Castlegar Women's Golf Survey

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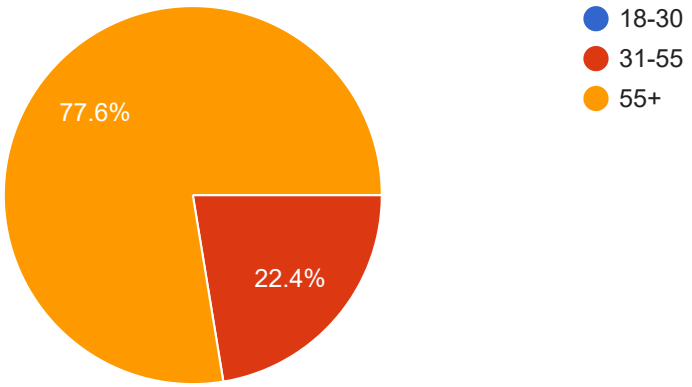

Tuesday and Thursday Clubs

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Do you play Tuesdays or Thursdays or both?

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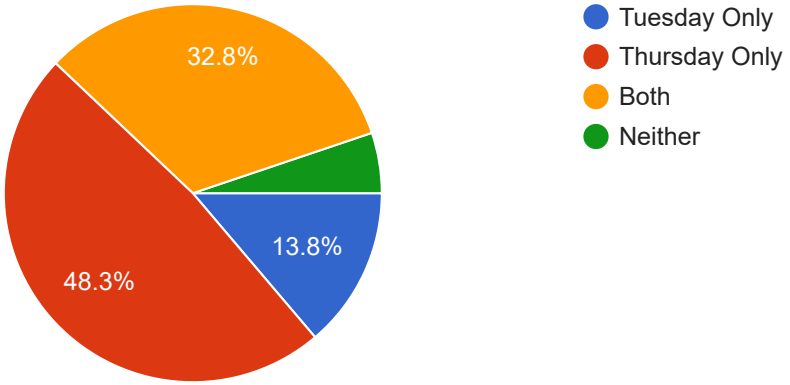

If you do not play either Tuesday or Thursday with the Ladies Club, please tell us why.

18 responses

I work either Tues or Thurs

Thursday

Availability

Tuesday is too competitive

Beginner and I don’t know anyone

Too early a start

I work Tuesday during day.

I can’t play Tuesdays because I work.

sometimes play Thursday

I work on Tuesdays :(

Still working, time does not work for me

I can't play Tuesdays because I am at work :)
I could join the summer, but I'll be honest though, I heard that some ladies aren't always very welcoming/friendly to high handicappers. Feels a bit exclusive.

Thursday regularly, Tuesday occasionally when schedule permits

I work during the day, so Thursday evenings work best for me

Tuesday: It's too early in the morning for most players to attend. I would love to see it more accessible for everyone.

I have a separate group on Tuesday mornings I play with and I put too much pressure on myself to play with the club ladies on Tuesday mornings. I also have a conflict with Thursday evening ladies.

Didn't know any ladies who played on Tuesdays

I understand that the Tuesday group is for more experienced golfers.

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Have you ever participated in a Women's Club Championship?

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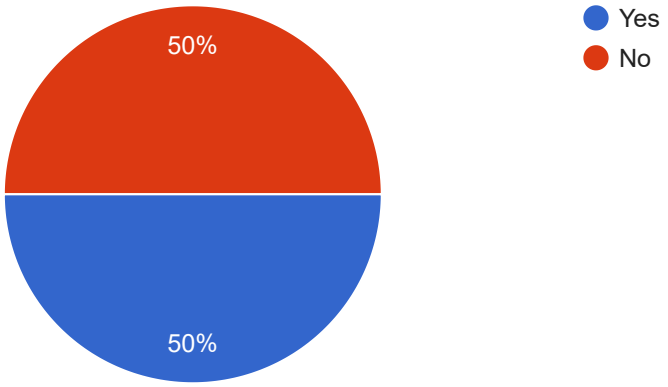

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If you answered yes above, How many times have you participated in the Women's Club Championship?

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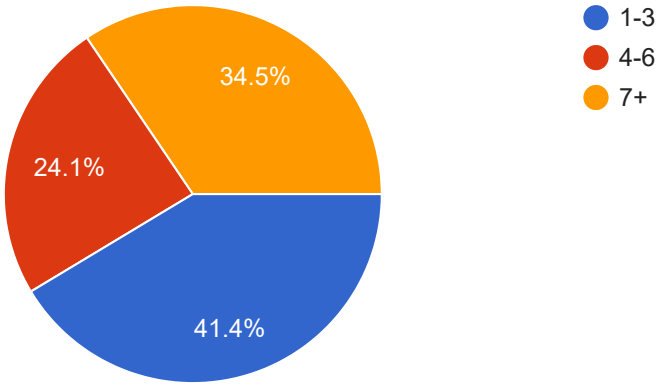

If you do not participate in the Women's Club Championship, please tell us why.

30 responses

Not confident as yet

Too serious a tournament and not enough buy in or incentive

Average golfer

Not enough notice to take time off from work

I am not skilled enough to compete

Only for competitive players

Often it's because my schedule didn't allow me to

Was busy when it occurred. Hoping to next year.

Beginner

Not interested in that level of competition

I don’t do many tournaments

I don't play at that level of golf, I like scrambles and team tournaments.

First year being a member. Second year golfing.

Busy doing other things

Always on vacation that weekend

Not interested in at this time, but that could change if my golf game improves

Thought it was for low handicappers

There are a few reason why I won't participate. The main reason being that it is very intimidating for someone with a higher handicap. I was standing next to another female member while they were being encouraged to play, yet the encouragement was never directed my way. This interaction made it very clear that only the "best" golfers in the club should play. The two day format is also a large commitment and, again, intimidating for someone who is newer to golf. I think if you want to see a higher participation some consideration needs to be

taken for the mid-high handicap club members. 1 day only, chosen playing partners, flights, etc. I guess it depends what your goal is for the club championship - give someone the title of best player in the club or have a robust club event.

We are usually away when it takes place.

Usually timing, and I don't stand a chance!

We are typically away when this event occurs(I definitely recognize it’s a challenge to accommodate everyone’s availability)

Was away, or feel I'm not good enough

I don't know anything about it or how to even play

High handicap does not entice me to enter competitions

The date doesn't work for me (it coincides with a work commitment)

not comfortable doing tournaments

Again, I put too much pressure on myself and prefer to have fun.

I have never thought about it because I don't think I am good enough to participate.

This is my first year playing golf on a regular basis

Didn’t realize I could! Thought it was limited to those who play in the Tuesday league and are of higher skill level.

If you have participated in a Women's Club Championship, what did you like or dislike about the format used in previous years.

19 responses

I like the current format.

Format could be different, so not on a weekend and have to pay

Like-it's a 2 day tournament and that it is played on the weekend.
Dislike - Members should not be charged to play in a Club Tournament regardless of if it is on the weekend or not. We have paid our dues. Especially since we do not take up that many T Times or slow down the course.

