

Notes from the 19th Hole at Bay Breeze Golf Links....



Happy Spring 2013!

-- Notes from Bob ---

On April 6 I mowed greens for the first time and although it seemed late this year compared to last spring, it was better than shoveling snow! Like seeing the first robin of the year, Bruce Way slogged his way around the course several times in late March. That's getting your money's worth for membership! But since then, April has been cold and rainy.

I have already hired a few young guys to mow tees, clean and fuel carts, and assorted other things. I am planning on making a big push on enhancing the irrigation system this season as I would like to see green fairways in July. We are expecting another 35 pines this spring so if you have any suggestions on where to plant them (or not!), let me know.

I am excited about the upcoming summer with more trees, upgraded mowers, and new employees - and I hope you are too. See you soon on the course.

2013 League Information

Ladies Leagues ---

Greetings from your President. Welcome - looking forward to another season at Bay Breeze. I hope all of you will be back to enjoy as we all did last year and am hoping we can also get some new friends to join us too. Our schedule for this season:

- May 16 - golfing starting at 1:00 p.m. followed by a 4:00 p.m. meeting. Dinner at the clubhouse will follow the meeting. We will be discussing the Ladies Invitational scheduled for July 15. Looking forward to ideas and a discussion on what we would need to do to make this a success.
- May 23 through September 5 is the regular season. We plan on having dinners at the clubhouse on a periodic basis. Hope everyone will stay after golf to enjoy good company, good food and a good time.
- September 5 will be banquet night to close the season.

My email address is gj5thwheel@earthlink.net. ---- Jean Cougler

Men's League ---

If the frost is out of the ground, if the snowdrifts melt, if the ice is off the ponds and if the course is ready, the Wednesday leagues will begin May 8 (note from Kris - the weather isn't quite that bad but the groundhog was definitely wrong!) The annual leagues organizational meeting will be held at BBGL clubhouse on May 1 at 5:30 p.m. Butch needs to know the players and partners as soon as possible. We have space available for more teams so spread the word. There must be an even number of teams in each division. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and decide on anything and everything about the league such as: league rules, local rules, handicap calculations, schedule, players and teams and costs. If you cannot attend the meeting, please email your comments and suggestions to Butch. Butch sent an email to all that he had an email address for. If you did not receive it or hear from Butch, contact him at 315-654-2834 or 315-681-0343 or cullen.cyril@gmail.com. Please note: players can play in both leagues if interested.

Co-ed League ---

Frank Leonardi will continue to organize an 18-hole, individual play, co-ed Monday game which provides an alternative to normal team competition. It is not mandatory that you attend every week. Watch for information to be posted in the clubhouse in early May for dates and times for the organizational meeting and start date of the league. The league will tentatively start mid to late May. If you have an interest, please contact Frank Leonardi at leonardifrank@hotmail.com , Butch Cullen at Cullen.cyril@gmail.com or call the clubhouse (315-649-GOLF) to leave your name and number.

Friday Evening Couples' League ---

The Friday Evening Co-Ed Couples' League is a fun golf experience. Everyone is welcome to play!! Co-Ed couples play scheduled matches in a format as a team and do not just play their own individual ball. There are usually several fun tournaments in a variety of different formats. We keep track of league results and award places for both scheduled matches and fun tournaments. Our rounds of golf are followed by dinner at the clubhouse for those who wish to participate. Our co-ed couples enjoy and look forward to the Friday league. Cost is \$25.00 for the season. If you would like to join the fun, please feel free to contact Sandy or David Forbes at rsfcolumbia@yahoo.com or call the clubhouse (315-649-GOLF) to leave your name and number. We always welcome new couples. Scheduled league matches begin on Friday, June 7, with a fun night starting at 5:30 p.m. Peetza and wings will follow play. Please sign up at the clubhouse by June 5. Starting times will be 5:30 p.m. for special events and tee times from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for regular league play. Please join us!

