



Mount Brenton Golf Course

September 2010

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Membership Dues Increase

The Board's finance committee recently completed an in-depth review of the Club's finances for the purpose of setting membership dues for the upcoming year 2011.

Some of the key elements of this review are as follows:

1. Membership Dues:

Aside from an assessment of \$100 per member in 2005 for fairway improvements, member dues remained fixed at \$750 for the years 2000 through 2007. Increases to \$850 and \$870 were made in the years 2008 and 2009 respectively. The increase in dues between 2000 and 2009 is equivalent to an annual increase of approximately 1.5%.

2. Grounds expenses (wages/benefits, equipment repairs, fuel, fertilizers, etc.) have increased by approximately \$100,000 per annum over their level in 2000 — an increase of 23%.

3. Other operating expenses (property and business taxes, insurance, utilities, office expenses, etc.) have increased by approximately \$73,000 per annum over their level in 2000 — an increase of 30%.

4. Capital Expenditures of recurring nature:

Expenditures for grounds equipment replacements and other projects have averaged approximately \$109,000 per annum over the years 2005-2009.

5. Green Fees and Tournament Income:

Aside from member dues, this is the only major source of income to the Club. This income peaked in 2005 and 2006 when it averaged \$477,000 per year. In 2007 and 2008 the average declined to approximately \$461,000. In 2009 this income declined to \$431,000 and **is estimated to be in the area of \$400,000 for 2010.**

In view of the increase in expenses and reduction in green fee and tournament income, the committee recommended to the Board that dues for the year 2011 be set at \$970. At this level the Club should be in a break-even position for 2011 based on expected expenditures, revenues, and normal recurring type capital expenditures. No provision as made for discretionary capital expenditures respecting major course improvements.

At the Board's September 20, 2010 meeting, a motion to set member dues at \$970 for 2011 was approved.

Thank You to All of the Volunteers

Jody and Ken would like to offer a special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out during the Mt. Brenton Men's Open Championship.

Even though the weather conditions on Sunday were less than ideal, volunteers were out in full force and kept everything running smoothly.

Without the generous donation of your time and effort, tournaments like this could not take place.

This tournament was a great success due to your support, and your help was greatly appreciated.

Ken Norman - President

Jody Griffiths – Men's Captain

Ladies 18 League

September's events included a 2 day "Team trophy event" consisting of a 4 member team that took the best 3 nets per hole. The first day winners were: Eleanor G, Babs G, Marg D, and Linda W. Day 2 winners: Gail S, Laura B, Ida W, Shirley C. We are awaiting the announcement of the winning team at our Closing Luncheon on October 26th.

Our Ladies hosted a Cancer Awareness fun tournament on September 16th organized by Heather Owsianski which netted \$1020.00 for the cause. Prizes for everyone and all the members and their guests had a fun time.

As our season comes to a close at the end of October the following Thursday's will be filled with more 'funny' type games. Come out and play and meet our group.



NEVER tee the ball up directly behind a tee block!
The result of that mistake could make your spirits
fall lower than the maple leafs are in the standings.

Senior Men's League

Senior men's league held its two-week championship on consecutive Wednesdays (Sept. 22nd & 29th). We were very fortunate with the weather. Both days were bright, sunny & warm. Overall gross winner was Larry Kilpatrick, with Butch Caskenette as runner-up. Overall net winner was Gino Caputo with Ron Deptford as a very close second. Individual winners and runners-up for both gross & net scores for the various age divisions, as well as KP winners for the two days, are posted on the Senior Men's board. Congrats to all of you.

Next up for the Senior men's is our annual horserace on October 13th. We will also have our windup luncheon on that day.

As of October our start time will move to 8:30 a.m; however please show up no later than 8 a.m. so you can be assigned to your starting hole and allow yourself time to get there before the horn blows!

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- Saturday & Sunday October 16th & 17th - Ryder Cup
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Junior Golf Clinic Update – Cash Reumkens CPGA Professional

This fall Jan Best and Cash Reumkens, CPGA Assistant Professionals, have hosted two golf clinics for juniors, both turned out to be a great success. The first clinic, for the advanced kids, has seen some of Mt. Brenton's top juniors come out for instruction: **Emily Adams**, who represented our club in the BC juvenile girl championship and the BC summer games (not to mention her two hole in ones so far THIS YEAR)! **Darien Pridham**, Junior club champion and winner of the Zone 6 Junior at Glacier Greens GC; **Dallas Jones**, 2009 Junior Club Champion and 2010 runner-up; **Brennan O'toole**, a younger junior who has improved with great strides to be a contender for the Junior Club Championship in the coming years. This group continued to impress when they humbled Jan during a nine-hole playing lesson, and beat him during an 18-hole mini-golf competition at Fun Pacific.

