



2026 Annual Report of the Women's Committee

Captain's Report – Moira Fong

The concept behind this year's women's program was "tradition in motion": a return to some of the old traditions, while incorporating some new ideas that are in line with the Capilano spirit.

The year started off to a strong start, with our newly renovated lounge opening coinciding with the beginning of the season. It was incredible to see how many women came out to celebrate this new space, and it was equally exciting to be able to use the lounge as a social gathering place after golf or after one of our clinics or events. A big thanks to Michelle Mousseau for overseeing this project and ensuring our women members have a private place for connection and community.

This set the tone for the season. The numbers of women playing on Tuesdays increased this year, and due to the demand on our Tuesday morning tee sheet, the Board elected to reinstate the club's former policy of restricting Tuesday morning tee times for the exclusive use of women from the first tee times until the end of the women's draw.

Our Tuesday games were well attended, and we also had a large number of "Tee Time only" players. We increased the prize payouts, increased the number of prizes, re-introduced honeypots, and withdrew from the Zone 4 Interclub to focus on in-house engagement. We also increased the number of shotguns to once per month, which allowed the women to gather together at the same time for lunch. We introduced light lunches, both plated and buffet, for a budget-friendly price, which were very well received.

This year's Club Championships match play had two qualifiers, with the semi-finals and finals played on Championship weekend. This was new for us and the format seemed to work well, with several spectators on the edge of their seats following our finalists in their nail-biting match for the trophy.

We also launched the Tour Championship. Designed as a new competition for our beautiful Silver Tray trophy, this event was a season-long points race over eight qualifying Tuesday games, with the top twelve points earners competing in a playoff round at Squamish Valley Golf Club on the Tuesday during aeration. The day was fun, competitive and a great showcase of the season's top performers.

Capilano's first ever women's golf trip also took place during aeration week. Eleven women plus Ben McKendrick travelled to Invermere, B.C. on a five-day trip to golf four spectacular courses surrounded by the scenic Kootenay Rockies, Purcell Mountains and Columbia River. The trip allowed Capilano women the chance to spend time together outside of the club, get to know each other better, and play at some amazing courses – definitely a memorable trip with new friendships, shared laughs and unforgettable golf!

It has been my true pleasure to serve as your Women's Captain this year, and hope that the program that was delivered met our mission to offer "a variety of game formats for all skill levels that fosters enjoyment, participation, sportsmanship and friendship". I am deeply grateful to my Executive team, committee coordinators, volunteers, the Pro shop, Nick Daley, F&B and also Executive Assistant Jacqueline Calli for her weekly support and in ensuring the Captains Messages were sent out. I especially want to thank Ben McKendrick, who has overseen the women's program for the last 11 years, and whose knowledge and expertise I relied on extensively and could not do without. I wish the incoming captain, Isabelle Spothelfer, all the best as she takes on the role for 2027.

Match Report – Isabelle Spothelfer

The Women's program had a full calendar once again this year with 23 of the 25 Tuesdays filled with fun, competition and camaraderie (the popular Golf with the Pros was rained out twice unfortunately). There were four clinics covering course management, rules, putting and short game, the usual Exchanges between Seymour and Vancouver Club as well as the annual rotation with Shaughnessy, which was held at Capilano this year.

The statistical breakdown of the 2026 season is 15 individual games (54%), 7 pairs (25%) and 6 team (21%) competitions. Within those formats, 22 games allowed players to play their own ball and post their scores (79%), while 6 games were scrambles/alternate shot/fun golf (21%). There were 8 shotguns. Players were allowed to pick their own foursomes 9 times (32%), and 19 games were foursomes arranged by the pro shop (68%).

Overall participation increased significantly over last year, with 80 to 90 women playing each week throughout the season (organized game and tee time combined). The tendency seems to be more participation in the organized program in the spring and fall, and falling off in favor of tee times only for the summer months, which could be directly related to club championships and tournaments taking place in the summer. Tee times only were slightly lower than last year at 40% – we will need to assess this and try to decrease this number in favor of more participation in the Women's Program. Since reestablishing our full access to the tee sheet early on Tuesday mornings, participation overall has increased even more, which is fabulous.

As for Exchanges, it was once again particularly challenging to find enough players, and we are considering moving to an alternate model, as we are already doing with Shaughnessy, with the clubs only hosting every 2 years at home.

The most popular events included Opening Day (102), Beat the Brass (68), and Closing Day (73 and counting, as registration is still open).

This year, we had 4 clinics (course management, rules, Par 2 and short game). These events were very well received and averaged 18 participants out of 20 capacity.

For the Club Championships, the new format of Match Play saw 10 women competing for the O'Brien Trophy (9 in 2025) with a riveting 4-hole play-off grand finale on championship Sunday. There were 19 competing in the Net Championship for the Skookumchuk Trophy. The qualifier and match play format for the O'Brien Trophy seems to be a format that also brought out quite a few of the younger women competing. These numbers were both up from last year, and we will stick with the same format for next year. Super Seniors saw 7 players (6 in 2025), while Senior Club Championship had 19 players (18 in 2025).

