

## GOLF AWAY FROM HOME

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We love our home course but the travel itch is always there and some of us have taken part in interesting golf travel.

2001 THAILAND-A group of almost 20 including members, wives and adult children enjoyed a golf holiday on championship courses under a tropical sun with all the wonderful food, fun and sightseeing that area can offer.

2003 GALIANO ISLAND- About a dozen members made the second of two trips to the Galiano Golf and Country Club for a match with the local men's club. This challenging rustic course was enjoyed by all in spite of the less than perfect scores.



2004-DOMINICAN REPUBLIC [PUNTA CANA]- January was cold and wet at home when a dozen or so members and wives left for the tropical golf courses and beaches of this little paradise. They enjoyed early morning golf, late night casinos and all the fun in between.

2006-VICTORIA-We had 24 golfers and about 10+ non-golfers. It was May and the weather was still a little cool. We stayed at the Victoria Regent Hotel and had Happy Hours there. We played Bear Mountain, Olympic View and Cordova Bay golf courses. One evening we had a group dinner in Chinatown.



2007-PARKSVILLE-Stayed at the Bayside Resort on the waterfront. Again



there was about 24 golfers and 10+ non-golfers. Weather was good for April. Jim Rollins demonstrated his cooking skills at Happy Hour. We played Fairwinds, Crown Isle and Pheasant Glen. The Snowbirds put on an aerial display for us at Crown Isle.

2008-VICTORIA-Back to the Victoria Regent Hotel; we had a large suite for Happy Hours. Played Gorge Vail, Arbutus Ridge and Olympic View. You could see all of Victoria and the Olympic Mountains from one of the back nine par threes at Olympic View. Spectacular! Group dinner at the Keg one evening. Had 23 golfers and 10+ non-golfers. Non-golfers enjoyed Butchart Gardens and the Butterfly Garden.

2009-COWICHAN-Very cool weather for May and it rained one day. It was decided to book our trips in June in future. Stayed at the Oceanfront Suites and Jim Rollins topped himself and cooked fresh crab in Glenn's room. We had to crack the crab between two boards on the coffee table, what a mess. We played Cowichan Golf Club, Duncan Meadows and Arbutus Ridge. The latter course is very enjoyable and they had welcome signs out for us. Again about 24 golfers and 10+ non-golfers.

2009-SEMIAMMOO RESORT-This was our so called Mystery Trip in late September. We stayed at Semiahmoo and played Loomis Trail and Semiahmoo Golf Club. Dave Sutherland hosted Happy Hour as he had the room with a view. We had 20 golfers and 10+ non-golfers that went shopping in Bellingham. Several members got lost trying to get to the golf resort.

2010-SKAGIT VALLEY RESORT & CASINO-Fun for the gamblers and great buffet at the Casino. Played Avalon Golf Club twice as they have 3 separate nine hole courses and played at Sudden Valley on the way home. Good weather for May. 18 golfers and 4 non-golfers made the trip.

2011-KAMLOOPS-Stayed at the Ramada Inn which was well located as we went for Chinese one night and Earl's another night. We played The Dunes,

Kamloops Golf Club and Sun Rivers. It was wet the day we played The Dunes and the course layout was poorly defined. Expected better weather for June. Some of the golfers stopped and played Tobiano on the way to Kamloops, a very challenging course. We had 20 golfers and 3 non-golfers.



2012-OSOYOOS-Some golfers played at Princeton Golf Club on the way to Osoyoos, great lunch there. Played Inkameep Canyon and Fairview Mountain in Oliver and Osoyoos Golf Club Desert Gold; Fairview was a good test of golf. We stayed at the Best Western Sunrise Inn; good breakfasts and they kindly let us use their

meeting room for a Pizza night on our last night there. Great Fun! There were 27 golfers and 3 non-golfers. The dinner at the winery one evening was less than satisfactory.

2013-KELOWNA-We stayed at the Comfort Suites in Kelowna with excellent weather for early June. Played Sunset Ranch, Harvest Golf Club and Black Mountain with the latter being the best course. Some golfers played Kelowna Springs on the Monday. Best turnout ever with 36 golfers and 10 non-golfers. The breakfasts and windup Pizza night at the hotel were great; however there was an issue with a theft from a room which was reimbursed by the hotel and Golf BC.



