

## Mount Beauty Golf Club Inc.

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# Club News

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November 2013

### Diary Dates

**Saturday Nov 2: Monthly Medal**

**Tuesday Nov 5: Melbourne Cup Stableford**

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

**Saturday Nov 16: 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tournament (See article)**

**Sunday Nov 17: Mixed and Men's 3 ball Ambrose**

**Wednesday Nov 20: Ladies' Annual Tournament**

**Wednesday Dec 18: Proposed Xmas Party – more details next Newsletter**



**Welcome to the First Anniversary Edition of the Newsletter**

### Committee 'Minutes'

The Mt Beauty Golf Club Annual General Meeting was held at the Clubhouse on Monday October 21, 2013.

As a result of an election the following members are to serve on the committee – Dave Browning, Bill Webb, John Sullivan and Michael Bartholomew.

Peter Hertzog, Ian Martin, Tony Bogaski and John Arter are the remaining Committee members.

Re-elected unopposed were Stephen Short (President), Peter Johns (Vice President), Don Mason (Captain), Peter

Dilley (Secretary) and Len Tonn will take over as Treasurer.

It was accepted unanimously to change the Rules of 'The Club' to adopt Model Rules to conform to the Act, with adaptations to reflect the purpose and nature of the Mt Beauty Golf Club.

It was also unanimously decided to increase membership fees from 1 July 2014 to \$265 for Full Membership and \$110 for Country Membership. Junior Membership and the Green Fees will remain the same for the present.

Retiring Treasurer, Leesa Bevan, started on the committee as a 16 year old, 22 years ago, and had been Treasurer for 12 of those years.

Leesa is passionate about the game of golf and Mt Beauty Golf Club. She has also honed her golf skills over those years and currently plays off a Ladies' handicap of 4 and a Men's handicap of 10. Her lowest handicap attained to date was 2.5 (Ladies'). As members we thank Leesa for her many hours dedicated to the Mt Beauty Golf Club.

### Course News

Preferred lies have been removed.

The course has dried out somewhat from the winter rains and fairway mowing has been able to commence once again.

The 2 working bees for September / October were completed. The scarifying work has shown considerable improvement in the greens. Below is photographic evidence of our 'Green Keeper' Tony doing his bit!



The replacing and tidying of the GUR in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies' Tee has certainly enhanced the look of this area.

Thanks to all who took part in these 2 working bees. Your labour is very much appreciated.

Stan Church is seeking an assistant for watering duties, especially coming into Spring and Summer.

After many years working for the Golf Club and on the Golf Course, Bill McBain has decided to call it a day mowing the fairways. Thanks must go to Bill for his tireless efforts. As a result we need someone who has one or two days a week to spare and can commit to learning the operation of the gang mowers and could mow fairways at least once a week during the growing season and when required at other times of the year. This task is shared with John Arter.

The editor has been informed that Bill Webb has been coached on fairway mowing by John Arter and Rattles and Stephen Short have been instructed on Greens mowing by Tony Campen, the more people we have skilled in these areas the easier the course will be to manage.

A big thank you to these guys for giving the Club of their time. If interested in volunteering, especially now while the grass is going crazy, please contact Don Mason or Ian Martin & they will arrange any necessary



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Just a reminder, if anyone has inadvertently taken home a sand bucket could they please return them to the Clubhouse.

The handicapper, Stephen Short, has asked if everyone could include stableford scores on their scorecards, especially when playing stroke games. Apparently the new handicap system requires stableford points to be recorded in order to determine handicap changes.

### Up-coming Events information

Saturday November 16 is the date for the Annual Tournament. Be at the club by 9.30am for a 10am shotgun start.

Entry for the day is \$20 including lunch.

A number of events will be competed:

18 Holes Scratch A, B and C grade  
(Includes Alpine Championship)

18 Holes Handicap A, B and C grade

Best Front 9 Holes Handicap A, B and C grade.

Best Back 9 Holes Handicap A, B and C grade.

Nearest the Pins on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Longest drive A, B & C grade on 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole  
Extra Events:

Keith Holford Trophy - 18 Hole Handicap  
Teams Event. Teams of 3. Entry Fee \$2 per Player.

18 Holes Handicap 65 yrs and Over (No Entry Fee for this one)

Max 2 Trophies per person

We need volunteers to tidy the course up for this event. Anyone able to help can speak to anyone on the committee.

The following day, Sunday November 17 will see a Men's and Mixed 3 Ball Ambrose event.

18 Hole Scratch and Handicap

Entry fee is \$15 per team.

(Note: one trophy per team)

Nearest The Pins 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

A NOON start time for this one.

Entries for all these events close on Sunday November 10. There is a sheet on the notice board at the Clubhouse or let any Committee member know.

### Findlay Shield Team 2013

As reported last month the Findlay Shield matches were postponed until the various courses had dried out!! Details of the rescheduled matches have been finalised:

Dederang Sunday November 3

Mt Beauty Sunday November 10

Myrtleford Sunday November 24

John Sullivan can be contacted on 0419 285 987 for any further information.

'Good Hitting' to all those who choose to participate in this tournament.

### Twilight Golf and Lessons

The very popular Twilight Golf program has re-commenced for summer, teeing off at 5.15pm on Tuesday evenings. **You DO NOT need to have a handicap to participate.** The plan is to play as many holes as time permits, to finish about 7pm. The cost is \$5 and there will be prizes each week (not necessarily the best score!!) It is an easy, non-threatening way to start playing golf. Just turn up at 5.15pm. Golf clubs can be supplied if required.