Season long competitions were once again offered with eclectics, sandies, eagles, birdies, chip-ins, and most improved. Season long match play competitions included the Lyons Trophy (10 pairs), Williamson Trophy (11 pairs) and Grandmother's Trophy (14 players) as well as the new and repurposed Tour Championship Silver Tray that was played in Squamish with the 12 top scorers from the season (a combination of participation and results from 8 qualifying events in which 103 women played in at least one Tuesday event). The Senior Women's match play did not run again due to low registration; we will revisit and see if it can be repurposed for a different competition and/or format.

2026 Women's Club Competitions

Congratulations to all our trophy winners!

Women's Club Champion:	Fiona Scott
	Runner Up: Kim Reeves
Women's Net Champion:	Cathy Campbell
	Runner Up: Carleigh Whitman
	Low Gross: Niki Ahern
	Most Improved: Sue Williams
Women's Senior Champion:	Kim Reeves
	Runner Up: Shannon Nelson
	Low Net: Jane Skinner
	Runner Up Low Net: Jill Mingay
	Most Improved: Leslie Bream
Women's Super Senior Champion:	Marilyn Moscovitch
	Low Net: Nancy Ramsey
Edna McLachlan Trophy:	Deb Crowe
Alan Whyte Trophy:	Chantel O'Neil/Kim Reeves
Captain's Cup:	Team Murray
Lyons Trophy:	Chantel O'Neil/Kim Reeves
Williamson Trophy:	Chantel O'Neil/Kim Reeves
Grandmother's Trophy:	Monica Sacher-Gustavson
Tour Championship Silver Tray:	Cathy Campbell

A sincere thank you to our fearless Captain, Moira Fong, for her time, thoughtfulness, creativity and commitment all through this season, and to Golf Professional Ben McKendrick, whose continuous commitment and support has been vital to the running of the Women's Program. Our deepest gratitude to you both!

Finance Report – Moira Fong

This year, the Women's Program had an allocated budget of \$29,577. The Program was operating as anticipated for the majority of our events, with only two rainouts and no unexpected costs. The self-funded Member Guest event managed to operate under budget due to additional member support, leaving \$1,185.95 to carry over to next year's function. As such, the women's section is currently sitting in a healthy financial position relative to its allocated budget. Even if additional costs arise over the remaining weeks in the season, in particular with F&B for the Year End Meeting and Closing Day, it is projected that these, along with the distribution of closing day prizes, will result in expenditures for the year falling within the allocated budget.

Handicap & Rules – Deb Crowe and Marti Morfitt

This year the pro shop implemented new software which assigns a posting percentage to every member. Posting percentage is a calculation of the number of rounds you have played at Capilano compared to the rounds you have posted to Golf Canada for your handicap calculation. On September 22, 2026, there were 150 women with a posting percentage of 100%, 36 women at 95%, 25 women at 90% and 140 women with a posting percentage below 90%.

The Men's Section of Capilano instituted a rule for the 2026 season that a member must have a posting percentage of 90% or higher to participate in club organized competitions. This requirement will be in effect for all women's competitions in the 2027 Season. This applies to both gross and net competitions. It is imperative that women who want to compete must keep an up-to-date handicap. It is understood that some members only play fun golf and never enter competitions. These players are not required to keep an up-to-date handicap, and they will not be monitored.

If you have any questions regarding posting percentage, please contact Deb Crowe, Marti Morfitt or the Pro Shop. There is a notice posted in the Women's Locker Room that also sets out the rules for posting scores and how to determine the most likely score to post when a hole is started but not completed.

Golf Canada has advised that they plan to make hole-by-hole score posting mandatory in 2028. Capilano is considering starting hole-by-hole posting for the 2027 season. This decision will be made at the final Handicap Committee meeting in October. You will be advised of the outcome. There are many benefits of hole-by-hole scoring: accurate handicaps, personalized statistics, better tracking of progress, increased accountability and data contribution for WHS. It takes less than a minute, and it will help members get into the habit of posting their score immediately after the round while they still have the scorecard. This will also help you maintain a posting percentage of 100% as you will not forget to post your score on the date that the round was played.

Exchanges – Cristina Rodriguez

This season we played 3 Exchange games:

Seymour (July 17 away and Aug 14 home)

VGC (Aug 5 home and Sept 3 away – June 11 original away cancelled due to VGC error, June 26 cancelled due to rainout)

Shaughnessy (home Sept 8)

It was difficult to get enough players to play this year. Many participants sign up and are only available to play one of the two events, leading to increased active efforts to roster as well as increased admin efforts to adjust lunch charges. It is a combination of issues, but mostly it is a small pool of regular participants, personal life changes such as new grandchildren or injuries/medical appointments, the increased time in travelling to the other clubs means away games with lunch take up the entire day and summer travel schedules do not line up with the pair of games. We had one rainout and one other reschedule, which also contributed to a lot of roster changes.