Like-it is2 days and on The weekend as it should be. Absolutely think it is terrible that the Club charges their members members to golf an extra $25 per day on top of the fees they pay to participate in the CLUB Championship

No problem with format

I prefer a 2 day weekend club championship.To me this format indicates a level of "professionalism" which realizes the quality of the true championship. As someone who is not championship material, it is still a pleasure to be able to compete in the other categories ie nets. And hence feel a complete part of the whole ladies club.

Liked one day, fun, prizes for all (not that I expect to get a prize, just that it was a bonus)

The winner should not have to put on next year's tournament. We should not have to pay 50 dollars to play no matter what day it is.

I liked the format

A weekend in July …. Should be earlier

Classic 2 day low gross/net is great

I liked the 2 day format, I liked learning from the other ladies,

I participated in the Women's Club Championship a few years ago. To begin with, I do not particularly like stroke play tournaments where participants are overly serious. After playing the one year I did, I had no interest in coming back. A lot of the participants were not welcoming, and it didn't bring a fun atmosphere. I have no issue with people wanting to play competitively, but it's not something I'm interested in participating in.

I've like the format used of the two day.

Liked playing it on the weekend

I like that's it's on the weekend. I wish we could get more ladies to participate so the winner has more competition and it's a true representation of the best of the ladies club. I also like how it's inclusive - I don't want to see high handicappers being excluded, I just would like to see a better representation of all golfers in the tourney.

I appreciated that it did not take an entire weekend

I like the general attitude of the participants. Though it is a competitive tournament, ladies are friendly and it is a fun event. Flighting the tournament allows a larger group of ladies to participate. I also liked the excellent support of sponsors enabling all of the participants to take away a prize. This helped to balance the cost of the tournament. Which leads to what I dislike about he WCC. I think that this is the one tournament that should be included with being a member of the club and there shouldn't be a fee, except perhaps for the food.

First year that I participated. I like the format and other members made me welcome and encouraged me to participate, no matter the skill I had.

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Would you prefer the Championship be played over:

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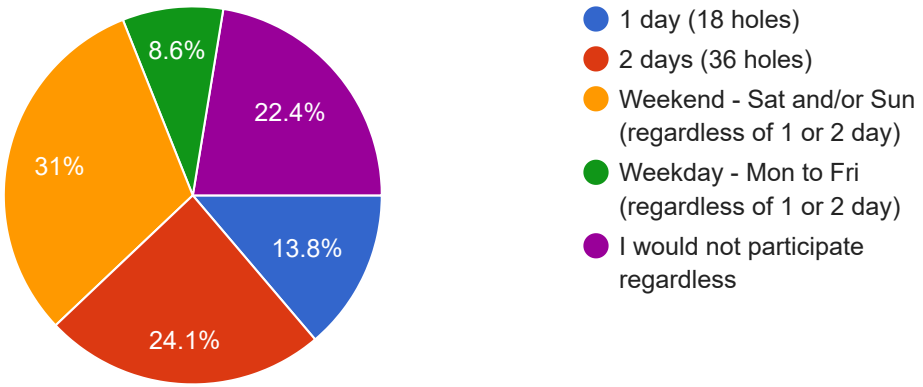

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What format do you prefer for determining the Overall Club Champion?

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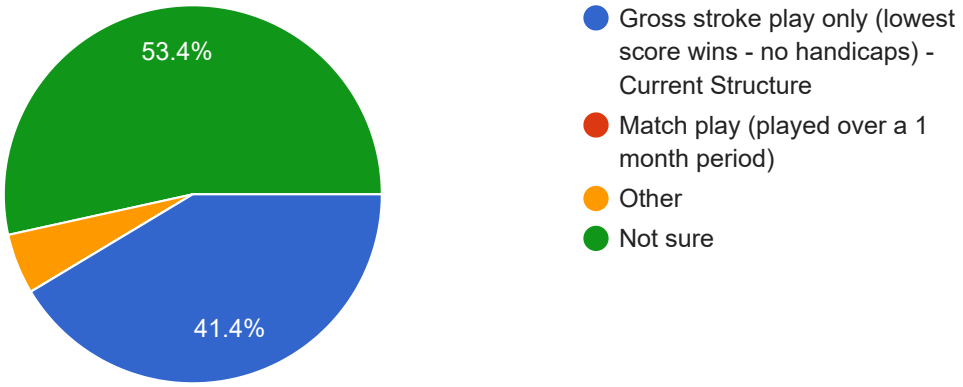

If you chose 'Other' above, please provide suggestions for the format for determining the Overall Club Champion.

5 responses

If we had more women play it could be developed into more divisions.

I thought the current structure was gross & net scores with handicaps which is my preference.

As I mentioned above - if you want to have a higher participation, I believe you need to make it flighted. You can still have an overall gross winner. Chosen groupings would also go a long way to making players more comfortable to come out. I understand this would introduce the risk of cheating, but I'm sure there's a solution that would work.

The focus on finding the "best golfer" and the format we do it in is not welcoming for mid to high handicap players. We could easily have gross winner/club champion but make the tournament welcoming to all ladies club members. The format of the 2-lady best ball is excellent with multiple flights and having gross and net winners, while doing an overall low gross winner. A similar format to this would encourage more participation.

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Would you support recognizing additional winners based on age categories: (e.g., Senior 50+, Super Senior 65+):

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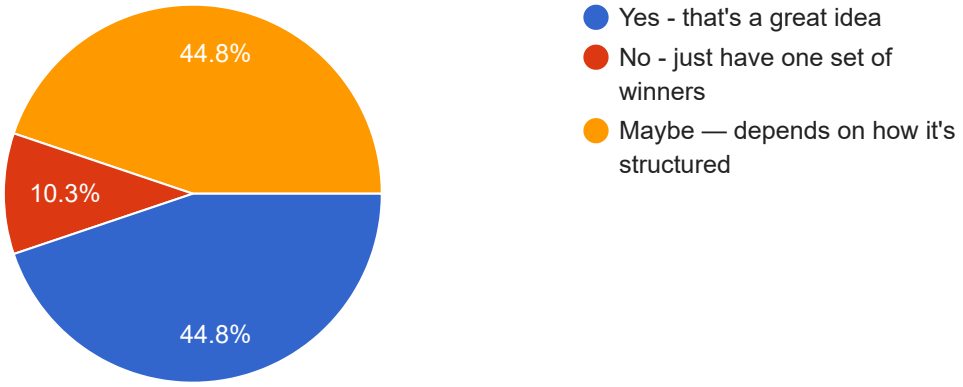

Any additional suggestions or comments?

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The club championship needs in entice club members to play competitively and for the sportsmanship and social aspect of the sport. If adding flights and net results along with champion to make the tournament more appealing to members I support this format.

Hard for me to provide meaningful feedback here.

The above question is an interesting one.Seems those who compete in this championship are not aging younger. Just an idea -perhaps the idea of developing our young at the competitive level would be good use of positive energy

I don’t think the club championship should determine solely who plays team challenge.

