

RULES REPORT-SPRING 2020

This year is bringing us special challenges with COVID-19. Our courses are presently closed with no idea when they will open. We hope that the Zone 1 Championships will be able to take place. Unfortunately we won't have our zone meeting for the usual exchange of ideas and meeting new & old friends.

Last season our Zone Championships were in Radium at the Radium Course and in Invermere at the Ridge Course at Copper Point. Joan Galloway and Wendy Huey and their team worked hard in all aspects of organizing our 2019 zone championships especially with regard to advising us on course set-up at both courses. We wondered how it would work splitting the play at 2 courses. It required a bit more effort but worked well. There were a few glitches with scoring but we hope to overcome these this year.

Our zone this year is at the Castlegar Golf Course on May 30 and 31 with a practice round on the 29th. As Loretta & I will again be doing the refereeing, we plan to do the course inspection in early May so I can write up the Local Rules Sheet for our event. Hopefully you will be encouraging many of your ladies to participate at this excellent course. We look forward to working with Linda Tamblyn's organizing team. We also plan to do a rules session at Castlegar in May. Last season we did well-attended rules presentations at Radium and Cranbrook when we were over for the inspections and Loretta did a rules session at Birchbank.

Last summer we officiated at our Zone at Radium and Invermere, the Provincial Senior Women's at St. Eugene's under head rules official Wilda Schab, and the Canadian Senior Women's in Osoyoos. It was so interesting to work with that team and see the golfers from all across Canada-what talent. Also most of the women from our zone who participated made the cut-congratulations! This year we will look after our own zone championships and also work at the Provincial Junior Boys and Girls in Oliver at NK'Mip Canyon Desert Golf Course in late July.

New for 2020 are the changes in the Handicapping system. There has been a lot of information come through on the British Columbia Golf website. Unfortunately the planned seminars throughout the province have been cancelled and a seminar video has been put together by BC Golf. You can access it by going to britishcolumbiagolf.org/quick-workshops. Once there, click on handicap, course rating & rules workshops. Click to open for 2020handicapping system workshops & webinars. Scroll below the Rules of Handicapping book to where it says Click [HERE](#) to see WHS seminar video by BC Golf. Be prepared for a 2 and one half hour session.

Also really big news if you haven't already heard—Loretta Bulfone was awarded Sport BC's President's Choice Award for golf this year. The official presentations were postponed because of the cancellations of so many events with the COVID-19. However, Kris Jonasson, BC Golf's CEO, and his wife, Esther, hosted Loretta to dinner.

Please feel free to email any questions I can help you with. At this time we want you all to stay home and keep healthy and safe!

Hope to see many of you at the zone. Please support this event.

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