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 21 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 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.; at 9:15 a.m. is sign-in, foursome set up and game of the day explained, with play starting at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Forbes at rsfcolumbia@yahoo.com or call the clubhouse (315-649-GOLF) to leave your name and number. The Ladies' Play Day will finish August 27. 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' Twilight League ---

The ladies' twilight league for women is every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. starting on June 6 through August 29. This league offers working women, as well as all other interested women, an opportunity for social golf at Bay Breeze Golf Links. This is an individual match play with handicap. You do not have a set partner, but if you want a chance to win, you will need to participate on a regular basis. Cost is \$10.00 for the season. If you have an interest, please contact Sandy Forbes at rsfcolumbia@yahoo.com or call the clubhouse (315-649-GOLF) to leave your name and number.

Rate Schedule

The 2013 rate schedule is enclosed in this mailing. We continue to offer a 5% discount on memberships if paid by April 30, 2012. Given that I am late in getting the newsletter out and reminding folks of the due date, we will accept payment at the 5% discount through May 12 (Mother's Day). 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 \$13 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 (\$15).

As a reminder, cart membership buys you a **SEAT** on a cart. If two people join as a couple but only one buys a cart membership, only the individual who is named as the cart member can use the seat on the cart. So using Bob and Kris as examples, if Bob buys a cart membership and Kris does not, but Kris wants to use a cart on a particularly hot day when Bob is not playing, she must pay for the cart. Only Bob gets to use the cart at no additional fee.

If two people are golfing together, we will be enforcing that the two golfers ride in one cart. If you want an entire cart to yourself when playing with others, we will require that you purchase two seats. The same will go for those paying for their cart each time they play. Individuals playing by themselves and the third person of a threesome will continue to be charged for one seat.

Given the current state of the economy, we will continue to offer an alternative that is not on the membership form but if you would like to take advantage of this option, just note it on the form under 'Optional Rate Plan' when sending in your membership fees.

- We are offering a monthly payment plan where we will divide the full membership fee (and cart) into six equal payments from April through September. Divide your membership (and cart) fee by 6, include payment with the membership form and we will set up the billing schedule for the remaining payments. Memberships **must** be paid in full by September 30, 2013.

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'.

Member Association

Please check out the Bay Breeze Golf Links Calendar at the end of this newsletter and posted in the clubhouse for the fun events and tournaments being planned by the Member Association. If you are not a member of the golf course and you would like to participate in these events, it costs only \$15 to join the Member Association to be eligible for all tournaments, except the Club Championships and the President's Cups. The officers of the Association continue to be:

Don Cannan, President - Mary Lou Bates, Vice President - Kris Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

In addition, Don made the following appointments:

Tournament Committee: Julie Cannan

Volunteer Committee: Butch Cullen and Sandy Forbes

The Member Association owns software to manage leagues of any size and most types. The software has been used to manage the men's leagues for several years, has worked well and is available for use by anyone who manages a Bay Breeze Golf League. Butch Cullen would gladly assist anyone interested in using the program.

Your Golf Handicap Index (GHIN)

In New York, the active season for the posting of your golf scores is scheduled to begin on April 14.

The Handicap Committee will determine the acceptability of course conditions for play and the posting of scores; e.g. - the course is not snow-covered, under water, etc. Butch Cullen will be responsible for the monitoring of course conditions and the posting of scores.

Winter scores played in active golf areas, e.g. - southern states, should be posted in the GHIN system used at Bay Breeze Golf Links. If you have two handicap accounts at different courses, then you must use the lower handicap index for all tournaments at all courses. In order to avoid this, you should obtain a current listing of your scores for the winter if your course does not use GHIN or you should provide us with your GHIN number so we can eliminate duplicate GHIN accounts. We can provide you with a list of your summer scores for posting when you return to your winter course, if they do not use the GHIN system.

If you would like to receive by e-mail your current handicap index and course handicap from the New York State Golf Association twice monthly, please send your e-mail address to dgfchaumont@yahoo.com or put your e-mail address in the posting box.