Mix up foursomes better so that the same people are not always playing together and not always starting on same hole

If the ladies clubs are going to be 2 separate clubs then you need more than 1 club champion

Maybe offering golf clinics for women wanting to learn in a more formal environment - maybe with a pro. Maybe groups of 2 with a pro so time can be taken to explain rules, course management, mindset as the round is being played.

I think it would be helpful to determine the purpose of the Ladies Club championship tournament, to further explore how the tournament is supported by the development of women's golf in Castlegar and to ensure that the timing & the structure of the tournament is as inclusive as it can be of all the women who golf - competitively - in Castlegar.

I think the Castlegar Ladies Club has a lot of potential to grow and become one of the best in the area. There has been continuous improvement over the past few years, and I think we can keep the momentum going. I think introducing a ladies scramble similar to Flo's 3-man scramble would go very well, and some minor changes to the ladies club championship would significantly improve participation. Speaking to Redstone members, they format their ladies club championship as just an 18 hole ladies night. Pick your groups, have fun. I think we are on the right track but we need to be inclusive to all of the new ladies coming out to play golf, regardless of skill level.

If you are looking to just get ladies out, bring back the fun flight. Many of us love being on the course and celebrating the achievements of others!

I really appreciate all of Linda and Wendy’s efforts, time and commitment to organizing our very fun and inclusive ladies Tues and Thurs clubs!!

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Have you ever participated in the West Kootenay Team Challenge?

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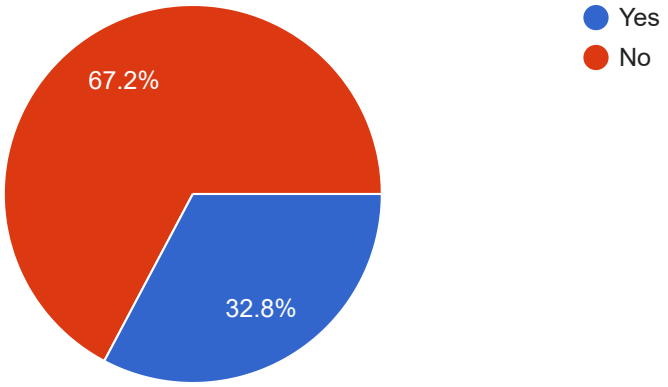

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Would you ever be interested in being part of our 8-player team? (Entry fee and golf shirt provided by Castlegar Golf Club)

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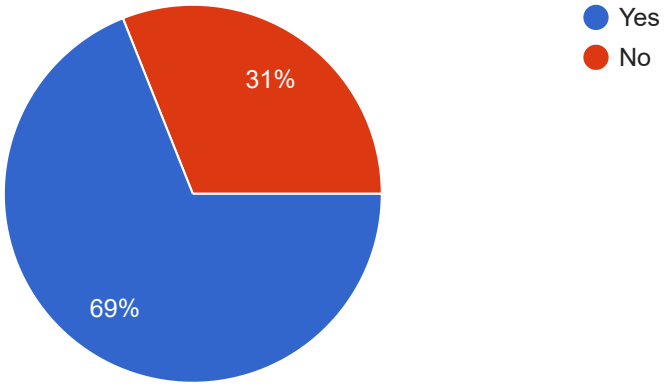

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How would you prefer the team be selected?

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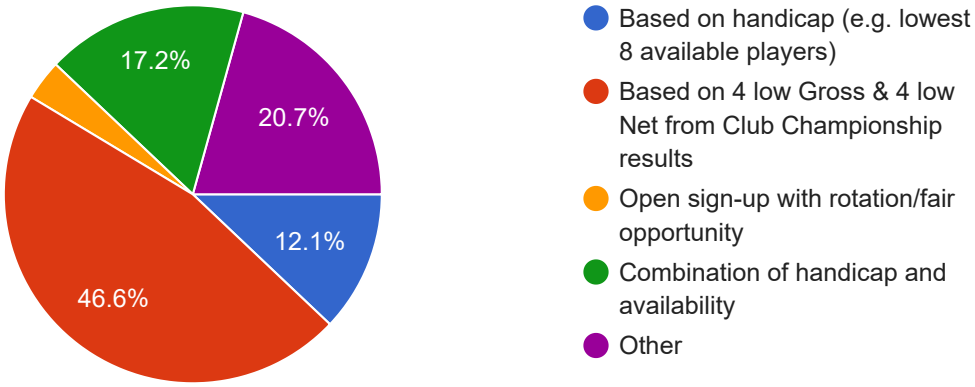

If you have other suggestions for the method that the team be selected please provide them here.

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I like the idea that you have to qualify, and using the Club Championship as the qualifier is a good idea, however it just needs to be put out to all the Ladies Club Members, not just the Tuesday Ladies Club members that if you are interested in being a part of the Castlegar Team, you have to qualify by playing in the Club Championship, and then pick the 8 best players from that tournament, to play in that years Team Challenge.

All lady members should be advised about the Team Challenge and the opportunity to play on the team. Then, if they are interested, they would have to compete to make the team, by playing in the Club Championship. Then you should hopefully have a better turnout out, and be able to pick our team from low gross, or maybe a lesser combo of 6 low gross 2 low net. Or, another way of picking could be a combo of things including turnout,
If someone wanted to do all that calculating, but I sure wouldn't.

Club competition means use the best 8 players.

I am so proud of the teams our Club has entered. To me we acknowledge the different skill levels which make up any Club, not just our skilled golfers.

This is only for competitive players so this question doesn't include my level of play.

Can we somehow use the scores from the ace of aces?

Change selection to be based on the same as other clubs. If they all base their teams to only compete gross then we should also. Previous when I was in Zone 2 challenge, clubs would send 4 ladies for gross team and 4 for net team which provided opportunities for all levels of players in the net side and low hcp players competed for gross.

I would like to see 2 or 3 qualifying days. Not just club championship.

Lowest hcp so that strongest team represents club

It should be 8 low GROSS no more net players as this should be the best players that are either in the club OR that qualified

Ladies night scores

Not sure this information is understood by women wanting to get more involved in golf

N comment, not something I'm interested in.

I'd like to see the best 8 go, but they'd have to still qualify. They'd have to participate in like 3 different tournaments or something like that and do well in one. I don't want just the top 8 lowest handicappers to be automatically selected.

I like the idea of 4 low gross and 4 low net but pulling only from the Club Championship limits it to ladies that are available that day. If you can't play the club championship for any reason, you are automatically out of the running. Another format could come from pulling from ladies night /day scores from people who want to sign up to qualify maybe?

Perhaps having an opportunity to qualify in a few ways. For example our Best Ball Ladies Tournament or the Club Championship. That way if someone has a family emergency that prevents them from playing in one they can qualify in the other, or they simple have two opportunities to qualify.

