

## Beauty Bay Golf Course, Senior Men's League, August 19, 2025.

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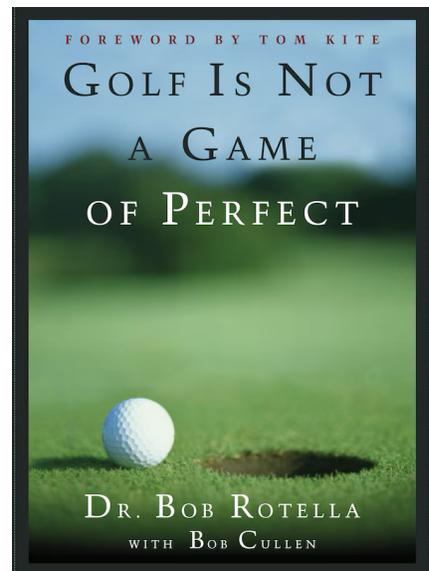
*A gushy reporter told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular; your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?"*

*Mickelson replied, "The holes are numbered."*

A little bit of a cool and damp bite in the air this morning as we are reminded that our summer is drawing to a close. Undeterred, 57 members and 6 guests graced the fairways of Beauty Bay Golf Course. No doubt there were some good shots and no doubt there were some horrific ones. That's the nature of golf. Regular golfers, by their very nature, are somehow magically enabled to endure regular disappointment. Dr. Bob Rotella, author of "Golf is Not a Game of Perfect," writes beautifully about this understanding that only 'real' golfers get. The book was first published 30 years ago in 1995 yet the content is as current now as it was then. Here's a little 30-year-old plug about Dr. Rotella and his book (copied from an Indigo Books website):

"Dr. Bob Rotella is one of the hottest performance consultants in America today. Among his many professional clients are Nick Price (last year's Player of the Year), Tom Kite, Davis Love III, Pat Bradley, Brad Faxon, John Daly, and many others. Rotella, or "Doc," as most players refer to him, goes beyond just the usual mental aspects of the game and the reliance on specific techniques. What Rotella does here in this extraordinary book, and with his clients, is to create an attitude and a mindset about all aspects of a golfer's game, from mental preparation to competition. The most wonderful aspect of it all is that it is done in a conversational fashion, in a dynamic blend of anecdote and lesson. And, as some of the world's greatest golfers will attest, the results are spectacular. Golfers will improve their golf game *and* have more fun playing. Some of Rotella's maxims include:

- On the first tee, a golfer must expect only two things of himself: to have fun, and to focus his mind properly on every shot.
- Golfers must learn to love 'the challenge when they hit a ball into the rough, trees, or sand. The alternatives—anger, fear, whining, and cheating—do no good.
- Confidence is crucial to good golf. Confidence is simply the aggregate of the thoughts you have about yourself.
- It is more important to be decisive than to be correct when preparing to play any golf shot or putt.



Comparing golf swings: Rick at the top of his back swing. Dick and Wayne building momentum on their down swing.



Filled with delightful and insightful stories about golf and the golfers Rotella works with, *Golf Is Not a Game of Perfect* will improve the game of even the most casual weekend player.”

Story time... Years ago a buddy, Emmett, and I are at a resort golf course in Florida. The course was lined with condos and townhomes. Emmett could hit the ball a long way. However, there was no assurance of its direction. Prone to wild sprays off the tee box Emmett hit a massive slice on one particular hole. In our attempt to search for his golf ball we happened upon a young couple enjoying

a soak in their patio hot tub. It became clear as we approached them that they were already a few sheets to the wind. One of them asked, “What are you looking for?” We felt it might have been obvious as we both had a golf club in our hands and their condo was on the edge of a fairway. However, Emmett politely asked if they had seen a golf ball. At that point the woman reached down into the water and held up a golf ball, asking, “Taylor Made number 3?” That was it! We looked at each other quite shocked and, frankly, quite pleased that no one got hit by a golf ball. The couple didn’t miss a beat, asking, “Do you want to join us?!” We declined, but a few holes later we thought it was maybe a missed opportunity!



Update on Beauty Bay senior men's match play: While Gerry Beilner is still resting Don Paterson is awaiting the results of the match between Richard Cone and Tim Tuusa. These are the last four men standing in our 2025 senior men's league match play. Who will be in the final pairing? Well, Gerry for sure. And since Gerry has won the entire A side whom ever he meets must whoop him twice in order to hoist the trophy. This is good stuff, folks!

Results for the league on August 19, 2025 is as follows:  
Back nine scramble winners were

Bruce Braun, Dick Cairns, Wayne Slowe, and Rick Wiley with a respectable four under par, 31. Our birdies came on 10, 13, 17 and surprisingly 18. Congratulations to us! (In this case I also pat myself on the back!)

Flight winners:

Flight one: Bill MacDonald, 39.

Flight two: Jerry Beilner, 40.

Flight three: Tom Kozak, 44. Won on a count back.

Flight four: Dennis O'Sullivan, 44.

Flight five: Lorne McCool, 50. Won on a count back.



Rick isn't lost. He is just on the sixth forward tee box!

Other achievements: (Before going much further, I must point out that it could be Dennis O'Sullivan thought that the placards were just for him to sign as his name was on just about everyone of them. He likely has a bone to pick with those golfers that outperformed him!)

Closest to the cup, first shot, on number 2: Bill "Like Non-Chunky Peanut Butter" MacDonald.

Closest to the cup, second shot, on number 4: Gerry "Tap-In" Beilner.

Closest to the cup, first shot, on number 7: Peter "High Draw or Chunk 'n Run" Madott.

Longest putt on number 8: Dean "I Knew I'd Make It" Carrie.

Closest to the cup, first shot, on number 9: Randy "A Thing of Beauty" Taylor.

Have a great week everybody!