

Beauty Bay Golf Course, Senior Men's League, May 12, 2026

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"Golf is a series of disappointments and frustrations, interrupted by the occasional miracle."
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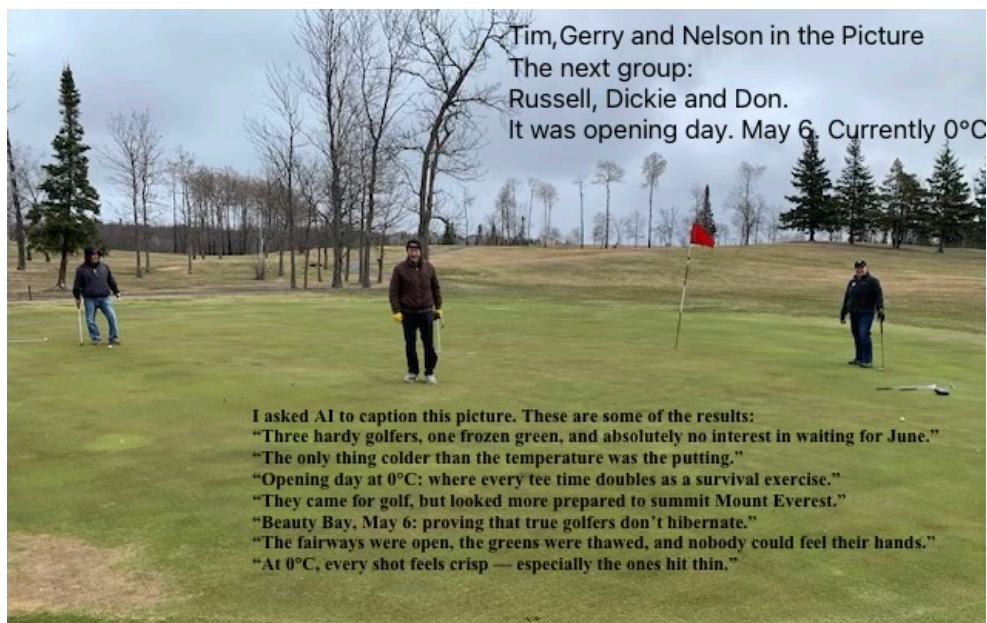
Our first league play of the season was an absolute smashing success! Well, it could've been. Just not today. Today was rainy, cool and damp. Hopefully you checked your email before you hit the road to the golf course. Our president made the difficult, yet brilliant, decision to cancel today's round. The weather was definitely not

conducive to the high caliber of golf that we have become accustomed to. We will try again next week to begin our season. Looking forward to seeing you on May 19, 9 AM. Plan to arrive early enough to sign in and, if you haven't already, please remember to pay your league dues to Orlo: \$25 for new members and those returning from a hiatus and \$30 for the rest of us. You can help Orlo out by making your payment by e-transfer.

Rumor has it that we have some new members joining our league this year and also some former members are returning. This is wonderful news. You will find this newsletter will often repeat basic course-of-play details to serve as a reminder to those of us who have been golfing here for years and also to benefit those that are new to our league. With that in mind, I present the following.

Following your round, your team captain (often, the lowest handicapper in the group), which might be you, will turn in your groups scorecard to the ever-capable Nelson Rozon. Nelson is remarkably good with numbers — which is fortunate, because the rest of us may still be trying to calculate how a six-foot par putt somehow turns into a double bogey. After a few weeks and several nine-hole rounds, Nelson will be able to establish your handicap. Those numbers are then handed over to A.J. Girardin, who works diligently to assemble teams to appear as equal as possible... at least on paper.

Of course, as every golfer knows, golf is played on grass, not paper.





That's why league play remains so entertaining. Low handicappers occasionally discover new and exciting ways to struggle, while higher handicappers suddenly channel the spirit of Rory McIlroy for nine glorious holes. On any given Tuesday, absolutely any team can win — and that's one of the best parts of being in a league that puts so much effort into making sure everyone enjoys themselves.

Now then... brace yourselves, because here comes the "three-man scramble explanation," otherwise known as Advanced Recreational Mathematics.

From time to time, the number of players in our league is not evenly divisible by four. When that happens, one team (or more) will compete with only three golfers in a four-player scramble format.

Here's how it works:

On the scorecard, mark each hole with alternating letters: A, B, C, A, B, C, and so on through the nine holes. Then assign each golfer a letter designation — one player is A, one is B, and one is C.

Whichever letter appears on the hole also becomes the "D" player for that hole. That golfer hits twice on every shot until the ball is holed.

For example:

- On Hole #1, Player A is also Player D and hits twice.
- On Hole #2, Player B gets the extra shot.
- On Hole #3, Player C takes their turn as the extra player.
- Then the cycle repeats.

This rotation continues neatly through all nine holes.

One additional clarification: because each player must contribute at least two tee shots during the round, the designated player hitting twice must declare before teeing off whether they are hitting as themselves or as the “D” player. If no declaration is made, the first shot automatically counts as their regular shot.

Why all the fuss? Because if teams could decide afterward which drive counted, they’d gain an unfair advantage — and besides, golf without confusing procedural rules would hardly feel authentic.

Finally, a reminder to sign up for next week’s round. I’d also love your help making this newsletter even better. Many of you carry phones during your rounds anyway — and as long as they’re on silent mode and not being used to call in swing advice from the PGA Tour, it would be wonderful if you snapped a photo or shared a funny story or anecdote from your group.

The more contributions we receive, the more this newsletter becomes a reflection of the great personalities that make this league so enjoyable.

And speaking of enduring difficult conditions in pursuit of golf glory...

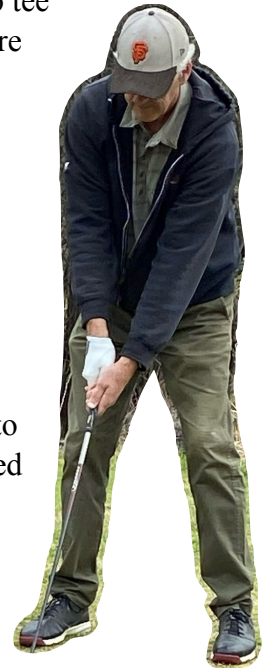
Thanks to Chris Pugh who supplied the cold weather picture on May 6. Given the amount of winter gear they were wearing, positive identification remains difficult. This photo was taken on opening day at Beauty Bay where the temperature was a brisk 0°C. At that point, it was less a golf outing and more a polar expedition with scorecards.

And finally, today’s weather brought about a question about the rain check policy at Beauty Bay.

Rain Check Policy

Mother Nature has her own mind, as we all know. She can be wonderful, but she can also be temperamental. She can also be threatening. When deciding whether to go golfing or not, we can help take the guessing away with our Rain Check Policy:

- There will be no rain checks given if you elect to tee off in pre-existing or imminent weather conditions
- The golf shop will have full discretion of the determination of conditions. (ex. heavy rain, thunder and lightning)
- If there is a rain event, we ask all golfers to mark their position on the golf course and seek immediate safety at the clubhouse or in your vehicle
- In case of lightning, you will hear a horn to indicate immediate stoppage of play. After a brief weather delay, the golfers will return to their position on the golf course and resume play when determined safe to do so by the golf shop staff



- If the delay is substantial, rain checks will be issued
- A credit voucher will be issued for any holes not played that can be used as credit towards your green fee on your next visit to the Beauty Bay Golf Course
- Credit vouchers will expire at the end of the current golf season.

See you next Tuesday.