



**Mt Beauty Golf Club Inc.**  
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# Club News Club News

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March 2016

## **Diary Dates March / April 2016**

**During February the Ladies' tee off  
for Saturday Comps is 9.30am**

**Wednesday 2 March: Ladies'  
Monthly Medal**

**Saturday 5 March: Men's Monthly  
Medal**

**Sunday 6 March: Men's & Ladies'  
3 Clubs only**

**Monday 14 March: Labour Day  
Stableford**

**Saturday 19 March: Round 1  
Kiewa Hydro Cup**

**Friday 25 March: Good Friday  
Stableford**

**Monday 28 March: Easter Monday  
Stableford**

**Saturday 2 April: Men's Monthly  
Medal & Round 2 Kiewa Hydro  
Cup**

**Wednesday 6 April: Ladies'  
Monthly Medal**

**Sunday 10 April: UKV Lion's  
Police & Citizens Day**

**Saturday 16 April: Mixed Canadian  
Championships**

**Saturday 23 April: Final of the  
Men's Matchplay Championships**

**Monday 25 April: ANZAC Day  
Mixed and Men's Canadian**

**Saturday 30 April: Yellow Ball  
Stableford**

The 2016 Golf Programs are available at [www.mtbeautygolfclub.org.au](http://www.mtbeautygolfclub.org.au)/current-golf-program.

The month's program for both the Ladies' and the Men will be posted on the window of the office at the clubhouse and the more major events are published in the 'This Week in Falls Creek and Mt Beauty' magazine.

### **Committee News**

An Inclement Weather Policy for the procedure of players to follow has been posted on the website at <http://www.mtbeautygolfclub.org.au/policies>

New members this month are Will & Liam Hood, Malcolm Deans, Noel West, C Montebello and Hugh McGregor. Welcome and we all hope you will enjoy the course, the club and the golf.

Our greenkeeper, Cameron Gregg, has decided for a career change in the trucking industry. We wish Cam all the best in his new endeavours. Cam's shoes have been filled by Allan Chapple and his first job was to core and reseed the greens ready for the summer onslaught of hot weather.

This maintenance has left the greens in a less than pristine condition and with 4 temporary 'greens'. The Committee decided that green fees for play will be on an honour system, for the time being, and players are asked to leave an amount commensurate with their experience.

Thanks to all who are spending up at Drummonds and mentioning they are from Mt Beauty Golf Club in order for us to be given a rebate of their purchases. To date we have received

\$525 from Drummonds! A great effort. Keep it up. This money went toward the purchase of NEW club shirts. Details later in the newsletter.

Just to flag a program in the very early stages of development: - PGA Australia is attempting to group clubs together by proximity in order to provide the services of one of their Pros for group lessons at each club on a regular basis. We have been grouped with Myrtleford and Bright to be visited by, possibly, a Pro based in Wangaratta.

What I would like to ask you all to do is indicate whether you would be interested in participating in the lessons on a regular basis. A price of \$10 to \$15 per person per session was banded about (but not written in stone). Obviously more work is needed.

Please email me at [communications@mtbeautygolfclub.org.au](mailto:communications@mtbeautygolfclub.org.au) to let me know if you would be interested. There is NO commitment at this stage.

The committee can be contacted at [committee@mtbeautygolfclub.org.au](mailto:committee@mtbeautygolfclub.org.au)

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### **Course News**

Hopefully there is only a week or so left for the temporary greens. The 'real' greens are coming along OK at this stage with the watering system set to come on quite regularly, for short durations, during the day - so don't be surprised if you get wet while putting. We would ask that you DO NOT interfere with any watering

equipment or taps as this watering cycle is vital to the success of the maintenance works carried out.

### **Wildlife on the Course**

Please be aware that all wildlife on the course can be dangerous if approached.

With the increasing numbers of kangaroos on the course if your ball happens to go near them it is safer to take relief and drop another ball, no closer to the hole, rather than try to retrieve your ball from within the mob.

### **Upcoming Events**

The Ladies' competitions have a start time of 9am for 9.30am. This timing will continue until further notice, usually when the weather starts to cool down.

The Ladies' Monthly Medal day is the first Wednesday of the month, being 2 March and 6 April.

