

## **Beauty Bay Golf Course Senior Men's League, May 19, 2026**

by Bruce Braun

*"Golf's three ugliest words: still your shot." – David Marr*

For the second Tuesday in a row, Mother Nature has looked out the window, shaken her head, and declared, "Not today, gentlemen."

As a result, our league has once again been unable to tee it up. The disappointment has been profound. Clubs remain in the trunk. Golf shoes remain dry. Several members have reportedly wandered into their garages just to stare wistfully at their putters.

It wasn't all that long ago that we lost three league dates in a row during the summer, but to miss the first two weeks of the season feels particularly cruel. It's like arriving at Christmas only to discover someone forgot to buy batteries.

Still, we are golfers. We are resilient. We are optimistic. We willingly spend good money chasing a small white ball into forests and water hazards. If anyone can endure two weather cancellations, it is this group.

And so, in the spirit of keeping our golfing spirits alive, let's talk about golf.

## **Welcome to Our New Clubhouse Manager**

We are delighted to welcome Julie Gerbrandt as Beauty Bay Golf Course's new Clubhouse Manager for the 2026 season.

Julie writes:

*I'm excited to take on the role of Clubhouse Manager for the 2026 season at Beauty Bay Golf Course. I've lived at Beauty Bay Park for 5 years now. My husband, Garry and I moved to Kenora in 1996 and raised our 3 children on Black Sturgeon Lake not far from Beauty Bay. We've both golfed at BB for 15 years and absolutely love this little diamond in the rough! I worked at the golf course 2 years ago and am familiar with the course and the people who work and golf here. I look forward to meeting all the golfers and enjoy a great summer.*

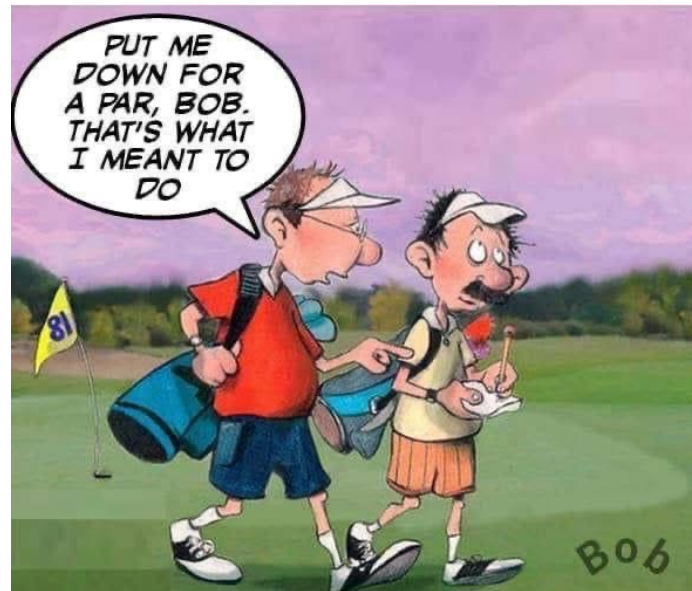
Welcome aboard, Julie! We're very happy to have you with us and look forward to seeing you in the clubhouse all season long.

## **The Three Rules of Beauty Bay Senior Men's Golf**

Before each round, I often like to remind my group of three simple rules:

1. Have a good time.
2. Win.
3. Rule number one is much more important than rule number two.

Admittedly, some groups interpret Rule #2 with unusual enthusiasm, but as long as Rule #1



remains the priority, everyone goes home smiling.

## Match Play Returns

For those who enjoy golf with just a little more tension, strategy, and dramatic muttering, match play is returning for another season.

Dan Anderson will once again coordinate this popular competition. A sign-up sheet will be posted shortly, and the first 16 players to sign up will earn a place in this season-long battle for bragging rights.

Think of it as the Senior Men's League version of the Ryder Cup—only with less international pressure and more discussion about whose turn it is to buy coffee.

## Red Tees Discussion

A reminder that with age comes privilege. Those of you who are aged 75 and older may play from the red tees.

In the past, there has also been discussion about extending this option to players with handicaps of 30 and above. This could make the game more enjoyable and perhaps reduce the number of rescue missions into the woods. We will begin this practice starting this coming Tuesday.

We'd like to know your thoughts. Is this something that we should continue?

From a previous season. A throwback photo if you like!



## Looking Ahead to Next Week and Beyond

Hopefully the third time will be the charm and we'll finally get the 2026 season properly underway.

Please remember to:

- Sign up for next week's round. As always, please do this by Sunday for the following Tuesday throughout the season. There is now a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse or you can also call the clubhouse at 807-548-4777.
- Arrive early enough to pay your annual dues or send your league fee by e-transfer to: [bbseniorgolf@gmail.com](mailto:bbseniorgolf@gmail.com)

Orlo will gladly accept your payment and, unlike your golf ball, it is guaranteed to arrive safely.

President Randy has booked Falcon Lake for June 24th for our senior men's. That's a Wednesday. We're looking for 32 players or 8 groups of four. Tee time is 9:00 am. If we get more

than 8 groups, our tee time would be pushed up before 9:00 accordingly. It's just under \$95.00 for 18 holes and half a cart. Randy has to give notice two weeks prior to the 24th. A list will be posted at the club house. Groups of four are preferred. You can get together to make a team or sign up individually.

July 14th will be hamburger/hotdog day. Guests are always welcome for \$5.00 a plate. Hoping to have a "trivia challenge" also on that date. Last years seemed to go over well.

Also a golf date change. We are scheduled to play on June 29th (Monday) as opposed to Tuesday, June 30th. We were asked by the Beauty Bay manager (Julie) so to accommodate a charity golf tournament.

## **Help Make the Newsletter Better**

This newsletter is always more entertaining when it includes stories, photos, and the occasional tale of unbelievable golfing heroics.

Many of you carry your phones during your rounds anyway—and as long as they're on silent and not being used to contact the PGA Tour for emergency swing advice, I'd love to receive:

- Photos from your group
- Funny stories
- Strange bounces
- Miracle putts
- Legendary excuses

Your contributions help capture the camaraderie, humour, and unforgettable moments that make this league such a pleasure to be part of.

With any luck, next week we'll finally trade weather forecasts for scorecards.

Until then, keep your grips dry, your swings loose, and your optimism stronger than the forecast.

