



ENJOY!

In the March newsletter, we said: “We’re sure that there’s superb golf weather just around the corner!” Well, it’s only June, and we’ve already had a month of summer-like conditions, perfect for golf. How did we know? There’s more to come. Get out there and enjoy it.



PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE PRO SHOP before your round, everyone, always!

Whether you’re a member or not, the pro shop requires everyone to check in before heading to the first tee. It’s particularly important this summer as we have new staff members who don’t yet know everyone. The club needs to know who is playing, and how often. . . And it’s proper golf etiquette.

The mystery of the MISSING TOKENS

Please check your golf bags, cars, pockets, wallets, and personal black holes for range tokens. They’re darn expensive, and every time the pro shop buys more they disappear.

A member with balls

Thanks to **Soren Hammerberg** for contributing a vast vat of found balls to help the pro shop raise a few bucks. Keep walking those dogs Soren!

Volunteers needed

The Bowen Island Golf Club Annual Fundraiser (BAF) is September 15th. For details, see page 2.

Follow us!

Please follow and ‘like’ Bowen Island Golf Club on Facebook and Instagram.



Cigarette butts on the course

Really? Someone is dropping their butts on the course.

We can only assume this is some oaf from off-island who has no respect for us. But if you see this happen, please rat out the thoughtless boob.

- A) It’s garbage; and
- B) nature is flammable.

We shouldn’t have to point this out to anyone over the age of three. Take a drink can, put your butts in it, then throw it in the garbage when you’re done. Or give your lungs a break for a couple of hours. A complete smoking ban will be put in place as the weather gets drier.

*Remember
Annual General Meeting
June 29, 7:30 pm
at the clubhouse.
For details, see
update from the
President
page 7*

*Welcome to our new members:
Maureen Morrison
Dave Welsh
James Lafferty*



Volunteers needed for the BAF



The Bowen Island Golf Club Annual Fundraiser (BAF) is September 15th. We need a volunteer to work on the committee this year, and chair it next year. The club only continues to exist because of this event, and we can't expect the same people to keep doing this work for us every year. Here's your chance to contribute with time instead of money.

Please contact **Ruth Openshaw** at openshawruth01@gmail.com or **Terry McKeown** at tmckeown@shaw.ca.

Cody's Golf Camps

Cody will be running his popular summer kids camps for two age groups :
Ages 8+ and 5-7.

AGES 8+: July 2nd - 5th or
August 13th - 16th

Time: 2pm - 6pm

AGES 5-7: July 23nd -26th and/or
August 20th - 23rd

Time: 2pm - 5pm



Course Etiquette

Online Booking System

Book online up to 7 days in advance. Your user name is your email address, the default password is ##Bigc.online\$. Please change your password after your initial log in. You can type this URL into your browser to get the BIGC booking site:

<http://foreupsoftware.com/index.php/booking/index/19643#welcome>

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>

2018 HOLE IN ONE



Congratulations to the newest members of this elite club:

Riley Lamb #8 - April 2

Tim Kerr #8 - May 3

Maurice McGregor #6 - May 15

Greg Bosworth #6 - May 22

DEFIBRILLATOR

Anyone wishing to take the AED/Life Saving Course (3 hour course @ \$52/person) should contact Bruce Russell (brucer@gulfpacific.ca).

The AED is located in the pro shop. It will soon be moved to the area of the large sign next to the parking lot near the #1 green / #9 tee.

Blast Taxi

604-250-TAXI (8294)

Another reminder - the course and community in general desperately need a land taxi so we encourage all members to use it as often as possible, whether due to being at the 19th hole too long... or otherwise. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to patronize it as well, for if we don't collectively use it we *will* lose it.





RECENT EVENTS

Island Masters - Saturday, April 7

The 2018 winners of the Island Masters gold jackets are:
 Men's winner - **Harry Taylor** (partnered with Rory McIlroy);
 Women's winner - **Melissa Roorcroft** (partnered with Justin Rose);
 Junior winner - **Mattias Blomberg** (partnered with Russell Henley).

Other winners on the day:
 Women's Long Drive - **Heather Coulthart**;
 Women's Closest to the Pin - **Christine Roorcroft**;
 Men's Long Drive - **Dan Nakamura**;
 Men's Closest to the Pin - **Shane Fitzpatrick**.



Mattias Blomberg, Harry Taylor and Melissa Roorcroft



Peter Clarke and Harry Taylor



Carefree participants in the Island Masters





RECENT EVENTS

Community Challenge - May 19

The Gwynneth Rogers Community Challenge Trophy was awarded to the winning team by Gwynneth's son **Stephen Rogers**, whose family knows a thing or two about Bowen communities. Their history on Cowan Point traces back a century.

