



# Mount Brenton Golf Course

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## Restaurant

I have been asked to include an article in this newsletter concerning the restaurant, and the fact that some members of our club are bringing their own food to eat in the restaurant after their round of golf.

I think it is appropriate to include an email sent by Mike Morgan to a member who is in charge of one of our leagues.

“I was talking to my mom today (Gabi) and she was saying that a few of the members were bringing in muffins and sandwiches after the round. It really upset her today as this isn't the first time. We make our living providing food and beverage to the club members and to outside guests. I am not saying the members can't bring their own food, but when they eat it in our restaurant it shows very little respect towards us. I hope that this doesn't continue to happen. Thanks mike morgan”

I have to agree with Mike, and I'm sure most others would agree as well. As Mike stated, he makes a living preparing and providing food for us. Whether we choose to purchase food in the restaurant after a round or whether we choose to eat elsewhere is up to each of us individually; but to bring in our own food to eat in Mike's restaurant is disrespectful, and is a practice that should stop immediately.

It is difficult enough to make a living running a restaurant; but when people bring in their own food to eat in the restaurant instead of choosing from the menu, it makes it that much more difficult.

I'm sure those who bring in their own food to eat in Mike's restaurant would not do the same if they went out for lunch or dinner elsewhere. They would respect the fact that you do not take your own food to eat in a restaurant; you purchase it there. Please think about this, and in future remember the fact that when you are sitting upstairs at our club you are sitting in a restaurant.

## Drainage

We all know how difficult it is to play our course after a few days of rain. Water remains on the surface due to poor drainage. Balls sink out of site both off and on many fairways making play time-consuming and frustrating.

There has been talk of updating the drainage system for many years. This year the planning committee and the board of directors put together a proposal for a new drainage system to be installed at our golf course. A lot of time was spent preparing the proposal, and the planning committee and the board deserve congratulations on the work they have done.

At the last AGM the proposal was put to the membership for approval. The vote was highly in favour of accepting the proposal and of beginning the work this year.

The board has chosen a contractor with an extensive background in golf course drainage. This contractor, TDS Turf Drainage Systems, has experience in installing golf course drainage from one end of this country to the other. The contract calls for work to begin this year around the 20<sup>th</sup> of June and be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

This work will not be completed without some disruption in play. We all have to accept the fact that installing a drainage system will require a fair amount of digging and trenching on the fairways. There will be machinery on the course and there will be vehicles hauling dirt from the trenches to various parts of the course, as well as vehicles hauling sand to fill the trenches after the pipe is put in place.

There will be temporary closures of fairways as the trenches are dug and pipes are installed; but as I am told, there will be no total hole closures. Play on some holes will be from temporary tee boxes halfway up the fairway, and sometimes to a temporary green. For those holes your score will be adjusted based on your handicap.

Our course will be greatly improved by the professional installation of the slit drainage system. The laser controlled installation process will be interesting to watch; and after it is completed we will all, members and visitors alike, appreciate how much more playable the course will be year round.

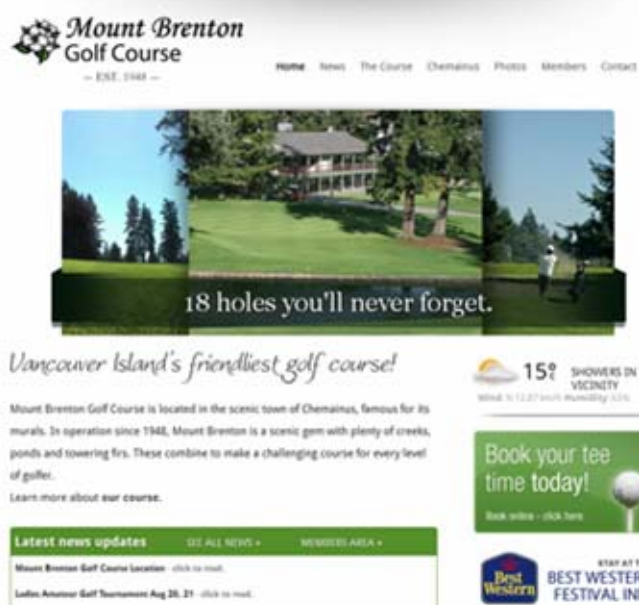
## New Web Site

We now have a new web site. It is much improved in looks and function. Our web designer and builder spent a lot of time putting this together to make our site more professional and more appealing to those who search us out on-line.

