Women's Division Vice President's Report – October 3, 2023

Field Day Report

The Women's Field Day hosted by the CGC Women's Division on July 18th was a resounding success. The weather cooperated, conditions on the course had improved greatly after all the wet weather, and spirits were high. A field of 108 women from clubs around the province and our own club competed for gross and net prizes in three flights, and then enjoyed a great meal at the closing dinner and awards presentation back in the Clubhouse. WD President Linda Oliver spoke to the group about the growth of women's golf under the past and future leadership of women like those we celebrated in this 65th year of the Women's Division in Chester.

We received tremendously positive feedback from the participants about our beautiful course and their Field Day experience, and were told repeatedly that the Chester Women's Field Day is a must-do event. Interest in our Field Day is always overwhelming, and we could have filled the event twice over this year. As our GM Alex Egan stated, the Field Day went exceptionally well and allowed us to really showcase the Chester Golf Club.

The year-after-year success of our Field Day is only possible because of the hard work and dedication of the many women members who volunteer and the amazing Staff at the club. And we receive great support from many CGC Members, local area companies and other individuals who donate door prizes which allowed us to award a little something to about half of the competitors this year. I really cannot thank everyone involved enough.

Tuesday Morning League (TML) Report

We had 105 women join the league in 2023. League play began on May 23 and despite the weather, we were able to golf on 17 of the 18 scheduled days of league play, though the turnout was obviously low on some damp days.

The Host Team included five returning Hosts and six new Hosts. League communication was done through Golf Genius and the automated system served us well, apart from a few challenges when significant last-minute changes to the tee sheet were required due to weather-related cancellations and no-shows.

Ruth's Relaxed Rules for Tuesday play were in place to assist in pace of play and were well received. We stressed to league players the importance of establishing and maintaining a current handicap and using their Golf Canada account to post their scores. We also encouraged league members to enjoy the company of their playing partners and other league

players back at the Clubhouse after their round.

The August 29 Scramble was a fundraiser for the Second Story Women's Centre in Lunenburg, and we raised \$700.00 for this worthwhile cause.

Despite the best of intentions, I did not manage to populate the TML portion of the website with more detailed information for our players in a timely fashion. With the transition to a new Member's Portal and some anticipated new initiatives for league play next year, the changes were put on hold. The new and improved website information will be developed in the off season and launched for the 2024 season.

We have been contemplating some changes to the TML and have solicited feedback on league play in the recent Women's Division survey. The incoming Vice President and her team will be working on this over the next few months and will have more details for you in the Spring.

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