Stephen presented the cup to this year's triumphant neighbourhood Bluewater, represented by the powerhouse team of **Kathy Clarke, Peter Clarke, Steve Bellringer and David Bellringer**. (Keen observers may note that Dave Bellringer does not live in the **Bluewater** neighbourhood. Our panel of judges allowed his

participation as a last minute substitute for his mother, who was ill. We do not want to hear from the lawyers for runners-up **Braden Jolly, Adam Jolly, Barb Rendell and Bob Miller**, who represented **Hood Point West**.)

The **Bruce and Dorene Russell Community Spirit Award** was presented by Bruce himself to **Hood Point West** for having the most participants. HPW fielded four teams, including the aforementioned runners-up.



Stephen Rogers presenting the trophy to the Bluewater team of Peter Clarke, Kathy Clarke and Steve Bellringer



Bruce Russell with the team from Hood Point West

Fun-raiser in the Rain 2018 (Bowen Island Food Bank Tournament)

by Sue Hoffar

A big thank you to all the ladies who ventured out in the rain to play in the **Bowen Island Food Bank Tournament**.

The theme this year was GOLF WORDS. Fifteen teams arrived with themed donation boxes filled so creatively with non perishable foods beginning with each letter of their chosen golf word. It took a truck and 2 SUVs to transport all the food to The **Little Red Church** along with a cheque for \$625.00 from golfers not able to participate this year and golf bag, kindly donated by **Joanne Gassman**, which was auctioned.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by The Snug while prizes were given for the many different categories including the ever popular soup, donated and presented by **Frank Patt**, for the most creative basket. This year's winners being the FAIRWAY team of **Sylvia Boss, Jane Skipsey, Pat Adams and Eileen Lord**.

It was a lovely way to spend a rainy day at our Bowen Island Golf Course where **Cody, Frank Griffiths and Terry Boss** helped to make the day run so smoothly.

Thank you to all for proving that we are not fair weather golfers when it comes to supporting a community event.



Lisa Avery and Laura McGregor bring in their box —“SCORECARD”



The winning box, “FAIRWAY”, is announced, to the surprise of Jane Skipsey, Frank Patt, Sylvia Boss, Jane Skipsey, Pat Adams, Eileen Lord and Sue Hoffar.



COMING EVENTS

Monthly Mixed Scramble Socials

Mark your calendars for this year's Mixed Scramble events, being held on Fridays again this year: July 13, August 10 and September 7.

Due to high attendance (thank you!), the NEW tee off time is 3:30pm (please arrive by 2:45pm to check in and find your team).

Golf is followed by a delicious dinner (optional) catered by The Snug / Tuscany. You must sign up by the Sunday before the event if you plan to have dinner.

Unfortunately, we cannot refund the dinner portion of the cost if you need to cancel after that.

The Mixed Scramble is a chance to get to know and play with different people in our golf community each month. It is a social event, not a competitive one (no prizes). We put together the foursomes, two men and two women when possible. Singles and couples are welcome but couples do not play together. We try to balance beginners and low-handicappers on each team.

Contact **Lisa Avery** (lisa.avery.slp@gmail.com) or **Terry McKeown** (tmckeown@shaw.ca) if you wish to be added to the email list.

Invitation to the Saturday Morning Skins Game and Buzzards Competition

by Larry Oliver

For 10 years athletically inclined older gentlemen, and a few younger competitors, have been engaging in a fun, friendly Saturday morning 9 hole golf competition known as Saturday morning "Skins and Pins" and the summer long "Buzzard" competition.

The *Buzzard* competition is for gentlemen over 50 or those with grandchildren. It is a summer long competition with the total of the 10 best NET scores posted during the approximately 6 month competition, determining the winner. The winner receives a beautiful *Buzzard* trophy hand-carved by **Bob Miller**. The *Buzzard* trophy is in honour of **Greg Cope**, a founder of the competition.

This is an open invitation for anyone to join the group and enjoy the fun. Tee off time is at 9:00 AM, moving to 8:00 AM later in the season. There are always a few who start a few minutes earlier. On average there will be 12 to 16 players but on occasion the number exceeds 20.

The *Buzzard* cup is played alongside the "Saturday morning NET skins competition" which is open to anyone who has a handicap. Entry fee is \$5.00 per event with \$4.00 disbursed to "Skins and Pins" and \$1.00 going toward the "Buzzard Bash," an end of the year party for the *Buzzards* who play at least 10 games.

