

EBTP General Meeting

October 26, 2016

Crow Canyon Country Club

Meeting was called to order by Director Carla Blackmon at 10:20am.

Carla introduced Katie Wheaton as the new EBTP Director for 2017.

The wording on who is eligible to play which was approved by Email after the spring meeting was discussed. The only change recommended was the definition of golf professional. It was recommended that it reads: "Golf Pros are defined as professionals who receive compensation for their services". The wording will be added to the Conditions of Competition.

The concern over the index spread of team partners being over 8 strokes has been researched. USGA recommends the spread not to be over 8 strokes and if it is a 10% reduction be assessed to players. During the year scores were collected and reviewed to determine if it is a problem. The data need to be compiled and sent out so that it can be addressed and decided on at the spring meeting.

It is essential that clubs print the times by which each hole must be completed on the score cards so that pace of play can be monitored adequately. The cards also need to have enough room for all the scores.

The players need to be listed correctly on the Line Up Sheet according to their indexes and the ranges established for Team A, B and C. It was reiterated that players in Team C must play at a maximum handicap of 36.

It was suggested to not use the green cards. It was agreed to just use the score cards. All teams need to agree on the scores and sign the cards at the end of the match. Players will give their score cards to their captains who will fill out the EBTP Captain's Scoring Sheet for the EBTP Director to post on the web-site.

It was proposed to try to send on the Line Up Sheet and the players indexes ahead of time to the host club. It was decided to try this out for the first three games of 2017. Captains will send the Line Up Sheet, players' indexes and GHINs ahead of time to the host captain so that score cards can be printed with the names, handicaps and pops already on the cards. If this works the practice will continue through the rest of the year. It is hoped this will help prevent errors in handicaps.

It was agreed the fee for each club will be \$50.00 next year, no snacks are needed.

It was agreed that carts are mandatory.

Handicap flags on holes where carts are not allowed is a non-issue as long as the club allows them.

Sacred dates were set at 6 and each club decides what those dates will be.

Susi Browne from Claremont presented a proposal on team play dates that rotate year after year. It was agreed to try to keep the same dates clubs usually use every year. Captains were urged to try to get their dates in as soon as feasible.

There was an issue regarding a player getting ill making her unable to play. It was agreed that refunds should be negotiated between the clubs affected.

There was a question as to what to do regarding ties at the end of the year. It was decided to not have a play-off. Clubs ending in a tie will each get a plaque. For ties in the over-all winner category each club will have its name put on the trophy and the trophy will be shared for 6 months each between the two.

A web-site has been created for EBTP. It was approved and agreed to do away with the paper work. All the forms and information needed will be on the web-site.

The web address ebtp.com was approved. The \$60.00 domain name fee has been approved and is good for 5 years. We also need to know if there is a hosting fee.

A master sheet of the forms available on the web-site is needed along with directions on how to use the web-site. Clubs should be able to use the web-site for everything.

The hosting captain still needs to send a letter of invitation to the other captains.

Emails will be sent to captains when needed to look at the web-site for up-dates.

Spring meeting is set for March 15, 2017 at Green Valley Country Club. The fall meeting will be October 18 also at Green Valley Country Club.

Captains were urged to go over with new captains on how to build their teams and do the paper work correctly.

Phones and other electronic devices during competition can only be used for distance and not for any other reason. The use of these need to be declared ahead of time.

The 2016 awards were presented as follows:

Overall Winner: Sequoyah

Team A Gross Winner: Richmond

Team A Net Winner: Green Valley

Team B Net Winner: Oakhurst

Team C Net Co-Winners: Richmond and Sequoyah

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Wheaton

2017 EBTP Director

Green Valley Country Club

Team Number	Team Name	Year 1 2018	Year 2 2019	Year 3 2020	Year 4 2021	Year 5 2022	Year 6 2023	Year 7 2024	Year 8 2025	Year 9 2026	Year 10 2027	Year 11 2028	Year 12 2029	Year 13 2030	Year 14 2031				
1	Blackhawk	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	week in July	week in July	week in July	4th week in July	week in August	week in August	week in August	1st week in Sept.	week in Sept.			
2	Castlewood	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	week in July	week in July	3rd week in July	week in July	week in August	week in August	week in August	3rd week in Sept.	week in Sept.		
3	Claremont	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	week in June	week in June	week in June	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	week in August		
4	Contra Costa	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	week in June	week in June	week in June	3rd week in July	week in July	week in July	week in July	1st week in August	week in August	week in August		
5	Crow Canyon	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	week in Sept.		
6	Green Valley	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	4th week in August	week in August	
7	Mira Vista	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	week in August	
8	Moraga	3rd week in July	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	2nd week in August	week in August	
9	Oakhurst	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	2nd week in August	week in August
10	Richmond	3rd week in June	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	2nd week in August
11	Rossmoor	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	4th week in July	1st week in July	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June
12	Round Hill	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	4th week in July	1st week in July	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June
13	Runy Hill	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	4th week in July	1st week in July	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June
14	Sequoyah	2nd week in April	3rd week in April	1st week in June	2nd week in June	3rd week in June	4th week in July	1st week in July	2nd week in July	3rd week in July	4th week in July	1st week in August	2nd week in August	3rd week in August	1st week in Sept.	2nd week in Sept.	1st week in April	2nd week in April	3rd week in April

