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## BOWEN ISLAND GOLF CLUB

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### WE'RE FINALLY GOLFING AGAIN!

Maybe we should schedule the Snowman Scramble for June next year?

**Get those shoes shined and those clubs polished!**  
**Our calendar of fun filled events awaits you!**

#### The Island Masters

**April 8**

Draw a name of a pro playing in the Masters and see how the two of you do. You might get paired up with Rory, Rickie or DJ! 1:30 pm shotgun start. Scrumptious appetizer buffet. \$25 for members/\$45 for non-members.

#### Golf Equipment Swap Meet

**April 15 -10 am till 2pm at the Practice Range**

Help us help kids start golfing. Further information on the home page of our website. Your chance to try out some new old clubs. Get a smokin' deal on someone else's cast-aways and book your ticket to birdieland!

#### Community Challenge May 20

Get your neighbourhood foursomes together. Better yet— get 5 neighbourhood foursomes together to win the spirit award!

#### BAF

**July 22**

Our annual fundraising tournament celebrating 11 years of Bowen golf moves to the summer. This year we will be tying it in with Canada's 150th. It will be awesome!

#### Club Championship

**September 9 and 10**

Open to all. Great combination of competition and fun.

#### Paterson Cup

**September 23& 24**

Celebrating Herb's life and legacy in our own special way.

#### Burn Barrel Classic

**November 4**

Golf, a barrel fire, some drizzle perhaps. Ya gotta love Bowen golf!

#### Don't forget. . .

**Men's Night -**  
on Thursdays, starting in May

**Just For Laughs -**  
Fun, relaxing, non-competitive golf for the ladies, on Tuesday mornings, beginning June 6

Or just play a round or two or . . .  
check our website at [www.bowengolf.com](http://www.bowengolf.com)  
or call the proshop  
604-947-GOLF  
(4653)

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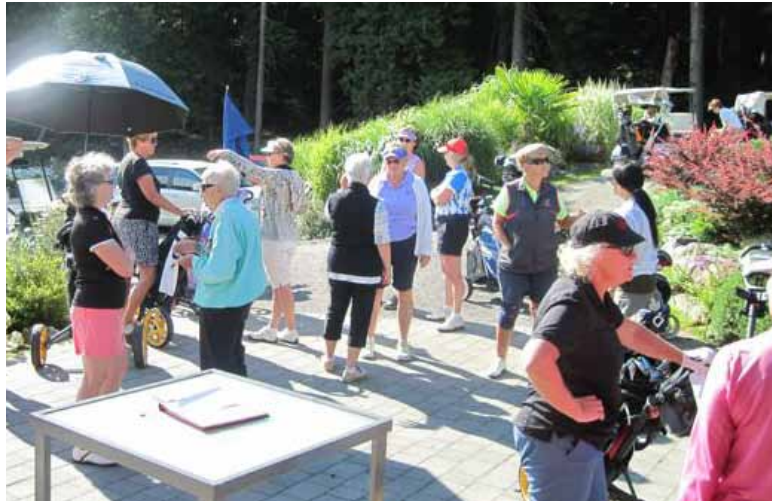
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## Fore the Women

**Summer is coming and the Women's League is gearing up for another fun-filled season.**



Our **Welcome Back** coffee party will be held on Thursday April 6 at Gael Booth's home and our golfing season begins in earnest the following week, Thursday April 13 with our Opening Day Scramble.

We play every Thursday morning, meeting at 9:00 am with tee off at 9:30am, and we welcome all women of all skill levels. The goal of the league is to provide an opportunity for women to play together and improve their skills in a fun and supportive way. This year we have a few new games that, combined with

the usual favourites, should provide some laughs while challenging our abilities. As well, we will once again participate in the Inter-club matches and Gleneagles for those interested in playing against other clubs.

If you would like to play or have any questions about our league, please don't hesitate to call **Jane Kellett**, this year's captain, at **604-947-0771** or send her an email at **[jkellett@shaw.ca](mailto:jkellett@shaw.ca)**. You can also check out the Women's League link on the Golf Club website at **[www.bowengolf.com](http://www.bowengolf.com)**.

