

East Bay Team Play Spring Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Blackhawk Country Club

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Prakash, 2024 EBTP League Director, at 10:15 am.

The Captains, Co-Captains and representatives introduced themselves and then the meeting started. Absent: D. Keen (Captain -Crow Canyon), K. Witte (Captain-Rossmoor), C. Armstrong (Captain-Round Hill), J Saladino (Co-Captain - Green Valley, and B. Veirs (Co-Captain - Richmond). It was requested by Green Valley to limit emails/communications to Jan Saladino due to a family issue.

Old Business

1. 2024 Match Dates - Due to renovations at Claremont (only 9-12 holes open) they will need to change their EBTP host date from May 16, 2024 to October 15, 2024. All other dates are confirmed.
2. Confirm Agreements made at Fall Meeting
 - Dues to remain at \$30
 - Pace of Play Timer for 4 hours 45 minutes will continue & needs to be announced
 - Player cost (for food & cart) remains at \$65 for 2024, review in fall for 2025
 - Website Administrator for 2024 is Sandra McGonigle – we have a new director for 2025 Karla Witte (Rossmoor)
 - Green Books and GPS apps with enhanced greens features such as heat maps and putt maps are not allowed. We do allow distance features on GPS apps as stated in EBTP Conditions of Competition. These statements will be required on all LOI. GPS in carts is ok if everyone on the same team has the same equipment w/GPS.
 - Scores will be posted as “away”.

New Business

1. **Collect 2024 Dues - \$30 per club.** Check payable to Blackhawk Country Club - the website has been moved to Weebly/Square in 2022. The new cost is \$120 for 2 years, paid in December 2023.
2. **New Captains Scoring Sheet and Procedure** – Host Club Captain will sign and attest the scoring sheet for each team. Once she has all team scoring sheets in, she will text or e-mail a picture of the score sheets (total of 7) to our web editor (Sandra McGonigle). You will just need to send one sheet with the 2 teams that competed. Hostess club duties will be updated to reflect this change. If you use an iPhone, you can use the Notes app to scan the scoring sheet (press and hold on the Notes Icon and the dropdown menu will provide an option to “Scan Document”). All captains should retain the originals for the remainder of the EBTP season.
3. **Review updated files on [EBTP Website](#) (Sandra McGonigle)** - the main update to most files was to update the range of +5.0 - 19.0 handicap index for the A flight. Please note the bottom right-hand corner of each file has the date of the latest update.
4. **Review Responsibilities Section of EBTP Website**

- Sandra reviewed the [Responsibilities & Links & Forms section](#) – a few files will be updated after meeting.
 - [Letter of Invitation \(“LOI”\) template](#) - LOI is due 30 days prior. This has been updated to include the heat map info and course handicap calc/table
 - Line Up Sheets ([pdf](#) & xl versions) - updated for range of +5.0 - 19.0 handicap index for the A flight.
 - Captain’s Scoring Sheet ([pdf](#) & xl versions)- work with your club pro to verify handicap dates/lineup sheets. Some clubs have the handicap chair send reports every 1st & 15th of every month. Check for new players history (they need to post 3 rounds in the last 3 months). This sheet updated to reflect new photo procedure (see above)
 - Paperwork Process & Flow – the overview of Captain’s duties and timeline was reviewed.
 - A [Checklist – Items for Match](#) has been created to help list all required items and deadlines.
5. **Posting Multiple Player Scores after a Match** - it is acceptable for individuals to post their scores onsite if the captain presses submit after verifying the scores (if the captain does NOT have access to post scores). Some captains have different privileges for posting scores.
 6. **USGA Handicap Rule Changes for 2024 for Posting Scores/Posting for Holes Not Played**
The EBTP League Captains voted to continue with the same policy used in prior years as several captains do not have access to posting hole by hole. For posting this year, we will continue to use “par plus Pops” for holes not played, i.e., if a team is asked to pick up and split the hole if they have not yet started playing it. Examples include 1) when time has reached 4:45 minutes and they still have one or two holes left to play, 2) if the Marshall asks them to skip the next hole because they are behind and holding up the field, 3) if there is an illness/injury, 4) hole is out of play for course maintenance or reconstruction purposes. If a player starts but does not finish a hole, we will continue to use “most likely score”. We may address this again next year if rapid posting (posting for multiple players) is updated on the USGA Administrators portal allowing captains to post hole by hole. Note: This will be updated in the Rules & Concerns/Handicapping section of the website.
 7. **Local Rule E-5 Review** – this is in place for EBTP at all clubs even if the clubs don’t use it. Please alert your club pro to have this information announced before the start of the golf round.
 8. **Rules Dispute** - A motion was made to allow team players to use their phone or mobile device when there is a rule dispute between teams to check the USGA rules website for the correct ruling. Vote passed by show of hands. The website will be updated.

The Fall Meeting Date needs to be after the last EBTP match. We need to confirm if Claremont EBTP will be on October 15, 2024 before setting the fall meeting date.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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

Note: On March 28th, League Directors Lynn Prakash and Irma Tidwell confirmed that Claremont’s match date was rescheduled to Tuesday, October 15th.