

Role and Function of the Committee

The role of our Executive Committee is to promote, support and expand the game of golf in Southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. By hosting tournaments, rules workshops and assisting with the development of junior golfers, the committee shall preserve the traditions and history of the game and elevate the skills of the golfers in Zone 5. The Zone 5 Men's Executive Committee runs several interclub competitions, including the Open Buttons, Willie Park and Harry Young, Senior Interclub and Senior Buttons, as well as the Junior Buttons. The Vikes Junior Tour, sponsored in part by the University of Victoria, is co-run by the Junior Committee, Jim Goddard of Cordova Bay GC, and the golf coaches and Athletic Director from the University of Victoria.

Report on Performance

2010 was another good year for the golfers of Zone 5. After two years of attempting to hold the Vancouver Island open at the beginning of the season, with its weather challenges, the decision was made to move the event to the end of the normal golf season in September. This tournament continues to receive very valuable support from the Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort and Spa, and CHEK Television, both of whom agreed to sponsor the tournament for 5 years. The tournament consisted of one round of medal play to determine qualifiers for the Open and Handicap Divisions. The remainder of the tournament consisted of match play. The matches were played over two separate weekends in September, with the traditional Sixteen's, Eight's, Semi-finals and Finals. The Open Champion was Mr. Isaac Weintraub and Mr. Cameron Chorney was the winner of the Ken Dobson Trophy for the handicap division. Mr. Weintraub is a former Canadian Tour player attempting to reacquire his tour card and Mr. Chorney had just left the Junior ranks and is a member at Gorge Vale GC.

In 2011 the Vancouver Island Open will continue at Bear Mountain with the format essentially remaining the same but changing to a two-man team event with the hope of enticing more players as subscription has dropped off over the last two years. The dates for the Open will be the 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th of September, 2011.

Zone 5 continues to be very fortunate to have a number of dedicated Rules Officials, led by Senior Rules Official, Barry Anderson who is also vice-chair of the Zone 5 Committee and a Director at Large for the BCGA. During 2010, these 17 rules officials worked a total of 114 days at 18 different tournaments/workshops, often in less than ideal weather conditions.

The **Zone 5 Amateur** was held at Cowichan Golf & Country Club and Royal Colwood Golf Club with Brent Wilson of Arbutus Ridge G&CC defeating two time reigning champion Scott Kral, of Olympic View GC with an aggregate score of 135. Brent, by winning the Zone Amateur was awarded the Zone 5 Committee's exemption into the Times Colonist Open. The Zone Team for the BC Amateur was made up of the

following golfers: Jared Callbeck, Jeff Dinn, Parker Lilly and Saare Adams as neither Brent nor Scott could commit to the BC Amateur. The Willie Park Interclub, an open team match play event broken into two divisions – the Willie Park Driver and Putter divisions, saw Victoria GC once again as the Champions of the Driver Division and Glen Meadows G&CC returned to the Driver Division by becoming the Champions of the Putter Division. Olympic View GC was relegated to the Putter Division by virtue of being the last place team in the Driver Division. In the Harry Young Memorial Interclub, a handicap team match play event, saw Olympic View GC retain the trophy. Both interclubs are played over 11 weeks, however as the Willie Park is played in two divisions, those clubs play a home and away against the clubs in their own division.

The **Zone 5 Senior Amateur** was held at Victoria Golf Club and Cordova Bay Golf Club. The champion was David Mears from Victoria GC with an aggregate score of 144. David won in a three way playoff against Martin Holman and Bill MacPherson, both of whom are also members of Victoria GC. The Zone Team for the BC Senior Amateur was made up of the following golfers: Dave Mick, Reg Effa, Bill MacPherson and Noel Pumfrey. The Zone 5 Senior's have two interclubs that run amongst the 18 hole courses, the Senior Buttons, an open match play event, and the Senior Interclub, a handicap match play event. The Buttons is played as a four ball and singles matches and the Interclub is played as a team event also with a four ball and singles matches. Both events are played as Home and Away, with a grand total of over 500 senior golfers participating in the two events. The 2010 Champions of the Senior Buttons came from Royal Colwood GC, and the 2010 Champions of the Senior Interclub was Olympic View GC.

The **Zone 5 Junior Committee** had another very successful year with many positives. Starting the year Mr. Dale Broughton approached the Zone Junior Chair, and proposed that the **Zone Junior Buttons** be reinstated, and that he would run the event for Junior Boys and Girls. The **Vikes Junior Tour** ran again this year for the boys and girls in all junior age brackets with champions in each bracket. Much thanks goes to Jim Goddard and Bob Russell from Cordova Bay GC, Clint Hamilton, the Director of Athletics and Bryan Carbery and Denis Fedorak, the Golf Coaches at the University of Victoria. All the local golf clubs were fantastic in their support of the providing the tour with prime tee times all without charging for green fees. With no green fees the Zone Junior Committee was able to keep entry fees to juniors affordable, and supported the host clubs with food, beverage and golf ball award purchases for our juniors. The Zone 5 Junior Committee partnered this year with the Canadian Junior Golf Association and their TELUS Skins tournament; this combined the **Zone 5 Junior Championship** and BC Junior qualification with this tournament. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our juniors and resulted in several of our juniors being score board walkers, inside the ropes, at the TELUS Skins game. The **Zone 5 Junior Wind-up** was once again held at Uplands GC in August with 41 junior golfers attending. Our Junior Boy of the Year was Darren Day Jr, and our Junior Girl of the Year was Megan Woodland. The final event of the year for the Zone 5 Junior programme was the **Ryder Cup** versus Zone 5 Juniors. Zone 5 was represented by 8 boys and 4 girls, and for the first time in a number of years,

squeaked out a win. Thanks go out again to Mr Dale Broughton for being the Team Captain and to Cowichan Golf and Country Club for donating their course for the event.

Management and Accountability

During this year's AGM it was discovered why the nine hole courses in the Zone were not responding to correspondence from the Zone Executive Committee, they had felt slighted by a previous Committee. It is now the focus of the Executive Committee to re-engage with the nine hole courses in the Zone that have their own association known as LINGA, the Lower Island Nine-hole Golf Association, and to have a representative from them on the Executive Committee of the Zone. At present the Zone 5 Men's Executive Committee fulfills its objectives by having a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Tournament Director, Senior Coordinator, and a Junior Chair who is supported by a Vice-Chair. The Zone Treasurer has had Zone 5's bank account reviewed by Mr. John Rewers, a CGA in Victoria and member of Gorge Vale GC. The Zone 5 Men's AGM was held at Royal Colwood GC on February 5, 2011 where the Constitution and Bylaws for the amalgamated committee was voted on and accepted, the future of our fixture list was discussed, and a number of other routine annual business items were dealt with.

Respectfully submitted

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Chair

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Secretary/Treasurer