## 2014 Whistler

Our June 2014 golf trip was to Whistler Mountain from Monday June 9th to Friday June 13th. 33 members and wives played 3 days of golf at Whistler Golf Club, Nicklaus North Golf Course, and Big Sky Golf & Country Club. We stayed at the Aava Whistler Hotel which is located adjacent to the Whistler Golf Club practice facility and just a one minute walk from the heart of Whistler Village. The Aava Whistler is the newest of the great mid-range choices in Whistler and a great place for the vacationing golfer. This chic and contemporary hotel is fully equipped with up-to-date amenities such as pool, hot tub, BBQ area, complimentary in-room wired and wireless internet, flat screen TV's, extended high definition channels and iPod docking stations.

On Wednesday night Larry Sheldon organized a BBQ on their back patio. Steak, chicken, salad and garlic bread were served; weather was good and we enjoyed a wonderful dinner while sharing our golf stories.

On Thursday night we had our traditional Pizza and Dilly bar dinner followed by a windup prize presentation and thank you to Dean Dring for organizing another successful golfing week.





## **2015 VERNON GOLF TRIP**

Thirty-three (33) hardy souls (27 golfers) made their way to Vernon on June 8 for 3 days of great golf, good company and food and beverages. On Tuesday the 9th we played Predator Ridge. The setting was spectacular and the course lived up to its reputation as one of the best in Canada.

Wednesday saw us at Spallumcheen where the course and the temperatures (in the high 30s) took their toll on the golf and the golfers. On Thursday the 11th we were at the Vernon Golf Club where the setting and the course were the most suitable to the CMSMGC style of play.

The non golfers engaged in some serious shopping and relaxation. Everyone who took part in the social activities including dining out, trying their luck at the Casino and the wrap up pizza and ice cream extravaganza thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Prizes for KPs for Men and Ladies as well as a designer golf cap and a golf vacation in Vernon were awarded and greatly appreciated by the recipients.

The tradition of good golf and fellowship that is the prime focus of these summer trips was maintained and a fine time was had by all.

The club looks forward to another successful out of town golfing trip. Plan now for June 5-10, 2016. Details next year.  
Dean Dring, Social

## **OLD FARTS CLUB**

When we finished a round of golf at Grandview, WA back in 2011, a few members of our club sat around enjoying a beverage and talking golf. The topic of the Fraser Valley Senior Golf Association came up, of which some of us were members. We didn't like the fact that a lot of the games were 1:00 p.m. shotgun starts, a five to six-hour round and then dinner & beverages, then a drive home at 9:00 p.m. from as far away as Chilliwack.

The idea was hatched to form our own group which came to be known as the Old Farts. The first year we had 24 players plus 12 spares. The second year we had 28 players plus 12 spares. We played six games each year (one per month) at courses a lot closer to home. We have played at Kings Links, Pt. Roberts, Tsawwassen, Nico Wynd, Greenacres and Mayfair Lakes.

**For 2014** we are up to 32 players and spares. Our season starts in April and runs to September. We had an enjoyable year with good weather every month and a full turnout. Played 2 courses we had played previously; King's Links and Greenacres and 4 new courses; Burnaby Mountain, Riverway, Surrey and Delta.

With a limit of three wins per player, we had 6 three timers; Bill Sides, Ted Tayler, Tom Inglis, Frank Koerner, Rick McLardy and Martin Gresham. Bill Sides had Low Gross at Delta and is the proud holder of the coveted trophy until next spring.

It worked well this year having 32 regular players and 14 spares and we will try to go with the same numbers next year



## COUNTRY MEADOWS OLD FARTS-2015

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It was an excellent year with the exception of the heavy rain when we played UBC. As many of our members were looking forward to UBC we will work it into our schedule again next year. The other 5 rounds at Burnaby Mountain, Riverway, King's Links, Greenacres and Tsawwassen had good weather and a full turnout each time.

There were 3 three time winners; Frank Koerner, Tom Borthwick and Martin Gresham. Tom took home the coveted Low Gross trophy from Tsawwassen and keeps it over the winter.

All the players are enjoying the Old Farts concept of playing different courses. I will review the comments I received and there will likely be some changes next year.

Glenn Janse



Photos from Burnaby Mountain Golf Course in sunny April 2015.

## **COUNTRY MEADOWS OLD FARTS-2016**

It was another successful and fun season for the Old Farts this year. We played the following courses;

May 2nd-Burnaby Mountain

May 30th-Riverway

June 27th-King's Links

July 25th-University Golf Course

August 27th-Peace Portal

September 19th-Greenacres

We had good weather with no rainouts and almost a full turnout at all the courses.



