

Minutes of East Bay Team Play Fall Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Richmond Country Club

The meeting was called to order by Liz Martin, 2022 EBTP League Director, at 10:04am.

Welcome and Introductions

Representatives from thirteen of the fourteen clubs introduced themselves. Sequoyah absent.

Old Business

Awards and recap of 2022 season

Liz congratulated the league on a positive and competitive season. The following awards were presented:

Gross Award Plaques

A – Contra Costa B – Blackhawk C – Blackhawk

Gross Overall Trophy: Blackhawk

Net Award Plaques

A – Oakhurst B (4-way tie) Blackhawk, Castlewood, Green Valley, Sequoyah C – Blackhawk

Net Overall Trophy: Oakhurst

New Business

Events Calendar on EBTP Website This costs \$49.90 per year and is due January 2023.

Decision made to remove this tool from the website due to lack of use.

Action: Sandra will cancel the Events Calendar effective 12/31/22.

2023 Dues & Budget Liz discussed the Treasury Report with future estimates. The 2022 engraving costs were higher than usual due to a 4-way tie in the Net B flight. Plus, the \$49.90 fee for the Events Calendar will not be included in future website budgets. The clubs agreed to maintain the annual fee of \$30 per club. Checks will be due at the 2023 Spring Meeting. The Treasury balance of \$42.11 was transferred to Contra Costa Country Club.

2023 Cost to Play (per player) Discussion held related to the two costs: Carts plus Food & Beverage (Breakfast & Lunch). The 2022 cost was \$60/player but due to inflation, supply, staffing and other expenses the cost per player will likely increase. Each club has their own cost structure (cart fees range from \$20 - \$25, a few clubs must rent additional carts, meal options and costs vary by club). The EBTP club Captains need to be assertive with their Pro/ GM and/or F&B Director to manage the approved EBTP cost per player.

Motion made by Catherine Clinehens: Raise the fee to \$65/player. Each club will determine whether to offer a continental breakfast or a hot breakfast. Seconded by Valerie Gertz.

Motion approved.

Clubs should be clear in their LOI what type of breakfast is being offered. Sandra noted that each Captain review the \$65 fee in February with their club's Pro/GM and/or F&B Manager so that this new cost per player can be finalized at the Spring Meeting.

2023 Match Dates Schedule: The Proposed 2023 EBTP Match Dates schedule shared by Liz was based on mirroring the 2022 schedule but there were some conflicts.

Action: Captains to email Liz

- 1) your Club's Sacred Dates (5 max; Invitational, Championship etc.)
- 2) your proposed Hosting Dates (if you did not accept the date listed on the 2023 mirrored schedule shared during today's meeting).

Match Starting Times (8:30am SG) The Captains agreed that future matches should start with an 8:30 SG. The Bylaws will not be amended to reflect this decision. In 2022, Contra Costa hosted their match with a 1:00pm SG but this was an anomaly.

Mandatory Carts Policy At the Spring Meeting, we approved an exception for a host club team to walk if their club does not have enough carts. The feedback is that this was inequitable and challenging to implement.

Action: The website will be updated to reflect the original policy: Mandatory Carts at all clubs.

Different Cart Types Captains will ask their Pro Shop to pair similar or matching cart types for each foursome (both carts with GPS monitors or neither cart should have a GPS monitor).

Action: The Conditions of Competition will be updated on the website.

Course Handicap Table In 2022, one club included their Course Handicap Table with their LOI. This table is unique and based on the slope, course rating and par for a specific tee box. It is used by each Captain when completing the Line-Up Sheet to determine their player's course handicap at a given club. This table can be accessed from the Course Handicap Calculator link on the EBTP Website (Responsibilities, Links and Forms tab) or by the Club Pro. A vote was taken to determine if the Captains would prefer to include this table as an attachment when sending their own LOI. The decision was to keep the status quo – each Captain will access a given player's Course Handicap on their own.