The second clinic for the intermediates, (a large group of kids ranging in age and skill level) attended clinics both at Mt. Brenton and Fun Pacific. Long hitting **Bradley Olsen** was a standout throughout these clinics, as he continues to improve with great passion for the game. **Noah Hendricks** also made notable improvements immediately, considering his four month hiatus from structured lessons in the spring.

This has been an extremely enjoyable year for junior golf lessons for Marc, Jan and Cash, as they were able to help and watch such a talented group of junior golfers progress through the game. Thanks to Pat Irwin and Jack Adams for their help. Each year they step forward without being asked, and along with our Pro Shop and Professional staff, run one of the best junior programs on the island. Thanks also to Rob Winter, Dave Cambell, Martin Best, and the rest of the staff at Fun Pacific Golf Center in Duncan who regularly let our junior program come up and use their facility. Having seen such great improvement this year, we are excited for next year's season.



More on the BCGA Bantam Championship

I would like to add my sincere and heartfelt thank you to Mt. Brenton Golf Course for hosting this event, and to all the volunteers that made the tournament a blast for the players and parents as well as the BCGA officials. Thank you so very much.

Pat Irwin, tournament chairman and proud member of Mt. Brenton GC.



Lesson Tip – Cash Reumkens CPGA

This golf tip will shed some light on how to hit golf shots from uneven lies. Although Mt. Brenton is a relatively flat course, we still face shots where the ball may be below or above our feet. Number 18 is a perfect example. Many players end up hitting the ball into the water because they fail to make a few adjustments in order to hit the shot properly. Higher handicap players struggle with uneven lies primarily because their basic set up is wrong.

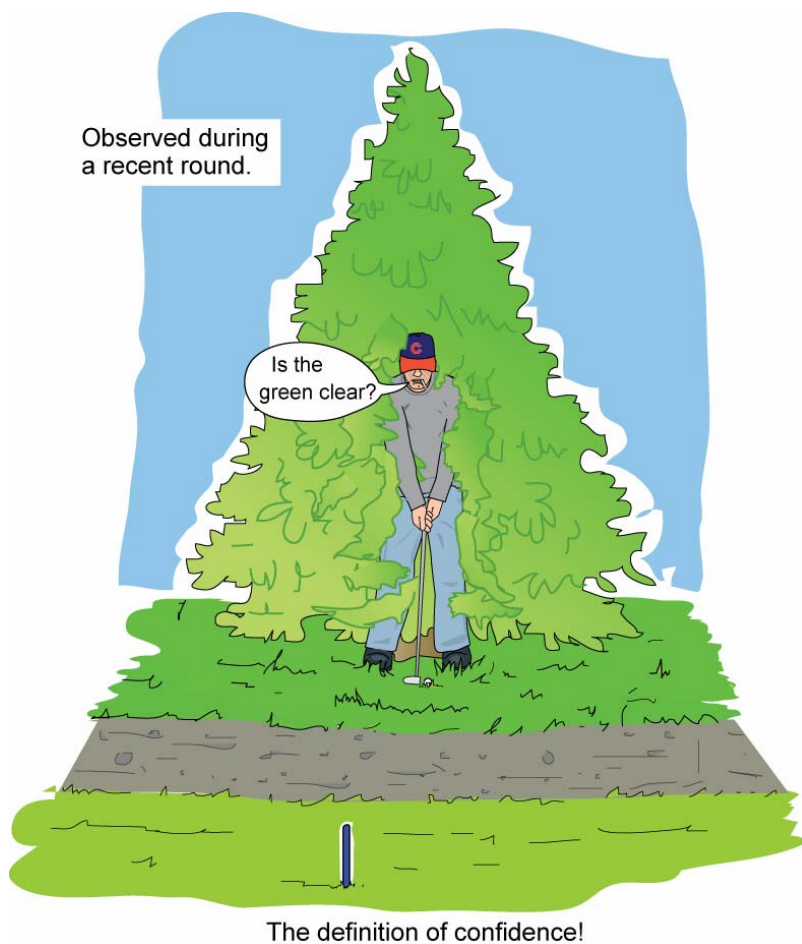
Here are a few points to remember. When you are faced with a downhill lie like we would be on #18 fairway, your weight should be more on your left foot for right handed players and on your right foot left handed players. You should allow your weight to fall with gravity. The key thing to remember is that you want to swing along the slope. Get a sense that the club head is traveling along the contour of the hill and not directly into it. The tendency is to hit these shots fat or heavy because the hill is closer to you than it would be on a flat lie. Another important tactical point to remember is club selection. Take at least one less club than you normally would on a downhill lie. This is because the slope of the hill will automatically de-loft the club once you've grounded the club. This will make you hit an 8-iron the same distance as you normally would hit a 6 or 7 iron.