As part of the new design we have a current weather report which is great for those out of town planning on a day of golf at our course.

There is a Tour Our Course section which has a view and description of all 18 holes giving visitors a chance to learn a little about the course and to see how great our course looks.

There are further changes in the works, and these will be brought on-line as soon as they are completed. The site will constantly be updated with news and tournament dates as they are received.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Mount Brenton Golf Course website. At the top left is the logo for Mount Brenton Golf Course, established in 1948. A navigation menu includes Home, News, The Course, Chemainus, Photos, Members, and Contact. The main banner features a scenic view of a golf course with a clubhouse and the text "18 holes you'll never forget." Below the banner, there is a section titled "Vancouver Island's friendliest golf course!" with a description of the course's location and history. To the right, there is a weather widget showing "15° SHOWERS IN THE VICINITY" and a "Book your tee time today!" button. At the bottom, there are sections for "Latest news updates" and "Stay at the BEST WESTERN FESTIVAL INN!"

## Tuesday Night Mixed Two Ball

Tuesday Night Two Ball is in full swing with a shotgun start at **6:00 pm**. 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. New members are always welcome! The cost is \$2 each time you play. Green fees for guests are only \$15.

Look for the poster and sign-up sheet on the General bulletin board or call Al/Janice Lowe 250 416-6706

## Crew Safety

Please be considerate of the crew as they work. If there is a chance you may hit one of them with your shot, wait until they are safe. There is no difference between a person with a putter in their hands and a person with a rake in their hands.

If you have ever been hit by a golf ball you know how much it hurts. If you haven't, let me tell you from experience that it hurts a lot.

A golf ball at speed can cause serious injury. Please be aware of everyone on the course, players as well as crew.



## Bronze Division

Mt. Brenton Ladies Bronze Division welcomes many new and returning members this year – and we're so glad to see them! Warm greetings to: Sue Menzies, Theresa Alford, Susan Kubisheski, Marion Johnson, Joan Phillips, Eileen Thorsteinsson, and Linda Vermette.

We moved our Olive /Kenzie Bronze/Junior Girls event to May this year, and we had a great turnout. Our ladies thoroughly enjoyed playing with both the returning and new juniors – some real talent there! Low net winners: Emily Adams / Pat Besier; closest to pin (in 2): Sierra Smith, Emily Adams; longest drive: April Lambert. It was great to see Kenzie and her grandfather John Robson again.

Kudos to our Interclub group – our first meet was at Cowichan G&C and we took back the Hedley Cup trophy this year. June will be busy: we have an Interclub at March Meadows and we host our 2011 Interclub Field Day (Nanaimo, Saltspring, Arbutus Ridge and March Meadows teams attending).

The Pro Shop has set up a special arrangement for non-member ladies who would like to play with us: 10-round punch card for \$225 +tax. So if you know a non-member who'd like to play, pass the word along.

Or if you are a member at Mount Brenton and would like to join us for a great season of sun, golf and friendship please do contact any one of our executive or visit us on a Friday morning for 9 holes of fun!

## Sunday Men/s League

The yearly Triangle competition with March Meadows and Cowichan was a great success. Our team of 16 men were victorious, winning both the modified Ryder cup format and team low gross.

Our first club trophy competition was the Hal Cook 3 best 9's which ended up in a tie with Jim Moro and John Nugent with 97.

B.C.G.A Zone 6 club challenge, a 5 man scramble, was played at Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course. The team of Ted Valleau, Gordon Whitelaw, Gen Becia, Alf Thomas and Garry Lowery came in with second place low net winning \$250.00 for the club. This is the second year we have won second low net. The money will go towards the cost of installing pace of play clocks. Thanks boys. Great job!

Men's league has been very busy with 45 + players each Sunday morning. We still have room for more. Sign up by Wednesday noon. If you are not signed up by Wednesday noon, and you wish to play the next Sunday, you are to check in at the Pro Shop to enter your name to the list.

You must be checked in by 7:45 Sunday morning or your place may be given away. To cancel, phone the Pro Shop before 7:30 a.m.



Pace of Play Clock

## First Tee

Directors John Laing and Ken Norman

Your directors are asking members to keep with the pace of play. Your round should take 4 hours and 10 minutes or less.

