

GAC Subcommittee on Women Playing Golf at LA City Courses
27 February 2020
Informational Report

GAC Subcommittee Attendees:

Marcy Valley, subcommittee chair, Rancho Park Women's Golf Club
Janet Peters, Penmar Women's Golf Club
Larry Cloud, GAC Chair, MGA
Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA
Bette Mower, Harbor Park Women's Golf Club

Visitors:

Geri Gonzales, LA Golf Division

The main topic of discussion was what might be done to make sure the LA City Women's Golf Championship continues. The following suggestions / comments were made:

- Should consider having championship division and net division. Net division should have equal prizes for gross and net overall, and within each flight. Should also have 1st place senior (over 50) and super senior (over 65).
- Should consider removing max HCP requirement for net division.
- It would be desirable for net flights and championship division to play on different courses (or on different days). This would allow the course setup for the championship to be difficult, and the setup for the net flights to be normal or easy. LA County uses easy an easy course setup for its championship so that players will remember how well they did.
- Consider changing date of net flights in future years to avoid hot weather, especially at Griffith.
- Consider having championship division with no shotgun (more like a professional tournament), but a shotgun and lunch for the net divisions. [MV: If registration fees for championship and net flights were separated, this could potentially result in a higher prize fund for the championship???)
- Tee prizes should be nicer than they sometimes have been in the past.
- If there is a shotgun and lunch (very desirable for net flight players), should raffle more than 1 foursome.
- Poster should mention 1st place prize of at least \$XXX in script assuming YY players
- Poster should place more emphasis on net tournament, and make it clear that tournament is for all level of players.
- Poster or entry form should say that HCP index is minimum for period 1/1/20 to XX date. In future would be minimum for previous year as of XX date.
 - HCP can be changed after first day, but this is normal USGA policy and does not need to be on poster

- Women's trophy should be cleaned and repaired. Would be useful to know how many LA City Women's Championships there have been. The x0th could be used as a big draw. The 100th could be huge.
- LA Championship should be listed on club calendars
- Geri made the following comments about championship:
 - Geri sends flyers to all SoCal high school and college women's golf teams. [MV: Brady Riggs said he was willing to distribute info.]
 - GD pays regular (weekly?) rate for greens fees, and regular rate + cart for shotgun.
 - Printed flyers are distributed to all golf courses; should be available mid-March
 - Registration starts 3 mo. in advance (mid-April)
 - Fee will probably be \$135
 - Prizes will be handed out day of tournament
 - GD does not make any money on the tournament
 - GD will be asking for volunteers from SCGA and clubs. Larry suggested that maybe the men's clubs could volunteer for the women's tournament, and the women's clubs for men's tournaments. [MV: There are a lot of men's tournaments, and only one women's tournament.]

Other items:

- Kevin Fitzgerald said that discussions were ongoing about making the schedule of local championships part of the SCGA website. He thought they would eventually be available. They were distributed as part of an SCGA email.
- Marcy Valley mentioned that she had attended a "Women on Course" event. Although they had a lot of good programs for getting beginning women into playing golf, their SoCal chapter was very small, so they weren't a candidate to become a GAC member.
- The golf division is planning an event for Women's Golf Day, June 2 at Sepulveda. No additional information available. Maybe volunteers from the women's clubs should be involved in the event.
- We should encourage each women's club to have a Women's Golf Day event, especially since June 2 is a Tuesday, so we will be playing. We should also list it on our calendars.
- Perhaps GD can offer a discounted rate on Women's Golf Day?
- Next meeting will continue to consider what can be done to increase women playing at LA city courses.
- Specifically, will try to set up weekend meeting or after-work telecon with Latina Golfers and LPGA Amateurs.