

## Beauty Bay Golf Course, Senior Men's League, July 29, 2025.

by Bruce Braun

*"It took me 17 years to get 3000 hits in baseball. It took one afternoon on the golf course." Hank Aaron.*

A beautiful day to be at Beauty Bay, albeit a bit smoky once again. Our league of 63 members and 2 guests began their day by gathering on the number nine tee box for our annual memorial service where we pay our respects to former members. These were friends of ours who now have put away their golf clubs and can take the opportunity to gaze down upon us while we, at the same time, look up, often in desperation, after an errant shot. We miss you.

Just a reminder...Club Championship dates are set for September 2 & 9. Here you have two rounds to post one score, presumably your better one, as we compete for club champion and trophies in each flight.

Our Windup Dinner and Awards will take place on September 16. Plans are already set to have the event catered by the same outfit as last year, Bluewater Whole Hog. As I recall, it was a pretty spectacular meal.

### ***Random numbers...***

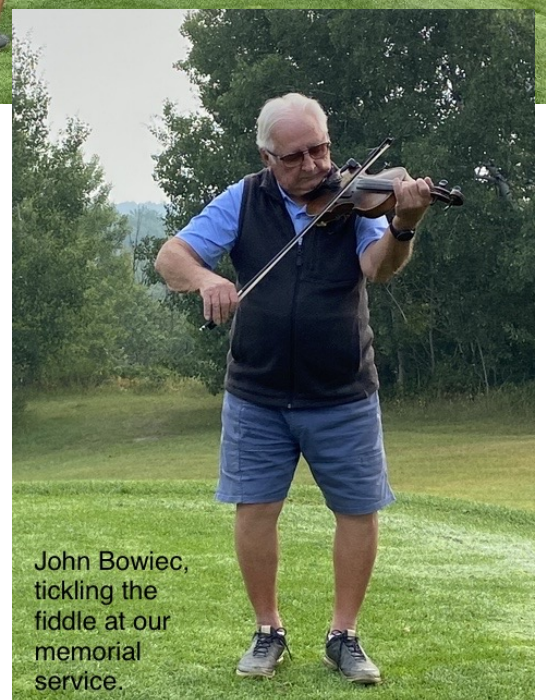
I used Wikipedia for some of the numbers that you will find listed below. The rest of it was gleaned from consultation, or I made it up. I do believe the following to be somewhat accurate, or at least accurate enough to have you wonder. By the way, Wikipedia, as you likely know, is the digital encyclopedia of just about everything. And since it's on the Internet, it must be true. In other words, if you're doing your own fact-checking, no need to do it here!

**4.25.** That's the width of a cup in inches.

The procession to the number nine tee where our league traditionally holds its annual memorial service.



Our annual memorial service. Paying our respects to former members.



John Bowiec, tickling the fiddle at our memorial service.

Dan Anderson, always busy helping out. This morning he was getting carts ready for our league.



**13.351769.** That's the circumference of a cup in inches. Lots of room for a golf ball!

**14.1862.** That's the area of a cup in inches.

**.5.** That's the most common diameter of a flag shaft in inches.

**1.5707.** That's the circumference of a half inch flag shaft in inches.

**11.8.** That's the percentage of space a

typical half inch diameter flag shaft takes up in a golf hole.

