

Notes from the 10th Hole at Bay Breeze Golf Links....



Happy Spring 2017!

-- Notes from Bob ---

Rain, rain, go away and don't come back every day! Hard to think about what to write as I huddle by the pellet stove on April 19th.

When you walk into the clubhouse, you will notice a nice new fresh coat of paint and trim. And when you look out the window towards #9 green, you will notice that the 2 ponds are now one big one. A big thanks goes to Don Cannan for helping me with both of these.

Wednesday Men's Leagues will start May 3 and have made some changes in the hope of attracting more players. Time will tell. Details were sent in earlier emails.

We invested in a few new pieces of equipment to address green speed this year. As soon as it stops raining, we will get to work on them. I also plan on hiring Mike Frasier (most recently the head superintendent at Ives Hill Golf Club) as a consultant to improve the health of the greens. For those of you who have been with Bay Breeze for 10+ years may remember Mike - he worked for us during one of his summer breaks in college.

In closing, I know it won't be long before we are mowing and watering my butt off because it sure looks nice when it's done! Let's hope the predictions for a nice hot summer this season are true. Happy Golfing!

2017 League Information

Friday Evening Couples' League ---

The Friday evening league is a fun time. Everyone is invited to join with a co-ed team of two. Team play is usually in an alternate shot format to enhance the opportunity to have a good time for golfers of all abilities. An additional and optional feature is dinner at the clubhouse after each evening's round. Our teams enjoy and look forward to the Friday league and dinner. The cost for league participation is \$25 for the season. If you would like to join the fun, please feel free to contact Sandy or David Forbes at dgfchaumont@yahoo.com or call the clubhouse (315-649-GOLF) to leave your name and number. Scheduled play will begin on Friday, June 2nd, at 5:30 p.m. After June 2nd, regular league matches are scheduled to tee off between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. League play will end with a fun event night on August 25. Please join us! We are a welcoming group of people.

Ladies' Tuesday Play Day ---

This is a nine-hole event. Each week will be a different game and we will put \$2.00 in for weekly prizes. Start date is May 23rd at 9:30 a.m. as long as the temperature is above 55 degrees and it is not raining! Warm-up around the practice green will be from 8:45 AM - 9:10 AM; sign-in, foursome set up and game of the day explained at 9:15 AM, with play starting at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Forbes at rsfcolumbia@yahoo.com or call the clubhouse (315-649-4653) to leave your name and number. The Ladies' Play Day will finish August 29th. Everyone is

welcome to play as their schedule permits. This is open to all ladies, members and greens fee players, and it is not mandatory that you participate every week.

Ladies' Thursday Twilight Play ---

The ladies' twilight open play time for women is every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. starting on June 1st. This time offers women an opportunity to meet other women who like to play golf. This is a fun time to gather together and not a formal league. If you have an interest, please contact Kris Smith at baybreezegolflinks@tds.net, or call the clubhouse (315-649-4653) to leave your name and number.

Sherry Carr Memorial Match Play Tournament

Thanks to David Forbes, we plan to honor Sherry Carr by continuing his Match Play Tournaments. The Match Play Tournaments are open to Association members of Bay Breeze Golf Links (members are automatically members of the Association). One tournament will be organized for men and one tournament will be organized for women. The intent of the tournaments is to encourage play and to enjoy each other's company. These are net score tournaments, and net scores will be determined by subtracting each player's strokes, as determined by his/her GHIN handicap, from each player's gross score on each hole in a 9 hole round. The cost to participate is \$10 per golfer.

Qualifying for match play will take place from June 1st to June 28th. There are 3 requirements for qualifying:

1. An Association member must play a 9 hole round with another Association member (male or female) who will also be playing in the match play tournament.
2. When you decide to play your qualifying round, you must declare prior to starting the round that you will be using your 9 hole round to qualify for this tournament.
3. Place your signed and dated scorecard in the scorecard handicap box in the clubhouse with the letter "Q" next to the name of any qualifying player.

Match Play rounds will be played from July 5th to August 18th. Match play rounds will be played at the convenience of the pair of golfers in each round. Both golfers must play together, as there will not be any matching of cards from separate play. If there are to be consolation match play rounds, it will be determined by the number of participants in the tournament.