The Men's Monthly Medals will be contested on Saturdays 5 March and 2 April, the latter coincides with the 2nd round of the Kiewa Hydro Cup. The 1st round of which will be played on Saturday 19 March.

Other events to be played over the next couple of months are:

On Sunday 6 March a Men's & Ladies' '3 Clubs Only'. Always a fun day and it is quite amazing how this game shows that you really don't need 14 clubs! One member has the enviable dilemma of which EXTRA one do I take? Pete Brockhurst only ever plays his round with a driver and a putter on a normal day!!

There are quite a few long weekends and, of course, Easter in the period covered by this newsletter: Monday 14 March we have the Labour Day Stableford comp and then extra comps are played on Friday 25 March, Good Friday Stableford, and Monday 28 March, Easter Monday Stableford.

Saturday 19 March is Round 1 of the Kiewa Hydro Cup followed on Saturday 2 April with Round 2.

The annual UKV Lion's Police & Citizens Day this year will be held on Sunday 10 April. Everybody is welcome, whether you have a handicap or not. This year's event will feature a change of format to a 2 ball Ambrose with a shotgun start at 10am. Entry fee is yet to be determined and there will be lunch supplied and heaps of prizes and giveaways. More info by email when available.

Saturday 16 April will see the Mixed Canadian Championships hotly contested. Get your partner organised!

A reminder to all who are playing that the Final of the Men's Matchplay Championships MUST be played on or before Saturday 23 April. Most 1st rounds have been played to date and there has been some interesting results. Details on the notice board.

Of course Monday 25 April is the ANZAC Day Mixed and Men's Canadian event. Usually well attended with all proceeds to the district RSL.

And on Saturday 30 April there will be another of the very popular Yellow Ball Stableford comps.

All in all January and February will be loads of fun for the men's comps with a varied program to break up the usual stroke rounds and serious events.

### **Past Events Information**

Saturday 16 January saw the playing of the annual Herb Gilbert Memorial 4BBB Stableford. This event commemorates the contribution to the club made by past member Herb Gilbert and was won by Don Mason and Dave Browning.

On Saturday 13 February the men played a Stableford game off the Ladies' Tees. Well, the usual suspects were there and we had a visit from three very unattractive old girls who came out for the 2 shot advantage gained for wearing the coolest (weather-wise) outfits of the day. You will have to guess who they were as their names have been withheld to protect the innocent and their kids from the embarrassment!



I personally have never seen such an attractive trio before!

The 2 stroke advantage was well used by this group as they were the winners on the day scoring a fantastic, if I say so myself, 94 points with the Yellow Ball, which was worth double points. (The Yellow Ball is alternated through the group and whoever is hitting it gets double their stableford points for that hole as a score for the Yellow Ball team event.)

Individual winners on the day were: Tom Duncanson with a very commendable 45 on a count back from Tony Bogaski followed by AlexMcGregor with a 43 on a count back from John 'Taff' Sullivan. Yellow Ball Team Winners were Ben Charlton (36), Peter Hertzog (42) & Michael Bartholomew (41) in their 'Fashions on the Field' outfits.

The draw for the Round Robin style Men's Match Play Championships was done and play officially started on 20 February. Results are posted on the notice board as the rounds are completed. All rounds, including the Final, must be played by Saturday 23 April. Good luck guys!

Friday 22 January 2016 a couple of members had the opportunity to play on one of Australia's most prestigious golf courses, Huntingdale in a Charity Day. A great time was had by all, especially at the dogs on the Thursday night!!



On the golfing day Stephen Short was runner up in the B Grade on a count back and Emil Solar won a putter in a draw for NTP.



Well done boys in what has become an annual pilgrimage for some of the members. Congratulations to all winners and competitors for all of these events.

### **Pennant 2016**

Pennant season is upon us once again and begins on Sunday 20 March at Wangaratta (Waldara). The captain this year is Ben Charlton, as I am unable to play. I will be there in spirit though! Please contact Ben (0408 236 697) if you wish to be included in this very exciting comp.

We play Yackandandah, Myrtleford, Wangaratta, Beechworth and Wodonga. Last season we finished third and I wish the guys well on their journey to number 1 spot this year.