## ... definitely NOT fake news! Hole-in-One Club

### Jane Kellett

Jane Kellett, on a crisp Jan 24th recorded her first ace on hole #6, by flushing a 5 hybrid that according to Peter Moir "never left the flag!"  
**Congratulations Jane!**

Hi Peter,

I warned Godv that the picture of my hole in one was not great but that is Peter Moir's finger and his shoes pointing to my ball on #6 so proof that I had a witness :-)

Cheers  
Jane

Peter Moir's finger

Peter Moir's shoe



*Indisputable proof of Jane's hole-in-one*

## The Cup Cutter Schedule

March and April — weekends from 11am to 4 pm

May — Thursday to Sunday: 11am to 7 pm

June through August — Monday to Wednesday: 11am to 4 pm

Thursday to Sunday: 11 am to 7 pm

## DEFIBRILLATOR

Anyone wishing to take the AED/Life Saving Course (3 hour course @ \$52/person) should contact Bruce Russell (**[brucer@gulfpacfic.ca](mailto:brucer@gulfpacfic.ca)**).





## Message from Bruce Russell

### 2017 BAF- JULY 22, 2017

From my corner, all I have to report on is the club's sole and major fund-raising event - **BAF (Bowen Island Golf Club's Annual Fundraiser)** being held two months earlier this year on July 22, in order that we can enjoy the better summer weather and be entertained by **Dale Hewitt's** Oscar-winning auctioneering in the daylight!

The purpose of **BAF** is twofold. First, it is a much-anticipated annual event attended by both golfers and non-golfers, for a great day of golf, good food and camaraderie. Second, it provides the club with much-needed revenues with the net profit enabling us to offset our operating losses. As our membership and green fee revenues are insufficient to cover all the club expenses, a

successful **BAF** even is necessary in order for us to maintain the course to the high standard we have all become accustomed to and expect.

This year's event will be co-chaired by **Heather Coulthart, Terry McKeown** and **Ruth Openshaw**, while I will again be responsible for the joint hole sponsorships (**JHS**) portion. With the continued support of members and the community in general, hopefully we can match or exceed last year's incred-

ible. \$50,000.00 net profit. I defer to the foregoing **BAF** "trio" for further details of the event while I encourage everyone to support it a number of ways from entering to play, donating a prize for the auctions or by being a \$300.00 **JHS** or a \$50.00 **Patron**. Please check our website for details on being a **JHS** or a **Patron**, which in combination are two major sources of revenue which also allow non-golfers a way to support this essential bottom-line event.



Participants at the 2016 BAF having a great time!

### Cody White



Cody has become a big part of our golf community, and anyone who has had a lesson has spread the word about how much his teaching has helped their game. His camps for juniors and children also have been very popular this summer.

Cody will be available for lessons until the end of October, then again beginning in March.

### Junior Summer Golf Camps! -

I'm looking forward to holding another four junior summer camps for 2017. There will be two camps for ages 8+, and two camps for ages 5-7.

These camps are for beginners and/or experienced children. Whatever level your child is at, the camps provide a positive, fun atmosphere where the kids learn the fundamentals and life lessons the game of golf has to offer, developing skills such as decision-making, perseverance, and honesty, along with a better golf swing to go with it.

#### Duration

This year, the camps will be increased from 3 hours to 4 for ages 8+, and from 2 hours to 3 for ages 5-7.

#### Dates and times

Ages 8+ will be July 3,4,5,6, from 2pm-6pm; and August 7-10, from 2pm-6pm, at a cost of \$210 per child. For ages 5-7, the camp will run from July 24-27, 2pm-5pm—and from August 21-24, 2pm-5pm,

#### Cost

of \$175 per child.

Please email [codeswhite@gmail.com](mailto:codeswhite@gmail.com) to register your child/children (grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brother-in-law's sister's neighbour's friend's kid...



## Course report

by Frank Griffiths

### Winter Challenge

This winter has been challenging to say the least. In early December we experienced higher snowfall than normal, which had blanketed the course for a period of 8 weeks. Once the snow lifted we saw some winter kill, but were extremely fortunate that it wasn't worse. With the recent spring conditions, these areas have started to recover, and it's only a matter of time before they return to a healthy, lush turf stand. If you happen to come across lean turf areas, especially on or around greens, it's best to try and avoid walking on it. Your cooperation will aid in the recovery of the turf.