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What do you find most appealing about participating in this team event? (Choose all that apply)

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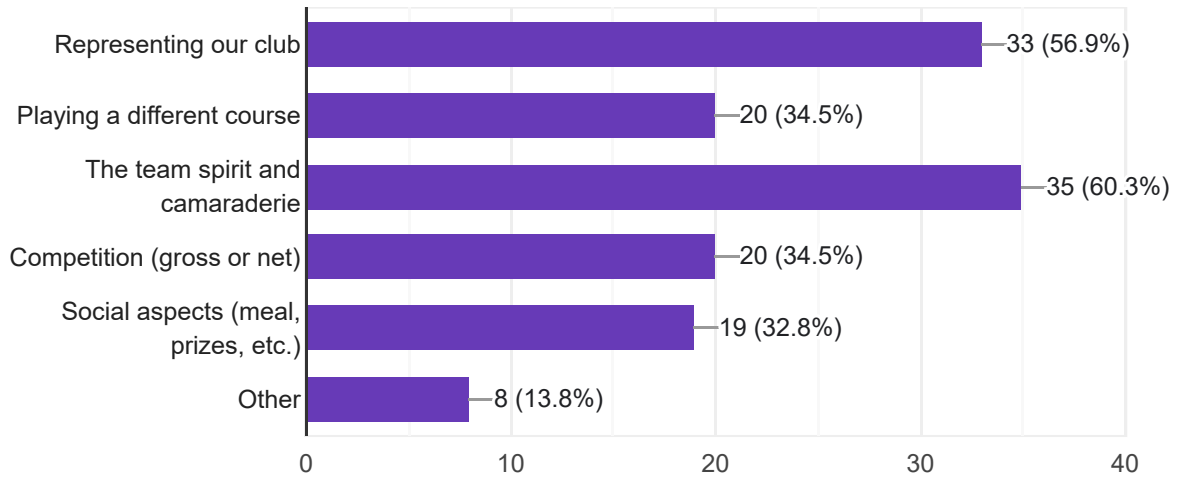

If there are other aspects of participation that you find appealing please share them.

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The fact that I have a high handicap & have been able to play in the team challenge is so exciting & rewarding.

The happiness and pride of the team is spirit building.

This question needed to be answered to submit the survey but doesn't apply to me

Also representing our club

I have never qualified for this event so I am not able to answer.

Winning low gross

N/A

I think it is important to keep some net positions open for the West Kootenay Challenge Team. It isn't just the top 8 low handicappers who are wanting to compete and represent their club. A player who plays regularly, works to improve their game, and has a desire to compete representing CGC should have a chance to do so. Let's remember that the WKC has two categories of competition: Gross and Net.

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Women's Club Captain

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Going forward, would you like:

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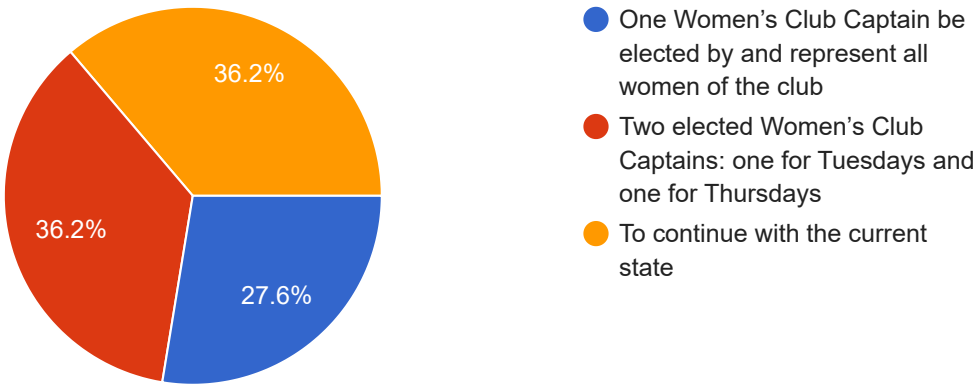

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Contact point with BC Golf

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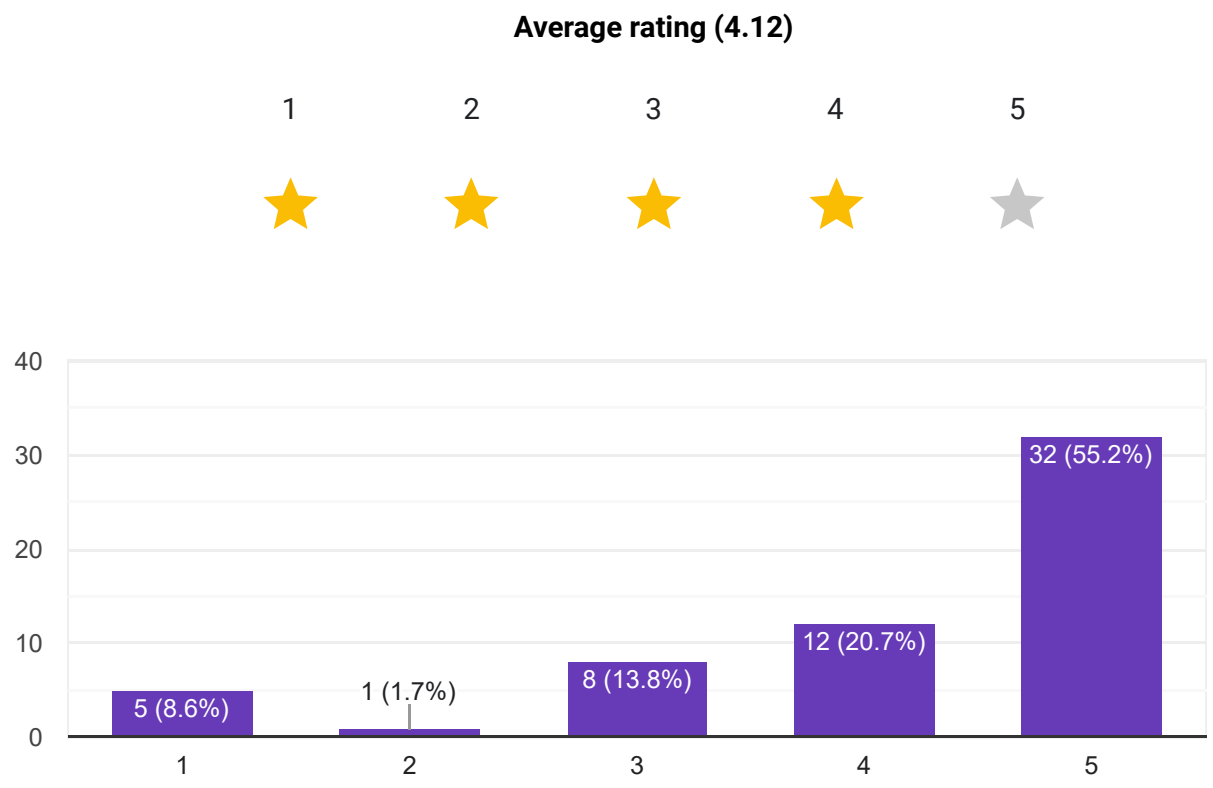

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Contact point for other locals clubs, sharing their tournament info etc.

