

Minutes of East Bay Team Play Fall Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Contra Costa Country Club

The meeting was called to order by Sandra McGonigle, 2023 EBTP League Director, at 10:07 am.

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

Sandra shared that the EBTP league actually started in 1973! 50 years ago, per the engravings on the Net Trophy. The Past Winners List will be updated.

Old Business

Sandra presented the awards to the winning clubs. Contra Costa won the Overall Low Gross trophy and Sequoyah won the Overall Low Net trophy. Individual Plaques were awarded for:

Low Gross A Flight: Blackhawk CC

Low Net A Flight: Oakhurst

Low Gross B Flight: Sequoyah CC

Low Net B Flight: Blackhawk CC

Low Gross C Flight: Contra Costa

Low Net C Flight: Green Valley

Handicap Tables and Posting Scores The hostess club will continue to attach their Course Handicap Table with their Letter of Invitation (LOI) as this worked well in 2023. Posting of player scores after each match needs to be done on the day of the match either by posting to the USGA Admin Portal (found on the EBTP website under Forms and Links) or by having your pro shop post for you.

Pace of Play/ 4 hours + 45 minute timer It worked well in our second match at Castlewood to have one person in each foursome set a timer for 4 hours and 45 minutes to ensure pace of play was kept. If the timer went off, the players could finish the hole they had started, but could not start a new hole. They would split any remaining holes that were not played. We continued to use this method for all of our matches for the rest of the season. It was decided to continue to use the timer in each group for next year.

Sandra gave a recap of the season, noting that the following have been updated on the EBTP website: Sample Line Up Sheet, Rules & Concerns page. Plus, a new form "Checklist - Items for a Match" was added.

New Business

Dues & Budget The annual dues will remain at \$30 per club for 2024, and will be collected at the Spring Meeting at Blackhawk CC on March 27, 2024. The Treasury Funds were reviewed and the balance of \$221.76 will be transferred to Blackhawk.

Player Cost It was voted on and approved to keep the cost to play at \$65 per player for 2024, and we will review again in the fall for the 2025 season.

2024 Sacred Dates & Host Dates Due by Friday, October 6th to current League Director, Sandra McGonigle

2024 East Bay Team Play League Directors Blackhawk Country Club - Directors will be Lynn Prakash and Irma Tidwell

2024 Captains & Club Information Due by October 30 to both Blackhawk (Lynn & Irma) and Website Administrator, (Sandra).

Website Administrator Sandra McGonigle will continue to be Website Administrator for 2024, her third and final year. She asked the Captains to assist with recruiting her replacement to train next year for the 2025 season.

Green Reading Guides Green Books and GPS apps with enhanced greens features such as heat maps and putt maps are not allowed. EBTP allows the distance feature on GPS apps as stated in the current EBTP Conditions of Competition and LOI. We voted and it was approved to not allow enhanced greens features for 2024 either. Penalty for using enhanced greens features is general penalty at first offense and DQ at second offense. This penalty will be added to the Conditions of Competition and the LOI.

Issues and Concerns from 2023 Season

Scorecards Each hostess club is responsible to have finish times per hole on the scorecard and the pace of play sheet. The recommended allowance is 15 minutes per hole which is a 4 hour and 30 minute clock. This builds a buffer of 1-2 minutes per hole. Double check that a pencil can write on any color-coded lines. An updated Sample Scorecard has been posted to the website.

Order of Play (B-A-C flights) Hostess Club needs to share with the pro shop the order of play for flights. Please ensure they use the B-A-C Order Play. B Flight goes first, followed by A flight, then C flight.

Lunch Table Signs It was voted on and approved to have signs on tables by starting holes. In this way, players will sit with who they played with that day to encourage a social atmosphere.

Plus (+) Player Handicaps We had 2 clubs that had plus player handicaps this year. These players give back a stroke for each plus stroke they have; i.e., a +2 handicap would give back two additional strokes to each player in the foursome. The Line-Up Sheet will be changed to show the range of +5 - 19.0 handicap index for the A flight.

Captains Flights Sandra asked that each club try to have at least one captain's flight available, with the exception of the clubs who do not have enough carts. Captains will be selected on a first come first served basis. The captain's should be included on the teesheet (used by the parking lot attendants and registration desk) and given scorecards with finish times, local rules sheet and names on golf carts.

Spring Meeting Date at Blackhawk CC is March 27, 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Submitted by Irma Tidwell and Lynn Prakash, Blackhawk CC EBTP Captains