My general thoughts

I used color coding for the 1st 3 dates to clearly illustrate how the rotation would work

10 out of 13 teams hosted/will host on either a Tuesday or Thursday in 2016 and also for 2017

I think we should ask for everyone to agree to host on either of these days.

If a Club needs to change dates with another Club, that is fine however, they would need to negotiate that independently.

My thought process is based on BALL and USTA tennis as well as other team play schedules BALL and USTA assign a time frame to complete the match which is what I am suggesting.

The difference is the time frame is based on hosting Team Play.

I also understand the team play which occurs in the Valley has pre-assigned dates for Team Play. We could also do something similar.

East Play Team Play Spring Meeting
March 16, 2016
Crow Canyon Country Club

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by EBTP director Carla Blackmon. All EBTP clubs were present and accounted for.

The up-dates for the captain's binders were received and reviewed.

Discussion of the "Conditions of Competition" were reviewed, in particular the pace of play. Captains need to make sure their players understand what to do to stay on time and when the hole should be completed. The time when each hole should be completed is posted on the score cards and those times should be kept. The Marshalls and spotters should have a list of times so they can help keep players on time. If a group is playing ahead of schedule and moves ahead of the group behind them, but the group behind is still on time, there is no warning needed.

Suggestions to promote rules and pace of play during team play:

1. At breakfast, captains can make sure players know the conditions and rules.
2. Captains should play a practice round with players who have never played in team play, so they know what is expected.
3. Schedule a mock team play format on a play day.
4. Have the focus be on minutes behind rather than holes behind.
5. Team players can help speed up play by monitoring their partner and have them pick-up if they are out of the hole.
6. Conduct a mandatory rules seminar highlighting the differences between stroke play and match play.
7. Get ready to play while the others are playing.
8. Captains' flight players also need to be on time.
9. Host club should provide at least two marshalls along with as many spotters as necessary to keep players on pace.

A foursome cannot agree to play "ready" golf because that is agreeing to break the rules. However, under certain conditions, eg, player is looking for a ball, bathroom break is needed – a player may give permission to another player to go ahead so as to stay on pace. Permission may only be given only on a shot by shot basis.

If someone breaks the rules and refuses to correct it, a claim can be made. The rules umpire will make a determination after the round. It's important for everyone to understand the etiquette and the rules of the game, showing respect, courtesy, and sportsmanship at all times.

If a person is late, their partner will have to play by themselves until their partner arrives.

New Business

Captains' flight: Clubs that will host a captains' flight.

1. Blackhawk-yes – limited to 12 players
2. Castlewood-TBA
3. Claremont-TBA
4. Contra Costa-yes, cart path only
5. Crow Canyon-yes
6. Green Valley-no, but may change
7. Mira Vista-no
8. Moraga-no
9. Oakhurst-yes
10. Richmond-yes
11. Rossmoor-no
12. Round Hill-yes
13. Ruby Hill-TBA
14. Sequoyah-yes

Event dates for 2017

Most clubs set approximately the same dates for their club events each year. The club pro needs to understand the importance of our EBTP dates as there are several clubs and leagues involved in creating the master calendar. It would be helpful if clubs could stay with the same EBTP dates each year so that we can get the dates in and scheduled earlier in the year.

It would also be helpful if DTP and EBTP, NBTP and EBTP would work together on the dates so that playing on the same day would be minimized.

The dates need to be sent out to the participating clubs in a timely manner so if changes need to be made it can be done as early as possible. Please send potential dates to Carla as soon as possible, along with sacred dates – Invitational and Club Championship.

A web-based program was suggested which offers a survey to indicate which dates work for a particular club.

If a club changes a date after the first of the year there shouldn't be any consequences. The captains need to keep an eye on their clubs' master calendar because changes can effect EBTP dates.

Eligibility of players was discussed. Should a collegiate player be allowed to play in EBTP? DTP passed a ruling. Carla will make contact with DTP to find out the ruling and the wording.