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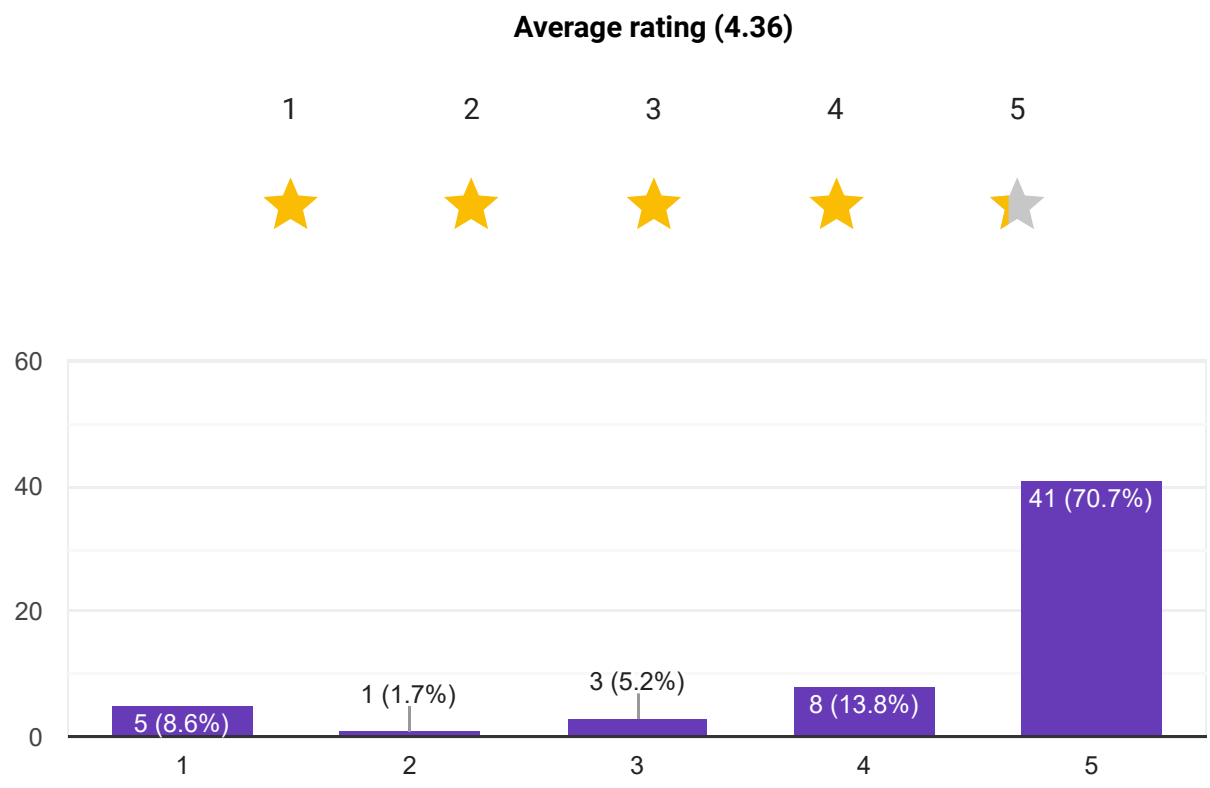

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Communicating key updates (email/newsletters/reminders)

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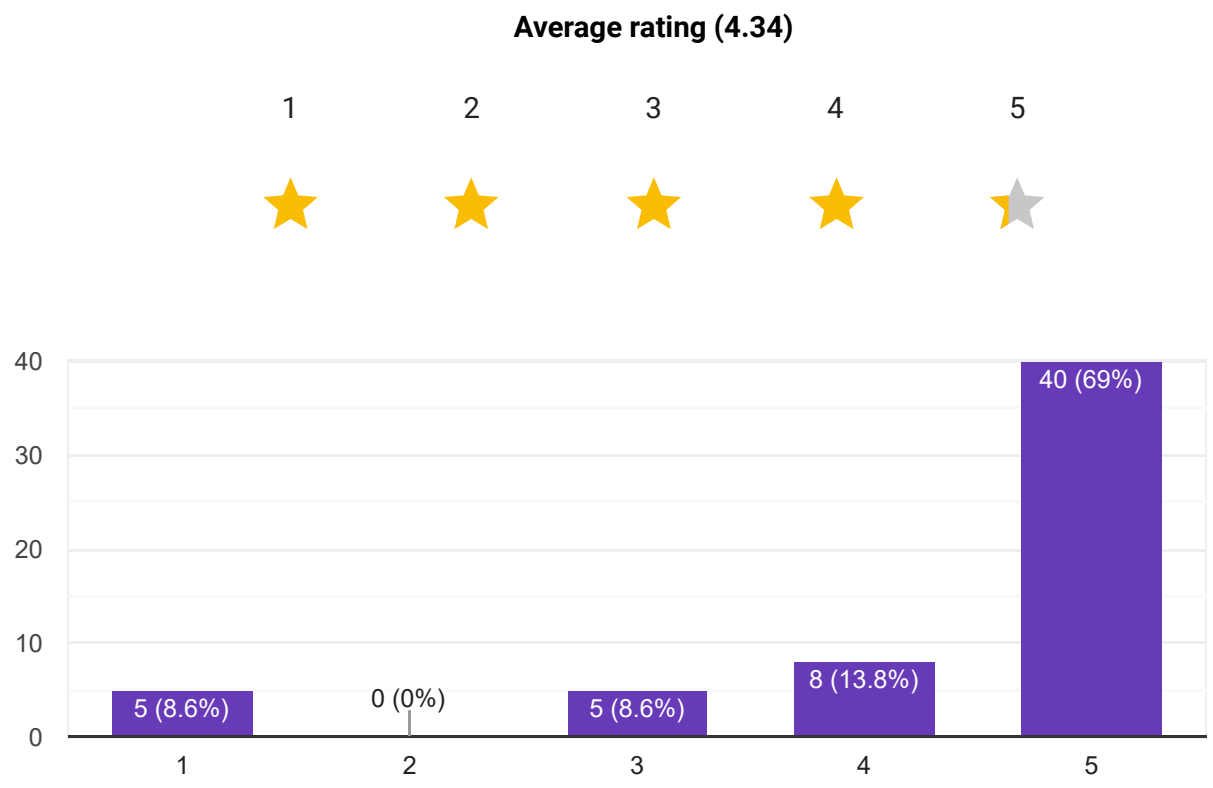

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Helping plan the Club Championship (e.g. draws, scoring support)

