

Mount Brenton News

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DO A BETTER JOB OF LOOKING AFTER OUR GOLF COURSE

Once again it appears there are a number of golfers who either don't know how to repair their ball marks on the greens, or choose not to. Its hard to know whether these people are members or green fee players. Whoever they are they should know better. Every green I walk on I end up repairing at least 3 ball marks which can be anything from a large hole where someone has flown a ball in from a distance, to a small pitch or skid mark from chipping or skipping a ball on the green. The rule of thumb for ball marks is as follows: **Fix your own mark, as well as at least one other.** While I'm at it, another thing that appears to be ignored is the raking of the traps. Today I was in one trap where it was very apparent whoever was there before me figured it wasn't their job. You could see every footprint where they walked in and out and you could clearly see where they hit the ball out of the sand. Rule of thumb regarding traps – **rake it so it is better than it was before you went into it.** To rake it properly, you need to use two hands and rake it level; one handed raking is lazy and just doesn't do a good job (although its better than what I experienced today). The maintenance crew usually go around each morning and try to repair ball marks and rake traps – however, they have plenty else to do and if players would do what they are supposed to do, it would give them more time to get to other jobs in the mornings. As the editor of this newsletter and a Director of the club, I recommend to players/members that if you see someone failing to do these chores, go ahead and tell them about it (politely hopefully). Perhaps if the message gets out there at least some of these nuisance items won't continue.

RULES QUIZ:

We are starting a new quiz in the newsletter. Gerry Lavender, our rules guy has agreed to offer up some rule clarifications. He will indicate what happened, outline some options, and on the back page he will advise of the correct answer. Here is the first one:

A player whiffs his tee shot and then lifts his ball, removes the tee and drips the ball where the tee had been. The player then plays a stroke onto the fairway. The player lies:

a) 2 b) 3 c)4 or d)5

BAR AREA OF RESTAURANT UNDERGOING 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 is repairable and it will be done properly to negate similar problems in the future. Hopefully the bar will be back up and running very soon. There will be changes 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.

ON-LINE TEE TIME BOOKING UPDATE

Mt. Brenton members can now book tee times online. Visit mountbrentongolf.com on the web using your regular member account number, and the **temporary** password is golf. Please make sure that you do a "Profile Update" as soon as possible to change the temporary password to whatever you want your password to be. Note: You must fill in **ALL** the information boxes marked with an asterisk*. If you experience difficulties, ask a Pro Shop attendant for assistance. (A thank you to our members Al Andison and Herb Frampton for their efforts in this area) .

BRONZE DIVISION

Mt. Brenton Bronze Division ladies wound up their season on October 20 2009 with their AGM luncheon. The new Officers are: Captain - Janice Lowe; Vice Captain - Sue Miller; Sec/Treas. - Dot Sedola; Interclub - Gerry Timlick; Sunshine representative - June Noble. We celebrated our trophy winners including Dot Sedola, Janice Lowe, Linda Vermette, Bea Evans, and Marie Wilson. The last social event of 2009 was our Christmas luncheon. As always our grateful thanks to Chef Morgan and the kitchen staff for the outstanding meals and service at ALL our get-togethers. And many thanks to all our volunteer members who helped this year with so many of our events.

Our 2010 season starts off on March 19 at 9 a.m. with our "Bring a Friend" event. Registration is on March 29 at 11:30 a.m. We hope to see lots of new and returning members come out this year for a great season of sun, golf and friendship! Look for highlights of next season's schedule in the next newsletter.

SUNDAY BUSINESS LADIES

Those ladies that are more committed to the game have been enjoying winter golf. However, the regular season will soon be here with tee times beginning March 21st. Sign-up sheets will be posted on our board in the lobby area. We will continue with winter tee times for the first few weeks.

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"

SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE

Schedule is up for the startup of the Senior Men's league. Our league will start on Wednesday, March 24th. As last year, you must sign up by noon on the Saturday prior to day of play. Also on the Seniors board are some of the interclubs we will be playing this year. If you are interested in playing any of the interclubs please make sure you have signed the appropriate sheet.

NEW RULES BOOKS AVAILABLE

There is an updated rule book available in the office. Cost is \$2.25 if you want a copy.

“THE CLUBHOUSE” RESTAURANT

- § The snack shack will now be open with a limited menu
- § Sunday brunch \$11.95
- § Food & beverage prices will be going up the first of march
- § New coffee punch cards available March 1st
- § New latte and cappicino machine coming in March
- § New website is now open at www.clubhousecatering.ca
- § Reno's are going well and should be done by the end of February

I would like to send out a special thank you to Gabi, Edie, Laurie and Jody for taking care of the restaurant while I was on vacation (from Mike Morgan) and would like to welcome new staff member Tara.

FROM THE PRO SHOP

The Pro Shop Staff would like to welcome our Members back to another Spring / Summer golf season. The Pro Shop Staff sends a sincere welcome our many new Mount Brenton Members, and we hope all Members enjoy their golfing and fellowship experiences this year.