**1.68.** That's the diameter of a golf ball.

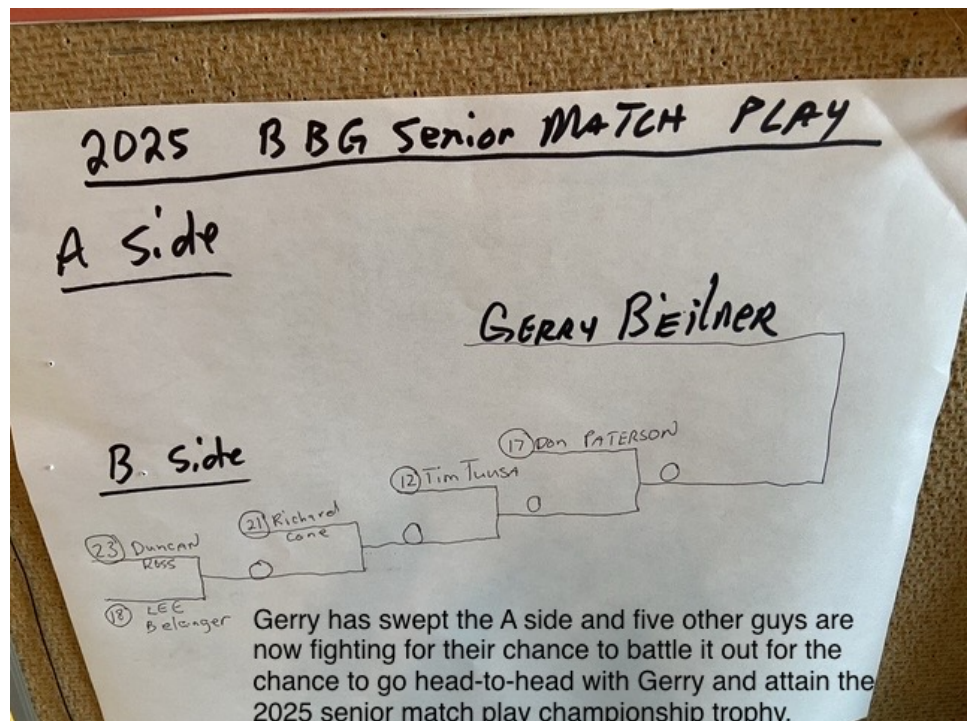
**3.** That's how many golf balls could fall into a golf hole, side by each, at one time.

**12.** Undoubtedly the most unlucky golfer to take on the 17th at The Players was American Bob Tway, who found the water four times during the third round of the 2005 tournament. He eventually went on to make a nine-over-par 12 – the highest score ever recorded on the hole.

**8.** Mel Lochen has won the Beauty Bay senior men's league

championship an unprecedented eight times. Seven of them were in a row; 2007 to 2013. After a short hiatus, he came back and captured the trophy again in 2016. Sure do miss that guy.

**266.** That's the lineal footage of mower blades according to our Green's Superintendent, Greg Haus. I had asked him a couple questions about what it takes to





maintain the grass at Beauty Bay. In his words, "On our full cutting days to just cut the golf course as seen on the drone footage we use seven mowers. This number does not include the number of backup machines should any one of these seven go down due to mechanical problems. The lineal footage of blades on these seven pieces of equipment is 266 feet. This takes into account the number of blades on each individual reel. As an example one reel may have eleven blades at 21" long resulting in 231" of blades on that particular cutting head."

**24.** The number of years that Bob Calder has been a member at Beauty Bay. Who has more?



This is where Terry Canfield left his second shot on 13. There's a pretty good chance that will hold up for some serious Beauty Bay Bucks!

Do you have some numbers that you want to tell me about? I will happily begin compiling the next list!

Results for the league on July 29, 2025 are as follows:

Front nine scramble winners were Bill MacDonald, Russ Garneys, and Jim Bergman with a -3 score of 32. They won on a countback against three other teams. Congratulations!

Other achievements:

Closest to the pole on number 10: Lorne "Shazam" McCool.

Closest to the cup second shot on number 13: Terry "Abracadabra" Canfield.

Closest to the cup first shot on number 14: Randy "Pure Sorcery" Baird.

Longest putt on number 16: Jay "Open Sesame" Ford.

Longest putt on number 18: Ed "Slight of Hand" Spendlow.

July 29 flight winners:

Flight 1: Tim Tuusa, 36. Won on a countback.

Flight 2: John Zilinsky, 39.

Flight 3: Ed Spendlow, 40.

Flight 4: George Hulmes, 45. Won on a countback against two others.

Flight 5: Eric Bergman, 47. Won on a countback against two others.

Already looking forward to next week! See you then. And bring a friend!