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. In addition, the Tournament Committee has specified that your full annual membership must be paid in full by May 31 each spring, unless you are already on an approved installment payment plan for your full annual golf membership dues. For those golfers on the installment plan, you must be paid up-to-date by May 31 each spring and your remaining payments must be fully paid by the last day of each month remaining on your installment plan. Golfers with partial golf memberships are not eligible to play in any Club Championship/President's Cup event.

Men's and Women's Match Play Tournament

Sherry Carr will again be organizing two 9 hole match play tournaments open to Members only, one for men and one for women. The qualifying time period will be June 1 - June 15. There will be a \$10 fee to be returned as prizes and/or cash for the winners. You must declare and pay before qualifying. The men and women tournaments will be run simultaneously but are separate events, followed by a joint cookout after all matches are done.

Your 9 hole qualifying round can be played with the player of your choice (man or woman) as long as he/she is also playing in the tournament. For example, Don and Julie Cannan can play 9 holes together and use the round as their qualifier as long as they declare prior to the round that this is their qualifying round.

Matches will start the day after the qualifying period. You will have one week to play your match; no make-ups except in the event of a death in the family. Modified handicap will be used based on the GHIN handicap. Those eliminated in the first round will play in a consolation tournament. Rounds for both the match play tournament and the consolation tournament will continue over approximately a 6-8 week period until a winner is determined.

Please contact Sherry for further information at slcarr1930@aol.com.

Bay Breeze "Hook A Kid on Golf" Clinic This July 10 & 11

Robin Sidwa, with the help of her loyal group of golf instructors (Sandy, Charley, Butch & hopefully a few others? Frank?) will again be organizing "The Hook A Kid On Golf Clinic" this July 10 and 11.

Robin will need 'a few good men and women' to help out at the 2 1/2-hour, 2-day event. You may be asked to assist the 'Instructors' at their particular stations (e.g., the putting station, chipping station, long irons, driving stations, etc.) or shuttle a few kids back to the Clubhouse for a pit stop, to their next station, or simply be an extra pair of hands and eyes to be sure the kids are swinging safely.

If you have not had the pleasure of being a Hook A Kid on Golf Volunteer in the past, you are missing out. It's an incredibly rewarding couple of hours where these well behaved & enthusiastic boys AND girls come ready-to-learn and soak-up any and all instruction you share with them. Typically we try to have at least one adult 'helper/assistant' at each of the five stations for both days, **Wed., July 10th** and **Thurs., July 11th**. So, please check your calendars and mark down those two mornings to come over and help some good kids become good golfers!

(Note from Kris: If I can be a Volunteer Instructor / Assistant (as a 40 handicapper!), anyone can help out! I had a great time so please consider volunteering if you can join Robin and her team for one day or both days.)

In addition to volunteering, by all means, bring your grandchild(ren) to join us too, or invite your neighbors' kids to come to the clinic! The hours of the **Hook A Kid on Golf** clinic are **9:30am-12 Noon** and the age cut-off is typically 7, but we can be flexible too. A lunch of hot dogs and ice cream is served on the second day, courtesy of Bay Breeze. To register a child for the Clinic, **OR** to sign-up to volunteer, please email Robin at ohmyword@optonline.net.

"Night Owl Hooters" Night Golf Event Returns to Bay Breeze again this Summer!

Robin Sidwa, Butch Cullen, Mary Lou Bates, Bob Bates are once again organizing the 3rd Annual Night Owl Hooters night golf event this summer on either **August 2nd** or **August 3rd** (depending on the weather forecast). Last summer's Night Owl Hooters Tournament was just that - a Hoot and a huge success and tons of fun! You **MUST** really consider joining us this August 2nd or 3rd for 9 holes of hilarious golf-in-the-dark!