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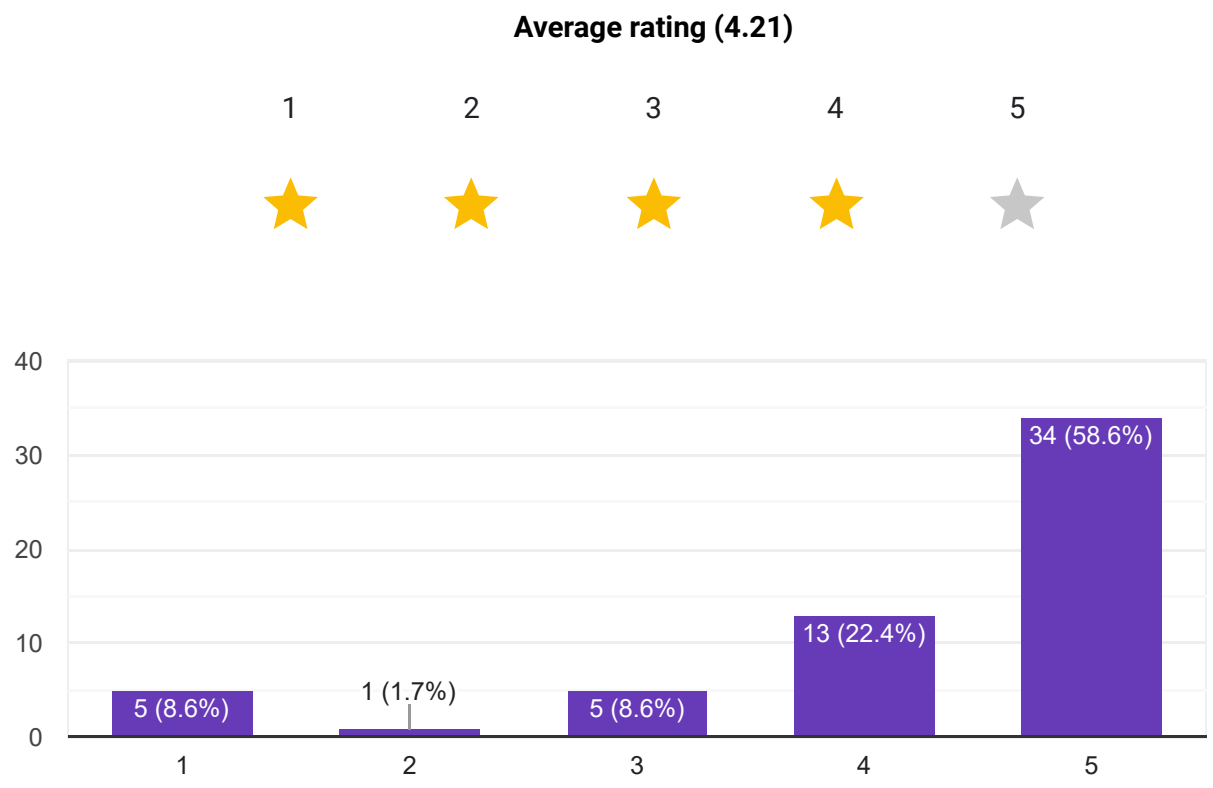

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Helping plan Castlegar Ladies Tournaments

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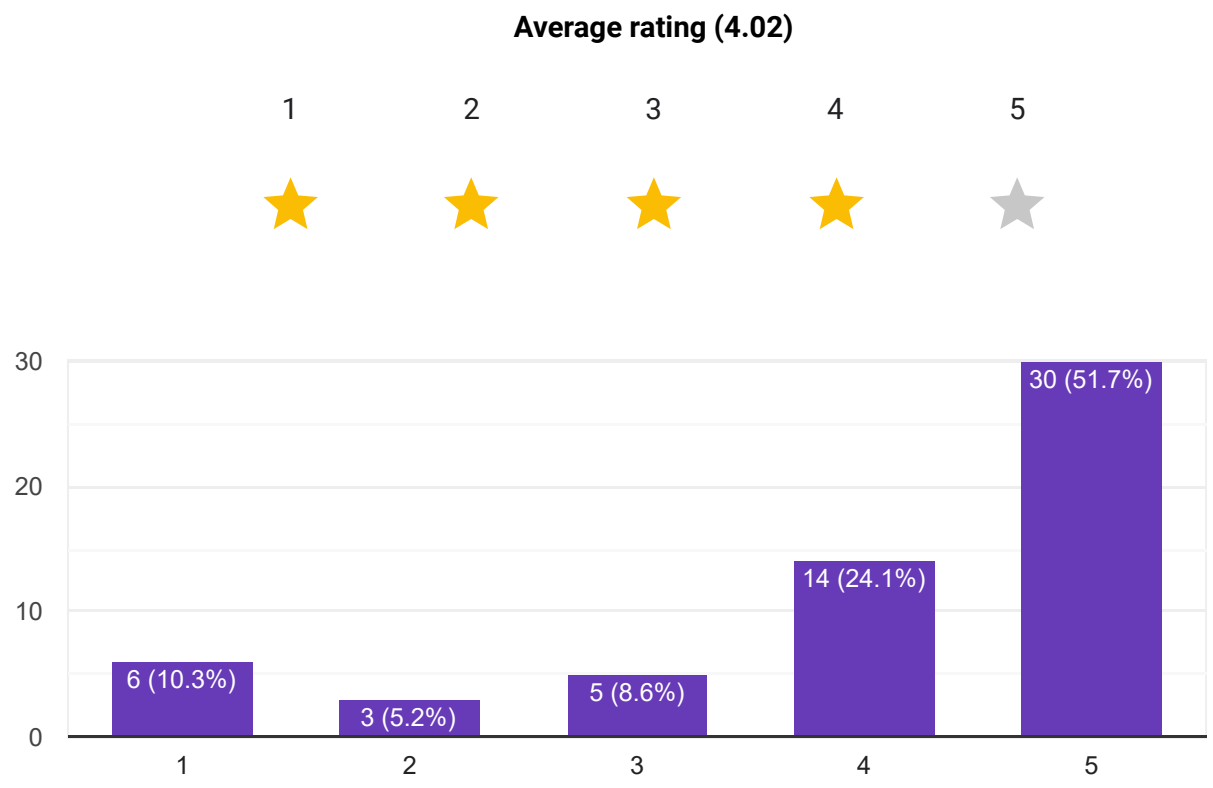

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Coordinating with the Golf Course Club Captain to ensure rules/handicaps are followed

