

VANCOUVER ISLAND SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

INFORMATION for PLAYERS

INTRODUCTION:

Senior Buttons Matches is a match play competition between two 2-player teams from different Clubs, played on a neutral course, the better ball of the team is used. Any member from a Zone 5 Club, over 60 years of age, and a handicap factor of 32.4 or below, may join the VISLGA for a \$10 membership per season, which runs from September 1st to August 31st. A break is taken from November-March dependent on weather and course conditions.

An appointed Buttons Chair(s) organizes the matches by inviting a Club to submit a team in either A or B division (based on combined handicaps of players) on a Tuesday, to play the following Monday. Once opposing teams are selected, the Buttons Chair finds a course. The winning team must be available to play the following Monday. A team must win 3 consecutive matches to receive a 'Button' and are then eligible to play in a play-off for the final trophy. These play-offs are held prior to the last Monday of August when a Tournament and lunch/dinner is held to which all VISLGA members are welcome to participate. It must be recognized that because of the number of players wanting to play, not everyone will be invited to play in a given season.

ORGANIZATION:

By the end of August (ie. end of Button season), Club Reps submit the names (with current factors) of players interested in playing in Button matches the following season. "A" and "B" Divisions are calculated and announced.

If Monday is a statutory holiday, the match will be played on the Wednesday. If there is a postponement due to poor weather, players should reschedule the tee times for the following Wednesday.

The winning team of each match will inform their Club Rep. **immediately**, who will in turn notify the Buttons Chair **on the date the match was played**. The Buttons Chair emails the result to the Times Colonist by Monday midnight.

No matches are scheduled during Zone 5 Women's British Columbia Golf sanctioned events.

PLAY:

- All the usual courtesies and Rules of **MATCH PLAY** are upheld.
- Since we do not pay green fees, it is vital that we avoid **SLOW PLAY** if we wish to maintain this privilege. Do impress this on your Club players.
- Putts may be conceded.
- If your Net score is 3 over par, you **MUST** pick up. If both teams have Net scores 3 over par, the **HOLE IS HALVED**.
- If your ball is not in contention, **PICK IT UP**.
- Once a game is won/lost, **PLAYERS MUST LEAVE THE COURSE**. Do not play extra holes.
- If matches are tied, inform the Pro Shop and play extra holes.
- Traditionally, a beverage is purchased by the winning team for their opponents.

2017 – 2018 Season: The combined Handicap Factor for "A" Division is 0 – 46.9

The combined Handicap Factor for "B" Division is 47.0 – 64.8

Have Fun – Enjoy the Day!