



Join **Bay Buddies** for nine holes of golf with an experienced "buddy" to learn etiquette and competitive play.

The program, in collaboration with Nelson Bay Golf Club's Coaching Clinics, runs **Wednesdays and Saturdays** from **2:30 pm during school terms**.

No club membership is required. Non-members or non-golfing members can participate with a special voucher package, offering five games with the Bay Buddies at **\$10.00 each**.

**“GOLF IS NOT JUST A GAME;
IT'S EXERCISE AND
FRIENDSHIP!”**



GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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 NELSON BAY
GOLF CLUB

BAY BUDDIES PROGRAM

A relaxed way to learn the game!



GETTING STARTED

To enjoy the game of golf, we need to be aware of four facets: the rules, shot-making, etiquette, and attire.

The rules of golf are complex but should not be threatening. After familiarising yourself with the game's basic rules with your buddy, the rest will be learned over time and most will become second nature. No panic is needed; help will be at hand.

Shot-making is something best left to the professionals! We recommend pairing the Bay Buddies Program with professional lessons to get your game into the swing!

Etiquette is consideration of others or good manners. Over the page are a few practices that will make golf enjoyable for you, your group, the group in front and the group behind. Etiquette is intrinsic to the game and essential for creating a friendly atmosphere and enjoying the sport.

Attire can be fun, but what we wear should be appropriate to the game – not a barbecue or the beach!

Simple shorts/slacks/skirts/skortis or three-quarter pants teamed with a collared shirt/short /long-sleeved, or sleeveless top, are all required.



ON THE TEE

Before your game, arrive at least 20 minutes early to check in at the pro shop, and have your buggy assembled and ready to proceed to the tee.

If you wish to practise chipping and putting, arrive earlier.

Ensure you carry sand to repair divots, a pitch reparer, ball markers, and a pen/pencil.

If there are less than four players in your group. The pro shop staff may add additional players.

Attend your designated tee ten minutes before hit-off.

Hit only when golfers ahead of you are out of range.

Stand still and quietly while other golfers are hitting.

Watch where all balls go to avoid time spent looking for lost balls (which is three minutes maximum)



ON THE FAIRWAY

Walk directly to your ball unless you reach someone else's ball first.

Take no more than one practice swing.

The player furthest from the hole usually plays first, however, golfers who are further advanced on the hole and ready may play if it is safe.

Repair all divots.

Walk briskly between shots and be ready to play when it is your turn.

Always keep pace with the group in front of you. Assist playing partners when finding lost balls.

ON THE GREEN

Do not take buggies on the green.

Repair any divots created.

Place your bag or cart between the green and the next tee, definitely not in front of the green.

This delays your departure from the green and the approach of the following group to the green.

Avoid stepping on another player's putting line.

The person furthest away from the hole putts first. It is usual to continue putting until holed out - unless you would be standing on someone's line.

It is usual to mark your ball, especially if it is in the path of another player's ball.