Nine years ago "The Committee" established local rules for the "Skins and Pins":

Skins Handicaps - The field will play off the lowest playing handicap in the field to determine skinwinners (your handicap - the lowest participants handicap = the strokes you will get)

- Nobody gets a stroke on holes number 6 / 15
- Differentials higher than 18 can get up to 21 strokes
- Play alternate front and back handicap ratings each week

KPs - 25% of the pot goes to the KPs (Greenies in other Countries and Provinces).

Buzzard Yearlong Scoring – Deduct your full handicap for the nine played that week and enter it into the book. Each week alternate front and back 9s are used for scoring purposes. This allows those with an odd number handicap to get an extra stroke when the front 9 is used.

This competition is very friendly, the groups are established based on when you show up or you can choose someone to play



BIGC Women's League

by Lisa Avery

The 2018 season for the BIGC Women's League is off to a great start. We have 38 women signed up and playing regularly. Our season started with a coffee party on April 5, hosted by Gael Booth. Since then, the sun has been shining on Thursday mornings and we've been playing nine holes starting at 9:00am.

We play a variety of games over the season which are described in the 2018 Fixture Book on the BIGC website. Thank you to Pat Adams for putting this fabulous book together. Our eight-member team has been victorious in two of the four Zone 4 interclub match play contests so far: May 8 at home against Langara and June 5 at home against Sunshine Coast. Well done team! And thank you Alice Jennings for organizing these games.



Participants at the chipping clinic offered by Cody

Thanks to Cody for offering a variety of demonstration and practice clinics for all of the BI women golfers. So far he has covered course management and golf etiquette, the basics of chipping and pitching, how to play uphill and downhill lies and how to hit shots at different heights. Next up is playing out of the bunker!

And if you're not already joining us on Thursday morning but would like to come for a game or two, please do so. We welcome women of all skill levels who are interested in having fun out on the course!

For 2018, **Lisa Avery** is Captain (lisa.avery.slp@gmail.com) and **Barb Rendell** is Vice-Captain (rgmiller1@shaw.ca).



Just fore Laughs — Just fore Fun!

by Gayle Stevenson

Some 20 Island ladies, with skills ranging from "none" to "not bad" launched a new season of Just fore Laughs Golf over coffee at Elizabeth Hammerberg's home on May 29. This year's trio of organizers -- Joanne Gassman, Sylvia Boss and our hostess, Liz Hammerberg -- announced a few new tweaks to the format, while stressing that "JFL" remains true to its maxim: short on rules, long on fun.

The year's opening event on Tuesday, June 5, saw four groups on the course, followed by a friendly lunch at the Club House. We'll be meeting – and eating – every Tuesday morning through June, July and August.

Just fore Laughs Golf is the ideal fit for ladies who've never played golf or are beginners, as well as those who just want to have fun with the game and prefer camaraderie to competition.

We're the ladies who happily pick up the ball when we can't smack it with our clubs, confident that our team mates won't notice (they'd do the same). However, some of our players, including Laura McGregor and Karen Moles (who won the coveted JFL Trophy for most improved golfer last year) are now good enough to also show up on Thursday mornings to play with Bowen's serious hitters.

We send reminders each week with details on how to participate. If you're not on our contact list, or have a friend you want to include, please email: gaylestevenson@shaw.ca We warmly welcome all new players.



Organizers Jo Gassman, Liz Hammerberg and Sylvia Boss at the JFL kick-off coffee



Update from the President Alan Morse

WE FINALLY HAVE SOME GREAT WEATHER to enjoy the outdoors and our beautiful Golf Course.

I hope you are getting to out enjoy a game of golf. The Thursday Ladies league has started, the Tuesday Ladies Just Fore Laughs will start in June, Thursday Men's Night is well underway and we have had the first of our monthly mixed scramble social golf events. There are lots of things happening over the summer so please check the calendar.

As mentioned in the last "Up to Par" we were unable to secure someone to operate our food facilities, The Cup Cutter, on a full time basis, so we contracted with Monaghan Golf to organize and administer a "Grab & Go" food offering. I want to thank the Hayes family "The Snug" for providing the "Grab & Go" food and for their special events catering which has been excellent! Everyone should

be aware that there is a cost to providing this which is being borne by the Golf Club. We are learning as we go as to the right amount of stock to have on hand, and keep our financial exposure for left-over food items to a minimum.

