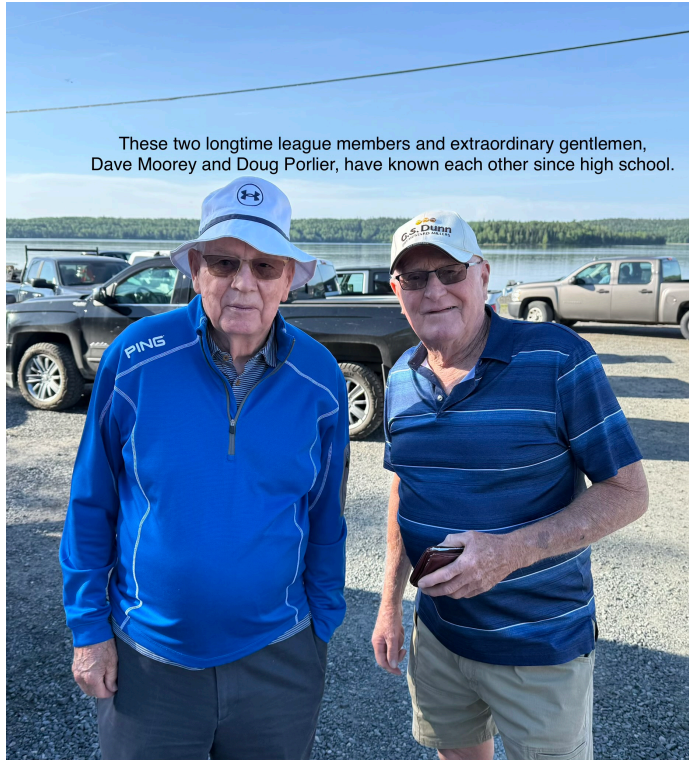


Beauty Bay Golf Course Senior Men's League, June 9, 2026

by Bruce Braun

"The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course." – Billy Graham



These two longtime league members and extraordinary gentlemen, Dave Moorey and Doug Porlier, have known each other since high school.

It was another gorgeous day at Beauty Bay. 69 golfers gathered to enjoy not only great weather, but also near perfect course conditions. This translated to some excellent scores as you will see below. In fact, if Mother Nature had been trying any harder, she would have been handing out sunscreen at the first tee. Today's golfers arrived ready to do battle with pars, bogeys, sand traps, and occasionally common sense.

Also below you will find the current standings of the senior men's match play.

Upcoming Events

Falcon Lake – June 24

A number of golfers have already signed up for our Falcon Lake outing on June 24, but there is still room for a couple more adventurous souls. If you'd like to join the fun, let Randy know as soon as possible. Tee times are currently scheduled between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Please plan to arrange your own transportation.

League Day Moves to Monday – June 29

Our regular Tuesday league game for June 30 has been moved to **Monday, June 29** to accommodate a charity event. So technically, by changing our schedule, we're helping others. It's always nice when doing a good deed requires us to play golf.

Annual Barbecue – July 14

Our annual barbecue will take place immediately following the morning round on July 14. Guests are welcome for just **\$5 per plate**, which remains one of the better bargains available anywhere in Canada.



This is Al, striking a pose and holding that finish

President Randy is also hoping to revive the league trivia challenge. Last year's event produced enough chuckles, groans, and questionable answers to qualify as entertainment. Several participants are still convinced they were correct.

Annual Memorial Service – July 21

On July 21, please check in as usual and be prepared to gather at the ninth tee box by 8:30 a.m. for our annual memorial service before heading to your assigned holes.

It is always a meaningful opportunity to remember and honour those league members who are no longer with us, but whose stories, friendships, and golfing memories remain part of Beauty Bay.

A Few Beauty Bay Golf "Rules"

The following is a reprint from a September 6, 2022 article highlighting some of the unique traditions and interpretations of the Rules of Golf as practiced by our league.

It is fair to say that the Senior Men's League operates under a philosophy best described as: *"Let's have fun and keep moving."*

Unlike the professionals we watch on television—who seem willing to spend fifteen minutes discussing the position of a blade of grass—we generally favour practical solutions.

For example, at Beauty Bay, penalty strokes are limited to

June 9 2026			
Scramble Winners	Score	Back Nine	
Gary Delaronde	29	(-6)	
Alfred Linklater			
Pat Mejia			
Bob Hensrud			
Flight Winners			
Bill MacDonald	1	38	
A.J. Girardin	2	41	Won on count back
Tom Kozak	3	40	
Marvin Moncrief	4	42	
Lorne Fredrick	5	46	
Closest to Cup 1st shot	# 2	Rick Wiley	
Closest to the cup 2nd shot	# 4	Don Paterson	
Longest Putt	#6	Rick Huisman	
Longest Putt	# 8	Robert Bulman	
Closest to Cup 1st shot	# 9	Tim Chale	
Who showed up to golf			
Members	63		
Guests	6		



Bruce, Rick, Tim, and Al. Quite possibly the finest foursome ever assembled!

one stroke. The reasoning is simple: if losing a ball only costs one stroke, golfers are more likely to accept their fate and move on.

