

Beauty Bay Golf Course, Senior Men's League, September 16, 2025.

by Bruce Braun

"The golf swing is like a suitcase into which we are trying to pack one too many things." John Updike

It was a fun day. Some might say ridiculously fun! We've got a lot to get through here. Sit back and tie yourself down. This newsletter will attempt to cover (in this order) the club championship, the match play results, today's scramble, the group selfie challenge, and a thank you list as long as my arm.

The previous two weeks our senior men's league did their best to post one good score out of two chances. Our clubhouse leader after round one, Bill MacDonald, was unable to hold back the talent of Mr. Keith Lake who has now won back to back senior men's league championship low score. Congratulations Keith!



I asked Keith Lake to describe his round.

"Well, I knew Bill MacDonald had shot 75 on the first round. I started by bogeying 4 of the first 5 holes, but the round got back on track with an eagle on 13. It was a chip from about 40 yards. With 5 holes left I was three over, so I had one to play with and two to tie. I three putted from 20' on the first hole because we started on 6. So now I was 4 over with 4 left . Made par on

2, 3 and 4 . Hit my drive on 5 left which left me a 6 iron out of the rough. Hit it well which left me with 20' for birdie and I two putted for a 74. Bill MacDonald played very well the first round and the golfing Gods were with me on the second one . I'm sorry I will not be there on Tuesday as

Denise and I had a trip already planned. Please take this and put it in your own words, as I enjoy reading your articles every week."

Hole	Rating	Slope	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Men	69.1	127										
Women	75.0	134	332	142	542	376	390	400	194	604	186	3166
Men	67.6	122										
Women	72.9	129	324	125	489	360	376	392	180	538	163	2947
Men	64.6	114										
Women	70.0	120	318	112	447	290	345	340	140	405	144	2541
Lake, Keith			5	3	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	39

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL	NET
268	325	314	309	124	372	324	358	454	2848	3166	6014	
256	316	306	289	116	356	315	340	434	2728	2947	5675	
246	306	286	267	108	321	310	330	394	2568	2541	5109	
5	4	4	2	3	5	4	4	4	35	39	74	

Here is the list of all of the championship winners in both the gross and net categories. It also includes the individual hole challenges on September 9:

9-Sep-25				
FINAL WINNERS			Gross	Net
Club Champion Gross	Keith Lake		74	
Club Champion Net	John Zilinski			61
				Won on a count back against Jim Bergman
Flight Winners: Final				
Bill MacDonald	1		75	
Brent Taylor	1			69
Randy Baird	2		82	
Gerry Beilner	2			66
Don Patterson	3		83	
Tom Kozak	3			66
Jim Bergman	4		90	
Dennis O'Sullivan	4			65
Craig Thompson	5		97	
Dave Allan	5			63
Closest to Cup 1st shot	# 2		Duncan Ross	
Closest to the cup 2nd shot	#4		Gerry Beilner	
Closest to Cup 1st shot	# 7		Wally McLeod	
Longest Putt	# 8		Bob Calder	
Closest to Cup 1st shot	# 9		Randy Baird	
Closest to the Pole	# 10		John Bowiec	
Closest to Cup 2nd Shot	# 13		Keith Lake	
Closest to Cup 1st shot	# 14		Don Paterson	
Longest Putt	# 18		Marty Poirer	

The match play finished their games in time for today's soirée. The results are as follows:

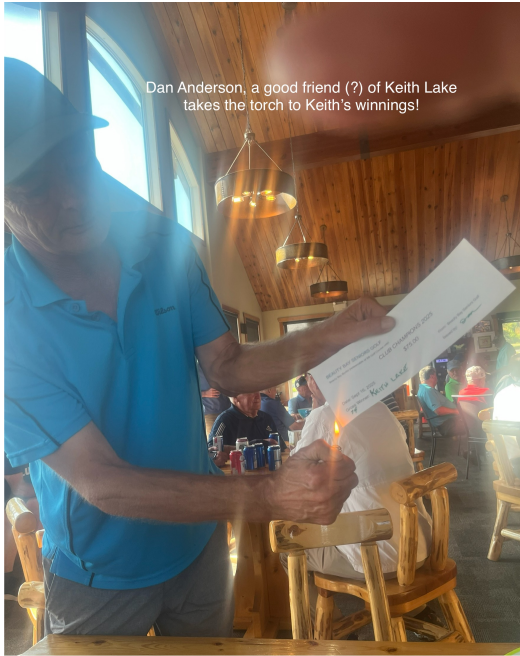
Match play champion: Gerry Beilner

Match play runner-up: Tim Tuusa

Third Place: Don Paterson

Our Champions that were here for this photo op. Gross score winners are holding their trophy while net winners are flashing their Beauty Bay Bucks!





