

## APRIL 5, 2011 YCC LADIES' ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Bob Eames welcomed the ladies to the 2011 golf season and kick-off breakfast. In an effort to speed up play this year, Bob suggested the Tuesday pairings to be composed of threesomes. He mentioned the upcoming Par Tee as the premier ladies' tournament in this area and encouraged early registration. This year, there will be two options for beginning ladies' golf lessons: Tuesdays at 10:00 AM or Saturdays at 2:00 PM. The cost for the series of four lessons beginning in May is \$60. Although the lessons are targeted for beginners, Bob stated they would be a good refresher for all women. Bob mentioned that the Ping fitting van will be at YCC on Wednesday, May 11 from 10:00 – 5:00 and on Thursday, May 12 from 9:00 – 4:00. Members are encouraged to sign up in the pro shop for club fitting and the Launch Monitor from the Ping representatives. Two vendor days are scheduled: On May 14 representatives from Nike, Cobra, and Titleist will be at YCC, and on June 3 representatives from Calloway will be at YCC. The representatives will bring their new lines of golf clubs for members to try.

Karen Finnegan called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Karen recognized Karen LaSeur, chairperson, Kathy Stedman, vice chairperson, and Tiffani Coleman, treasurer, as the ladies' association officers from last year and thanked them for their service. (It should be noted that Karen Finnegan was association secretary last year.)

Karen stated she is committed to communicating with as many YCC ladies as possible. The ladies can receive information from four sources: email, the ladies' locker room, YCC newsletter, and the YCC website. The packet of Ladies' Day Kick-Off packet was mentioned as it contains valuable information regarding meetings, tournaments, committee members, and golf activities. Karen mentioned that she has been able to obtain volunteers for all committees except for the Ladies' Invitational on August 9. Linda Nemer volunteered to be the coordinator for this committee.

Karen addressed several issues regarding Ladies' Day. There will be two signup sheets – one for 18 hole play and one for 9 hole play. The pairing committee will try to divide the golfers evenly between the 3 flights based on the number of players rather than on the handicaps. Speed of play is an issue so the pairing committee will try to assign players to threesomes. Carol Skarda moved and Tiffani Coleman seconded that a 10 stroke maximum per hole be implemented on ladies' day. The motion passed.

Karen informed the group that those returning their Par Tee registrations before April 15 will receive two free raffle tickets. The Par Tee entitled "Time for a Fiesta – Ole" will be held June 20-21 and is limited to 50 teams. The cost this year is the same bargain as last year - \$200/team.

Match play was addressed. It is important that matches be played in a timely fashion. If a match can't be scheduled in a reasonable amount of time, the match will need to be forfeited so that those left in the brackets can continue to play. Kathy Dugger will set up the brackets.

Discussion took place regarding the Ladies' Kick-Off date. It was felt that more women might attend the kick-off if it was scheduled later in April. Tiffani Coleman moved and Betty Spoonemore seconded that the kick-off date start two weeks later in April. The motion passed. In conjunction with this, there was discussion about extending the ladies' golf pairings and the Last Gasp to later in September. No action was taken on this issue.

Tiffani Coleman presented the 2011 Ladies' Association budget. The Tuesday payouts are funded through dues in the ladies' association and are based on an assumption of having 75 members. The number of members has fallen in the last several years. Payouts will remain the same as in years past: \$10 for first place and \$8 for second place

for each of the 3 flights and the 9 hole players. However, if there are less than 4 players in each group, only first place will be paid that week. This year's proposed budget is a negative budget due to ladies' day payouts. Tiffani has transferred money from the old Par Tee account into the general budget to offset the payouts. It was mentioned that ladies' association dues (\$30) as well as ringers (\$10) and match play(\$5) can be charged this year.

The goodwill/reserve amount of \$4,180 was discussed. Cleo Lowther felt that the amount is excessive and mentioned that historically the association aimed to have \$1000 carry over from year to year. This year the excess will be spend to pay for ladies' fun nights. Tiffani stated the Fun Nights cost about \$300 and are intended for all YCC women not just association members. The Fun Night last year was well attended but no golf occurred due to the weather.

Sheila Sharkey gave historical perspective on the Ladies' Invitational. It is held every three years at YCC and previously \$100/year has been allotted to fund it. Currently this line item has a balance of \$135. Carol Skarda made a motion, seconded by Jane Erickson, to transfer \$165 from the reserves to the invitational fund so that it has a balance of \$300 for this year. The motion passed.

Linda Nemer moved and Cleo Lowther seconded that the 2011 budget including the above-mentioned motion be accepted. Motion passed.

The Par Tee account is separate from the general fund as it is meant to be a self-sustaining tournament. Women do not have to be members in the ladies' association to play in the ParTee. Last year the Par Tee was a very successful event with a full field of 50 teams. As a result of the raffle items and other revenue, the Par Tee ended with a balance of \$1,203. This money can be used to enhance future Par Tee tournaments.

The ladies' club championship was discussed. The number of players was down last year as were the number of players in other YCC events. Women are encouraged to play in the club championship as it is free to enter. YCC pays for the prizes for the winners as well as for the food provided. It was felt that posting the scores in the ladies' locker room and not in the Alibi Room might encourage more participation. Only the scores of the winners in each flight will be published in the Billings Gazette. Sheila Sharkey suggested pairing players of similar handicap together rather than having women play in a flight with lower handicap golfers just to even out the number of golfers. We will try to adjust tee times so that players of equal caliber are grouped together.

Sodi Jones was the winner of the raffle prize of a golf outfit from the pro shop. It was announced that Bob Eames is offering a 15% discount in the pro shop to those attending the kick-off breakfast.

Darcy Bartholomew stated that some women she has talked to are reluctant to play golf in Tuesday ladies' day as they play in Tuesday Night Couples' League. Darcy wondered about moving the couples' league to Wednesday night so that more ladies would participate on Tuesday mornings. Several in attendance said that this is not feasible.

Janie Erickson moved and Carol Skarda seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Tunncliff  
Secretary