

Mount Brenton News

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CHANGES COMING TO THE COURSE IN APRIL

By now most of you will probably have noticed the old railway ties have been removed behind the first tee box. CCI Industries are introducing a new Allan Block and will use this area to demonstrate the installation of their new product to potential buyers. This wall would normally cost around \$4000. There is no cost to the club once it has been installed and the wall where the old ties were, is being given to us by the CCI representative. The project will consist of a 3 foot wall in front, which is curved at the corners; and a smaller 16 inch wall along the back. Once in place soil will be brought in so plants can be added to the new wall.

Once again we will be punching the fairways we had punched last fall. This work is planned for the week of April 19th (expect some of the fairways to be closed while they are being worked on). The plan is to use less sand than last time, and to oversee the fairways. This should allow them to be more playable and hopefully with the overseeding they will quickly fill in to improve the fairways. During the same week that the fairways are being punched, our crew plan on punching our greens, aprons and tee boxes. Hopefully once we get this work done we will have great playing conditions throughout the rest of summer. All this hinges on the weather cooperating that week.

AGM MAY 3rd

By now you will have received information in the mail regarding the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse at 7 p.m. sharp on Monday, May 3rd. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this meeting.

RULES QUIZ:

A competitor addresses his ball in play. The wind causes the ball to start rolling and the player makes a stroke at the moving ball. The player incurs a penalty of:

(a) one stroke

(b) two strokes

(c) three strokes

(d) four strokes

SUNDAY BUSINESS LADIES

Those ladies that are more committed to the game have been enjoying winter golf. The regular season began on March 21st. Sign-up sheets are posted on our board in the lobby area.

We sadly say farewell to Karen Shook and Cindy Frampton who have decided not to join us this year. They will be missed and hopefully we will see them again in the future.

New members or past members are encouraged and welcome to join and interested persons can contact Audrey Elliott @ 246-2086 or Pauline Wall @ 246-2724

A spring meeting is scheduled for April 4th and the agenda will be forwarded to members via e-mail.

We are looking forward to another season of "Good Company, Good Fun and Good Golf"

SUNDAY MEN'S GOLF

Every Sunday - 8:00am. shotgun, sign-up by Wednesday noon. We are looking forward to a great season. Captain's Jody Griffiths and Ken Norman will help you with any questions you may have; everyone is welcome – check out our sign-up board for the 2010 schedule. We started the season in the rain with a 3 club only day, some members did well, others were happy it was over, but it was fun. The classic golf rivalry returns with **THE TRIANGLE**, a highly coveted Triangle Trophy. This is a 3 golf course interclub event: March Meadows, Cowichan and Mt. Brenton. Each year 54 players complete, 18 of Mount Brenton's finest square off in a three weekend battle for pride of the Club. This year we will prevail both in Low Net and Low gross.

So, sign up by Wednesday noon and come out Sunday mornings, have fun & meet people.

SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE

Schedule is up for the Senior Men's league. As last year, you must sign up before noon on the Saturday prior to day of play. Sign-up sheets are on the seniors bulletin board. Also on the Seniors board are the names of those seniors who have been drawn to play in the various interclubs this year. Our league started on Wednesday, March 24th. We had 55 players on the first day; it was a great day weatherwise, the greens were fast and the course was relatively dry. Seniors are reminded once again to please fix your ball marks on the greens (fix at least one). Although most don't think they make a ball mark, even pitching or chipping onto the green can leave a ballmark.

BAR AREA OF RESTAURANT UNDERWENT REPAIRS

Since late last summer the board has been aware of needed repairs to the bar in our clubhouse. The first problem was that the floor where the kegs sit was always wet. Recently, it was decided this time of year would be a good time to make the repairs. Once the demolition happened it became apparent there was more to this job than a simple quick fix. The good news is that it was repairable and has been done properly to negate similar problems in the future. There were changes made that will assist the kitchen staff in moving from the kitchen to the dining room, and congestion at the top of the stairs should be minimized once the project is completed, as patrons wanting service will be encouraged to go to the far side of the bar. The approximate cost of this renovation was \$4000, more than was originally thought but it had to be done and done correctly. This demonstrates some of the things the Board of Directors have to deal with in the way of an unplanned expense. Unfortunately our clubhouse facility is showing its sign of age.

TUESDAY NIGHT TWO BALL

Tuesday Night Two Ball begins **Tuesday, April 20th** with a shotgun start at **6:00pm**.

The cost is \$2 each time you play. New members are always welcome!

Join as a single or a couple. This is a fun, social league. A great way to meet new golfers! We play a variety of two ball and scramble formats, mixing up the teams each week. Members and non members are welcome.

Look for the poster and sign- up sheet on the General bulletin board.

For more information contact: Al/Janice Lowe 250 416-6706

BRONZE DIVISION

Mt. Brenton Ladies Bronze Division met for our Spring Registration Luncheon on Friday March 26, kicking off our 2010 season.

Our weekly games return to the regular Friday weekly schedule this month. Tee times begin at 8:30 for April. Sign-up by Monday for each Friday date – sheets are in the ladies locker room. In addition, our first Interclub round is with Cowichan G&C on April 30 (Match Play).

We hope to see lots of new members come out this year for a great season of sun, golf and friendship! If you are thinking of joining us, please contact any one of our executive or visit on a Friday morning for 9 holes of fun!

RCGA CHANGING ITS NAME

In an effort to better communicate with their customers, the Royal Canadian Golf Association will be adopting **GOLF CANADA** as their new consumer facing brand. As of April 15, 2010, future correspondence will come from Golf Canada. If anyone wishes to find out more about **GOLF CANADA** you can check out their website after April 15th at www.golfcanada.com.

SCORING RECORDS

The Board received correspondence recently advising of an upcoming change related to the “handicap” card previously provided to players, and used when entering a golf tournament. Golf Canada has introduced the new Member’s Card to replace the paper “handicap” card previously provided. One of the many benefits of the card is clubs are no longer required to sign handicap cards to verify players’ handicap factors for competitive play. Players, however, will still be able to provide printed verification of their current factor and scoring record for tournament committees requiring the same.

Tournament committees should require a print out of the player’s scoring record as it will provide a stronger control as opposed to having the handicap factor simply “verified”. The scoring record will contain the player’s name, club, date and current factor and the last 20 scores within their scoring history. It is hoped this will provide for a more accurate verification and make it unnecessary for the professional staff or those who had been previously identified to “verify” the need to log onto their handicap system to confirm. It puts the onus on the player to ensure the scoring record accuracy.

ANSWER TO RULES QUIZ

ANSWER (d) R14-5 R18-2b The competitor incurs a two stroke penalty for not replacing the ball, and two strokes for playing a ball while it is moving.