Dan Anderson, a good friend (?) of Keith Lake takes the torch to Keith's winnings!

I asked Gerry to put together a few words:

"First game, first hole I landed behind a tree. Tim was on the green in 2. I got on the green with my 3rd shot, so a possible par, but Tim sunk a 50 foot birdie. I birdied the second hole. The rest of the match was close, but in the end Tim was up 3 holes with 2 to go. Second game I played much better, was up 7 holes going into 9 which Tim won. Tim went on to get within 4 but I hung on to win. I have to add that Tim was not 100%. The match play competition was a lot of fun."

Thanks, Gerry and congratulations!

Results of today's 18 hole scramble:

Today 67 league members enjoyed an 18 hole scramble format in brilliant September weather. Two teams tied with a -7 score of 63. The team of

James, Orlo, Rick, and Jack came in first place winning the count back. Second place was Dean, Doug, A.J., and Dick. Third place team of Randy, Tim, Brad, and Al had -6 winning on a count back. Our awards shindig was followed by a meal catered by Bluewater Whole Hog. This wonderful meal included barbecued chicken, prime rib with available horseradish, roasted little potatoes, baked beans, Caesar salad, and a dinner roll. I was deeply satisfied!



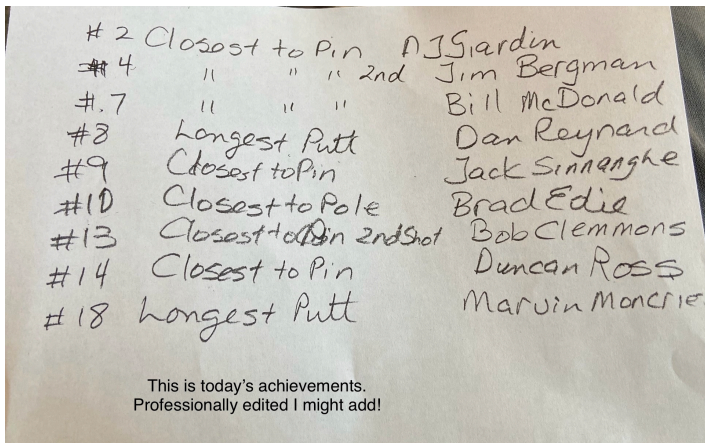
Dean, Doug, A.J., and Dick.



James, Orlo, Rick, and Jack.



Randy, Tim, Brad, and Al.



So, about those trophies... winners will have their trophies adorned with a plaque bearing their name along with the date. You are welcome to take the

trophies home and set them proudly on your mantle. It wouldn't be uncommon for you to strike a pose or two and send the pics out to all your relatives. Otherwise, the trophies are on display upstairs in the clubhouse. Be sure to check them out with loving admiration. Please plan to return the trophies in time for next seasons awards. No word yet on when your nameplate will be delivered.



OK, this next part might be what you've been waiting for. I presented a task dubbed the Group Selfie Challenge. The judging categories were creativity, energy, and foolishness. I have to say you guys did not disappoint! **OUTSTANDING!** There were 15 participating teams. Unfortunately, a couple of teams I was unable to retrieve their entry. Technology issues? I don't know. But my apologies for those not included below.

The following pictures are in order (approximately) of the hole each team started at.



Team 1: Al, Bill, and George.



Team 4: Dave, Bruce, John, and Bob.



Team 6: Tim, Trevor, Nelson, and Eric.

A day at the beach.



Team 7: Darren, Paul, Greg, and Russ.



Team 5: Brent, Pat, Brian, and Bob. Self described as the best looking team.



Team 8: Randy, Lorne, Richard and JZ.



Team 9: Marvin, Roger, Chris, and Rick.



Team 10: Terry, Lee, Marty and Grant.



Team 11: Jim, Dan, Doug, and Don.



Team 12: Tim, Randy, Brad, and Al.



Team 14, James, Rick, Jack, and Orlo.



Team 13: Rob, Gerry, Tom and Dan. Seemingly confused with the task at hand this team chose to search for golf balls in

