

EAST BAY TEAM PLAY  
SPRING MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2015

EBTP 2015 Director Teddi Swanson (Rossmoor) called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M.

Captains and Co-Captains including incoming 2016 EBTP Director Carla Blackmon (Crow Canyon) were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

Members in attendance were:

Teddi Swanson (Rossmoor), Sandy Westall (Mira Vista), Denise Acker (Moraga), Patricia Ruthnick (Mira Vista), Cheryl Johns (Moraga), Christie Booth (Moraga), Gisela Coddington (Oakhurst), Denise Reed (Crow Canyon), Judy Donley (Crow Canyon), Carla Blackmon (Crow Canyon), Laurie Bruns (Blackhawk), Andrea Petralia (Blackhawk), Cori Bertucio (Sequoyah), Barbara Barton (Sequoyah), Rena' Bruton (Richmond), Barbara Veirs (Richmond), Jody Watson (Contra Costa), Lockey Todd (Claremont), Cathy Layton (Green Valley), Robin Moreau (Rossmoor), Margo Dutton (Rossmoor), Connie Whitman (Round Hill), Melissa Griffins (Castlewood), Deborah Mckeehan (Ruby Hill).

**Old Business**

1-Captains need to ensure that they bring all necessary paperwork to the ime registration table on match day. This includes five copies of the line up sheets listing the players with their handicap and GHIN numbers and one check per club to cover all the fees. They also need to remind their players to attach bag tags and to be mindful of the pace of play.

2-Please keep the green cards attached to the score cards. The two cards are to be returned to the Captain (or Acting Captain) so that she can fill out the "Captain Score Sheet". The Captains will give the score sheets to the EBTP Director for recording.

3-The index range for groups A, B and C was changed for 2015. The ranges now are: 0-19 for Group A, 15-26 for Group B, and 21-36 for Group C.

4-Score cards need to indicate the ending time for each hole played. This is to ensure that players are aware of their pace of play and so that the Marshals can easily identify if a team is behind.

5-Clubs must include the tees to be used and course rating on the invitation letter for each EBTP event.

### New Business

1-Captains are required to file any complaint of **blatant cheating** **immediately** to the EBTP Director.

2-Judy Watson reported on Contra Costa Country Club course renovations. Only nine holes are currently open with the nine holes scheduled to open within a month from now. Carts will have to remain on path for the remainder of the year. It appears that the course is playing a bit easier. The course is scheduled to be re-rated in 2016.

3-Rena' Bruton reported that rumors concerning the selling and renovating of Richmond Country Club are just rumors. Nothing concrete has transpired so far.

4-Teddi Swanson reported that GPS apps on cell phones have been approved by both the Diablo League and WGANC. She asked the group their opinion on this matter. If EBTP decides to follow suit a vote is needed at this meeting. Christie Booth (Moraga) motioned to allow use of approved GPS apps during play. Sandy Westall (Moraga) seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. After the second and vote it was decided that Teddi Swanson will contact WGANC to get a list of approved apps. Locky Tood (Claremont) indicated that they may not be able to use the GPS on cells as the club prohibits the use of cell phones in all instances. Several Captains suggested that before start of play teams indicate whether or not they will use GPS apps on their cell phones.

5-Sandy Westall and Denise Acker reported on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee that at the 2014 Fall Meeting was tasked with finding a way to divide EBTP into two flights. At that meeting several Captains expressed concern over their ability to field teams given the numerous EBTP matches currently scheduled, the inadequate number of players, and the impact of so many matches on their club's calendar. They circulated a written proposal

and made a power point presentation to illustrate how the changes could be implemented. A brief discussion ensued about pros and cons. Captains were urged to bring back the proposal to their respective clubs and report back their club's decision on the proposal **by June 1, 2015**. Any questions that might come up before that deadline should be addressed to Teddi Swanson. She will ensure that questions will be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Committee for answer.

6-Deborah Mckeehan from Ruby Hill was formally introduced to the group. She reported that her women's group is very excited and happy to participate in EBTP. The group is the first ever group at Ruby Hill to be formed. At present they are the only one and count more than 70 members. The course is very welcoming and owners are making improvements.

Teddi Swanson thanked the group for attending and reconfirmed the date and time of the fall **meeting for Wednesday, October 21 at 10:30 A.M. at Rossmoor** in the same building.

New pages for the EBTP binder were circulated.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Blackmon  
2016 EBTP Director

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## **East Bay Team Play League**

### **Proposal to Play Two Flights**

**March 18, 2015**

#### **GOAL:**

The goal of this proposal is to reduce the number of matches played by each team while retaining all teams in one league and with the opportunity to play on all the courses of the 14 teams in the league.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This proposal is to split the teams into two flights for each season. The flights are not fixed with the same teams in the same flights every year. Instead the flights are based on the standing of the previous year. That is, the standings for 2015 will determine the flights for 2016. The standings for 2016 will determine the flights for 2017, and so on.

