

East Bay Team Play Fall Meeting

Friday, November 1, 2024

Blackhawk Country Club

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Prakash, 2024 EBTP League Director, at 10:07 am.

The Captains, Co-Captains and representatives introduced themselves and then the meeting started.

Present: Patti Yamashita (Captain Berkeley & 2025 EBTP Director), Jeannie Tang (Co-Captain Berkeley), Jill Austin (NEW Co-Captain, Blackhawk), Irma Tidwell (Captain, Blackhawk), Lynn Prakash (EBTP Director & Co-Captain, Blackhawk), Staci Tate-Simmons (NEW 2025 Co-Captain Castlewood), Donna Colteaux (Captain, Castlewood), Laura Carlson (NEW 2025 Co-Captain, Claremont), Katie Zurnacian (Captain, Claremont), Betsy Imhof (Captain Contra Costa), Sandra McGonigle (Co-Captain Contra Costa), Dorothy Keen (Captain, Crow Canyon), Catherine Clinehens (Captain, Green Valley), Elena Toohey (Co-Captain, Moraga), Niamh van Meines (Captain, Moraga), Sue Howell (Captain, Oakhurst), Audrey Cormier (Captain, Richmond), Karla Witte (Captain Rossmoor), Pat McSween (Co-Captain, Rossmoor), Cathy Armstrong (Captain, Round Hill), Kathleen Nagle (Co-Captain, Round Hill), Karen Miller (Co-Captain, Ruby Hill), Kelly Ceglio (Captain, Ruby Hill), Celeste Pournaras (Co-Captain, Ruby Hill), Buffy Ross (Captain, Sequoyah),

Absent: Darlene Schuitemaker (Co-Captain, Castlewood), Terri Burge (Co-Captain, Claremont), Rosemary Bartsch (Co-Captain, Crow Canyon), Jan Saladino (Co-Captain, Green Valley), Ann Brady (Co-Captain, Oakhurst), Rena Bruton (Co-Captain, Richmond), Barb Veirs (Co-Captain, Richmond),

Old Business

We had an exciting season with some awards tied for first place. Lynn & Irma presented the awards to the winning clubs for the 2024 Season. Congratulations to Oakhurst for winning Overall Gross and to Blackhawk for winning Overall Net! Individual plaques were awarded to:

Low Gross A Flight: Oakhurst	Low Net A Flight: Oakhurst/Berkeley (tie)
Low Gross B Flight: Contra Costa	Low Net B Flight: Green Valley/Sequoyah (tie)
Low Gross C Flight: Oakhurst	Low Net C Flight: Blackhawk

New Business

1. **2025 Dues** – will be increased to \$35 to cover additional engraving costs & website expenses. Motion to increase dues to \$35 was made by Sue Howell, seconded by Irma Tidwell. Majority approved.

Dues will be collected at the Spring Meeting at Berkeley CC in March 2025. The treasury funds were reviewed and \$168.96 will be transferred to Berkeley CC.

2. **2025 Cost to Play** – will be increased to \$75 since many clubs are already subsidizing costs. Motion was made by Catherine Clinehens, seconded by Buffy Ross. 10 out of 14 clubs voted to increase the cost to \$75.
3. **Sacred Dates and Hosting Dates** - any updates/changes need to be sent to Lynn Prakash ASAP as she will be working on the 2025 schedule.
4. **World Handicap System** - has changed for Team Match Play. There is a rounding change the world handicap committee implemented. The current software used to produce scorecards, such as Golf Genius was updated to the new handicapping formula. It was decided to keep our procedure for lineups & handicaps the same as we have in the past and not adopt the new World Handicap change. Since line up sheets are submitted over a week in advance, please work with your Pro Shop staff to get the cards to the captains for review prior to match day. If your club can send you a spreadsheet ahead of time, you can review that. Motion to keep the same system was made by Sue Howell, seconded by Irma Tidwell. Majority approved.
5. **Match Play Rules** - Captains need to stress the importance of match play rules for all players prior to matches and preferably at the beginning of the season, especially for new players. Blackhawk will take the lead on updating the match play summary sheet and will submit it to Sandra McGonigle & Patti Yamashita for review.
6. **Website review** - Sandra reviewed the EBTP Website information:
 - Line up sheets: Players playing up/max index vs max course handicap
 - B Group: maximum index is 26. If a player's index is higher than 26, the maximum course handicap is based on a 26 index (as opposed to the player's higher index)
 - C group: **maximum** course handicap is 36. If the player's index would give them more than a course handicap of 36, they must play to a maximum of 36 for their course handicap.
 - Captain's scoring sheet (updated mid-season to include subtotals)
 - Please make sure all subtotals are calculated to avoid errors.
 - Ensure that all names are legibly filled in, especially the opposing captain of the day and the host captain.
 - The host club keeps the scoring sheets for the entire season.
 - Please let Sandra or Karla Witte (the new Sandra!!) know if any of the links on the website are not working, or if any links need to be updated (in case your club updates their url, etc.)

Issues and Concerns from 2024

1. **Time issues:** Please use scorecards with finish times. Examples are on the website. Host club must have at least 4 marshals (1 can be a spotter). Each foursome must have a designated timekeeper to keep time of 4:45 minutes from the time the match starts.
2. **Order of play:** B-A-C order of play is MANDATORY – this continues to be an issue.
3. **GPS:** Make sure your players are not using GPS apps with enhanced greens features.
4. **Match play delays:** We cannot do ready golf in match play. You can offer honors to your opposing team to go first if you are experiencing a delay (looking for a lost ball, going to

the restroom, etc.) Marshals really need to enforce asking players to pick up and split the hole if there is a hole open in front of the players and they have been given a warning.

5. **Phone use:** Players may use their phone to look up the USGA rules of golf if there is a rules question that arises. This will be added to the LOI template.
6. **Process for adjusting number of league teams:** This year, Stonebrae and Diablo Country Clubs expressed interest in joining EBTP. Orinda Country Club had expressed interest in the past. Discussion covered several points:
 - 14 may be max number we want in league for scheduling. We currently have 14, should we keep it to that?
 - Possible creation of a “bye” built into the schedule, where more than just the league director team does not host. You could have 2 or 3 teams not host to accommodate more clubs in the league. The following year 2 or 3 different teams would not host, and so forth so it is rotated each year. Need to be mindful of pace of play issues.
 - Formal procedure for adding/removal of teams other than the 66% approval already mentioned in the bylaws.
 - If adding a club, what should be the selection process?

This will be discussed further at the spring meeting.

The Spring Meeting Date will be **Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at Berkeley Country Club**. Minutes will be taken by Round Hill Country Club, 2026 EBTP Directors.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Submitted by Patti Yamashita and Jeannie Tang, Berkeley CC EBTP Captains