

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

by Bruce Braun

"The older I get, the better I used to be." – Lee Trevino

Spring is here, folks! I just got off the phone with our new president, Randy Smith. The ball is indeed rolling! The days are longer, the grass is growing, and the snow is finally gone (except where it isn't)—which means it's time to dust off the clubs and pretend we stretched.

The **Beauty Bay Senior Men's League (BBSML)** kicks off the 2026 season on **Tuesday, May 12**, with a **8:30 a.m. shotgun start**. Please arrive early enough to sign in, pay your dues, and find your playing partners. See below for more details.

You can sign up in advance by calling the golf course at **807-548-4777** or by contacting A.J. Girardin at ajgirardin83@gmail.com.

Please sign up by **Sunday, May 10**. If you're **50-plus**, reasonably friendly, and enjoy golf played with equal parts effort and laughter, this league might be exactly what you're looking for.

Beauty Bay Golf Course is officially set to open for the **2026 season**, with play getting underway on Wednesday, **May 6**. Maybe you want to get out early and shake off some of those cobwebs. Be sure to get a starting time.

I am pleased to report that we have a new General Manager, Julie Gerbrandt. Be sure to give her a warm welcome when you see her. Behind the

scenes, **Superintendent Greg Haus**—known to many of us as *"The Groundskeeper"*—and his crew are hard at work getting nearly **100 acres** of property into top-notch condition. In short, the course is ready, and so are we.

The executive committee of the **Beauty Bay Senior Men's League** is also gearing up for another season. Our new fearless leader is **President Randy Smith**, firmly in the driver's seat

2025 Winners!

9-Sep-25		Gross	Net	
FINAL WINNERS				
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	Won on a count back against Bruce Braun
Randy Baird	2	82		
Gerry Beilner	2		66	
Don Paterson	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!





Keith
Lake,
2025
Beauty
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League
champion!
That's two
in a row!

and answering to the unofficial title of *“The Steady Hand.”* We we are currently looking for a new VP! Please let Randy know if you would like to step into this valuable role.

Continuing in the role of league statistician is **Nelson Rozon**, replacing the recently retired **Marvin Koski**, affectionately known as *“The Numbers Guy.”* Handling the league finances once again are **Orlo Mejia**—our *“Minister of Finance”*—and his massively handsome counterpart **Dean Carrie**, occasionally referred to as *“The Auditor.”* In addition to keeping the books balanced, they’ll be regularly handing out precious **Beauty Bay Bucks** to our weekly winners, a responsibility that keeps them popular.

A.J. Girardin, also known as *“The Organizer,”* will continue assembling weekly teams and assigning starting holes, with assistance from ever-smiling **Lee Belanger**, *“The Quiet Helper.”* We are also looking to fill another role loosely entitled, *“The Keeper of the Loonies.”* This role involves collecting weekly prize money. **Dan Anderson**, *“The Bulletin Board Boss,”* continues to take care of putting out

the weekly prize boards.

There are also other volunteer positions —**maybe you?**—who help with things like handing out cart keys and flipping burgers at the picnic. On that note, we are currently looking for someone to step up and take leadership of the **July picnic**. Remember, nodding thoughtfully at gatherings, counts as experience. Fame is temporary, but gratitude is permanent.

And finally, there’s me—**Bruce Braun**, occasionally referred to (only by myself) as *“The Scribe.”* I’ll once again be putting ink to paper (more accurately, speaking into my phone and pressing “send”) in an effort to inform, entertain, and gently encourage your regular participation. As a member, you’ll receive **weekly articles by email**. **KenoraOnline** has kindly agreed to continue publishing our news in their digital edition, and our articles will also appear on the **Beauty Bay Senior Men Facebook page**. Simply search *Beauty Bay Senior Men* on Facebook and you’ll find us. As far as I can tell these postings never disappear so if you’re a history buff, you can go back to a certain date and read it at will.

Here are a few helpful things to know as the season gets underway.

Membership is once again **\$30**, which is still cheaper than most things we buy these days—and lasts a lot longer than lunch. Orlo would prefer e-transfers if you can. This year, our newly minted president, Randy Smith, has offered a discount to new members. If this is your first year or if you’re returning from a hiatus, your membership fee will be \$25 (newbies and returnees only) and that fee includes two important social highlights: a **July picnic** and our **season wrap-up dinner in September**. You can also choose to become a member of the golf course to cover your green fees and cart fees, or you can simply pay as you go. Current rates can be found on the **Beauty Bay website** at beautybaygolf.ca. While you’re there, take a moment to watch the drone footage of the course. If you’ve never seen the words *“mowing”* and *“art”* used together—well, you’re about to. The mowing lines alone are worth the visit. Clearly, landscape artists are on staff.

Tuesday mornings generally unfold like this. Check in with **A.J.** to find out who your playing partners are and where you'll be starting. You'll also have the opportunity to drop a coin into the **loonie pot** and the **50-50 draw**. The loonie pot gives you a chance to win some Beauty Bay loot, while the 50-50 draw gives you a shot at pocketing some cash and helping keep the league coffers healthy. The only catch? Winners are asked to run the 50-50 the following Tuesday.

Teams are assembled fairly with handicaps in mind, so don't worry if you don't have one established yet—**Nelson** will help you sort that out. A **shotgun start** means you'll be assigned a starting hole with your group. On a typical Tuesday, **President Smith** will offer a few words of wisdom before pointing everyone toward the hills.

Most weeks feature **nine holes of scramble** and **nine holes of stroke play**, with the nines alternating weekly. Nelson makes special notes on your stroke play scores because after a few entries, Nelson will be able to establish your handicap in the event you haven't established one yet. Occasionally, a fun twist is added to a Tuesday morning just to keep things interesting. In the scramble format, each player is required to contribute a minimum of **two tee shots**, after which the best shot is selected until the hole is completed. The rules are intentionally relaxed: penalty strokes are limited to **one**, and **preferred lies (winter rules)** are in effect. This keeps the game enjoyable and helps maintain a good pace of play.

During a scramble, players may move the ball **one club length**, no nearer the hole—but the ball must stay in the condition it landed in. In other words, a ball in the rough stays in the rough, and sand traps are still very much sand traps. Each team turns in **one scorecard** at the end of the round. Winners are reported weekly—Nelson supplies the numbers, and I'll make sure you hear about them.

All of us are looking forward to seeing you on **May 12**. Be sure to sign up in advance.

Below is a picture from last season. I think it's a pretty good one!