For further information, please contact David Forbes at dgfchaumont@yahoo.com

Other Tournaments or Activities??? ---

We need ideas for other tournaments or activities and volunteers to run them. If you have an idea for a tournament, Kris will help you organize and run the event (now that I am retired from the job that paid me a regular salary!). We used to do Men's, Ladies, and Couples Member Guest and Member-Member tournaments. Please consider volunteering.

Sip and Paint ---

Who would be interested in participating in a "sip and paint" some evening, so those who still work can participate? It involves wine (or your favorite beverage of choice), snacks, and lots of laughs. A picture is chosen by the instructor for everyone to paint. All supplies are provided by the instructor. Based on who the instructor is, the cost is in the \$35 - \$45 range and would be open to all over 21. Let Kris know if you are interested. We will also try to do it in June instead of the hottest day in July like last year!

Other Ideas ??? ---

How about a Foot Golf tournament? a Par 3 tournament? a themed tournament such as Margarita-ville or Christmas in July or anything else you can think of? Tournaments run by members of the Member's

Association can request money to help fund expenses to keep down the cost of participating. But we need volunteers to lead or help out. If you want to be more active in the club, let Kris know.

Clubhouse news ---

The diner "girls", aka April and Tina, continued to serve breakfast and lunch 5 days a week, Wednesday through Sunday, throughout the winter and are back again this spring and summer. Stop in and say "hello".

Eligibility For All Club Championships/President's Cups

Please note that you must be an Association member with a paid Bay Breeze Golf Links full annual golf membership in order to be eligible to participate. Golfers with partial golf memberships are not eligible to play in any Club Championship/President's Cup event. This year's club championship will be held either the weekend of August 26-27 or September 9-10. If you want to play in the championship and are not available one of these weekends, please let Sandy Forbes know at rsfcolumbia@yahoo.com or Kris at baybreezegolflinks@tds.net or leave a message at the clubhouse.

Rate Schedule

The 2017 rate schedule is enclosed in this mailing. The 5% discount on memberships is available if paid by April 30th. The cost for participating in GHIN (the NYSGA handicapping system) is included in the cost of membership. If you would like to participate but are not a member, the cost is \$15 per person. David Forbes will continue to manage the input into the system with help from Butch Cullen. In addition, the rates include dues for the Bay Breeze Member Association (\$5). If you only want to be part of the Member Association, the cost is \$15.

Again, full season members will be able to use the new carts on a first come, first basis. Next preference will be for seasonal members, and only then will the new carts be available to non-members.

Members will also continue to have the use of the member's lounge under the clubhouse for club storage, shoe changes, etc.

Also, we continue to send the newsletter via email. It saves a tremendous amount of time and cost for paper and postage. I send the newsletter as a pdf file so anyone can open them. So please either note your email address on the membership form when you join or send me your email address to baybreezegolflinks@tds.net with the subject: "Add me to the newsletter" so I do not accidentally delete the email if TDS mistakenly puts your email in my spam box. If you think that you have given me your email and you received this via snail mail, either I lost it or it came back to me as 'undeliverable'.

Bay Breeze on the internet ---

Remember we have a website (www.baybreezegolflinks.com) and are on facebook (www.facebook.com/baybreezegolflinks). The latest newsletter can be found on the website.

I am excited to let you know that Bay Breeze was chosen by the NYS Small Business Development Center at JCC to participate with a local marketing company as part of a grant. At no cost for us, we will be given advice on how best to use social media to increase play and reach new customers. Be sure to like us on Facebook so you can see the results of these efforts. I will be meeting with the marketing company in May.

Other Stuff ---

We will be hosting a Welcome Back get together on Sunday, May 21 at the clubhouse starting at 5:00 p.m. Peetza, wings, and salad will be served at a cost of \$6.00 / person. Both of us will be on the golf course around 2:00 p.m., weather permitting. So feel free to join us! Please let us know by the morning of the 21st if you plan on staying for the food so we can pre-order enough for everyone. You do not need to be member of the course to join in the fun.

REMINDER - Please sign in every time that you golf. This is required for members and non-members. We need to know who is out on the course at all times in case of emergencies. We also need to track how many rounds are being played for insurance purposes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Don't forget about the par 3 course and play it occasionally when you want to practice your short game.

Once again, thank you for your patronage and we are excited about the upcoming golf season at Bay Breeze Golf Links.

Sincerely,

Kris & Bob

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