### **Junior Golf Clinic**

The Junior Golf Clinics have finished for 2015. They will happen again in 2016 at a time to be decided. Plenty of notice will be given.

Enquiries to Liz Harvey 5754 4077.

### **Tuesday Evening Social Golf**

The very popular Tuesday evening social golf has resumed at 5pm. They usually play until around 7pm.

This is for anyone who would like to play – beginners or just social players. It is free for club members and \$5 for non-members.

Enquiries to Liz Harvey 5754 4077.

### **Reciprocal & Neighbour Clubs**

The 2016 Ladies' Open Golf Championships will be held at Jubilee GC on 10 March with a 9.30am shotgun start. Entry is \$25 and can be paid on the day. Contact Jackie O'Brien on (03) 5721 7364 for further details.

Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 March is the Tambo Valley GC Junction Creek Classic. Every day has a different event, I have pinned an itinerary to the notice board. Enquiries to Brett Wyllie on (03) 5152 3284

The 13th Great Alpine Classic 2016 is on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th March at the Wangaratta, Bright and Myrtleford Golf Clubs. Block entry for the three days is \$100. Play will be at Wangaratta Golf Club on Monday 7th March, Bright Golf Club on Tuesday 8th March and at Myrtleford Golf Club on Thursday 10th March. Registration from 9.00 am. Shotgun start 10.00 am each day. Entry includes lunch each day. Enquiries to Tournament Secretary Gill Piggott email: [gildavep@internode.on.net](mailto:gildavep@internode.on.net) Ph. 0400 566 935

The Rotary Clubs of Sandringham and Beaumaris present the 2016 Bayside Mayoral Charity Golf Day at Royal Melbourne West Course on Monday 2 May 2016. Details: Contact: Jim O'Brien Mobile: 0447 447 357 Email: [job@surepak.com.au](mailto:job@surepak.com.au)

### **Member's Travels**

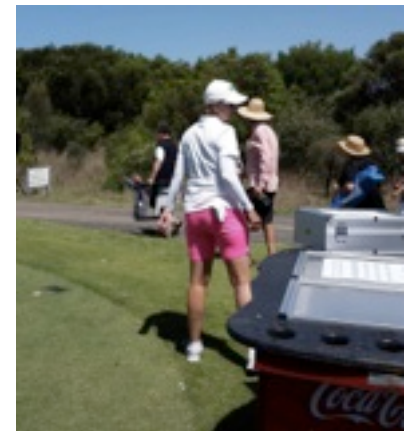
This Thursday, 8 intrepid travellers from the club will be winging their way, from Mt Beauty Airport, direct to King Island to play 3 days of golf at Cape Wickham and Ocean Dunes.

Odds as to who will win, players divided into President's and Vice-President's teams, form guides written, bar stools warmed and dinner reservations made, a great time will be had by all. Full report next newsletter.



Cape Wickham GC

Ken and Liz Harvey with a friend, Annie Meehan, had a great day at 13th Beach, near Ocean Grove, watching and walking with the men and women golfers who were playing in the Victorian Open golf championships in February. They enjoyed free access of the Golf Club.



Liz reports: "Here's Karrie Webb about to tee off at the beginning of her round. We would thoroughly recommend others to take advantage of the Victorian Golf Association's free tickets next year as it was terrific watching both the men and women (playing on the same course). Thanks to the Club for passing on the tickets (The club gets 10 or so tickets provided as part of our Golf Vic affiliation).



Liz goes on to say: "Here are Ken H and Annie Meehan who took advantage of our Club's reciprocal arrangement with Portarlington Golf Club. It was a beautiful course and day. We paid half green fees. We also played at East Geelong which is another of our reciprocal clubs. It is 9 holes and only watered greens as is Mt B.

Fortunately for us they had had heavy rain the previous week and the course had gone from brown to green in a few days. We enjoy taking advantage of our many reciprocal clubs and have played all over Victoria."

Thanks Liz and Ken for these photos and the club hopes that everyone takes advantage of our reciprocity with other clubs when they are traveling.

The reason there was no newsletter in February (I hope you missed getting your monthly dosage?) was because Michael and Carol Bartholomew were off on an adventure of their own - South to Antarctica.

