



Mount Brenton Golf Course

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Divot/Ball Mark Repair

Most of us who play this course on a regular basis, and even those who don't, have at one time or another had to play a fairway shot out of a deep divot, or had a putt go off line after the ball rolled over an unrepaired ball mark. There really is no reason for either to occur.

As far as fairway divots are concerned, it is up to each of us to replace the divot turf, or to fill the divot with sand. Sand bottles are available at the first tee box, and should be placed on each power cart. Bottles can be put on pull carts too. A plan is in place to have sand available on every second tee box, giving us more than enough to keep the bottles full as we play the round.

Ball marks on the greens are another matter that needs mentioning. Take the time to find your ball mark, and repair it. If there are other marks nearby, repair them too.

If everybody helps by filling divots and repairing ball marks we will all benefit. It will make play less frustrating, and as an added bonus it may save one or two strokes per round.

Golfers Against Cancer Tournament

We raised an incredible \$32,000 at this 21st annual tournament held at Mt. Brenton Golf Course. All the proceeds will be donated to the Cowichan Valley Cancer Society to be applied to local cancer programs in the Cowichan Valley. A big thank you to the Mt. Brenton Golf Club, volunteers, and participants for all their help.

Golf Quiz

A player lifts his ball under a rule and places it on the grass nearby. By mistake he plays the ball from where he set it aside. What is the Ruling?

- (a) There is no penalty since the ball was out of play.
- (b) There is a penalty for playing a wrong ball.
- (c) There is no penalty for playing a wrong ball.

New Employees

We would like to welcome two new employees, **Dave Winter** and **Jeff Dickinson**.

Dave Winter started on June 28, 2010. Dave has golfed for many years and has a single digit handicap. His knowledge of the game has made up for his lack of experience working on a golf course. Dave's main duties include changing hole placements, raking sand traps, string line trimming, and general cleanup.

Jeff Dickinson started on June 21, 2010. His experience from working at Arbutus Ridge Golf Course for two seasons has allowed us to use him to fill many of the duties Steve Higgs was doing, such as; mowing roughs, tees, and greens and general course cleanup.

Steve Higgs has moved on and he will be missed. Steve starting working at Mt. Brenton Golf Course in the spring of 2002, and his last day of employment at Mt Brenton was June 6, 2010. Steve has left Mt. Brenton to pursue a career in the longshoring industry, and has also purchased his own street sweeping business. We all wish him good luck in his new endeavours.

New Locks

Since the washrooms at # 14 tee box were vandalized last month, we had to come up with a security system to protect them. We are putting in keypad locks on the wash rooms (only at # 14 tee), and we will have a code number required to open the door. It will be an easy to remember code number, and it will be printed on the receipts for green fee players.

Sunday Business Ladies

Along with good fun, good company and good golf we have enjoyed extremely good weather. The turn outs have been maintained although holidays have lowered numbers on occasion.

Spoon day July 4th started the month with wonderful goodies provided by Babs Getts. The spoon was respectfully passed to Barb Naylor following an interesting golf game of poker.

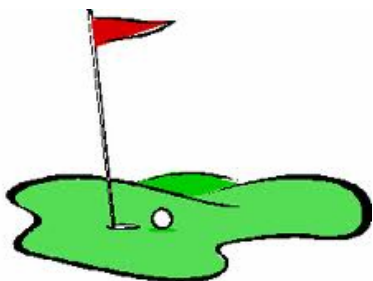
In addition July 11th saw Geri Elchuck 1st, Sandra Deptford 2nd, Debbie Menard 3rd for the par point competition

July 18th Marg Clancy was low gross, Sandra Deptford low net and Phyllis Mason least putts.

July 25th Secret Partners- Babs Getts & Carol Janch took 1st. Followed closely by Barb Naylor & Geri Elchuck.

The Junior girls were invited to play with the ladies this month and hopefully another invitation can go out before school starts this fall.

Summer is passing quickly but lots of golf remains. Good luck to all the ladies in the club championship and the ladies open.