Just so you know, the intention was for the executive committee to gather around



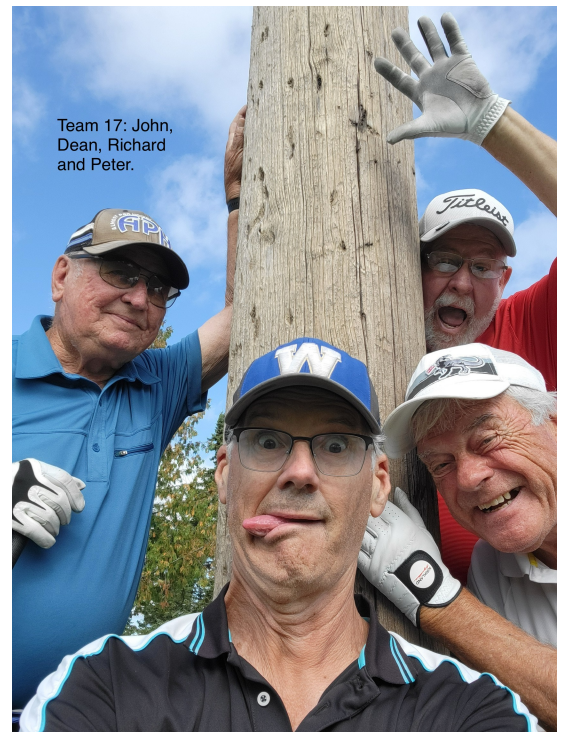
Team 16: Howard, Duncan R, Wally, and Duncan C.

dinner time to view all of the entries and make a choice as to who was first and second place. It's a big ask to get a group of hungry men in a noisy atmosphere to gather around a dinky iPhone and view all of the submissions. There was also the quandary of



Team 18: Dean, A.J., Doug, and Dick.

waiting for a few of the submissions to pass through Interland. There was also the predicament of those couple of teams that submitted more than one picture. Although this definitely exhibited energy, I just selected your first submission. As well, the entry of team number 13 was barely submittable. In good conscience, I could



Team 17: John, Dean, Richard and Peter.

not submit this to KenoraOnline or Facebook. Although it was tempting! So, with a decent dose of adult beverage I discussed the group selfie challenge with my wife, Ingrid. I asked if she wouldn't mind reviewing the pictures and pick first and second place. Much to my pleasure she took the challenge seriously. She painstakingly reviewed each photo, dissected each entry for energy, creativity, and foolishness. Here are the results:

"Team number 13 is the winner.

They look like they're enjoying themselves (great smiles!) and Rob (the person on the far left) has quite the expression on his face. I also like the beautiful blue sky in the background along with the tall grass.

Team number 17 is 2nd place.

The picture made me laugh. The man with the white baseball cap and white shirt is smiling with his whole face. They all look like they were having a very good time."

Here are my observations on the 15 entries...

Team 1: Our new outhouses were blessed to have this group determine that it was indeed a three-seater. The question remains.. was this supposed to be a foursome? And, is the fourth in the basement?

Team 4: The cardinal points. I think it was the first time any of us had laid down on a green in such a fashion. Pretty darn comfortable. I believe Dave caught a few Zs.

Team 5: This team sent their picture designating them as the best looking. I don't recall a vote.

Team 6: Now that's a big sand trap!

Team 7: Look at how perfect these greens are. It's no wonder multiple groups got close and personal with them. In this one, Paul seems to be encouraging the golf ball.

Team 8: Some people like to pet certain animals because they feel so soft. Perhaps the same holds true that some golfers like to run their fingers along beautifully manicured greens.

Team 9: Another commode compilation. Chris is getting down to business.

Team 10: I knew there was a chance that some team would prompt the censorship police. This one is a helpful PSA: "Just say no to crack." Terry's look of confusion and Marty's Hulk Hogan impersonation bring this PSA full circle.

Team 11: I'm curious if Dan has supplemental dental insurance?



Team 12: At first glance, it would appear that Tim is indicating a score of two while his playing partners are casting their deep gratitude toward the hole.

Team 13: Lucky 13! The winning entry. Searching for golf balls in the weeds is a favorite pastime for many golfers. It's incredibly fulfilling to find a golf ball, even if it's yours.

Team 14: Our only somewhat vanilla flavoured entry. Someone had to do it.

