

Beauty Bay Golf Course, Senior Men's League, July 15, 2025.

by Bruce Braun

"Success in this game of golf depends less on the strength of body than strength of mind and character." Arnold Palmer.

A little damper than usual today. A bit of off and on light rain and then nice for the ride home! A few golfers were scared away by the forecast yet there were still 53 members and 1 guest smacking that little golf ball around.

Here's an interesting nugget that caught my attention...

Anyone arguing that the hole is too small will have a tough time. The point of golf is for people like us to try something difficult and overcome the difficulty with the hope of those perfect shots that go in the hole. Golf has been going strong for years and years with the 4.25 inch cup so it won't stop now.

There has been chatter about making the hole bigger for weekend players and casual golfers. Some courses will cut bigger holes for some fun tournaments. There is also a game called golf soccer where the holes are cut big enough to contain several soccer balls. The question you have to ask is, will a bigger hole actually make people score lower?

My answer to that question is an emphatic yes. Which brings me to a story...

I have been fortunate to be able to travel to multiple golf courses in my life. Some stand out more than others. One of the more memorable ones was at Blackstone Country Club located just north of Destin, Florida. One of the times that I played there I had arranged for a group of 12 men, a league that I was a part of, to golf there. It's so happened that the date was the

first Wednesday of the month, which just happened to coincide with Blackstone's schedule to install their 15 inch cups in the middle of the greens. They had already done this for a year or so in an effort to attract more golfers. Perhaps making it more fun or interesting. When we turned into the parking lot we were unaware of the coincidence and as our group was trickling into the pro shop to pay their green fees they noticed the signage regarding the days pin placement. A couple of them guffawed the concept of playing a putt-putt style course. However, we had just carpooled a 45 minute drive or so, and no one was prepared to go home so

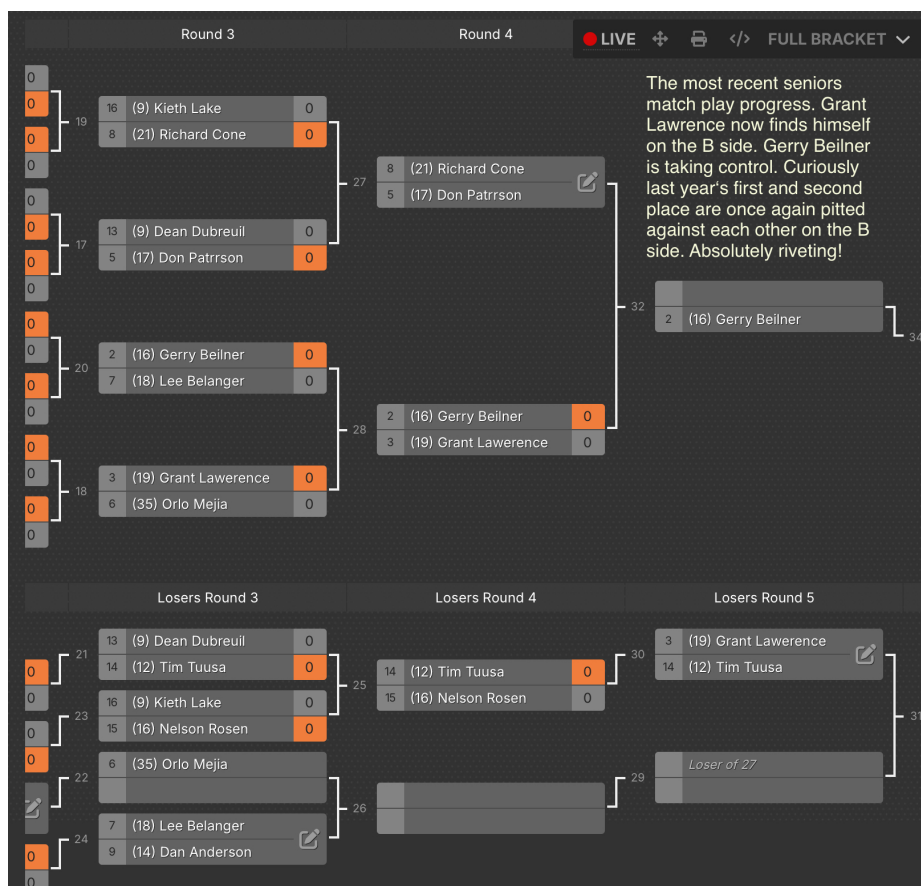


In the background...
Dean Dubreuil, his son,
Tom, Paul Vincent, and
in the foreground (up
close and personal),
Tom Kozak.
The team shot a terrific
-5 score of 30 on the
front nine.
Congratulations
gentlemen!



we made the best of it. Did we ever! Everybody in the group shot their best round of the year! There was a bit of a learning curve as explained by some of the group. For example, you line up your putt to break a certain amount and then consciously note that the last thing you want to do is to be short so you hit it much firmer, and as a result, the putt does not break near as much and you miss the hole on the high side. Regardless, it was a fun day. There were a record number of chip-ins as well.

On a different trip, this time South Carolina, I took the picture to the right in January of 2023. The last time it had snowed here was in 1986 and there's a picture, similar to this one, that hangs in a local restaurant regaling the uncommon event. This particular lighthouse is a familiar backdrop to the 18th green at Harbourtown Links where the RBC PGA tournament is held every April.



Results for the league on July 15, 2025 are as follows:

Front nine scramble winners were Dean Dubreuil, Tom Lappin (guest), Paul Vincent, and Tom Kozak with a -5 score of 30. Congratulations!

Other achievements: Closest to the pole on number 10: George "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" Hulmes.

Closest to the cup second shot on number 13: Dan "My, oh My, What a Wonderful Day" Anderson. Closest to the cup first

shot on number 14: Brian "Plenty of Sunshine" Jones.
Longest putt on number 16: Dean "Headin' My Way" Carrie.
Longest putt on number 18: Pat "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah, Zip-a-Dee-Ay" Meiji.

July 15 flight winners:

Flight 1: Dean Dubreuil, 39.
Flight 2: Dan Anderson, 37.
Flight 3: Paul Warkentin, 41.
Flight 4: George Hulmes, 43.
Flight 5: Eric Bergman, 48.

Some of you have asked how my recovery is going. Not as fast as I'd like! Anyway, I had buggered up my knee in late May and the healing has been very slow. I hope to be back out on the golf course at some point. In the meantime, I sure do appreciate when you guys send a picture or two. Thanks.

Have a great week everybody! By the way, anybody start singing "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah?" The original tune was performed by James Baskett. A 1945 Walt Disney production.

Below is a flashback picture. Maybe some of you recognize these people? All I have is Leon Morin, Al Roulston (the original Mr. Beauty Bay) and Bill Pendrick.