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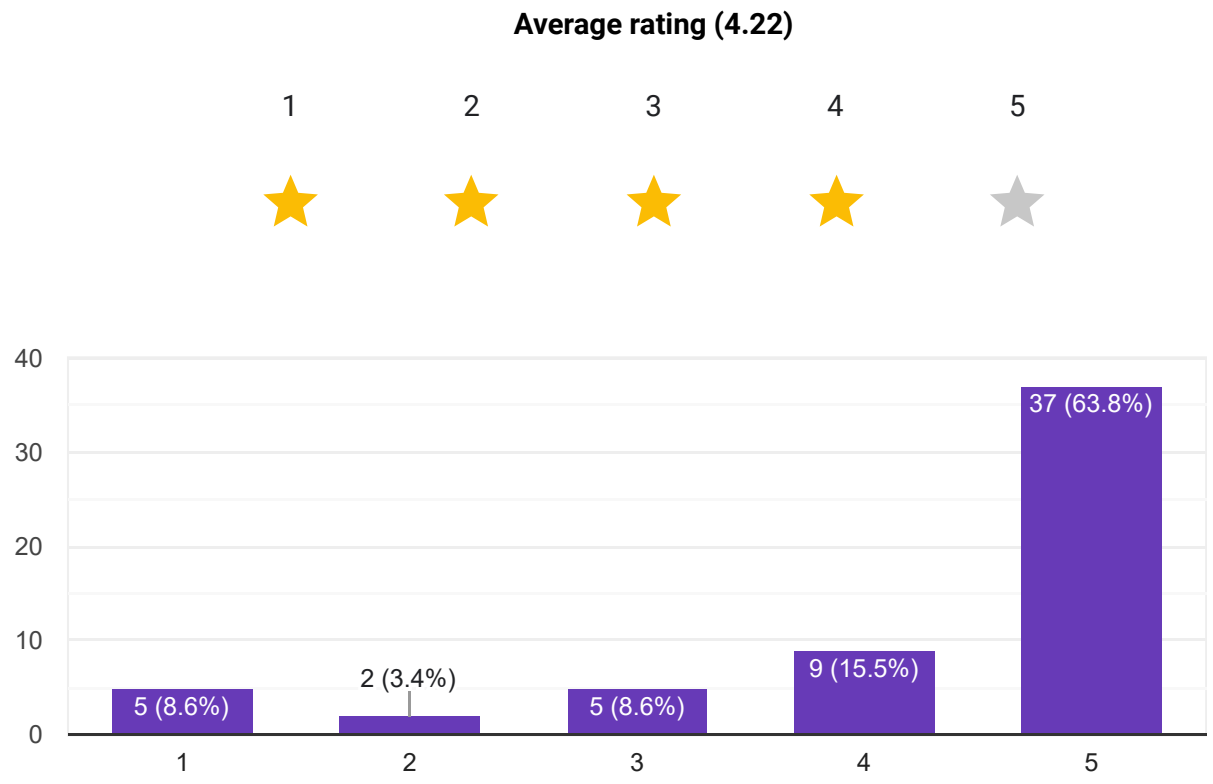

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Monitoring score input and Thursday handicaps

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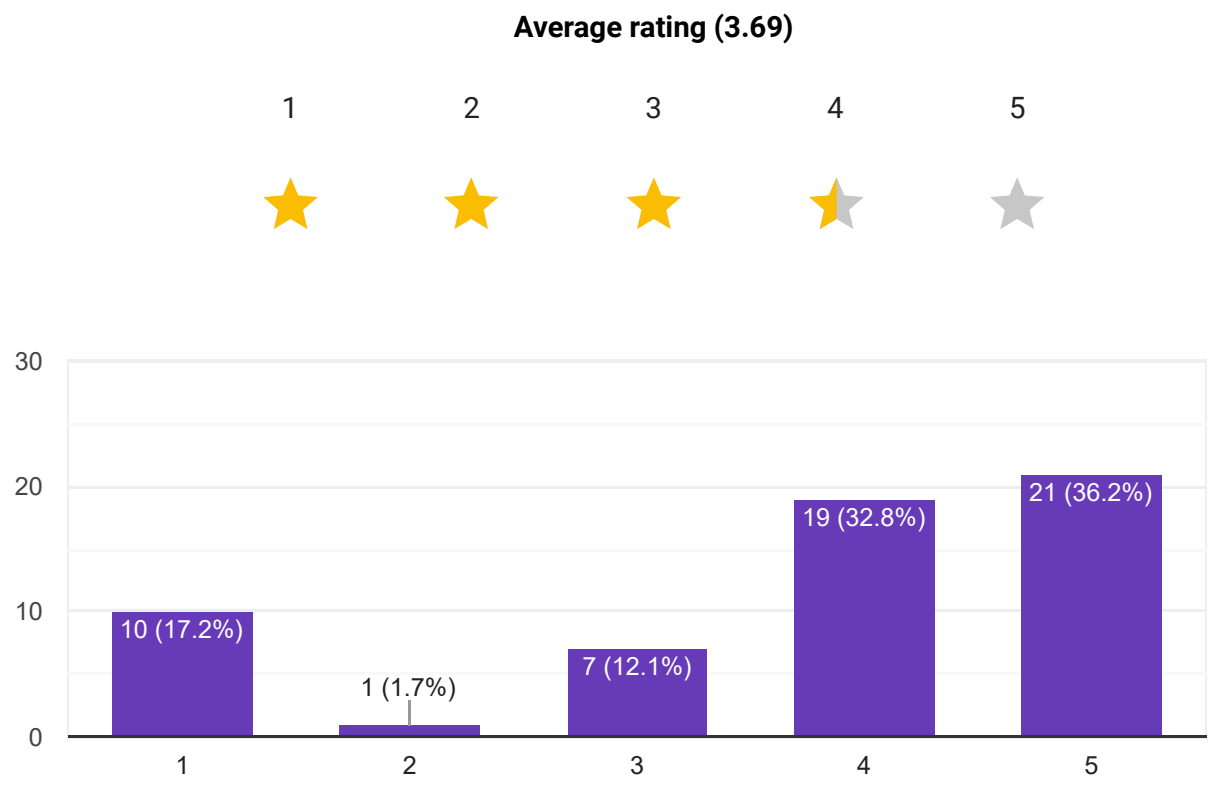

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Organizing exchange days with nearby clubs