Your Professional Pro Shop Staff is available to help you with any golf concerns, queries and your clothing and equipment needs, including individual and group lessons, club-fitting and friendly knowledgeable advice. Your award-winning Pro Shop offers **golf's top brands** at competitive prices, with 100% customer satisfaction guaranteed. Please come in to see us for anything you require, or just to visit, and as always, we will be very happy to help you.

Mount Brenton's Professional Pro Shop Staff:

- Marc McAndrews, CPGA Head Professional
- Jan Best, CPGA Assistant Professional
- Sheila McAndrews, Pro Shop Customer Service
- Cash Reumkens, Pro Shop Customer Service
- Dave Kary, Pro Shop Customer Service
- Brain Van Acker, Pro Shop Customer Service

IT'S HERE SOON !! ... 2010 Equipment and Apparel arriving early March ... Come in and demo our new 2010 equipment by **Callaway, PING, and ADAMS Golf** – see what game improvement technology and professional club-fitting and advice can do for your game ! Adams Golf A7OS hybrid iron sets -- #1 on the Champions Tour. Demo sets available soon!!

New Equipment and Apparel for Spring 2010 Arriving Daily:

- Sun Mountain Cart Bags, Superlite Carry Bags, Umbrellas and Speed Carts.
- Rainwear: Sun Ice Weather Wear – Men's and Ladies Styles including GORE-TEX lined Wool Sweaters – great for all seasons.
- “Dress Like a Player”: Advanced Technical Sportswear arriving daily. New Styles in FootJoy Shoes, NIKE Golf Wear, Calvin Klein Men's Wear, Tommy Bahama, Dockers, Cracked Wheat Ladies Wear, Jamie Sadock Style Wear, Abacus Outerwear in addition to

our regular lines of Sun Ice, DryJoys, ANNIKA, Dunning Golf and Ashworth. All available in sizes XS to XXL. Shop early for best selection.

- **Show Your “Club Pride”** – new crested caps, golf shirts, towels, and divot tools.
- Golf Trends Cart Bags -- \$ **99.99**. New colors / styles for 2010.
- **SunDog Golf Sunglasses starting at \$ 42.00.**

Pro Shop Clearance Sale: Get ready for Spring at affordable prices.

- Great discounts on last season’s clothing ,shoes, golf equipment and discontinued styles.
- Callaway Diablo Sale: Callaway Diablo Drivers - \$ 199.99 // Diablo Fairway Woods - \$ 159.99 // Diablo Hybrids - \$ 119.99
- Callaway Tour i and Tour iX Balls - \$ 34.99 / dozen (reg. \$55.99 / dozen)
- Check out our selection of clearance Odyssey putters, starting at \$ 89.99.
- Oregon Mudders Winter Footwear – in-stock styles sale priced now.

Need a Spring Tune-Up?

- **Group and Individual Lesson Packages Available Now (come in and pick up a brochure for more details). See Marc or Jan to schedule your tune-up.**
- **“A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words” ... Professional Digital Swing Analysis available – see what your swing really looks like. See Marc for details.**

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to former Mt. Brenton Associate Golf Professional Kris Palmer and his wife, Christy, on the recent birth of their first son, Carson Russell, in December. Best wishes to the Palmer family on Carson’s safe arrival.

GROUNDS REPORT

I hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter, this is making up for last winters long periods of course closures & allowing for some good winter golf days. We are having a lot of golfers on the course these days & it shows, with the greens being as soft as they are there are a lot of ball marks, many of which are not being repaired. The grounds crew fix as many ball marks as they can in the mornings but this uses time that could be better off spent on other things on the course, please take the time to properly repair ball marks you make or see on the greens.

The first phase of the Cowichan Valley Trail along the golf course is almost complete, all that is left is the addition of new trees. There will be over 30 conifores planted in areas where errant shots may come in contact with people using the trail. Chemainus Rotary is a big contributor for purchasing the trees & Mt. Brenton G.C. will help with the planting & any necessary watering of the trees. A grand opening for this first phase of the Cowichan Valley Trail is slated for late March 2010.

The washrooms near #5 Tee will soon be getting a facelift inside, this will consist of painting the floors & adding some new fixtures. Other work we are planning on doing in the near future is the addition to & the leveling of some Tees, first on the list is #17 Tee. We will also be continuing with the aeration & sand topdressing of our older fairways this coming spring. We have set the date for this work to coincide with the greens aeration, starting Monday, April 19th.

DIRECTOR’S NEEDED

The club is still looking for members to run for the position of a Director. If anyone is interested, please visit our Administrative Assistant (Brenda Clearwater) and complete a form to show your interest. Director positions will be voted on at the upcoming AGM in early May.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have recently joined our club:

BYRON ADAMS

SIGI IRELAND

ROBERT MCGAVIN

ANN STEVENSON

GINO VOGRIG

CRAIG BURTON

BRIAN PEMBROKE

BARRY NORMINTON

ROY STEVENSON

CARL COVENTRY

GAYLE MCGAVIN

GLYNIS NORMINTON

WILLIAM VERSTRAETE

ANSWER TO RULES QUIZ

(a) RULE 24-1b the player has taken relief from a moveable obstruction.