Lesson Tip – Cash Reumkens CPGA

During a recent golf clinic put on by Jan and myself, I noticed a recurring problem that affected about nine out of ten people while putting. The problem is a deceleration at impact, as well as right after impact. This dilemma causes the ball to roll unevenly, rather than end-over-end, in addition it will become increasingly difficult to control the speed of the putt when decelerating at this point of the putting stroke. Deceleration or *recoil* (when the putter head cocks back very quickly after impact to the point the putter head rests in the address position instead of the follow through point), are caused from two common mistakes, both of which are easily fixable. The first error that causes this is too long of a backstroke, when bringing the club further back than necessary it forces the individual to slow down as they approach impact. The second cause of this problem stems from an individual lifting their head up early to follow their putt, whether it is during impact or immediately after both will cause this deceleration or recoil. When watching the best putters in the world such as Tiger Woods, Corey Pavin, and Lorne Roberts there is one in thing they all have in common, they do not lift their head up until their putt has rolled at least 10-12 feet down its line and in some cases they will not lift their head until the ball is at the hole. Keeping your head down during and after impact allows you to keep your putter head accelerating through impact, thus imparting top-spin allowing the ball to run truly end-over-end. By placing a better roll on the ball in a manner such as this will allow for more consistent putts.

Ladies 18 League

July's events included a low gross win at Port Alberni by Billie Chang and Darlene Michele. Well done girls. Interclub against Nanaimo ladies' netted a win for our team.

Zone #6 - 4 ball qualifying round was played July 29th with the following teams going to Eaglecrest: Joan Kossey, Gail Slater, Billie Chang and Eleanor Geisthardt as the 4 gross competitors with Billie Buckner, Kath Burnell, Ila Ehnes, Shirl Ketch, Rita Cannon and Laura Barlow as the 6 low net qualifiers. Good luck to all.

The month of August will see the winners of the 2 day Club Championship event and the winners of our 18 hole ladies league 2 day tournament. Good golfing all.

2010 Pro Executive Tournament

This years Pro Executive Tournament was held on July 5th at Morningstar Golf Course, in Parksville. Marc McAndrews, Eric Steen, Al Lowe and John Sedola represented Mt. Brenton in this year's event. The guys had an excellent time in the Shamble format, which combines elements of stroke and scramble play. The golf course was in excellent condition and our team is looking forward to next year's event.

Senior Men's League

The month of July has finally brought us some good golf weather. It is so nice to play golf in a short sleeve shirt, and shorts. It's been a long time coming this year but finally we have it.

The senior men are coming out in good numbers. We are averaging between 50 & 60 players each Wednesday.

This past month has seen us complete interclubs with Cowichan and March Meadows. As well we played a 4 man best ball event on July 14th. This resulted in some very low net team scores: 52, 53, 54 and a couple of 55's and 56's. We also had NIBS ANDERSON shoot his age this month. Well done Nibs, a feat you should be very proud of.

We welcome new players. The cost is a toonie to enter which allows us to purchase the balls for the sweep. You must sign up on the sheets on the senior's board by NO LATER THAN NOON THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY.

Recent Sr. Men's Interclub Match Play Results:

Cowichan 6 Mt. Brenton 6 at Mt. Brenton
Mt. Brenton 5.5 Cowichan 6.5 at Cowichan
Cowichan wins by 1 point.

Mt. Brenton 12.5 March Meadows 23.5 at March Meadows
March Meadows 8.5 Mt. Brenton 27.5 at Mt. Brenton
Mt. Brenton wins by 8 points.

Future Sr. Men's Interclub Dates:

Mt. Brenton at Arbutus August 4th
Arbutus at Mt. Brenton August 25th

Lesson Tip – Jan Best CPGA

My golf tip for this month deals with shots from 50 yards and in. If you find yourself mis-hitting shots from close range, this tip is for you. At this distance, a combination of finesse and a solid strike through the ball is of premium importance. Many golfers find themselves within 50 yards and end up hitting their shot "fat" or "thin." These are the shots where the golf club either makes contact with far too much ground first, or the ball is struck on the "equator" with the leading edge, causing the ball to go much too far and not getting airborne. Probably the most common cause of mis-hits from this yardage is the indecision of the shot itself. The problem lies in that the back swing does not match the length of the shot you are trying to hit. Many higher handicap players have the same length of backswing whether they are hitting a 150 yard shot or a 50 yard shot. For example, if you are hitting a 15 yard chip-shot, the club head should go back no further than about knee height in your backswing. Consequently, if you are hitting a 40 yard shot, your backswing should extend to about waist height. The most important concept to remember is that every shot you hit, you have to **accelerate through the ball**. The reason why players often mis-hit the ball is because the backswing is too long, therefore, on the downswing you have to put the brakes on in order not to hit the ball too far. This creates unwanted tension in your hands and arms causing a poorly struck shot. So next time you practice, have the backswing match the appropriate distance you are trying to hit. (Short backswing for short shots, medium backswing for mid length shots, full backswing for full length shots).

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Club Championships

Saturday & Sunday August 7th and 8th 8:00 am Shotgun
Please sign sheet on Club Captain Board.

