

President's Message

March 26, 2022

Dear Members,

Welcome everyone to the 2022 golfing season! We hope that as Spring is just around the corner, all of you are thinking about warmer days ahead and some good golfing days.

After two years without a full tournament schedule, the VCGC executive committee has decided to move ahead with a regular season this year as pandemic restrictions start to ease. I think we are all more than ready to return to life as before, and do some of the things that we used to enjoy!

The 2022 golf season will include 9 tournaments. We will return to some of the courses that we had last season and bring back a couple of favourites that were unavailable the past couple of years - including Mayfair Lakes and 2 tournaments at University Golf Club! As well, we have a 'new' course on the schedule - The Hills at Portal GC, which is the former Peace Portal. The new owners have assured us that the course will be in top shape this summer, with a newly renovated clubhouse also.

As I write this memo, it is important to acknowledge the effects of recent world events, including both the pandemic and the Russian-Ukraine war. In addition to the devastating human toll, they have also resulted in price increases in virtually everything. Despite rate increases from all courses, the executive committee has again worked hard to negotiate deals for our group - special thanks to Fernando Chow, Danny Thong and Gene Wong for their work.

Annual dues will be re-introduced this year but we will be keeping the dues low - \$50.00 per member this season. This is intended to help offset the costs for some of the more expensive courses. For those courses where we were unable to negotiate a reasonable rate, we have decided to subsidize the green fee to keep costs down for our members.

We have some fun events planned for this season including a 2-person scramble, blind draws, and the return of match play. We will also be having the 2-round Men's and Ladies Low Gross and Low Net prizes. We would still like to hold the Calcutta, and have tentatively penciled in the August 7th date at UBC to hold it. Further details will follow as we secure the post-round dinner location.

Lastly, the Federation has also begun organizing events – the Federation is retiring this name and renaming itself as the Association of International Golf Clubs (or iGolfClubs for short). The Los Angeles Chinese Golf Club is hosting an iGolfClubs event during the May 27-29th weekend at the Morongo Golf Club. This location is between Palm Springs and Los Angeles – we are attaching information about this event. If you wish to register, the link is included.

Despite our plans to move forward with a season this year, we have decided collectively that a 2022 Inter-City event could not be organized again this year. While we are disappointed, we have the support of the Pacific Northwest clubs for Vancouver to host the 2023 Inter-City should the restrictions keep moving in a positive direction.

So between the exciting events that we have scheduled for this year and the iGolfClubs events that will be held this season, we do hope that you return to the Vancouver Chinese Golf Club this season.

We are looking for returning members to support the club and also bring in new members. We have decided to waive the initiation fee again this year so new members only need to pay their annual due and complete the application form (available on our website).

We will not be holding a smoker event to start the season so we will provide further details on paying for the annual dues shortly. Please see the attached information on our season schedule for 2022 (below), and the event that the Los Angeles Chinese Golf Club is hosting in May.

Happy Golfing and we will see you all soon!

Darren

2022 Vancouver Chinese Golf Club Tournament Schedule

Club Officers and Directors:

President/Mbrshp/News:	Darren Ing
Vice Pres/Secretary:	Fern Chow
Federation Liaison Officer:	Gene Wong
Treasurer:	Lily Ma
Sponsorship/Social:	Pollyanna Chow
Webmaster:	Stephen MacDonald
Scoring:	Luwan Yang
Tournaments/Handicap:	Danny Thong / Edward Kwok

Date	Course	Fee	Field	Start	Special Event	Notes
May 15	Westwood Plateau	\$65	32	10:30am	Singles Match Play Qualifying	Two extra tee times on hold
June 5	Surrey GC	\$70	40	10:50am	2 person scramble	Scramble details To Follow
June 26	Mayfair Lakes	\$85	32	11:18am	1 st round low gross & low net M's & W's, Match Play rd 1	
July 10	The Hills at Portal GC	\$75	40	12:00pm	Horse Race, Match Play rd 2	
July 24	Westwood Plateau	\$75	40	10:30am	Match Play catch up	Two extra tee times on hold
Aug 7	University GC	TBD	40	12:30pm	*Calcutta, Match Play rd 3	Details to follow
Aug 28	Surrey GC	\$70	40	12:30pm	2 person scramble	Scramble details To Follow
Sept 11	Kings Links	\$85	40	11:06am	\$5 Blind Draw, Match Play rd 4	
Sept 25	University GC	\$85	40	11:00am	Horse Race, 2nd round low gross & low net M's & W's, MP catch up	