Captains & Clubs Information

Action: Sandra will send a template with the required information within the next two weeks. Even if there are no changes to the 2022 information, send an email confirming the current info is correct.

Due Date: January 1, 2023, email the 2023 Captains and Club updates to 2023 EBTP Director Sandra McGonigle 4mcgons@gmail.com

Captain's Flights This year, each Club announced at the beginning of season if they would be offering a Captain's Flight. This was helpful to organize lineups through the year. This will be added to the Captains & Clubs Information template.

Issues and Concerns from 2022 season

Education of Team Players Liz recommended that Captains direct their players to review the website, specifically the Player Responsibilities, Match Play Rules, and scorecard samples. Suggestions included holding a Practice Team Play Game before the season and partnering new players with seasoned players.

Pace of Play continues to be an issue and 5-hour rounds are unacceptable. The current tools in place to address pace of play: 1) the finishing time per hole on scorecards, 2) Marshals on the course and 3) the maximum allowable time per round (at the 4-hour and 45-minute mark, players must complete the current hole and split any unplayed holes). Catherine Clinehens recommended using the Time Par Sheet which tracks each foursomes timing, per hole, and is used by Marshals. The question about allowing "ready play" was raised but is generally not allowed. The Rule 6.4, Order of Play, was shared: *You may invite an opponent to play out of turn to speed up play. But if you do so, you forfeit your right to recall the shot.*

Action:

- 1) At the Spring Meeting, review the Time Par Sheet and revisit the Pace of Play issue. Remind players about Rule 6.4, Order of Play to speed up play.
- 2) At a given match, recommend assigning a minimum of 4 volunteers (spotters and marshals) spread throughout the course with Time Par Sheets to identify and assist slow groups.
- 3) Catherine to send the Time Par Sheet to Sandra for posting to the website
- 4) Clearly mark the Marshal carts with a sign or flag.

New Captain's Scoring Sheet (2022). All clubs must use the most current version of the sheet, found on the website in the Forms section.

Finalizing Score Cards at end of match

Action: Captains to remind their players to record and verify their Total Scores in addition to the agreed Gross and Net Points for the match.

BAC Order of Play Guidelines (Host Club) This document was added to the Responsibilities, Links and Forms page mid-year, as a suggestion to standardize the flight layout. B Flight is first, followed by the A flight, followed by the C flight.

Action: Captains can share these guidelines with the Pro Shop to create the field on a hosting date.

Incomplete Roster of Players for a Match Per Liz, this almost happened this year when a club was challenged to put together a full 6-member team. Per the Conditions of Competition on the website, the penalties are outlined in the section titled "Time of Starting":

- If a team is short one player, the match is played with one team of two players against one team of one player.
- If both players of a team fail to appear, the team present receives 10 points; absent team receives 0 points.

Posting of Player Scores Liz learned that clubs have not been using a standard method of posting player scores and Sue Howell did research to learn whether match play scores should be posted as Away (A) or Competition (C) scores. The NCGA recommends using (C) scores, but the EBTP league had a detailed discussion to counter their view. Generally, Competition scores remain on a player's handicap record for a full year. (For players that play multiple team play matches, this could penalize their handicap). Often in team play, players pick up their ball before putting out.

Competition scores are recorded when money is at stake (Championships, Invitationals, special Tournaments); with EBTP there is no cash involved, instead the competition is for plaques and trophies at the end of the season.

Motion by Donna Colteaux: Captains to record EBTP player scores as Away (A) scores.

Majority approved

Action: The website will be updated.

Spring Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Not on Agenda

Last Minute Changes to Line-Up Sheet Catherine Clinehens recommended that Captains notify the Host Club Captain via cellphone (text or voice) and request a confirmation of any changes made within 1-2 days prior to a match.

Action: The website will be updated.

Cell Phone Usage during Match Prohibited – This has been witnessed this year with players reading or sending texts and/or messages. Penalty is loss of hole, clearly stated in the LOI.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McGonigle

EBTP Captain, Contra Costa Country Club