If you find yourself with an uphill the exact opposite applies. Allow your weight to fall to your back foot and take more club. When you find the ball above your feet (hook lie) the ball will naturally pull, consequently when the ball is below your feet (push lie) the ball will go right. Considering this, compensate your aim to allow for the correction and you should hit better shots on uneven lies.

Golf Quiz

A player's ball is lying on a slope. When he addresses the ball it moves and comes to rest out of bounds. What is the ruling?

- a) The player's ball is out of bounds and therefore he must proceed under Rule 27-1
- b) The player incurs no penalty.
- c) The player incurs a one stroke penalty and must replace the ball.



Pro Shop News

Rainwear Sale

All Men's and Women's Rainwear, including **SunIce, Rainflex, DryJoys** is **35% off for a limited time**. Stay dry this winter in the **Rainwear worn by the PGA Tour**.

The easiest way to improve your game in wet conditions: Rainrip gloves and winter footwear available now. Update your equipment: New Golf Pride and Winn Grips in stock now (includes free installation).

Traveling this winter? Rental golf bag travel cases available to rent in the Pro Shop.

Christmas Special Orders

Christmas is less than three months away. **Special orders available upon request. For great Christmas gift ideas, come see us in the Pro-Shop.**

Callaway Demo Sale

Great deals on **Callaway fairway woods, hybrids and drivers**. Ask us for details about Custom club fitting... all top brands available including Titleist, Callaway, Ping and more.



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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)**

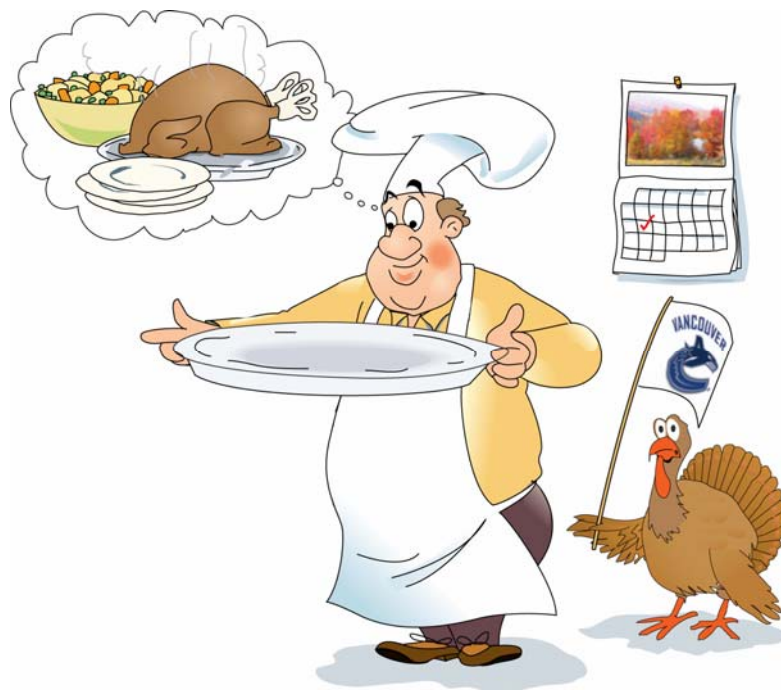
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Banquet Room

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Clubhouse starts closing earlier dependant on weather. Please call if you have any questions ~ 250-246-4948.

Book for Christmas and staff parties now.

I would like to thank my staff for all the hard work this summer. They are the best a person could ask for!!!!

The pro shop and the maintenance crew were great to work with again; and I am proud to tell people that I belong to the Mt Brenton Golf Club....and that I am a Canucks fan :)

Thanks to all the members who have supported me, and I am looking forward to seeing you in 2011.

Any ideas to improve the clubhouse can be sent to my email @ morganizer@live.ca

thanks
mike morgan

*Newsletter also available on our web site at www.mountbrentongolf.com on the **Members Only** page.*

Golf Quiz Answer

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