When the sun comes out we get busy, and with this we get lots of complaints about slow play. Please keep up with the group in front.

We will have our new pace of play clocks installed on the course soon. The clock on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee box will tell your starting time, and this time should be the same on the pace of play clocks on #5 tee box and #12 tee box. If you are behind this time please pick up the pace. If you are on time with the pace of play clock or faster than it, a great thank you from all concerned.

## League Captains

18-Hole Ladies	Laura Barlow Billie Buckner	722-2229 245-3486
Bronze – 9 Hole Ladies	Janice Lowe Sue Miller	416-6707 246-1839
Business Ladies	Pauline Wall	246-2724
Senior Men	Ron Rhode Don Timlick Gary Lowery	715-0141 246-3421 748-2068
Sunday Men	Jody Griffiths Ken Norman	245-4376 245-8767
Tuesday Mixed Two-Ball	Allen Lowe	416-6707
Junior Chair	Jack Adams Pat Irwin	245-0354 245-4300

## Senior Men's League – Updated 2011 Schedule

Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>8:30 AM</b> Opening date	
Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:30 AM</b> start	
Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b> start	<b>TEAM SCRAMBLE</b>
Apr 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Apr 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>FOUR CLUBS ONLY DAY</b>
Apr 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM start	<b>Mid-Island Senior's at M.B.</b>
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>INTERCLUB WITH GABRIOLA @ M.B</b>
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>INTERCLUB WITH SALTSRING @ M.B.</b>
Jun 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>TEAM BEST BALL</b>
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>INTERCLUB WITH COWICHAN @ M.B.</b>
Jun 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>INTERCLUB WITH COTTONWOOD @ M.B</b>
Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Jun 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>INTERCLUB WITH ARDMORE @ M.B</b>
Jul 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Jul 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Jul 20 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Jul 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>INTERCLUB WITH MARCH MEADOWS @ M.B</b>
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>TEAM BEST BALL</b>
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>INTERCLUB WITH ARBUTUS @ M.B</b>
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM start)	<b>Sr. Men's Championship 2 weeks</b>
Sep 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start)	<b>Sr. Men's Championship 2 weeks</b>
Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	<b>FOUR CLUBS ONLY DAY</b>
Sep 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Sep 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM start	
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>8:30 AM</u></b> start	<b>TEAM SCRAMBLE</b>
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>8:30 AM</u></b> start	
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>8:30 AM</u></b> start	Windup lunch and presentations

## Lesson Tip – Jan Best CPGA

The single most common question I am asked is, “How do I get more distance off the tee?” Distance is directly related to club head speed, smooth rhythm and timing. The best way to create more distance is not to swing harder but to swing more freely. Next time you are on the practice tee or playing a round of golf try these following steps:

1. Relax your hands. When our grip is too tight we create unwanted tension in our arms which makes it hard for the club to pick up speed. Your grip pressure should be approximately 5 out of 10.
2. You have to make a full shoulder turn. When the club is at the top of the swing your left shoulder (for right-handed golfers) should be almost directly over your right foot. A complete shoulder turn is necessary to create the torque needed to hit the ball far.
3. Don't start your downswing too soon. Allow for a complete shoulder and waist turn before the club starts back down again. If you rush the club down with your arms at the top of the swing, the club will actually be slowing down by the time it gets to the impact position. Rather than pulling down with your arms and hands, rotate your shoulders and allow the club to catch up. This is the only way to create that powerful “lag pressure” necessary to hit the ball far. These steps should help you hit the ball a little farther, and remember it takes practice. Have fun and play well.



## Lesson Tip – Cash Reumkens CPGA

During a recent golf clinic, I noticed a recurring problem that affected about nine out of ten people while putting. The problem is 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) is caused by 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.