With 14 teams, each year there will be two flights of 7 teams. Each team within a flight will play all the other teams within the flight, for a total of 6 matches. In order to do so, there will be 7 scheduled matches, with each team receiving a BYE for one match.

Following the league play for each flight, there will be a playoff. The playoff will be played by all teams, with the 1<sup>st</sup> place teams of each flight playing each other for places 1 & 2 in the overall standings. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams of each flight play each other for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places in the overall standings. All other teams follow in suit. The overall standings at the end of the playoffs determine the league winner. The final standings also determine the division of flights for the following year.

Each team will play a total of 7 matches during the season, 6 within their flight plus 1 playoff match.

#### **ADVANTAGES OF THIS PROPOSAL:**

1. All teams have the potential of playing any other team in the league. There is no locking a team into a specific group of teams.
2. All teams would play all courses at least once in a 2-year period. There is no locking a team into playing the same courses each year.
3. Each team plays 7 matches, considerably less than our current 13 matches.
4. Each team hosts less frequently. As many clubs now require that league play be held on Ladies Day, this would be much more acceptable to the ladies who do not play in team play.

**FLIGHTS AND FLIGHT PLAY:**

**DIVISION INTO FLIGHTS:**

Based on the standings at the end of one season, the teams will be assigned to flights for the next season based on a standard seeding methodology. This is intended to result in 2 balanced flights.

For Example only, if flights had been used in the previous 2 years, the flights and seeding would be as in following chart. Assume the two flights are named "Dogs" and "Cats":

STANDINGS from PREVIOUS YEAR	2013 STANDINGS:	2014 STANDINGS:	FLIGHT & POSITION
1	Blackhawk	Green Valley	Dogs 1
2	Moraga	Moraga	Cats 1
3	Claremont	Sequoyah	Cats 2
4	Castlewood	Contra Costa	Dogs 2
5	Sequoyah	Claremont	Dogs 3
6	Orinda	Oakhurst	Cats 3
7	Contra Costa	Blackhawk	Cats 4
8	Mira Vista	Richmond	Dogs 4
9	Crow Canyon	Mira Vista	Dogs 5
10	Richmond	Castlewood	Cats 5
11	Oakhurst	Rossmoor	Cats 6
12	Rossmoor	Crow Canyon	Dogs 6
13	Green Valley	Round Hill	Dogs 7
14	Round Hill		Cats 7

Using this example, the resulting flights for the 2014 and 2015 seasons would have been:

2014 FLIGHTS:			2015 FLIGHTS:	
"Dogs"	"Cats"		"Dogs"	"Cats"
Blackhawk	Moraga		Green Valley	Moraga
Castlewood	Claremont		Contra Costa	Sequoyah
Sequoyah	<del>Orinda</del> Ruby Hill		Claremont	Oakhurst
Mira Vista	Contra Costa		Richmond	Blackhawk
Crow Canyon	Richmond		Mira Vista	Castlewood
Rossmoor	Oakhurst		Crow Canyon	Rossmoor
Green Valley	Round Hill		Round Hill	+ Ruby Hill

Note: Orinda is no longer in the League. Ruby Hill has joined League since 2013 and 2014 standings. Ruby Hill has been added to this example in place of Orinda.

**FLIGHT PLAY:**

Each flight plays a round robin, with each team playing each other team in the flight one time. A standard lineup could be:

Match# \ Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	BYE	3	2	7	6	5	4
2	3	BYE	1	6	7	4	5
3	2	1	BYE	5	4	7	6
4	5	6	7	BYE	3	2	1
5	4	7	6	3	BYE	1	2
6	7	4	5	2	1	BYE	3
7	6	5	4	1	2	3	BYE

Standings are based on total net points accrued within the flight.

**PLAYING VENUE FOR FLIGHT PLAY:**

This proposal is for teams in both flights to play at the same venue on the same match date. This will result in 72 women on the course plus any captain’s flight for that match date. 7 Flight Match dates are required in each year. Each team plays 6 times and has one Bye.

For Hosting purposes, the teams have been divided into two groups based on both geography and when the team serves as league director. Each club will host flight play every other year.

FOR FLIGHT PLAY	
Host Flight Play in Even Years:	Host Flight Play in Odd Years:
Blackhawk	Contra Costa
Castlewood	Crow Canyon
Claremont	Mira Vista
Green Valley	Oakhurst
Moraga	Rossmoor
Richmond	Ruby Hill
Round Hill	Sequoyah

**PLAYOFFS:**

**PLAYOFF MATCH:**

Following Flight Play, a Playoff will be held based on the standings resulting from flight play. All teams will play in the playoff, matching teams by standings within flights. That is, #1 plays #1, #2 plays #2, and so on down the standings, as follows:

“Dogs” Flight Standings		“Cats” Flight Standings	Playing for Standings at End of Year
1	vs.	1	1 & 2
2	vs.	2	3 & 4
3	vs.	3	5 & 6
4	vs.	4	7 & 8
5	vs.	5	9 & 10
6	vs.	6	11 & 12
7	vs.	7	13 & 14

The final standings following the playoff determines the assignment to flights for the following year as described above.

