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Golf In 2005!

Welcome back fellow G.A.S.P. golfers. It's been a while since Darcy, Roger, and Mark hoisted the coveted trophy, and they are certainly looking forward to passing it on to the next group of golfers at our upcoming event.



In case you haven't been keeping up with tournament information, here are some details you will want to have handy.

Dates:

June 10 - 12, 2005

Golf Course:

Alberta Springs Golf Resort
5 km west of #2 Hwy, on #11 Hwy
Red Deer, AB

Pro Shop: (403) 340-2885

Accommodations:

Jarvis Bay Provincial Park
Telephone: (403) 887-5522

Website: www.jarvisbaycampground.com

The Course

The Alberta Springs Golf Resort is only a couple of minutes west of Red Deer, land of day-long rain storms, and mosquitoes that can draw off a cup of blood from unsuspecting golfers. And if that doesn't scare you, consider the course itself. Par 72, 6217 yd from regular (white) tees, 6709 yds from the blues, and a slope rating of 123 (white) or 133 (blue). They state that "accuracy is the name of the game at this course", but where isn't that true?

The price is a now \$65 per round, which includes your cart. Our tee times are 4:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 12:00 p.m., on June 10, 11, and 12, respectively. Don't be late - Al and Roger have already reserved the last tee times!

From the map it appears than water may come into play on 13 of the 18 holes, but this may be deceiving. All the par threes are over water. If you need practice hitting the water, there is an aquatic driving range. Gary recommends bringing extra balls, while Dave suggests bringing rubber boots or hip-waders. (Jim will be carrying Visa, MC, and American Express.)

The Players

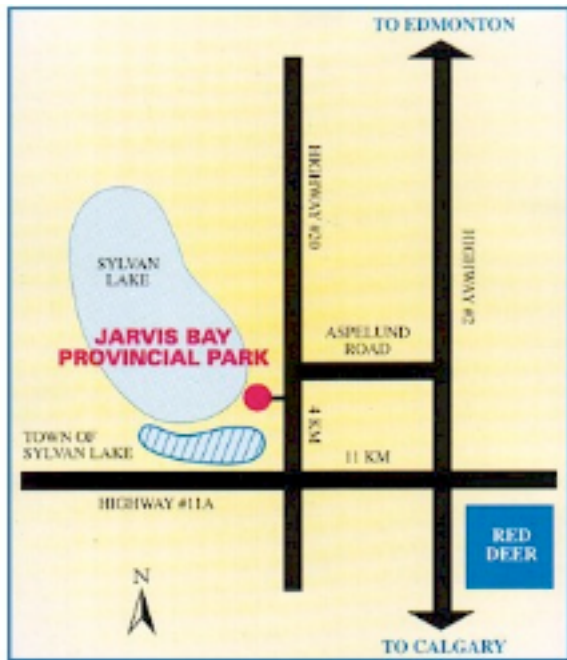
The following is a list of those golfers who have committed to attending the G.A.S.P. in 2005, and have (hopefully) paid the \$100 deposit.

Joe	John	Brad	Jack
Lyle	Dave	Jim	Doug B.
Mark	Gary	Al	Alvin
Ron	Roger	Robert	Darcy
Scott	Sean	Doug H.	Mal

As you can see, we have increased to a total of 20 golfers for this year, and still others are interested in joining/rejoining our group. John will have his hands full trying to sort out the details for such a large gathering, not to mention keeping us on our best behavior. We welcome Doug Howes to the fold, and I'm certain he'll be passing out business cards. And speaking of business cards, Sean and Ron are also back for another year. Conversation will certainly turn to whose company is better, with everyone throwing in their comments to keep the "debate" lively. Sean appears to be bringing a prize or two to the G.A.S.P., so Ronny won't be handing out any more "K.F.C. Condiment Packets" or "Things I Found Under My Truck Seat" prizes. Mind you, with all the water on the course, groups behind Ron will still have opportunity to "Win" one or more of his clubs after he tomahawks them into the drink. Finally, we also welcome back Doug and Mal to the G.A.S.P. It has been a while since Mal joined us around a campfire, so we hope he still knows how to enjoy a cold beverage and relive the "glory and gory" of the round.

The Campground

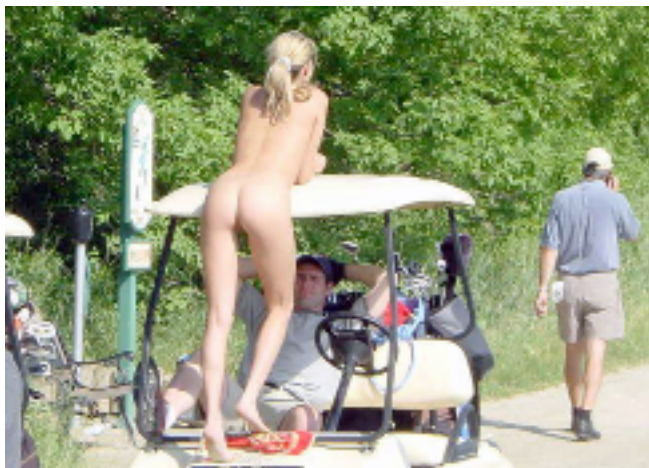
Campsites are set at \$30 per serviced site, \$25 for an unserviced site, per day. A total of seven sites



have been reserved for us, in what John promises is the best camping in the park. From the map it only appears to be a few km from the golf course, so it should be easy to get from course (or pub in Red Deer) back to the campground. Some of the features of our home for the weekend include:

- well treed sites
- showers
- karaoke nights (for Mal)
- mini-golf (for Al)
- food concession (for Jim)
- firewood (\$6 per bag, so bring some from home)

I guess the early birds will get the best sites, so try not to be too late arriving. We'll try to save the serviced sites for those with RV's or trailers, but no promises. Please note that the price for an extra tent on a site (with prior approval) is \$25, and there is a



charge for more than one vehicle per site (and it appears that the vehicle cannot park at the site). Therefore, we might as well take extra sites rather than pay the fees for extra tents and vehicles. Gates are locked at 11 p.m., and the web site states "no campfires after midnight". Let's hope John has explained our need for a fire "after midnight", and they know what to expect from us.

2004 Tournament Recap

What can I say about last year's event? No, really, I didn't write anything down, and am scratching my head trying to recall the details. I remember not winning, but other than that ...

Team	Total
Darcy, Mark, Roger	310
Joe, Rob, Gary, Jim	315
Lyle, John, Scott, Dave	319
Jack, Brad, Alvin, Al	356

Oh yes, one team showed up for the drinking, but might just as well left their clubs back at the campsite. We welcomed Darcy and Scott to our family of misfits. Their drinking capacity appears to be up to G.A.S.P. standards, but according to Jim and Jack, they may need a little help with their pool playing.

Award Winners

Closest To The Pin: Jack and Lyle

Longest Putt: John

Longest Drive: Scott

Shortest Putt Missed By A Pairing: Dave/Scott

Old Sparwood provided us with excellent camping once more, ample firewood, and the weather was great. Doug, the campground manager, was what we have come to expect, and we thank him for taking care of our needs. Thanks to Brad for reserving the golf and camping, and to Joe for organizing the tournament. Let's see what Johnny can do this year!