We left from Bluff, near Invercargill NZ, on January 12 on a 72m ex-Russian Spyship, the 'Professor Khromov', with 47 other very excited passengers. We spent 10 days getting to the Antarctic Continent via the sub-Antarctic Islands of The Snares, Enderby, Auckland and Macquarie Islands visiting all the penguins, sealions, elephant seals, birdlife and amazing flora these island have to offer.



We then spent a wonderful, sunny, calm sea (thank God) 10 days cruising up and down the Ross Sea visiting amazing beaches, penguins, sealions, elephant seals, birdlife (you can see a pattern developing here) with many visits from Minke Whales, Leopard Seals and Orcas.



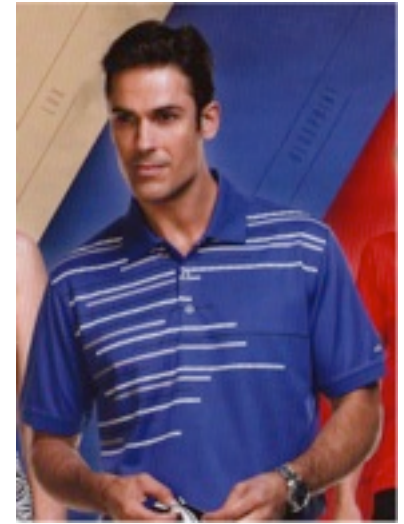
Our journey home for the final 10 days had us visiting Campbell Island with its abundance of Sealions and nesting Albatross. 8m swells and 40 degree pitches were my undoing and I made good use of the paper bags on board. I was glad to reach solid ground again.

An amazing journey and one I would recommend to anyone. We went with Heritage Expeditions.



**Shirts For Sale**

We have bought new shirts for 2016 incorporating our new logo - the one on the top left corner of the first page of this newsletter - at the left pocket position



Blue is the only choice of colour and sorry ladies the bloke does not come with the shirt.

**\$50**

Available at the clubhouse or ring 0418 431 531

**Laugh Time**

David Feherty does a stand up show that is quite spectacular. It's all about his life in golf, the drinking and lots of stories about life on the tour. Here's one of his stories:

It was back in the 70's and a soon-to-be prominent golfer (Ray Floyd) was playing at Augusta for his first Masters.

Back then the players could not bring their own caddies but had to use one of the locals.

Floyd told the caddy master he wanted a big fellow who could handle his bag, but who also would keep quiet, no advice needed.....

The caddy who was assigned to Floyd said, "Hello Mr. Floyd." Floyd said "Hello." And followed that with, "That's the last I want to hear from you."

Everything went well until the 15th hole when Floyd pushed his drive into the right trees on the par 4. After surveying the scene he said out loud, "I'm going to hit a low fade out through that opening to carry and land mid green and then roll over the crest down near the hole."

Surprisingly he pulled it off exactly and turned to his caddy and said, "OK caddy - what did you think of that?"

The caddy spoke for the first time and said, "That wasn't your ball."

### Sponsors

A very important part of the Club is the support given by our many sponsors. If possible please give these people/businesses the opportunity to supply your products or services.

I am sure you will get looked after as a member of the Mt Beauty Golf Club, but it is just as important to show support to our sponsors by driving business their way.

The following businesses have agreed to sponsor our holes and tees:

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- 9th: Falls Creek Coaches
- 10th: Bendigo Bank
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- 12th: Alpine Valley Real Estate
- 13th: Belmores Accountants
- 14th:
- 15th:
- 16th: Falls Creek Resort Management
- 17th: Tawonga South Newsagency
- 18th: Mt Beauty Country Club Eagle's Nest:
- 'Hole in One': Tate's Funeral Services
- Scorecard: Mt Beauty Bakery, Foodworks, Mt Beauty Auto, Home Improvement Centre
- General: Drummond Golf

### Drummond Club



You can join Drummonds as a Lifetime Member via the Golf Club at a substantially discounted price. Please see John or Belinda at Drummonds Albury and tell them you are a member of Mt Beauty Golf Club.

And then.....

Mention Mt Beauty Golf Club at Drummonds when you make a purchase and not only do you get a very good discount, 5% of your purchase goes to club. Cards should be delivered soon for all those who have joined already.



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