• Categories:

Men's Low Gross Championship

Men's Low Net Club Championship

Sr. Men's Low Gross Club Championship (age 55 +)

Sr. Men's Low Net Club Championship (age 55 +)

• **Ladies** will play in Flights, decided by handicap & the number that enter the competition. There is a \$5 entry fee towards prizes (organizers may adjust number of flights according to the number of entries)

• Optional for Men & Ladies

Enter the Skins \$5.00 per day (2 divisions)

Mt. Brenton Ladies Amateur

Saturday & Sunday August 14th & 15th .

BCGA Bantam Championship

Monday & Tuesday August 23rd & 24th.

We anticipate up to 64 players. The practice rounds will be held August 21st and 22nd.

Mt. Brenton Men's Amateur

Saturday & Sunday September 11th & 12th

John Hicks Junior Tournament

Tuesday, July 27th saw the conclusion of another successful 'John Hicks' Junior Tournament. Forty nine boys and girls, ranging in age from 8 to 18 and from as far away as Ottawa via Victoria Golf Club.

The eventual winners were Aaron St. Arnault from Uplands with a two day score of 138 and Naomi Ko, a young lady from Olympic View, who had a two day score of 151.

On the net side of things, Zach Anderson from Nanaimo Golf Club took top prize at 127 while Samantha Coates of Ottawa and Victoria Golf Club did the same for the ladies with a 149.

Top juniors from Mt. Brenton were Darien Pridham who rode a second day score of 68 to an eleventh place finish overall at 146, and Emily Adams with a two day total of 178 and a 150 net score.

The two days were made successful through the efforts of Gerry Lavender on Rules, help from Bob Barr starting Monday's round and Penny Adams and Gerry Ewchuk helping with the scoring on Tuesday. The greens crew did their normal good job, Mike had all his food eaten on Tuesday, and I can't say enough for the help with registration and prize organization from the Pro Shop. They all make this event a breeze to run. Thank you all. Pat Irwin.



Shirin Anjarwalla
Mt. Brenton

Emily Adams
Mt. Brenton



John Hicks Junior Tournament Participants and Organizers

Pro Shop News

Ladies Golf Clinic Update

Cash Reumkens and Jan Best, CPGA Assistant Professionals, have just wrapped up their first installment of this year's Ladies Clinic. Our first group consisted of nine ladies with skill levels ranging from beginner to advanced. We are very pleased with the effort and enthusiasm our ladies put forth. Lessons took place Saturday mornings at 10am, for three consecutive weeks. The first two sessions focused on the lady's long game and ball-striking, and a short-game clinic wrapped things up on Saturday, July 24th. We are excited to see such improvements our ladies have show. We encourage everyone involved in our clinics, not only to play, but to practice the skills demonstrated.

Our next Ladies clinic begins Friday July, 30th. We will continue to run clinics throughout the summer and well into September, including Junior and Men's clinics. We have developed a format which addresses the most common problems for golfers today. The structure of our lessons is designed to help golfers of different skill levels, by identifying individual swing flaws and working toward specifically set goals. If you are interested in sharpening your game you can sign up in the Pro Shop. The price for each clinic is \$75.00 for members, and \$95.00 for non-members.

If you are interested in private lessons, our CPGA Professional Staff can accommodate you. Please come see us in the Pro Shop or call 250-246-9322 to book your lesson today.

Limited Time Callaway Demo Sale : FT-9 Demo drivers (\$ 199.99) and Big Bertha hybrids (\$ 119.99) on sale. We offer a variety of shaft and loft varieties to suit your swing. Play "The Winningest Driver on Tour" and the games best game improvement clubs.

New **Adams Men's and Ladies A7OS 13-Piece Sets** in stock now -- \$899.99-- Demos available to try.

DRESS LIKE A PLAYER ! All Men's Golf Shirts -- Buy one -- get one **half price**. Golf's top brands including Nike, Ashworth, AUR, Dunning, Calvin Klein.

Check out our **great selection of ladies golf wear**, including Jamie Sadock, Nike, Annika, SunIce, Cracked Wheat, Abacus.

Special buys in our Half Price Section. Check it out!!

Restaurant

Vancouver Island Sea Dog Amber Ale

Fridays Steak Dinner \$11.95

Sunday Brunch \$11.95

Tuesdays 2 Piece Halibut and Chips \$11.95

Thursday Night Curry Night

Jazz and Blues Night: 3rd Thursday of the Month

\$4.99 Breakfast Everyday

Nine and Dine (Three Course Meal with 9 Holes of Golf \$34)

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Golf Quiz Answer

b) There is a penalty for playing a wrong ball

Decision - 15/4