

Club News

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May 2013

Diary Dates

Saturday May 4: Men's Monthly Medal

Wednesday May 8: Ladies' Club Championship Round 1, Monthly Medal, Summit Round 3

Sunday May 12: Mixed & Men's 2 Ball Ambrose

Wednesday May 15: Ladies' Club Championship Round 2

Saturday May 18: Men's Jarman Cup Round 1

Wednesday May 22: Ladies' Club Championship Round 3

Saturday May 25: Men's Jarman Cup Round 2

Sunday May 26: Red Heart Day, Mixed & Men's Canadian (Bring a plate)

Wednesday June 5: Ladies' Summit Round 4, Monthly Medal

Saturday June 15: Men's Canadian Championship

Monday June 17 to Wednesday June 19: NE District Ladies' Championship at Wodonga

Committee 'Minutes'

President, Stephen Short, has consented to do a brief report for the newsletter on a regular basis to keep members informed of some of the decisions being made at Committee level that affects the general membership. His first report is below:

"A sub committee has been formed to investigate water security for the course i.e. not having to rely on supply from the old reservoir above the course and hopefully provide more water at a lower cost.

The Committee is also in the early stages of planning the building of a cart shed for storage of members golf carts."

Peter Dilley has taken on the position of Club Secretary after the resignation of Geoff Graham (See article later in the

Increase of Handicap Anchor from 4 Strokes to 5 Strokes

Golf Australia recently reviewed the Handicap Anchor regulation, and made the decision to increase the Anchor from 4 strokes to 5 strokes.

The new 5-stroke Anchor Regulation came into effect on Tuesday 14 May 2013.

Course News

'Whiteboard jobs':

Preferred Lies have been removed. Hit 'em as they lie!!

The working bee to scarify the greens was held on Wednesday April 3. A huge thank you to all who helped. We had 10 to 12 members and their kids show up. The greens are looking good at the moment under the watchful eye of Tony Bogaski who has stepped into the shoes of our previous 'greenkeeper'.

Thanks also to Kerryn Johnston and Marie Hore for providing a great lunch for the hungry hoards.

The clubhouse decking was restained on Thursday 11 April. Thanks to Paul Sharman for his help on the day.

Thanks also to 'resident' plumber, Darren Flay, for fixing a burst pipe on the 14th.

A belated 'well done' to John 'Taffy' Sullivan for his efforts at landscaping earthworks near the Men's 4th tee. A massive improvement to the look of the area.

Extensive limb lopping to around 6 metres was undertaken by Geoff Graham, Jim Crebbin and Don Mason on all the fairway trees. This was a huge job as we have a lot of trees. Thanks from all who have ever hit out from under the trees!!

If anyone is interested in volunteering, we do need people as backups to operate certain machinery. If mechanically minded & interested,

contact the club & we will arrange familiarisation.

Events information

Sunday April 14 saw our Annual Police & Lions Golf Day, sponsored by Falls Creek Ski Lifts, our Community Bendigo Bank and the Lion's Club of Upper Kiewa Valley, being started by John Haskell's cannon at 10am.



The winners were:

Men's A Grade – Alan Ferrari 41pts Men's B Grade – Geoff Graham 37pts

Men's C Grade – Brian Woinarski 37pts

Alan Ferrari also had an Eagle on the par 4 8th, well done!

Men's Longest Drive – 2nd Hole A Grade – Steve Wilson B Grade – Peter Hertzog C Grade – Peter Dilley



The Pres, Stephen Short, having his drive.

Men's NTP:

9th Hole:

All Grades – Marty Alexander 17th Hole:

A Grade – Alan Retallick

B Grade – Peter Partington C Grade – Neville Blewett

Police Award – Tristen Hall Lions Award – Ken Bailey



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Ex-Pres, & current 'Greenkeeper', putting the 18th.

Ladies' A Grade - Julie Chapman 40pts Ladies B Grade - Midge Clooney 27pts Liz Harvey was joined by 2 of the 'Beginner/Sunday' Ladies. Great to see them participating.

Ladies' Longest Drive - 2nd Hole A Grade – Leesa Bevan B Grade - Ute Svboda



The organizers, our local Constabulary, Peter Dilley & Peter Johns. A great day!

Ladies' NTP: 9th Hole: All Grades - Carol Bailey 17th Hole: A Grade – Leesa Bevan B Grade - The club



New Secretary, Peter Dilley, on the 18th.

Secret 3 holes - Natalie Hutchinson Best shot / story of the day - Lucinda Wiseman Police Award - Marie Hore

Lions Award - Carol Bartholomew

Most of the field, anxious to begin.

The winners were:

Legacy, as the comp fees were donated to them. Below is a photo of Legacy representative. Bob Williams.



The weather was very kind as well

The proceeds of the day are donated to charities both local and national.

After presentations, and for some a reasonably long wait at the bar, a putting competition was organized on the 18th. Markers at 2, 4, 6 etc metres were placed. A gold coin got you 2 putts. A knock out with the last survivor prevailing - our Club Captain, Don Mason, from way past 6 metres. I reckon the heckling helped. Fantastic comp with everyone present to give 'encouragement'.

The next major event was the Mixed Canadian Championships held on Saturday April 20.

Winners were:

Scratch - Ladies' Captain, Lynda Barter & Tony Campen with a gross of

Handicap – Glenda & Geoff Graham (Ex Secretary, see later) with a Net of

Next up was the traditional ANZAC Day Mixed & Men's Canadian. Two of these in very quick succession can reek havoc with marital relationships! Captain please take note - & there is another on Sunday May 12!



accepting the donation from the Club President, Stephen Short.



The golfing winners were: Emil Solar & Jon Ovsenik with a Net 69.5 followed closely by the Johnstons, Kerryn & Steve.