Aside from the bragging rights your foursome gets from winning the Night Owl Hooters Tournament, your team will also be graced with a "very special trophy", showing off your names & winning score, to display in the clubhouse for a year. Photos have been posted on the Bay Breeze facebook page. Last year's winning foursome was Team Petroskemount (Robin, Paula Petroske, and Renae & Tim Mount). The Entry Fee will be reasonable again this year and new for this and future summers, event coordinators have decided that **EVERY TEAM** will win cash prizes, but there will only be **ONE** Team crowned the Night Owl Hooters Champs! So, start stocking up on flashlight batteries and night vision goggles, 'cause you won't wanna miss this fun event! To register to be a Night Owl Hooter player, couple or Team, email Robin Sidwa at: ohmyword@optonline.net. Be there, or be square!

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Remember we have a website and facebook page. The latest newsletter and calendar can be found on the website. I am also looking for any of our photographers to share pictures that they take of the course or people playing the course - whether for a tournament, during a league night, or folks just out having fun - and post those to facebook too. So let me know what you think and any suggestions for improvement.

Other Stuff ---

We will be hosting a Welcome Back get together on Sunday, May 19 at the clubhouse starting at 5:00 p.m. Peetza, wings, and salad will be ordered at a cost of \$5.00 / 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 19th 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 use and abuse (i.e. divots!) at Bay Breeze Golf Links this season.

Sincerely,

Kris & Bob

Kris and Bob Smith Email: baybreezegolflinks@tds.net



In the March 2013 issue of Golfdom Magazine (for golf superintendents):
As told by Joe Stribley, Yellowstone CC, Billings, Montana

True story from Lee Trevino:

One day after joining the PGA Tour in 1965, Lee Trevino, a professional golfer and married man, was at his home in Dallas, mowing his front lawn as he always did. A lady driving by in a big Cadillac stopped in front of his house, lowered her window and asked, "Excuse me, do you speak English?" Lee responded, "Yes, ma'am, I do." She then asked, "What do you charge to do yard work?" Lee thought about it for a moment and said, "Well, the lady in this house lets me sleep with her." The lady immediately put the car in gear and sped off.

BAY BREEZE GOLF LINKS
2013 CALENDAR

April 14	Sunday	GHIN Score Posting Begins in NYS (dependent on weather)	
May 1 8 TBD 16 19 21 23	Wednesday Wednesday Monday Thursday Sunday Tuesday Thursday	Men's League Organization Meeting Men's League Opener Co-Ed 18-Hole Golf Game Opener Ladies' Thursday League Golf, Organizational Meeting & Dinner BBGL Welcome Peetza Party (golf around 2:00 p.m.) Ladies' Play Day Opener Ladies' Thursday League Opener: Shotgun Start Men's League Opener Division I Division II (every Wednesday through Aug. 14, plus rainouts) Warm up on Practice Green Tee Time (every Monday, except July 15 th & Aug 5 through TBD) (every Tuesday through August 27) (every Thursday, except July 4 th , through September 12)	5:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
June TBA 6 7 29	Thursday Friday Saturday	Match Play (June-August) Ladies' Thursday Twilight League Friday Night Co-Ed Couples Men's Member-Member & Ladies' Member-Member (every Thursday, except July 4 th , through August 22) (every Friday through September 6) Opening Fun Night	5:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 8:30 a.m.
July 10 & 11 (tentative) 15 13 & 14 27	Wednesday / Thursday Monday Saturday / Sunday Saturday	Hook a Kid On Golf Women's Invitational Men's Club Championship/President's Cups Couples' Member Guest	9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.
August 2 or 3 (tentative) 4 through 15 5 10 & 11 17 24 28	Friday or Saturday Sunday - Thursday Monday Saturday / Sunday Saturday Saturday Wednesday	Night Owl Hooters Tournament (Night Golf) Ladies' Club Championship/President's Cup - Round I Ladies' Member Guest Men's Member Guest Ladies' Club Championship/President's Cup - Final Round Cape Vincent American Legion Tournament Men's League Awards Dinner	9:00 p.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
September 5 15 15	Thursday Sunday Sunday	Ladies' Thursday League Banquet BBGL Association Annual Meeting BBGL Customer Appreciation Day	TBA 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.
October TBA		GHIN Score Posting Ends in NYS	