

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

Happy Spring 2019!

-- Notes from Kris ---

I am writing this on April 1st. and I swear that Mother Nature decided to play an April Fool's joke on us. We woke up to an inch of snow! And it snowed big beautiful flakes all day yesterday. It would have been beautiful if it was November! It melted by the end of the day and hopefully this is the last of it. The forecast for the next 10 days is in the high 40's and 50's (and dare we say 60!).

Safe travels back to northern NY for those that wintered in the warmer south this past winter.

-- Notes from Bob ---

I am anticipating a course that looks stunning this year. We have added a few pieces of equipment and will be changing a few ways that we approach the maintenance of the greens. I believe it will be a positive year on the course.

Even though the weather has been iffy this spring, I believe it's going to be a beautiful year at Bay Breeze Golf Links. Happy Golfing!

2019 Revisions to the Rules of Golf

At the beginning of 2019, many revisions were implemented to the rules of golf. Those revisions are numerous, so they are not contained in this newsletter. If you are not familiar with the changes, a good place to start is the USGA website - www.usga.org. Also, we will be finding ways for you to be informed about these changes. A summary of the changes will be posted in the clubhouse and will recommend that each league and/or event provide each golfer with a summary of the changes. We may also propose a new local rule to speed up play. We will try to keep you informed as the new golf season starts. We also ask your patience with players who only golf in the summer as they improve their understanding of the changes that those of you lucky enough to golf in the winter may already have.

2019 League Information

Wednesday Men's Leagues ---

We are going to kick-off men's league on May 8th and I (Bob) will be calling each of last years players to verify commitment to play again. And if you would like to join the league this year and did not play last year, please call Bob at 315-778-8698.

I am going to have three groups this year - early and late singles with the same format as past year and will be adding a late team event (5:00 - 6:00 p.m.) using the Stableford scoring system. In this group, there will be no subs needed nor make-ups. You can go out as a twosome or foursome. This will be a money match at \$5 per week paying out the top three teams. I will also be asking each of you if you would like to bring back dues and prize money this year for the early and late singles groups.

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 David Forbes at dgfchaumont@yahoo.com (yes, he changed his mind and will be running the league again!!) or call the clubhouse (315-649-GOLF) to leave your name and number. Scheduled play will begin on Friday, May 31st at 5:00 p.m. After May 31st, 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 23rd. 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 \$1.00 in for weekly prizes and use a penny per putt can. Start date is Tuesday, June 4th at 9:15 a.m. 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 27th. Everyone is welcome to play as their schedule permits. It is open to all ladies, members and greens fee players, and it is not mandatory that you participate every week.

Ladies' Thursday League ---

The ladies' Thursday league will begin again starting on Thursday, May 23rd at 2:00 p.m. and ending September 12th with the awarding of prizes and a light dinner. The format will be individual play using your GHIN handicap. Cost for the league and other details will be determined in early May and posted at the clubhouse. 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.

And for anyone who would like to play 18 holes on Thursday or cannot play in the afternoon and would like to join us in the evenings, we will have open play starting between 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. If there is enough interest, we will run it like the Ladies Tuesday Play Day.

Sherry Carr Memorial Match Play Tournament

David Forbes will continue to manage the Sherry Carr Memorial 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. If you are not a member, the cost to participate is \$25 per golfer (which will make you an Association member for all other events except the Club Championship / President's Cup).

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Clubhouse from Sunday, May 19 through Friday, June 7. The first round of matches will be scheduled from Sunday, June 9 through Saturday, June 22.

All golfers will be bracketed in a minimum of two rounds. In each round, matches 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.

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

Sadie Hawkins Tournament

Sandy Forbes will be running the Sadie Hawkins Tournament again this year. The tournament is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st at 12:30 p.m. For those of you not familiar with this type of tournament, it is played by a 3-person team, 1 lady and 2 men. The lady is the team captain and at least one member of the team must be a member of the Bay Breeze Golf Links Member Association. \$30 per team plus green fees and cart fees for non-members. Look for more details posted in the clubhouse and on Facebook late June / early July.

Other Tournaments??

We need ideas for other tournaments or activities and most important, volunteers to run them. If you have an idea for a tournament, Kris will help you organize and run the event. We used to do Men's, Ladies, and Couples Member Guest and Member-Member tournaments.

How about a Par 3 tournament? a themed tournament such as Margaritaville or Christmas in July or Wine & 9 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. If you want to be more active in the club, let Kris know. Please consider volunteering.

Lyme Junior Golf Clinic

The second annual Lyme Junior Golf Clinic for girls and boys in the 3rd through 6th grades will be run on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on June 3rd - July 8th. Again, Lorraine Revelle will be running the clinic with the help of Eric Heath, the Lyme Golf coach.

She will be looking for volunteers to provide instruction and support them in playing a few holes, whether it be for one week or for all six weeks. If you are interested in helping, even for just one week, please let Lorraine or Kris know. Although it is helpful if the instructors can attend every week, Lorraine worked with each instructors' schedule as she planned out each week. It was a lot of fun and rewarding as you saw the children improve over the 5 weeks last summer.

The clinic is free for the children and a parent or guardian must accompany the child. The parents or adult guardian can bring the children to the golf course at other times to practice at no charge for the children. A few parents took advantage of this offer last year and we hope more do so this year.

If there is enough interest and volunteers, we also hope to start an informal junior league, so the children can continue to play together throughout the summer. More information will be available once the clinic starts.

Clubhouse news

Tara Keegan has been the clubhouse bartender since January. Our plans are to have her cook breakfast and lunch Monday - Friday this summer starting sometime in May. Information will be posted on signs in the clubhouse, on our Facebook page, and on our website once we determine starting date, times of operation, and menu.

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 to be eligible to participate. Golfers with partial (i.e. summer) golf memberships are not eligible to play in any Club Championship/President's Cup event.

This year's club championship will be held the weekend of September 8-9 in conjunction with the Member Appreciation Party. Sign-up sheets will be available in August in the clubhouse. This year, the course will be closed until all participants have completed play for the day.

Rate Schedule

The 2019 rate schedule is enclosed in this mailing and remains the same as last year. 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 \$20 per person. David Forbes will continue to manage the input into the system. In addition, the rates include dues for the Bay Breeze Member Association. 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.

We continue to also offer a monthly payment plan and a summer membership of either 3 or 4 months. For more information, contact Kris or Bob.

Bay Breeze on the internet

Remember we have a website (www.baybreezegolflinks.com) and are on Facebook (www.facebook.com/baybreezegolflinks) and Instagram. The latest newsletter can be found on the website. I am using Facebook to announce events, notify changes to events, and post pictures on a regular basis. Feel free to post pictures yourself or send to me to post.

Other Stuff

We will be hosting a Welcome Back get together on Sunday, May 19th at the clubhouse starting at 5:00 p.m. Peetza and salad will be served. 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.

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'.

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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