There were six 3 time winners; Bob Brown, Don Bailey, Glenn Janse, Frank Koerner, David Nielsen and Steve Douglas. The latter two were spares but played almost every event.

Next year we may change a couple of the courses depending on prices and availability.

Thanks to all the players and see you in 2017.

Glenn Janse

### **2016 West Kelowna Golf Trip**

Club members and wives enjoyed a very successful and fun golf week in West Kelowna during the week of June 6-10. There were record number 56 attendees this year – 31 members played golf, nine wives played golf and 16 other wives enjoyed miscellaneous activities. Accommodations were provided at the Best Western Plus Wine Country Hotel and Suites, conveniently located across the road from the Two Eagles Golf Course. Many guests enjoyed their evening refreshments while standing on their balconies overlooking the 9<sup>th</sup> green. We played golf twice at Two Eagles (Tuesday and Thursday) and at Shannon Lakes Golf Course on Wednesday.

The weather was perfect for golf and the Two Eagles course proved to be very popular with all of the players. Those not golfing enjoyed wine tours, shopping trips and lunches at wineries and popular hotels in downtown Kelowna.

The hotel provided a reception room each night for us to enjoy our refreshments and appetizers. Restaurants were in walking distance for dinners. On Thursday evening we enjoyed our tradition of pizza and DQ Dilly bars. Terry Greenslade Captain.





## **2017**

**CMOF Golf:** Glenn Janse noted it was another good year for the Old Farts. Except for Burnaby Mountain, we had excellent weather and a full slate of players at every course. He thanked all the participants for their kind comments about the Old Farts and agreed to administer the program for another year unless someone else steps forward. Congratulations to Tom Borthwick as he was the only three-time winner this year. For those of you who are not familiar with the Country Meadows Old Farts; it is a group of 32 Regular players and 20 Spares that play on different golf courses on the last Monday of each month. The Regulars put in prize money at the start of the season and the Spares pay when they play. Glenn received replies regarding some of the courses played this year but would like more feedback before making changes to the courses played this year - Burnaby Mountain, Riverway, King's Links, UBC, Peace Portal and Tsawwassen Springs. Play will be from the White Tees instead of the Forward Tees on some of the courses next year.

### **2017 Kelowna trip:**

We returned to West Kelowna in 2017 following the enthusiastic feedback received from members who participated there in 2016. The golf gods again smiled on us with superb Okanagan golf weather for our three days of golf as they held off a torrent of rain until the minute the final group finished their round on the final day.

Thirty-one members registered for golf on the first day, accompanied by 29 spouses 11 of whom were golfers. The grand total of 60 attending and 42 golfing, set a new trip attendance record. Non-golfers enjoyed the wide selection of shopping, wineries and restaurants the area had to offer. It was encouraging to see the number of spouses attending continue to grow both in numbers.

The executive-length Two Eagles course, situated a short walk from our hotel, hosted the first and third rounds and the second round was played at the full-length Shannon Lake course, a short drive away. The Best Western Plus in West Kelowna again offered comfortable rooms, good service and the all-important complementary use of its spacious cafeteria for our "19<sup>th</sup> Hole" gatherings. The hotel and courses offered group discounts and most agreed we received excellent value for the facilities and services provided. Economies were achieved by self-booking the trip rather than using an agency.

An arrival night Meet-and-Greet gathering to kick off the trip and warm up the social atmosphere was a new addition to the agenda this year. Almost all members and wives enjoyed the Two Eagles restaurant's spacious new banquet facility overlooking the 18<sup>th</sup> hole for a burgers and salad buffet. Many members later stated their wish this addition to the trip itinerary would be repeated in coming years. On Wednesday night most of the group enjoyed a family style dinner at a local Chinese restaurant which Hans Dharmasetia took the initiative to organize. Bill Sides again entertained us with his repertoire of jokes at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole social gathering each evening in the hotel cafeteria, and kept us well fed with pizza and ice-cream on wind-up night. Dennis Knight assumed the official photographer role and produced some great photos for posterity.

At the pizza and ice-cream wind up on Thursday evening the good cheer throughout the room was clear evidence of the trip's success and had again helped to build the bonds of camaraderie within the club. Dave Shaw, 2017 Golf Trip Coordinator.