**PLAYING VENUE FOR PLAYOFF:**

The playoff match will be hosted by a team not hosting flight play. That is, when the “Even” hosting teams host flight play, a team from the “Odd” hosting group will host the playoffs. And vice versa. The order of hosting the playoff match will be alphabetical within the hosting group. A team would host the playoffs once every 14 years.

Under this proposal, in 2016 Contra Costa will host the playoff, in 2017 Blackhawk will host the playoff, in 2018 Crow Canyon will host the playoff, etc.

East Bay Team Play

Fall Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2014

Welcome and call to order at 10:30 by Denise Acker, EBTP Director

Introduction of captains and co-captains was made. All teams were represented except Blackhawk.

Members in attendance were: Teddi Swanson–Rossmoor, Barbara Veirs–Richmond, Rena' Bruton–Richmond, Barbara Barton–Sequoyah, Cheryl Johns–Moraga, Christie Booth–Moraga, Sandy Westall–Mira Vista, Robin Moreau–Rossmoor, Margot Dutton–Rossmoor, Lockey Todd–Claremont, Linda McCowan–Claremont, G. Coddington–Oakhurst, Denise Reed–Crow Canyon, Cathy Layton–Green Valley, Susanne McQuade–Claremont, Renee Kantor–Castlewood, Carole Alter–Round Hill, Cindy Taylor–Round Hill, Louise McCartney–Contra Costa, Debbie Pellegrini–Contra Costa, Jody Watson–Contra Costa, Maura Mendoza–Moraga and Denise Acker–Moraga.

A motion to approve the minutes from March 19, 2014 was made by Debbie Pellegrini. Minutes were approved by all in attendance.

**Old Business:**

Review of the following:

1. Captains of the Day should be given instructions on how to operate as the captain to insure they are following procedures to make for a smooth check-in. Hostess club should also follow the guidelines for operation as hostess club.
2. Please instruct players to keep the green cards attached to the scorecards and give both sheets to their captain after the match. Please do not give to the EBTP Director.
3. The hostess club should have captain's scoring sheets available at the check-in as well as after the match for those teams in need.
4. Scorecards need to include the ending times for each hole played. The times will help the marshals move people along. It was suggested that two marshals in a cart is desirable. Spotters are also needed but marshals are more important.
5. As competitors it is our responsibility to move along and stay on time.

**New Business:**

1. A new line up sheet has been created and will be forwarded to the Captains and Co-Captains in both doc and pdf format.
2. A discussion about combo tees and who makes the decision to use them. Round Hill made a motion that the captain of host team can choose the use of the combo tees and that was approved by all in attendance.
3. Vote to approve the admittance of Ruby Hills Golf Club to EBTP. A discussion was had regarding the additional team, should we try for one year, Orinda's return and have a later start time due to driving distance. Kathy Layton- Green Valley made the motion to admit Ruby Hills without any conditions. 11 teams in approval and Moraga abstaining.

4. Changes to the structure of EBTP: Should EBTP be divided into 2 flights, each playing 7 matches. Should the division be :
  - a) By geography (North and South)
  - b) By standings

Should there be a play off at the end of the season.

In the end the decision was made to create an ad hoc committee to study and present a potential structure change to the captains and co-captains before the March 2015 meeting. We will need a year to implement changes to our structure. Cindy Taylor from Round Hill made a motion we create a committee with a second from Jody Watson. All present were in favor. The following ladies will be on the committee, Sandy Westall, Denise Acker, Debbie Pellegrini, Susanne McQuaid and Sue Softy. Please send any ideas to Teddi Swanson or Denise Acker for presentation to the committee.

5. Changes to index ranges. Rena' Bruton of Richmond moved we eliminate ranges. Vote was 2 in favor and 9 against. We then had a motion presented by Barbara Barton which was seconded by Cindy Taylor to change index ranges as follows: A = 0-19, B = 15-26 and C = 21-36 vote was unanimous in favor of the change.

6. Scoring when there is an uneven number of teams in the league. This was not discussed as now a moot point with the addition of Ruby Hills we have 14 teams.

7. 2015 Schedule will be sent via email by Denise.

Awards:

- League Champions: Green Valley
- Gross "A": Claremont
- Net "A": Moraga
- Net "B": Green Valley
- Net "C": Moraga

The meeting adjourned at 11:45. The next meeting will be at Rossmoor on March 18, 2015.