### Drainage

For our winter projects we have tackled some drainage jobs. On #1 fairway, we installed drainage from the apron right back to about 80 yards from the green. The area where the apron meets the fairways has always been a sore spot in my eyes, due to poor drainage. In years past, this area took much longer to dry out than the rest of the course, which led to an unsightly appearance after being cut. Another spot we did drainage on was #2 fairway, just before you reach the apron. The area in the middle of this fairway also requires long periods of dry weather to dry out. This is mainly caused by

a clay layer, which doesn't allow water to drain adequately. On hole #7 we have always had water breaking out to the left of the ladies tee, from the vacant BIP land. This breakout made it challenging to do any cutting without making a mess on the hill after a rainfall. For our drainage projects, we are now installing 4" PVC pipe, as opposed to the 4" Big-O we used to use. There are many advantages to using the PVC; for starters, it's more rigid and way less likely to be crushed in the ground from compaction. Also, the Big-O is much more likely to plug up, because of the ridges inside the pipe. Initially, the main downside is a higher cost for the PVC, but this will be recouped over the longer lifespan of this product.

### Course Condition and Etiquette

#### Check In, please, everyone, always

It's very important to check in at the pro shop before your round. Whether you're a member or not, the pro shop wants everyone to check in before heading to the first tee. It's important to the club, and proper golf etiquette.

#### Pace of Play

Pace of play: Please keep up with the group in front of you. And let the pro shop know if there are problems on the course.

#### Divots

Please repair your divots, either by replacing them, or filling with our sand and seed mix. See below to learn how to do it properly.

Visit any of the following sites for a recap of the divot and pitch mark repair instructions :

<http://www.golfchannel.com/media/golf-fix-how-repair-divot>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpEm5Z9smIo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ZzT8yMnmg>

### Spring Aeration-Volunteers

With spring now here, it's time to start planning for this coming aeration. We will be closed for aeration on **April 17th @ 2pm**, and set to reopen **April 21st**.

We could really use some volunteer help, if you're available on April 18/19. If interested, please contact Frank at [fgriffiths@bowengolf.com](mailto:fgriffiths@bowengolf.com) or 778-233-1296.





## **Oliver's rules** **Accidental movement of a ball on a putting green**

**Modification of Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1  
Adopted as a Local Rule on Bowen**

**by Larry Oliver**

The rules of golf in Canada and the rest of the world are set by the USGA and The R&A who announced that effective Jan. 1, 2017 they were introducing a new Local Rule that eliminates the penalty when a ball is accidentally moved on the putting green. USGA, the R&A and Golf Canada will use this new rule in all of their championships, qualifying competitions and international matches. Bowen Island Golf Course has adopted this new local rule with the following wording:

*Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.*

David Rickman, executive director - Governance at The R&A, said, "For the past several years, as part of The R&A and USGA's Rules Modernization initiative, we have considered the penalty for a ball that is accidentally moved on the putting

*green. Both Rules Committees agreed that it needed to be changed and decided that in this particular case it was important to act now, through a Local Rule, rather than wait for the next overall set of revisions to the Rules of Golf."*

You might remember the incident of Dustin Johnson at the US open last year when his ball moved on the green. The players and even the onsite official claimed Dustin did not cause the ball to move. This decision was later overruled by the head rules officials reviewing video tape and Dustin was given a 1 stroke penalty for playing from a wrong place. Fortunately Dustin went on to win but this was the specific example that motivated this rule change.

*The Local Rule has been welcomed by all of the major tours worldwide, and the PGA Tour, European Tour, LPGA, PGA of America and the Masters Tournament are among the golf organizations that will implement the Local Rule for all future events, beginning Jan.1, 2017.*

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new loca-

tion. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

For some time the USGA and The R&A have had an initiative to simplify the rules and right now have put out a lot of feelers to seek feedback on a number of potential rule simplifications planned for 2018. I am sure you have been hearing about them but one of the best in my opinion will be to let a club determine what a lateral hazard is. It will no longer be required to be water, thus making all of the red staked areas on the Bowen golf course perfectly legal for local and tournament play.

As always if you have any questions about rules, or topic suggestions for the next newsletter, contact [larry\\_oliver@telus.net](mailto:larry_oliver@telus.net).