The exchanges with Seymour and VGC were 12 players each club, and at home we did a shotgun start. The Shaughnessy exchange was at home this year with 16 players each, tee time play. It is worth noting that pace of play was very slow, averaging 4 hours and 40 minutes for this group with tee time play. The main issue is that visiting players did not want to pick up and move on when prompted by their hosts. A solution could be having the Pro Shop take a more hands on approach to managing pace of play during visitor events. The great news is we won and brought back the Fat Cat!

Member Guest – Monica Sacher-Gustavson

The 2026 Women's Guest Day was a huge success! We went with the theme 'Opa! Let the Games Begin', which was a Greek theme that everyone loved.

My amazing partners in crime were Monica Bromley and Kathleen Barter, two fantastic, enthusiastic and super dedicated women. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

We based our plans on the results from the ladies' survey from the 2025 season. We felt that the positive feedback showed we really hit the mark with what the ladies wanted.

Even though we couldn't bring the registration fee down to under \$200 because of inflation, we made up for it by adding more food and snacks throughout the day, giving everyone carts so they didn't have to walk and awarding more prizes. Plus, we had trophies for the winners.

We got so much positive and wonderful feedback from the ladies. We really appreciate the support!

We had 40 women registered two weeks before the event, and we expected some last-minute withdrawals, but thankfully, we had a waiting list.

This year, we introduced the purchase of mulligans. Each participant could purchase one mulligan for \$10, with proceeds donated to the Capilano Golf Endowment Fund. The final result was a \$740 donation. We thank Lianne Gulka for the time and effort invested in this initiative.

We kicked off the day with a light lunch and a fun chipping contest where the ladies had to chip a ball over a beautiful Greek large poster. I didn't expect the force of those chips... I can only say that the pro shop and gardeners are still looking for a number of balls!

We started the day with a shotgun start, and the ladies didn't know they were going to be challenged not only physically but mentally as well.

On Hole 4, we had the Olympic rings challenge, where the ladies had to throw a frisbee through 5 golden rings. To our surprise, it was a bigger challenge than we thought, but you could hear the laughter coming from holes one through five. Special thanks to Tanya Frocklage for putting together the golden Olympic rings.

Another challenge was on Hole 14, where we challenged the women on their Greek knowledge. From Greek history and culture to food, the ladies really had to dig deep.

The beverage cart was decorated with Greek flags and ensured that the ladies were well-hydrated. We made sure the ladies didn't go hungry by setting up food stations along the way.

Besides the longest drive and KP holes, there were plenty of chances for the ladies to win prizes in various draws.

I especially enjoyed the four flights we created: Athena, Aphrodite, Themis and Hera. When the ladies arrived, they could see which flight they were in and had a better chance of winning something. The winners of each flight received a trophy. They were:

Overall Low Gross: Cathy Campbell and Anne Stevens

Flight Winners:

Aphrodite: Moira Fong and Barbara Stuart
 Athena: Deborah Brown and Kathy Leigh
 Themis: Kathleen Appleby and Lisa Rigney
 Hera: Jane Bradner and Mary Jo Campbell

There were many other winners as well, including KP member and guests, the longest drive for three age categories and various draws, such as the chipping contest, the Olympic rings challenge and the Greek trivia contest, to name a few.

I'd like to add that we were very fortunate to have members supporting us. From financial help to supplying us with gifts for the draws, we are incredibly grateful for the assistance they have given us. As well, we had a number of volunteers throughout the course. We thank them as well.

Finally, we would like to thank the staff in the pro shop, the outside bus guys and all the staff in the clubhouse! They went above and beyond their job descriptions and were so positive and supportive, which helped make this event so memorable and successful!

We wish the 2027 Women's Guest Day all the best! Enjoy the journey!

Business Women – Kristeen DeGobbi

The Business Women's Program continued to provide an opportunity for women members to connect through golf, networking and social events in a relaxed and welcoming environment. While participation throughout the season was modest, the Play, Learn & Wine event was a highlight, bringing members together for an enjoyable evening of golf, professional instruction, and socializing. The program will continue to focus on creating fun and accessible opportunities for women members to connect and enjoy the game together.

New Members – Niki Ahern

We decided to piggyback the new members welcome with the official launch of the women's lounge opening.

The event was very well attended by both new and not so new members. I was given the opportunity to introduce the new members to the rest of the ladies in attendance, at which point I briefly touched on what my goal was. Following the event, I contacted the group and offered an on-course etiquette lesson with a view to sharing some pointers regarding course management and slow play. Although it was tricky finding a date that suited all, we managed to do so, and I believe the lesson was well received.

I will be continuing on as the New Member representative for the 2027 season and hope to replicate what I did in 2026.

A very big thanks to my dear friend Moira Fong, who supported my ideas.

Member Outreach – Joan Reid

Since September 2025, there have been 10 cards sent to our women members who might like a show of support from us.

It is appreciated the feedback I get from our members so I can follow through with our messages.