On Sunday April 28, at home, the Pennant Team finally had their first win. A 3 / 2 win against Wangarratta. Well done team.



A team of 4 ventured down to the Big Smoke on Monday April 29 for a Charity Day at Royal Melbourne. Stephen Short (President) has supplied a report:

"Bill Webb, Tony Campen, Dave Browning and Stephen Short attended the 31st Bayside Mayoral Charity Golf day at Royal Melbourne Golf Course on Monday 29th April. The weather was perfect the golf fair to poor and the atmosphere great. Teed off at 7.45 on the East Course, regularly rated the best in Australia, and played from bunker to bunker from then on, well Stephen Short did, with Webby and Campo having issues at times as well. Dave was the shining light with 17 points on the front nine to finish with 27, an acceptable score on such a course with rock hard, extremely fast greens, his highlight being a birdie on the par 5 4th hole. Lunch was provided in the dining room and a



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self guided tour of the Club House was had. Very impressive. All four enjoyed the experience with much laughter included. But as we all know what happens on a golf trip stays on the golf trip."



Webby, Stephen, Dave, Campo



El Presidente, Campo, Webby all in a spot of bother. Should have packed the bathers, bucket and spade!





We should venture out to other clubs on a more regular basis. Perhaps some trips to our Reciprocal Clubs could be a good idea.

Fond Farewells

It is with fond memories that we farewell long time members & stalwarts of the club, Geoff & Glenda Graham to their new home on the coast.

Geoff and Glenda have been members of the Golf Club since 1985 and 1986 respectively. Both have served on the committee during that time with Geoff twice being Secretary. Geoff was instrumental in planning and constructing our greens and has been an active volunteer as has Glenda. Geoff with assistance from Jim Crebbin constructed our deck on which we spend many hours.

All the best to you both and we hope you will still visit us on occasions.

Eagles

Since the instigation of the 'Eagles Nest' a few months ago, kindly sponsored by the Mt Beauty Newsagency, there has been a rush on its' contents.

El Presidente, Stephen Short, got his on the par 5 1st on Saturday March 30. Sponsor, Mick Luscombe, on the par 4 8th on Saturday April 6. Alan Ferrari, on April 20 also on the par 4 8th.

Hey guys, possibly best to wait till there are a few balls in the nest!

Tuesday Twilight / Beginner / Sunday Group

Liz Harvey is the organizer for this group and has informed the Newsletter that Sunday golf for the Tuesday Twilight / Beginner Group will be on from Sunday May 5 onward. Start time is 9.45am for 10am tee off. All are welcome and Liz would love to see you all there as well as some new faces. Some of you may be keen to start going for a golf handicap, so you can play 9 holes as a start to gaining a handicap.

Any members wishing to help Liz by taking a group out for their 6 or 9 holes will be made very welcome.

There will be no cost if you are a member, if not, you will need to pay appropriate green fees.

The Tuesday Twilight Group ended up with some money left over. Penny Graeber has agreed to come out to Mt Beauty for another lesson in about October – further details will be advised.

Membership News



Magnetic Ball Markers, with hat holder, are available at the bar for \$5 each. Every member should have one.

Annual Membership timing has been changed from 1 April to 1 July to coincide with the financial year, so strictly speaking memberships are due now and you will get 15 months membership for the price of 12 as the next due date for fees will be July 1 2014.

Recent Visitors



Two young lads from Melbourne, Chris & Andy Holdsworth paid us a visit to play a round of golf on



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Wednesday April 24.

What was so remarkable about their visit was the Chris had just acquired his Pilot's Licence a few days before. They flew from Moorabbin Airport to Mt Beauty Airport, play 18 holes and flew back to Moorabbin – just because they could.

The Wednesday afternoon comp men were on the deck with their post round drinks and were amazed by their feat.

Rules Revisited

Out of Bounds

White pegs with black tops mark the boundaries of the course. The *out of bounds* line is determined by the inside of the pegs at ground level.

The ball is *out of bounds* when all of it lies *out of bounds*.

If a ball is *out of bounds*, the player must play a ball, under penalty of one stroke, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played. (Rule 20-5)

There are no situations, or drop zones, on our course where a ball can be dropped at the out of bounds point. The player must go back.

In the interests of pace of play, if you suspect your ball may have gone *out of bounds* then you should play a provisional ball.

Out In

This ball is in play.

(Acknowledgement to Graham Briggs of Longford GC in Tassie for this explanation)

For Sale

Long time member, Gordon Harper, has reluctantly offered his gold Yamaha Golf Cart for sale. Due to illness Gordon's

golfing days have reluctantly come to an end. He is asking \$3500. Contact is via Gordon's son Graeme on 0418 579326.

Gaining a Handicap

Some new members are asking "How do I get a handicap?":

It is all set out on the Golf Australia website at www.golfaustralia.org.au. It is set out in the "Australian Handicap System" information, hidden away on page 4 Section 3 – Allotment of Australian Handicap, (A) (ii) "The player must submit 3 cards which will be adjusted by the Handicap Committee or Manager by treating any score by a male of more than 3 over par at any holes as 3 over par, and treating any score by a female of more than 4 over par at any hole as 4 over par."

Hope this will help to answer some questions. The cards can be for anywhere from 9 to 18 holes.

These cards can be placed in the 'Green Fees' box at the club. Please mark them 'For Handicap' and make sure your name is prominent on the card.

HAVE YOUR SAY

As I am not resident full time in Mt Beauty over the winter months, the snow beckons, I would like to ask all of you to be mindful of events, jobs, stories (factual or not) that occur at the club and to please let me know so I can at least have a newsletter for you every month over the winter. I thank you all in advance.

Email letters, contributions, etc. to mrbartholomew@hotmail.com or ring him on 0418 431 531