

Bangor Women's Golf Club
Fall Meeting
Angler's Restaurant, Hampden, Maine
October 3, 2012

Members Present:

Marlene Viger	Marie MacMillan	Jean Sweetser
Marilyn Rice	Evelyn Bouchard	Jean Young
Sandi Bourgoin	Rita Stimpson	Liz Coffin
Kathy Anderson	Gloria Attenweiler	Hilda Wardwell
Sandy Meehan	Karen Bamford	Claudette Amoroso
Gwen Archambault	Louise Shindler	Brenda Crosby
Janet Anderson	Ruth Richardson	Janice White
Diane Herring	Nancy Hart	Kathy Constantine
Viola Kemp		

Guest: Sandy Darr

Thanks to you all for your support and help in the decision making process of your Bangor Women's Golf Club.

Monthly and Annual Reports

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report from the August 30th Monthly Meeting is posted on the web at www.liz44.com and in a notebook titled "Minutes of Bangor Women's Golf Club Meetings 2011--" located in the women's locker room. The report of that meeting was also read at this meeting

Treasurer's Report from August 31, 2012 to October 3, 2012:

Janice White, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report from August 31, 2012 to October 3, 2012. This report is included in the "Minutes of Bangor Women's Golf Club Meetings 2011--" located in the women's locker room.

Janice also presented a **Profit and Loss report for October 2011 through September 2012**. This report will also be found in the locker room in the notebook mentioned above.

Sponsor Committee:

Gwen Archambault reported that there were 5 members on the sponsor committee this year: Jean Young, Marlene Viger, Marilyn Rice, Mary Crawford, and Gwen Archambault. Special thanks was given to Jean Young for handling all correspondence, and to Mary Crawford for following up with people who sponsored us last year but had not sent checks this year.

We had twelve monetary sponsors and 2 sponsors who provided items to be given as prizes during the invitational tournament.

Karen Bamford reported on an end of season mailing done to encourage people to donate to our club next year. **Kathy Constantine** took pictures of each sponsor sign; **Gwen Archambault** wrote a brief “thank you for your support” letter; and **Cyndi Whalen** put them together in letter format. **Jean Young** did the mailing.

Weekly Tournaments:

Claudette Amoroso, chairperson of weekly tournaments, reported that people enjoyed the tournaments this year. (People in attendance agreed.) Next year’s tournaments will follow much the same formats as this year’s tournaments.

WMSGA:

Vi Kemp reported on the Annual WMSGA fall meeting.

There were 6 proposals of which 4 were withdrawn. One (1) was passed making President Elect and Tournament Chair two separate positions. The rationale for this was:

- The President Elect would have more time to work with the President and become involved and familiar with the operations of WMSGA before stepping into the position of President.
- Since the tournament chair does not have to serve as President, she could serve many years in a row. This would improve the relationship and continuity with the courses.

One proposal was moved and is to be taken up with the executive board.

Next year there will be a special tournament to be named the **Janet Drouin Open Championship** at Natanis. It will be a two-day tournament.

Special recognition was given to BWGC members:

- **Janice White:** most improved player of WMSGA this year.
- **Shirley Kile:** tied for second low net in the A Division.
- **Jean Young:** outstanding work as Administrative Assistant.
“I’ve enjoyed very much playing with the many different golfers she set me up with. I have appreciated her patience when I applied for special tournaments using the wrong form. She patiently e-mailed me back asking me to reapply.”
- **Marilyn Rice:** our BWGC President for keeping us informed throughout the summer and bringing in many new ideas and involving us in decision making.

Thirty-one members of BWGC are also members of WMSGA. All members of BWGC were encouraged to join WMSGA. The schedule for next year seems to be more accommodating for both North and South. WMSGA members are encouraged to prepay for tournaments as it makes things easier for players and for Jean Young.

In regards to the October 9 WMSGGA tournament to be held here at Bangor Municipal Golf Course:

- There will be no drop area for the second hole due to WMSGGA rules.
- As soon as Brian gets the pairing, names should be placed on the carts.
- Janice White, Kathy Anderson, Sandi Bourgoin, Diane Herring, Karen Bamford, Nancy Hart, Gwen Archambault and Marie MacMillan will be workers involved in breakfast setup, arranging lunch, handling registration, and spotting on the seventeenth hole.

Web Site:

Liz Coffin reported on the items that BWGC members would find on the web site:

- The handbook for BWGC
- Upcoming tournament information
- Member information
- Championship tournament results
- Match schedules
- Secretary and Treasurer reports, etc.

Liz encouraged us to make use of www.liz44.com.

Officers

There was no voting tonight because the officers are starting the second year of their terms.

Club Championship Tournament

The executive board questioned whether there should be an overall club champion as well as winners in each flight. Marilyn researched the guidelines for the Club Championship Tournament (found in our club handbook) and found that this is already in place. “The club champion will be the member with low gross. Awards will also be given for low gross in each flight.”

Marilyn sent a survey to BWGC members regarding the Club Championship. Sixteen people responded. 94% of the responders were in favor of having an overall Club Champion.

Another question on the survey was: “What is the reason you do not play in the club championship?”

- 43% believe they cannot win.
- 29% find it too expensive for non-members
- 14% do not want to play two days.
- 14% find the club championship is not their cup of tee.

The last question on the survey was: “Would you play if there was a net division?”

- 64% said “Yes”
- 36% said “No.”

The motion was made by Vi Kemp that next year's Club Championship would add an overall net winner. Diane Herring seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 22 yes, 4 no.

The Club Champion Tournament requires that people play two rounds of golf on the days and times designated for the tournament.

