

## Beauty Bay Golf Course, Senior Men's League, August 26, 2025.

by Bruce Braun

*"Golf is like a love affair. If you don't take it seriously, It's no fun; If you do take it seriously, it breaks your heart." – Arthur Daley (British Army General, 1871 to 1936).*

What a stellar day. 59 members and 3 guests enjoyed a late August swing of the golf club. Shorter daylight often means cooler mornings, and this morning was no exception. The heavy dew gave way to late morning breezes and bright sunshine. It was a beautiful day.

Greg, Orlo, Grant, and Chrispy.



Today was our last round of "normal" league play. Next week begins our club championship. It's a two week contest, September 2 and September 9, where your best round of the two days is counted. There is no scramble format. A.J. Girardin will assemble the foursomes as he has done all season with the added likelihood

that you will be grouped with at least one other person in your flight. This is an 18 hole stroke play event where standard stroke play rules apply. You will be expected to putt out all putts. There are no gimmies. There is however only a one stroke penalty for a lost ball and you're expected to play your shot from where it entered the hazard. We will continue with the "preferred lies" rule and maximum score being no greater than a 9. The following Tuesday, September 16, will be our final round. Details on that fun format will be coming soon. This will be followed by our season ending wind up that includes dinner and awards. It's an exciting three weeks coming up.

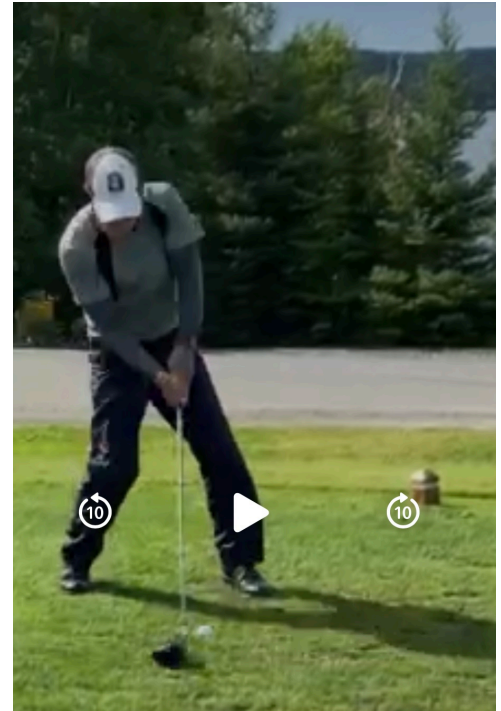
To reiterate:

- Championship Rounds - **September 2 and 9.**
- Season final Golf and Awards Windup dinner - **September 16, starting at 10 AM.**

In today's round, I videoed a couple of my playing partners swings. My intention was to be able to capture the 'moment of impact' with a screenshot. It didn't turn out that great, but I'm posting it anyway since I don't get paid very much. Pictured are Russ Garneys and A.J. Girardin.



I like to watch a bit of professional golf on TV, and if that's not available, I get regular updates online. I have to say this weekend got the best results I could have hoped for. I'll start with the Women's Canadian Open. Our very own Canadian, Brooke Henderson, from Smith Falls Ontario, won the



CPKC trophy. The fan support was the best I've ever seen. Secondly, the nicest guy who took the longest time to win on the PGA Tour, Tommy Fleetwood, won the season ending FedEx Cup. Again, incredible fan support. I won't repeat what the Internet is awash with for both of these professional golfers, but I'll just direct you to read up on either one of them, or both of them, for some real feel-good stories.

Update on match play: Three players remain in this race. (Albeit a somewhat slow race of late!). Don Paterson and Tim Tuusa are at the top of the B side. The winner of that match will face Gerry Beilner in the finals. Gerry can end it quickly with a win. However, he can't lose it with one loss. Gerry would have to lose twice. It's fair to say that the odds favour Gerry. But he's had a few soft weeks without any competition waiting for the B side to get their games in. There are some interesting storylines here. Tim was last year's match play champion and his success came from clawing his way up the B side. Don also has an edge. His knowledge of the Beauty Bay greens comes from his intimate knowledge and personal



attachment to every putting surface. His early morning routine (job) is manicuring (mowing) all 18 putting surfaces. Gerry has credentials as well. He hoisted the senior men's club championship just two years ago, in 2023. Riveting stuff, folks! As casual observers, we should be on the edges of our collective seats.

Keep in mind that even though our league season comes to a close, the golf course will be open about another month after that. Golf rates are lower as well so there's no reason not to organize a foursome and keep at your game for another few weeks.

As our season winds down there are a tremendous number of people that make BB the best place to be on Tuesday morning. Of course there is your executive committee, but there are also numerous other excellent people either in the clubhouse or on the grounds that make this a great place. It would be good of you to make sure to say thank you to any of the staff!



**Correction:** Last week I incorrectly listed the flight five winner. The actual winner was Rob Perry who shot a 50, winning on a count back. My humble apologies to Rob.

Front nine scramble winners for August 26, 2025 were Jack Sinninghe, Marty Poirier, Lorne Nault and John Zilinski with a -2 score of 33. They won on a comeback against two other teams. Congratulations!

Other achievements:

Closest to the pole on number 10: Paul "Who Put That There" Warkentin.

Closest to the cup 2nd shot on 13: Bruce "I Can Write Whatever I Want" Braun.

Closest to the cup 1st shot on number 14: Dean "Double D with the Bird-D" Dubreuil.

Longest putt on number 16: Bruce "See" Braun.

Longest putt on number 18: Dean "Now You See it, Now You Don't" Carrie.

August 26 flight winners:

Flight 1: Bill MacDonald, 37.

Flight 2: A.J. Girardin, 39.

Flight 3: Don Paterson, 41. Won on a count back against two others.

Flight 4: Al Pekarchuk, 45.

Flight 5: Lorne Frederick, 47.

See you next week everybody. Bring your game face!