Of course, accepting fate is easier said than done.

Searching for golf balls remains one of the game's most fascinating hobbies. Many of us have spent several minutes combing through bushes, long grass, and small forests looking for a ball worth less than the energy required to find it. I admit I am guilty of this pursuit myself, although I have discovered a useful rule:

Searching for golf balls is much more enjoyable when it's someone else's ball.

Another rule that receives occasional "creative interpretation" is **playing the ball as it lies.**



Many golfers prefer the "preferred lie" approach, which allows for a slight adjustment of the ball's position. This often improves both the quality of the next shot and the golfer's mood. Scientific studies have yet to confirm this, but league experience suggests it is true.

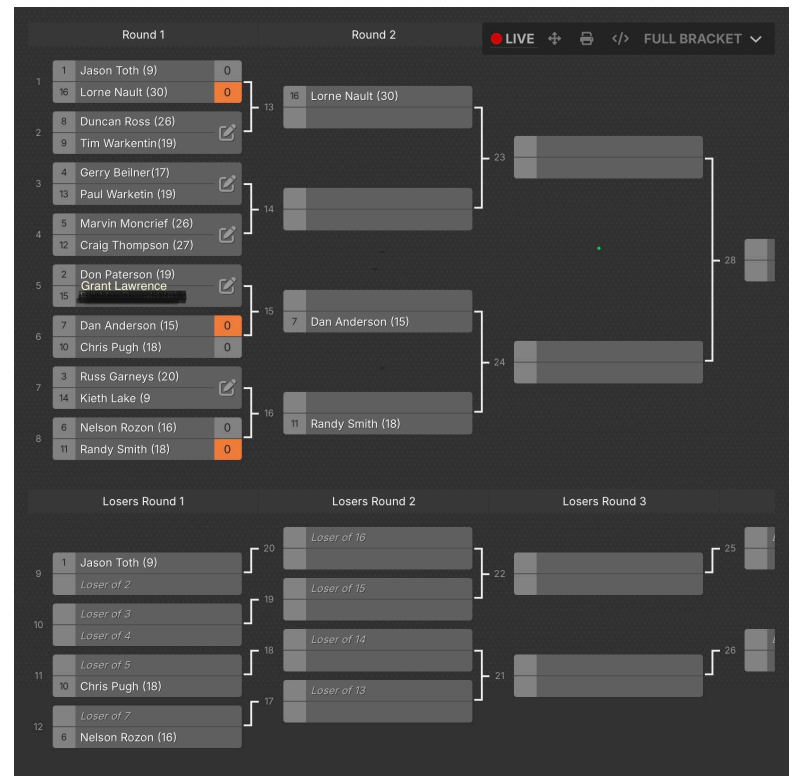
Then there is the famous **gimme putt.**

Traditionally, a gimme should be granted by another member of the group. It is not intended to be self-awarded.

Yet every season, someone confidently scoops up a three-footer while declaring, "That was good."

Interestingly, discussions regarding this rule tend to disappear entirely after the same golfer misses his third putt from six feet.

At that point, the league's unwritten **"all quiet" rule** takes effect.

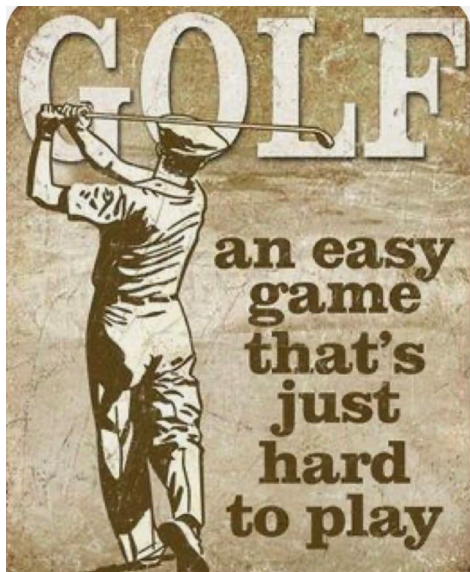


Speaking of putting, I recently noticed a reprint of a classic golf book entitled:

How to Line Up Your Fourth Putt

It's a very short book.

Have a great week everyone, hit 'em straight, and remember: Golf is a game where the ball often lies poorly and the golfer often lies well.



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This week's winning scorecard: 5												70
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