### **Photos from our web site. Kelowna 2017.**





## CMOF GOLF-2018

Glenn Janse reported it was a good year for the Old Farts. With the exception of Greenacres on the front end and Guildford on the back end the courses were excellent. In addition to these courses we played Riverway, King's Links, University and Tsawwassen Springs. Next year we might try to start a week later and end a week earlier.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Country Meadows Old Farts; it is a group of 32 Regulars and 16 Spares that play on different golf courses near or on the last Monday on each month. We start in April and finish in September.

The Regulars put in prize money at the start of the season and the Spares pay when they play.

Based on feedback from the players we do change some courses each year

Glenn Janse

## 2018 COUNTRY MEADOWS SENIOR MEN'S GOLF TRIP

Thirty-six Country Meadows Senior Men's Golf Club members accompanied by thirty-four spouses arrived at the Best Western Plus Wine Country Inn in West Kelowna on Monday, June 4th to the promise of pleasant weather ahead. Another record attendance for the trip had been established. Fifteen ladies participated in golf over the three days setting another new record and was encouraging to see the number of spouses in attendance continue to grow, both in numbers and in participation. Many members and wives were returning to this event for the second or third year in a row. Those who did not play golf enjoyed the wealth of nearby attractions in the area, not the least of which were the wineries and restaurants.

A "meet-and-greet" burger buffet on the arrival night kicked off our activities. This arrival night gathering was introduced in 2017 and its popularity begged a repeat of it in 2018. The Two Eagles golf course, adjacent to our hotel, again provided its spacious banquet room overlooking their 18th fairway where a simple buffet of burgers with a wide choice of side dishes was enjoyed. Announcements were made, final pairings for the following day were posted and everyone got into the spirit of the trip as plans for the coming three days were exchanged over good food in a beautiful setting.

The local Best Western Plus, where we had stayed in previous years provided excellent lodgings. Many of the rooms overlooked the popular Two Eagles Golf Course that we would be playing two rounds. Most importantly, the hotel gave us the use their cafeteria where we could gather after golf for a social hour and announcements. The cafeteria also served as a perfect venue for our traditional wrap-up pizza and dilly bar night on the final day. Both the hotel and golf courses gave us a group discount and it was generally agreed we received very good value for the facilities and services provided. Members enjoyed considerable savings owing to club members taking on the booking and organizing responsibilities rather than using a golf trip booking agency.

We played the Two Eagles executive course on Tuesday, the full length Shannon Lake course on Wednesday and then returned to Two Eagles for our final round on Thursday. The courses met our high expectations by providing their usual good service and fine golfing course conditions. Adhering to our traditional policy of emphasizing fun, a stroke competition was not included in the format, but men's and ladies' KPs provided an opportunity to be rewarded for skill at the game.

On Wednesday night most of the group enjoyed a family style dinner at a local Chinese restaurant arranged by Hans and Betty Dharmasetia. Bill Sides assumed treasury duties for pizza and KP awards and, to the group's delight, entertained us with his hilarious repertoire of jokes at gatherings in the hotel cafeteria in the evenings. Dennis Knight and Chuck Dunn assumed official photographer roles for the trip and produced some great photos for posterity that can be seen on our website.

I was unable to remain in Kelowna following golf on Thursday, so Terry Greenslade offered the following description of the closing Pizza Night.

Following golf on Thursday all of the attendees met in the reception room and celebrated the week with refreshments and stories of the day's rounds. KP prizes were awarded, followed with storytelling by Bill Sides. While waiting for the pizza, Terry Greenslade introduced all of the attending executive member's wives, thanking them for their support of their husbands in conducting their respective Chairmanships. After Terry thanked his wife, Bonnie, Robert Smith wanted to show his appreciation for how Bonnie has supported Terry and stepped up and led the group in a rendition of "Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean". He had the group swaying and singing for several minutes.

There was plenty of pizza to go around, after which everyone enjoyed DQ Dilly Bars. There was some discussion about a venue for next year and there was overwhelming support to return to the same hotel and courses as this year. Comments were made about how difficult the Shannon Lake



course is and following the trip, the 2019 Golf Trip Committee responded by considering Sunset Ranch in Kelowna as an alternative.

Terry affirmed it was another great golf week for the club this year and on behalf of the executive expressed many thanks to the organizers.

It has been an honour to serve the club as its Trip Coordinator for the past two years and I am very pleased that John Rogers has taken on trip coordinating responsibilities for 2019. Under his leadership, we can be confident that the CMSMGC annual trip will continue and evolve as a highlight of our golf season.

Dave Shaw, 2018 CMSMGC Trip Coordinator