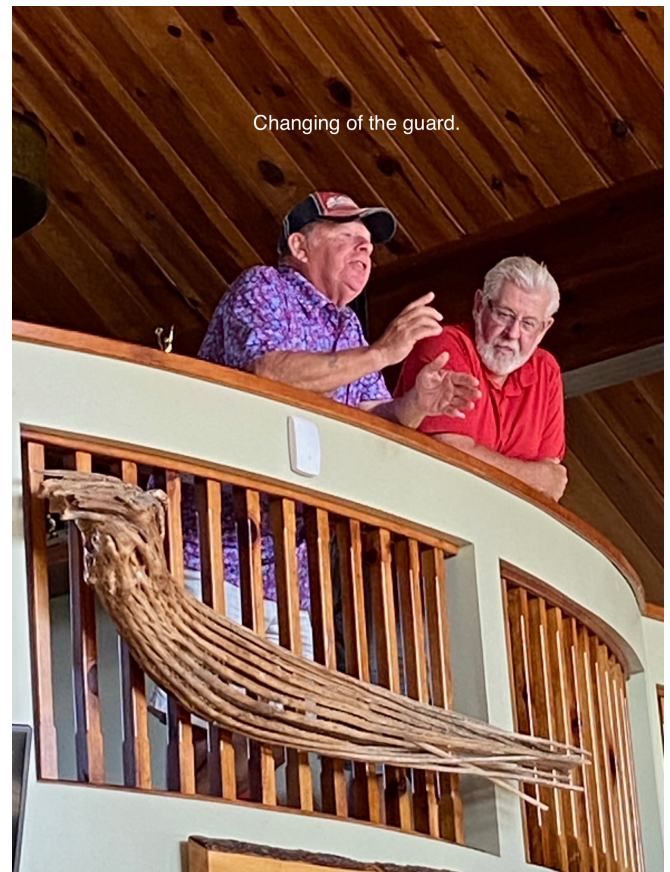
Team 16: A new elder hip-hop band, the Wrinkled Rappers.

Team 17: Brings new meaning to closest to the pole. The winners of second place.

Team 18: Clearly this group was agitated and they were taking their angst out on something inanimate. Check out the golf ball sized ding on the side of the "bell!"

Congratulations to all of the photo enthusiasts. Thank you for your energy and participating. As I said, you did not disappoint! Thanks.

And now for the final category of this season ending newsletter. I want to extend a big round of applause to all of you for the energy and time it took you to participate. Further, there are numerous people who have been absolutely key in making this a terrific season. I will keep most of my thanks somewhat vague lest I run the risk of missing someone. But I will highlight a few. A standing ovation goes to our leagues' executive committee under the tutelage of our president, Richard Cone. Richard pulled a fast one by announcing that he was stepping down as president, but not before he had already turned the reigns over to Randy Smith. Randy, who has already helped a bunch this season, has taken his new upcoming role seriously and announced a goal of increasing our membership to 125. This past year we had 92 members to give you some perspective on the challenge that Randy has presented. A special thank you to Richard for his five years as president. Thank you, Richard. I also want to send a big thank you to Orlo Mejia. Orlo manages our league books, distributes Beauty Bay Bucks, and he is the gatekeeper of all things sent to our league members. This newsletter, for example, passes through Orlo's eyes before being sent to you. It is a vital role to our league. Dean Carrie assists Orlo. Next, a special hat tip to Marvin Koski who had already resigned from his role as Mr. Numbers. He continued to tutor Nelson Rozon this season. Nelson, who has moved into the position, is doing an excellent job. It can be a grueling chore at times figuring out scores, handicaps, count backs, and so on. Anyway a BIG THANKS to you Marvin and even bigger one to you Nelson. Further, there is one guy who, on a weekly basis, deals with guys that didn't sign up, guys that had signed up and didn't show up, and guys like me who ask what hole I'm starting on then promptly forget and



have to ask again. A.J. has filled this role with skill, talent, and grace. Thank you, A.J. Also to Lee who assists A.J. in distributing cards and finding players find their playing partners. It's a rock 'n' roll roulette!

In addition to the executive committee, there are also numerous other volunteers that make this league run like a well-oiled machine. From the loony pot (thanks Marty), the 50-50, the rewards, setting out the weekly hole challenges (thanks Dano), the BBQ, and to all of you who lined up the carts after your round, thanks a bunch. I would be remiss to not once again mention a big thumbs up to all of the Beauty Bay maintenance and clubhouse staff. Thanks. And one more... to my editor and proofreader, my wife Ingrid, who holds no punches. Comments akin to "This sounds stupid," "This is a run-on sentence," "What are you trying to say here?," "You spelled this wrong," and so on. Thank you sunshine!

The weather is expected to be nice for the next few weeks so there's no reason that you still can't come out. Just organize your group, get a tee time and ease into autumn. Be sure to savor these last few weeks.

As we end our 2025 season of the senior men's league at Beauty Bay, I leave you with a couple basic golf tips. There are four primary physical fundamentals in successful golf; grip, alignment, posture, and ball position. Get lessons for these. Keep in mind that there are 850,000 primary mental fundamentals.

Have a great winter. See you next year. Bring a friend (and be nice to Randy)!

And this just in... (Thank you John Palichuk)

*"A recent study found that the average golfer
Walks about 900 miles a year.
Another study found that golfers drink, on
average, 22 gallons of alcohol a
year.
This means that, on average, golfers get about
41 miles to the gallon!
Kind of makes you proud. Almost makes you
Feel like a hybrid."*



**" WATER HAZARDS ARE NO PROBLEM IF
YOU PLAY IN THE WINTER. "**