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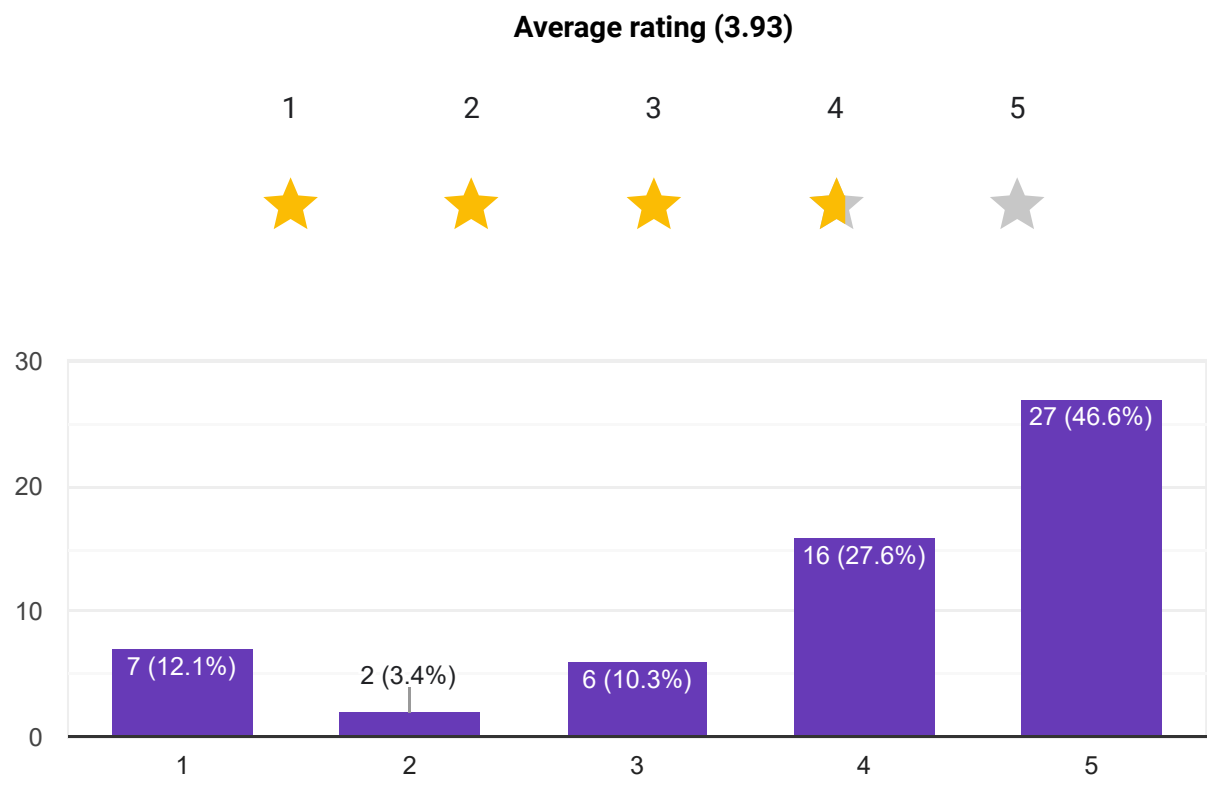

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Do you maintain a Golf Canada Handicap?

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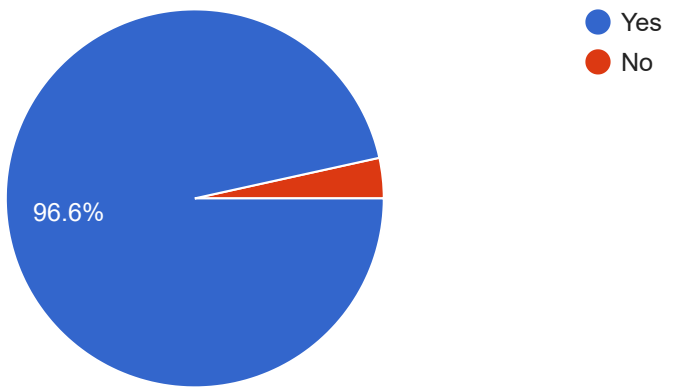

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A big thank you to Linda & Wendy for all their excellent & hard work on Tuesdays & Thursdays. It is much appreciated!

What is the role? Who is it now?

I feel it is important to support elite athletes.However, they are not the majority of us. Any activity which is not fun and fair for all, loses participants. I thank those who donate their time to activities for ladies.

This survey is directed towards a select group of players and doesn't represent the opinion of non-competitve golfers. The changes that were addressed in the survey do not have an impact on players who are not involved at that level of play.

We should have a club captain and Co club captain to work together for all women golfers at our course.

Compliments to all who have contributed to making our ladies programs congenial and welcoming.Thank you for giving your time and enthusiasm in making our golf programs welcoming and fun.

I would like to see an effort by the club to try to increase participation in Tuesday ladies day, many ladies are out golfing Tuesday but don’t want to participate for various reasons. Many golf Thursday in competition but for various reasons don’t want to join Tuesday. I’ve heard from many ladies that one reason is they get put with the same ladies over and over. I feel that with the small numbers and giving walkers the preferential starting positions limits flexibility for groups. Maybe time to do like the men, arrive early enough to toss balls or draw cards?

I’m not familiar with the club championship and this survey won’t let me move forward with out input so I have selected 1 star only because I don’t think my input should be considered.

I don't have a lot of knowledge of what exactly the club captain is responsible for (thank you for explaining it in this survey!). I play golf for the exercise and camaraderie, not for competition which is why I don't participate in the club challenge. Also I feel you may get more responses and more honest responses if an email is not required for a survey.

We need an email list of all the female members of our course regardless of day or afternoon golf and send them all the updates and info so that everyone is aware of how the team challenge is picked , how the zones work etc. There are some good lady golfers in our club who no one knows about. We need to make the business ladies feel like they are part of the women’s club.

All women that are club members should be informed of all the ladies out of town events, all posters should be sent to all club members. I feel Thursday ladies do not receive enough information on these events. It feels like there is a division in communication between the 2 ladies groups and the Thursday ladies are left out. All women's club members should be treated equally. There should be more monitoring of handicaps, it's seems Thursday is considered the fun night but all golfers need to be held accountable for the handicaps they are claiming. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the volunteers and proshop staff, without your unwavering support, Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon ladies events would not be possible! Thank you all for everything you do to make these ladies events happen every week! You are appreciated! ⛳🌞

There should be a different qualifier for the Team challenge … I don’t think it can come from the club championship until the numbers increase…. Otherwise you are missing a lot of great players to represent our club

I don't know that we need 2 "Captains", each representing a different day of women's golf. There currently does seem to be a separation between the two groups and the tournament participation, format and scheduling seems to favour Tues Ladies over Thurs. That could be because there are fewer Thurs golfers interested in competition? Not sure what the split is between Members and non-Members on Thurs. I'd like to see a more integrated approach to Ladies golf in Castlegar. Maybe that means 2 separate but equal leaders; maybe we have one Captain with a deputy to help? Each Ladies golf day is organized well; I have no complaints there. But my observation is that they operate separately, and don't necessarily feel connected to one another - unless you're a golfer who golfs both days.
On a separate but related note, I'd like to understand what the gender split is in membership in Castlegar...60/40? 70/30? As an individual golfer, I feel welcomed at the Course. But there does seem to be some systematic differences between privileges male golf members have vs female. If there's a financial reason for that, let's hear it. If there's some "tradition" that needs to be challenged, maybe it's time to explore that.

Let's keep growing our club and getting new ladies out to golf, and be known for being inclusive and welcoming.

Thanks for this. Hopefully we get more ladies involved.

I would love to see Thursday ladies nights extend a bit further into the fall. I heard (could be rumour!) that we turned away sponsorship. Trying to end with a scramble further into fall becomes troublesome with daylight, so there is a small group of us (maybe more!) that would love to see a 3 or 4 women 18 hole scramble on a weekend day instead. Obviously (given the numbers) the ladies of our club love a scramble and we think a tournament could do very well.

It would be great to know how women could get more voice from our representatives at the club. How can we get our voices heard at the table and feedback gathered from club members? We hear a lot of rumours of things but no discussion with us (for example, moving the hole 5 women's tee boxes down below) or how do we put forward that we need another washroom for ladies on the front 9 (maybe around the maintenance shop). I think the ladies of our club are unsure of how to be "heard"

Thank you for your time :)

Thank you to Linda and Wendy for all of their time volunteered to make Women's Golf at CGC enjoyable!

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