Golf NSW Events' from the drop down list. The six year-long events can all be found under January.
- The Events tab also allows you to specify what event you are looking for, whether it be Grade, Pennants, Jean Derrin, Senior Order of Merit or Golf NSW Forms, Conditions and Policies.
- As you may already know, Golf NSW is now managing Club Nominations, Entries and Results for our six year-long events online. Where previously you filled everything out on paper and sent it in to us, now you can simply input all the details online quickly and easily.
 - Women's Medal Competition Event Page
 - Under 'Player Information' you will find in red, links that you will need to access for the event.
 - The 'How to enter' link is a PDF document on how to enter your club into the 2013 Women's Medal Competition.
 - 'Nominate your club to participate' link will direct you to the online form to enter you club details and the dates in which you intend to hold your club medal rounds.
 - In previous years we have required all clubs to fill out the 'Club results sheet' and send it in with your results. This year that is not the case, however, there is a link on the event page for the excel spreadsheet should you wish to continue to utilise it.
 - The 'Submit club results to Golf NSW' will direct you again to an online form. There are four sections to this:
Club Details
Midweek and Weekend Results
Additional Medal Winners
Then redirected to the payment screen - Please note - if you cannot pay online via credit card, there is the option of sending a cheque into the Golf NSW office. With your cheque you will need to have a cover note with the following details - Event Name in which the cheque is for, Payment breakdown i.e. 65 players @\$5 each = \$325.00, Club and club contact
 - Entering a player into the Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal Playoff's - just click on the relevant link on the Medal Competition event page and this will direct you to the Playoff event page. All relevant information about the playoff - entries, draws, conditions etc. will be found here.
 - For these medal playoffs, this year we are taking online entries as well as hard copy entries. Just click on the big blue 'Enter Online' button and this will direct you to the MiTournament website to enter the event. Or you can download the hard copy paper form and post/fax or email to Golf NSW.
 - Women's Fourball Classic Event Page
 - This is where you will find all relevant information regarding this event.
 - 'Key Dates' link is a PDF of the club qualifying rounds, District playoffs, metropolitan playoffs and the state final.
 - 'Nominate your club to participate' link will direct you to the online form where you are to nominate your club to participate and list the date in which you intend to hold your club qualifying round.
 - 'Enter Club Results' will direct you again to an online form. There are four sections to this:
Club Details
Qualifying pair or pairs
First reserve and second reserve
Then redirected to the payment screen

- 'State Final' this link will direct you to the State Final event page where closer to the event you will find the results, draw, conditions and other relevant information for the state final.
- Women's Goodwill Plate and NSW Bowl Event Pages
 - Under 'Player Information' you will find in red, links that you will need to access for the event.
 - 'Nominate to Participate' link where you will need to fill in your club details and a date when you intend to hold your club qualifying round.
 - 'Enter Results' will redirect you to the online form which has four sections
Club Details
Number of competitors, the purchase of hat clips and payment amount
Results
Then redirected to the payment screen
- Listing your clubs primary Men's and Women's events on the Golf NSW website. This is a new service we are providing clubs who are affiliated with Golf NSW to help promote your primary event. Your clubs event will feature in the Full Calendar of Events, the Club Special Events & Clinics, and the appropriate Men's, Women's or Mixed pages. All you need to do is simply email the details, including contact details and entry form to Adam Dransfield on adam.dransfield@golfnsw.org

Questions and Answers

Q: Once you have entered your results, can you print a confirmation on what information has been sent through?

A: Yes you should be able to. If you are unable to do this, please email Nicole and I will look into it

Q: Can you still direct debit?

A: Yes if you have done previously. However this is not available for all the moment but will be in the near future and communication will be sent to clubs advising when this is available.

Q: When you nominate online your that your club wishes to participate in an event, there is no confirmation that it has been successfully received

A: We will look into this and will notify clubs when we have a solution.

Q: Do the clubs need to notify Golf NSW of date changes for any of the events for which we have already nominated the date?

A: Yes, via email

Q: Why do we have to nominate the dates we are playing so early, we never had to do this in the past?

A: This information can be provided later as long as it is prior to the playing of the event.

Q: When entering details on line, can you partially complete a form, save it and come back to complete it later?

A: No there is not yet a facility to save a partially completed form. We will look into providing this facility.

Social Media and the Captain's Role – Jean Moran – Chair of Women's Match:

Looking into the future

This presentation focussed on the increasingly important role played by social media such as Facebook and Twitter in today's world. The YouTube clip was played -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXDUqx6_Wk&list=UULC9cX5GntaQmTSF6hTqrzA&index=3

which gave some very interesting statistics and some food for thought. It was pointed out that Facebook and Twitter are an integral part of the life of the present generation and if we wish to engage with the youth of today then we must start thinking about how we can utilize social media. We constantly acknowledge that we experience difficulty in attracting women into golf and in particular younger women. Making use of Facebook or other forms of social media may be a way to improve things.

How Can Social Media be useful to Captains?

- Set up a Facebook page for women golfers at your Club. If you feel that you know nothing about Facebook then enlist the help of one of your "tech - savvy" ladies.
- A group can be set up so that it can only be accessed by invited members.

- Use it as a communication tool:
 - Reminding members of up-coming events e.g. Reminding members to wear pink for Breast Cancer Day
 - When a team member drops out, use it to advertise for another player
 - Advertising equipment for sale
 - Promoting special days
- Use it to “brand” your product. Sell women’s golf at your club as a fun, enjoyable and sociable and healthy activity. Post photos of the exciting events that your club operates.
- Use it to congratulate and advertise all those players who go well, from winning major events to a hole in one, to the achievement of personal goals.
- Use it for bonding of teams by setting up a group for the Pennant teams in which they can post their results and boast of successes or laugh at disasters!
Just one note of caution: be circumspect about photos that are posted on Facebook.
We would encourage you all to start thinking outside the square and see if you can utilize social media to promote and enhance women’s golf at your club.

Questions and Answers

Q: Do recommend a formula for a most reduced handicap award?

A: No, since this is your club award it is entirely up to you what conditions or formula you apply to the award.

Q: At our club 7 day ladies, paying the same amount of money as the men cannot play in the championships. Those ladies who have taken up the full membership, because they are working and cannot get time off during the week are excluded from the Championships because they are played mid-week. Is there anything Golf NSW could do?

A: Memberships are essentially for playing rights, whereas championships sit outside of playing rights. It is a club decision as to what time slot they allocate to club championships of either gender and is influenced by many internal factors. Golf NSW can only make recommendations on different options.

Q: Junior membership – junior females and junior males. Junior males can play in the Men’s Championship, but the female juniors cannot play in the women’s championship as they are held during the week and have to take a day off school

A: It comes down to the organisation of the championships by the women. This is a decision that only you can make with your committee. You can schedule two different championships

Cromer advised the meeting of a game that they had tried in order to tackle the problem of reduced numbers on Stroke Days. It is called Drop Down Stroke. In this format a player starts off in the Stroke game but if things start to go badly they can inform their partner that they wish to change into the Stableford Competition. Golf NSW confirmed that this format of running stroke and stableford concurrently is fine to use. One division is provided for Stableford and three for Stroke. Cromer advised that this format had been very successful in encouraging more players on stroke days. The Committee would determine how the trophies are allotted.

Closing:

Jean Moran thanked everyone for attending and wished them good golfing for the upcoming year.

The meeting closed at 12:45pm.

Notes taken on Behalf of the Women’s Match Committee
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