## Pro Shop News

**Father's Day Sale : Don't forget Dad on June 19<sup>th</sup> , or treat yourself...  
Get Dad Dressed Like a Player This Spring ! The warm weather is coming...**

- **Golf Shirt Sale / FootJoy Shoe Sale / Great selection of slacks, shorts and weather wear. (NIKE, SunIce, Ashworth)**
- **Golf bags starting at \$ 99.00.**
- **Srixon Soft Feel Balls – buy a dozen for \$ 24.99 and get a free tour towel.**
- **New series of Mount Brenton crested golf caps.**
- **Cobra Baffler Railer hybrids – now \$119.99 (reg. \$179.99)**
- **Selected demo clubs at great reductions.**
- **Club fitting and bending is our specialty...play a better game with the right equipment.**
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### **Callaway Tour Fit Van Recap**

On Wednesday, May 11, 2011, (yet another rainy day ! ) the “Callaway Tour Fit Van” made a stop at Mt. Brenton for custom club fitting. (This is the van used by PGA tour pros). Many members enjoyed the high-tech Club fitting techniques that the Van, the Callaway technicians and our Head Professional (Marc) employed, and are very happy with the results of their new “custom” equipment. We are fortunate to be included in Callaway Golf's fitting circuit, and the members who took part certainly benefitted from the experience. Thank you to Callaway Golf Canada, as well our members who took part in our Tour Fit Day.

### **Annual BCPGA / ALS Golf-A-Thon to be held June 18, 2011**

Assistant Professionals Jan Best and Cash Reumkens will be playing in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual BCPGA / ALS Golf-A-Thon on June 18<sup>th</sup>. ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) is a fatal neurodegenerative disorder that affects the person's motor neurons that carry messages to the muscles, resulting in weakness and wasting of the arms, legs, mouth, throat, and elsewhere; typically the person is immobilized or deceased within two to five years of the initial diagnosis. ALS rarely affects the senses. There are 300 people living with ALS in BC at any given time.

To raise awareness and money for this disease Jan and Cash will tee off at sunrise and play until sunset on the same day. ( In the past two year's events, Marc and Jan each played 126 holes or 7-18 hole rounds !! ) This year we will also have some of our junior golfers playing with the Pros in the afternoon. Donations can be made by cash or cheque in the Proshop (tax receipts available) or at [www.alsbc.ca](http://www.alsbc.ca). Let's all get involved to support this worthwhile cause. Good luck, Jan and Cash !

### **Pro Shop Accounts**

If you have a credit balance on your Pro Shop Account, we encourage you to use it soon for best selection of our 2011 inventory. Treat yourself to something on your wish list or purchase an early Christmas gift ! Please check your account balance in the Pro Shop. **Outstanding accounts should be paid as soon as possible. Thank you.**

## Pro Shop News (Con't)

### June Lesson Clinics

For those looking to enjoy the social aspect of golf while still improving your game, in June our CPGA Pros will host the first of their annual summer clinics. The first clinics will be **ladies beginner and intermediate levels** with no more than eight individuals per group. The sessions will take place on three consecutive Saturdays, starting on the first one of the month. The 45 minute clinics will run from 9:30am to 10:15am and again at 10:30am to 11:15am. The cost is \$99.00 for all three clinics (**SIGN UP IN THE PROSHOP**).

### Mount Brenton Junior Program

The regular Monday Junior Program is in full swing ; our enthusiastic students are learning everything from the basics (grip, stance, posture) to a five hole mini-tournament on the course. With our younger (new to golf) juniors progressing at a rapid rate, some our older experienced juniors are seeing success at a larger level. One of our juniors, Dallas Jones has won multiple times this year on the Zone 6 Junior Golf Tour, and one of our junior girls, Emily Adams, is also winning this year on the tour. Darien Pridham, Colin Langley, Gavin Hollenbakken, Garrett Margetts, and Harrison Garvie are a few more of our juniors who not only compete on the tour, but are regular contenders to win in their respective age categories. The success of our Juniors on the Island Tours is a testament to the efforts of everyone involved with our junior program at our Club. Thank you to our volunteers Jack Adams and Pat Irwin, and to our CPGA Golf Professionals. Congratulations to our Junior Golfers on their successes so far this year.

### Dates of Interest

Saturday	May 14 - 1:00 pm	Clarke & Son Mixed Two-Ball
Saturday	July 16 - 1:00 pm	Dobbs Mixed Two-Ball
Monday & Tuesday	July 25/26	John Hicks Junior Open
Saturday & Sunday	August 6 & 7	Club Championship
Saturday & Sunday	August 20 & 21	Ladies Amateur
Saturday & Sunday	Sept 10 & 11	Mens Amateur
Saturday	September 24	McDonald Mixed Two-Ball