Stroke differential was discussed and suggested there be an 8-10 stroke difference. Higher handicappers have an advantage over lower handicappers. The range of indexes was expanded in order to make it easier for clubs to field their teams. EBTP is not as competitive as DTP and NBTP. Play this year will continue based on indexes. Players may play up, but never down. Carla will send a memo to have the host club send out copies of the final scoring/line-up sheets with the scores and handicaps on it to see if this is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Next meeting is Wednesday October 26th at Crow Canyon CC.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM .

East Bay Team Play

Fall Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2015

Welcome and call to order by Teddi Swanson, 2015 EBTP Director.

The 2016 EBTP Director, Carla Blackmon from Crow Canyon Country Club, was introduced. Also introduction of Captains and Co-Captains was made. All clubs were in attendance.

Members in attendance were: Laurie Bruns and Andria Petralia – Blackhawk, Mickey Hammel and Renee Kantor – Castlewood, Susi Bowne and Lockey Todd – Claremont, Laura Barrera, Darlene Martel and Jody Watson – Contra Costa, Carla Blackmon and Judy Donley – Crow Canyon, Debbie McGuire – Green Valley, Cathy James - Mira Vista, Denise Acker and Anne Willcoxon – Moraga, Gisela Coddington – Oakhurst, Rena' Bruton and Rosemary Corbin – Richmond, Robin Moreau and Teddi Swanson – Rossmoor, Carole Alter and Cindy Taylor – Round Hill, Jackie Davos – Ruby Hill, Barbara Barton – Sequoyah

Minutes of the March 18, 2015 EBTP meeting were approved as presented.

Teddi Swanson thanked everyone for a great season.

Old Business:

1. The use of yardage app on cell phones was reviewed. No problems were reported. Susi Bowne from Claremont indicated that she will follow up with her club to see if this use will be approved. At the present time Claremont does not allow any use of cell phones during tournaments.
2. Teddi Swanson urged Captains to advise their members of conditions of play and golf etiquette prior to the day of play.
3. The Ad Hoc Committee's proposal to split EBTP was reviewed by the clubs and rejected by a vote of ten to four. The vote keeps EBTP as is with fourteen teams.

New Business:

1. Pace of Play continues to be an issue. EBTP has rules in place regarding pace of play. However, EBTP does not have penalties in place if a team refuses to abide by the stated rules. EBTP score cards list the time each hole should be completed. Current regulations state that the Marshal will issue a warning to foursomes who are one hole behind and will advise that the lost time must be made up within the next two holes. If the team is still one hole behind after playing two holes, the Marshal will direct the foursome to pick up their balls and score ½ point for each team. After some discussion of the issue, Cindy Taylor (Round Hill) proposed that the following motion be added to our existing regulations: **"If a team or player refuses to follow the Marshal's directions to pick up and halve the hole, the penalty imposed will be loss of hole and the point will be awarded to the opposing team. If both teams refuse the Marshal's directions to pick up and halve the hole, the penalty will be loss of hole for both teams. The penalties will continue to accrue until the players are on time as listed on the score card"**.

Denise Acker (Moraga) seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Teddi Swanson urged Captains to advise their teams of the new rule and also to ensure that the Marshals chosen are well versed on this matter.

2. Teddi Swanson asked the clubs to vote on setting the total number of EBTP teams at fourteen. Barbara Barton (Sequoyah) moved to approved the proposal and Andria Petralia (Blackhawk) seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously.
3. Discussion ensued about setting the timing of a team player to enter the play late. Current "Conditions of Competition" do not state a specific time. If a player is late her teammate must carry the hole alone. The clubs did not want to change the current conditions of play but stated that we should continue to monitor the situation to see if a specific timing should be added next year.

Situations that arose during the 2015 EBTP season:

- a. If a ball marker interferes with the play, stance or stroke of another player it should be placed one or more club head lengths to the side, as noted in Rule 20-1 in the Rules of Golf.
- b. If a player hits the wrong ball she is out of the hole and the ball is placed back where it laid for play by the owner of the ball. The partner may continue to play the hole. Rule 15-3 in the Rules of Golf.
- c. If a player plays out of turn there is no penalty but the opponent can ask that player to cancel the stroke and replay the stroke. The stroke will be played as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was first played. Rule 10-1 of the Rules of Golf.

Teddi Swanson urged the Captains to remind their players of the tenets of the spirit of the game of golf. Golf is played without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules of Golf. Players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. Page 18 of the Rules of Golf.

Teddi Swanson ended the meeting by presenting the trophy and plaques to the winners of the 2015 EBTP season. Sequoyah received the trophy and plaque for overall winner. Claremont received first place for A Gross, Oakhurst for A Net, Contra Costa for B Net and Sequoyah for C Net. The attendees applauded the winners.

The 2016 EBTP Spring meeting will be held at Crow Canyon on March 16. At that time dues for the year will be collected. The dues amount will be determined at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.