Vi Kemp recommended that a big "to do" be made recognizing the Men's Club Champion and the Women's Club Champion. Also, a sign or poster should be in the locker rooms recognizing the champions.

Issues with Grille on the Green

The wait staff is inexperienced. They have very rigid ways of serving.

A questionnaire was sent to all members asking for thoughts about the Grille on the Green. Twenty-seven members responded.

Have you been satisfied with the restaurant?

85% No; 15% Yes

What are the reasons?

- 96% service
- 72% not enough wait staff
- 64% doesn't cater to golfers
- 60% unwilling to change
- 52% food
- 24% environment

Brian and Rob will sit down with Mike and Melissa to discuss the results of this questionnaire and to go over the comments that people made on the questionnaire. Basic suggestions need to be heeded.

On October 9, there **will** be a buffet.

Questions were raised about the BMGC and how they view the restaurant. Mike Gildart, men's club president, has seen our survey. It is hoped the men will express their opinions, too.

Other problems mentioned at the meeting:

- Too much food
- Too heavy food – need more sandwich options
- Need urns of coffee on the food cart when it is cold. At some tournaments on other courses, coffee has been offered free of charge.

Karen Bamford: "Stick a little positive attitude in this. Rob and Brian are going to talk to Mike and Melissa. We need to expect that it is going to make a difference."

Marilyn Rice: “Women’s golf is so much about being social. We don’t want to go other places to eat. We want to share lunch and conversation with the people we golf with. Cohesiveness is important to our club.”

Next Year's Major Tournament

Our big tournament will be held the 2nd week of August 2013. Possibilities:

- Member/Guest. If the member pays for their guest, that would cost:
 - \$73.00 for members of Bangor Municipal Golf Course
 - \$90.00 for non-members.
 - Expenses include greens fees, lunches, and carts.

The member does not have to pay for everything. The guest may be told this is a tournament where she will have to pay for all of her expenses, or the member may pay some of the guest's expenses and have the guest pay the rest.

If members do not know someone to invite, other members will have suggestions of people who would appreciate an invitation like this.

The format would be best ball of 2.

Club costs: prizes, breakfast, decorations.

- Invitational where we invite members of only one or two clubs to come. (Members mentioned that it was very difficult to get people to come to our invitational this year.)
- Rally for the Cure
 - More than one guest may be invited
 - An entry fee would be paid by the guest.
- Inner group, Ryder Cup format tournament with our members being divided into two groups i.e., the Red Team and the Blue Team.

It was decided to table this item until next year.

Dues for 2013

GHIN fees increase every year. Kathy Constantine moved that the BWGC fees increase next year from \$35.00 to \$40.00. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Web Site Maintenance Funds

Liz Coffin has expenses for maintenance of the BWGC web site. Janice White made the motion that in next year's budget \$50.00 will be given for this. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Golf Course Beautification

Discussion was held concerning what organization is responsible for providing funds for flowerbeds and gardening supplies on the golf course. It was mentioned that we do not presently have a representative from our golf club on Parks and Recreation Committee for the city. Funds are there for us to use. Jean Young volunteered to be on this committee. It was pointed out that Brian Enman could be taking information from our group to Parks and Recreation. Jean is going to talk to Brian and find out whether she should become our representative

to Parks and Recreation or just talk with Brian and have him discuss our needs with the committee.

If the city does not provide gardening needs to the golf course, then we will need to consider giving moneys from our budget for golf course beautification.

Yearly Awards

Kathy Anderson: Birdie Tree

9 birdies: **Vi Kemp**

8 birdies: **Sandy Meehan**

6 birdies: **Liz Coffin** and **Janice White**

3 birdies: **Sandi Bourgoin**

2 birdies: **Yukiko Bigney** and **Louise Shindler**

1 birdie: **Marie MacMillan**, **Diane Herring**, and **Gwen Archambault**

Janice White: Ringer Board (based on net scores)

1st place: Vi Kemp

2nd place: Gwen Archambault

3rd place: Brenda Crosby

Marilyn Rice: Most Improved Handicap

1st: Janice White (17.5 – 12.5)

2nd Sandy Meehan (16.7 – 13.7)

3rd Liz Coffin (6.9 – 5.6)

Liz Coffin: President's Cup

The final match was between Yukiko Bigney and Liz Coffin.

Winner of the President's Cup--Yukiko Bigney.

Marilyn Rice: Club Championship

Overall Champion: Liz Coffin

Flight A Champion: Jean Young

Flight B Champion: Sandy Meehan

Flight C Champion: Marilyn Hughes

Monthly Awards

Chip-ins (Janice White presenter in Carole Cook's absence)

Evelyn Bouchard

Marilyn Hughes

Sandy Meehan

Gwen Archambault

Gratuities to Bangor Municipal Golf Course Staff

Brian Enman receives \$200.00 from BWGC. Rob Jarvis and Cheryl Larner each receive \$50.00.

Chuck Sheply has helped us a lot in his role as starter at the golf course on tournament days. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that we give Chuck \$50.00 as well.

Charity

Our charity money this year will go to Spruce Run. Whatever is donated to the 3-putt jar will be rounded to the nearest \$100 and the club will match that amount. (Moneys were collected.) **Louise Shindler** organized a raffle for the evening. Moneys from that will also go to Spruce Run. If people have suggestions for the charity we should support next year, they would be appreciated.

Best Wishes

Jean Young, we wish you the best during your surgery on October 5 and post operative care. Our thoughts are with you.

2012 Video

The evening concluded with a preview of the 2012 Bangor Women's Golf Club video with pictures and music compiled by Liz Coffin. It was very well received.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Archambault, Secretary