The Golf Course continues to provide beverage service with a limited selection of beverages that includes soft drinks, beer, wine and cider. If you have preferences and we have enough demand we will certainly consider bringing in other brands or types of beverages. As a reminder to everyone, as we are licensed facility and we do not want to jeopardize our license, all alcohol consumed at the clubhouse and on the golf course must be purchased from the Golf Club.

Our 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, June 29, 2018 at 7:15 pm at the Clubhouse. We will

be voting on adopting a new set of Bylaws to meet the requirements the Societies Act. The Board is proposing is to set a limit of nine for the number of directors and a limit to the number of years an individual can serve as President. I have had five years as President and several years on the board prior to that so I think my time is up!! A formal Notice of meeting will be sent out before June 14. Details of the AGM will be published shortly and will be available on our website Bowengolf.com under the members section.

Each year we look for new board members and I'm hoping you will think about joining the board. If you are interested please call me or any of the other board members, we would be happy to discuss with you. If you know of someone you believe would be a good board member please let me know.

Message from Bruce Russell

Bowen Island Fundraiser (BAF)

THE DEDICATED COMMITTEE, chaired by *Ruth Openshaw*, is "hard at it" preparing for our September 15th annual fundraiser which is essential to keep the course in the green, not a sea of red. Members' broad-based support will be appreciated and can be given in so many ways such as:

- JOINT HOLE SPONSORSHIP (\$300);
- PATRON'S DONATION (\$50 single/couple);
- DONATION OF A PRIZE FOR THE LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS;

Participation in the event (entry) and actively bidding on our auction items. Inquiries can be made at the pro shop, to Ruth at openshawruth01@gmail.com or Bruce Russell at brucer@gulfpacific.ca. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Holes in One

Our revised Grab & Go necessitated the relocation of our HiO plaques which are now on the Cup Cutter west wall, adjacent to the patio doors to the west deck. Congrats to those who are members of our HiO club, and especially our most recent additions.

Work Parties

Frank Griffith's maintenance crew does an outstanding job "on the course" between the cultivated boundaries of our fairways. Our threadbare staffing budget does not enable the staff to maintain the rough or many other features of the course, hence the need for volunteer work parties. Please watch for the "call to arms/tools" and join in this fun and essential service. Should you wish to head up the scheduling for this unique service, please advise Frank or president Al.



Oliver's rules Dropping Zones (DZ)

by Larry Oliver

The Bowen golf course has drop zones (DZ) on holes 2 and 7 as an alternative method to take relief from an ESA (Environmental Sensitive Area). An ESA cannot be designated by the Bowen Island Golf Club (the committee); it must be designated by a provincial authority.

It is a designation for an agricultural area which needs special protection because of its landscape, wildlife or historical value.

On other golf courses a DZ may be provided as an alternative method to take relief from lateral or water hazards (they are different). In all cases they are typically identified by a circle marked on the ground and a sign or marking reading DZ. *A DZ is provided as an additional relief option to those available under the Rule itself, rather than being mandatory.*

I have often seen some confusion on the correct procedure to drop in the DZ. Here is a review of the rules relative to the correct dropping and re-dropping of the

ball. This is especially relevant to the DZ on hole #7 that is typically on the slope of the hill.

(a) The player does not have to stand within the dropping zone when dropping the ball.

(b) The dropped ball must first strike a part of the course within the dropping zone.

(c) If the dropping zone is defined by a line, the line is within the dropping zone.

(d) The dropped ball does not have to come to rest within the dropping zone.

(e) The dropped ball must be re-dropped if it rolls and comes to rest in a hazard; or more than two club-lengths from where it first struck the course.

(f) The dropped ball may roll nearer the hole than the spot where it first struck a part of the course, provided it comes to rest within two club-lengths of that spot.

I hope this helps but the best advice of all is don't hit it into the ESA!



Course report

by Frank Griffiths

It been a great start to the year. We had barely any rainfall over May and the course is starting to dry out considerably. With that we had to start irrigating earlier this year and the reservoir's water level has begun to drop. Water conservation could be pivotal this year if it continues to be hot and dry through the summer. We have seen a couple leaks so far this year which have been repaired. More leaks are starting to show and it will be a priority to deal with them asap.

The course was closed from April 17-19 for aeration. We had heavy rain and wind for the first day which slowed us down. Due to this some tees were completed the

following week to ensure that greens would be suitable for play when reopening. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who endured the poor conditions, we couldn't do it without you!

You may notice that the gardens are now in good hands. We welcomed Melissa Roocroft to the team this year and she is doing an outstanding job reviving the gardens. Some gardens were in such poor condition when she started that they will take a bit more time to bring back. If you get a chance have a look at the beds, you will notice a vast improvement.