### Need a golf lesson?

Penny Graeber will be here on Friday November 1 at 12 noon for a group lesson (1.5 hours or so) for any of you who would like to come. We had some money left over from our Tuesday Twilight golf last year which will partly cover the cost of 1 or 2 lessons depending on interest. It was suggested that a short game lesson might be best but she is happy to do whatever you wish.

Anyone who had lessons with Penny last year, or came to Tuesday Twilight or Sunday morning golf is very welcome to attend.

Could you please let Liz Harvey know (landkharvey@internode.on.net) if you will be coming on Friday November 1 so that she can let Penny know how many will be attending. It has been great to see some of our new members playing in the comps.

### Club Raffle Results

As mentioned in a previous newsletter a Golf and Hospitality package for 4 people valued at \$480.00 was very kindly provided by our reciprocal club, Tocumwal Golf Club.

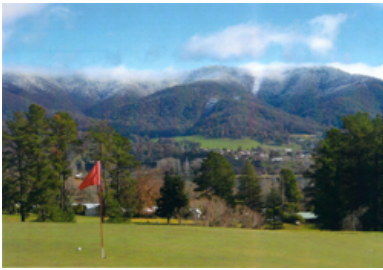
Drummonds Albury kindly provided 2 x \$50 vouchers and the club provided a further two \$50 Drummond vouchers.

The draw took place on Saturday October 5 under the scrutiny of local police officers, Peter Johns and Peter Dilley (pictured).



The major prize of the Golf and Hospitality package was won by Dave Browning (pictured). I am sure a few of the fellows will be joining him at Tocumwal in the New Year.





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The Gift Vouchers were won by Emil Solar, Steve Short, Brian Woinarski and Michael Bartholomew (already spent!) Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle.

Please be sure to seriously consider Tocumwal for your next golfing holiday and Drummonds for that next golf purchase.



Thanks go to Alan Ferrari for organizing the day and the cheese, bikkies and champagne after the game.

Well done Rollo Kiek (pictured below) for embracing the spirit of the day and making the effort to look the part for the day.



### Victorian Country Championships

The weekend of October 12 and 13 saw three members of the club, Dave Browning, Stephen Short and Michael Bartholomew take the 7 hour journey, in luxury I must say, to Nhill to compete in the Victorian Men's Country Teams Championship for 2013.

We arrived in Nhill just after lunch on the Friday and decided we would check out the course. Michael had played there previously on numerous occasions so was able to help the

boys out with some course management pointers. 18 holes on the Friday was ambitious as we faced playing 36 holes on the Saturday and a further 18 on the Sunday. The bodies held up – the golf didn't!

We were accommodated along with the Beechworth, Churchill / Monash, Trafalgar and Warrnabool teams at the Little Desert Lodge, about 20 minutes from the golf course. We joked that we could probably see the lights of Adelaide come on that night!!



An early start on the Saturday did little for the warm up. The afternoon golf was better all round with Stephen Short getting his 36 points for the second 18. The course was certainly in great condition and could not be faulted, well maybe the bunkers could have been moved! Oh, and the greens were 11 on the stimp meter. We ended up in the middle of the field with 244 points combined. The winners were Warrnambool with 292 points.



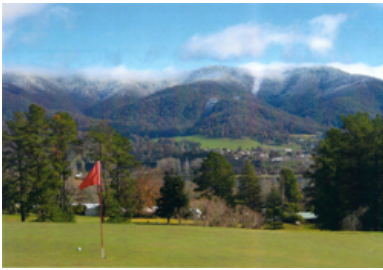
### Past Events Information

#### Vintage Golf Day

Wednesday October 6 saw the first 'Vintage Golf' competition played over 9 holes, the front nine. The idea was to play with clubs that were at least 25 years old. It was a fun, albeit frustrating, nine holes. I think I will stay with my more modern clubs!

16 competitors took to the course with a very interesting array of persimmon woods, flat bladed irons and unusual putters. The day was won by Andrew McEnally (below) with 24 points. A bottle of Vintage wine was his reward.

(Thanks to Don Mason for the following 2 photos)



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Next year the Championships are to be held in Mildura on the weekend of October 11 and 12.

I think we have 3 takers. A great weekend was had by all. Only a small amount of red was drunk.



### Laugh Time

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut he asked about his bill and the barber replied 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week' The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a policeman comes in for a haircut. When he tries to pay his bill the barber again replies 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The policeman was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen doughnuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Member of Parliament came in for a haircut. When he went to pay his bill the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.'

The Member of Parliament was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Members of Parliament lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the

citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.  
(Thanks to Dave Browning for this one)

### Member Profile



This month we feature a true gentleman of the game, Kubota tractor operator, fairway mower person and active Committee member.

### John Arter

NAME: John Arter

Married to Ita in 1958 and moved into their first home in Mt Beauty.

"We love the area so why leave?" They have 4 children, Marie (Deceased), Lynette, Michael and Denise. They also have 3 grandchildren.

John is part of the team at Robert Tate Funerals serving Wangaratta, Beechworth, Myrtleford, Bright and Mt Beauty. (Robert Tate Funerals sponsor the 'Hole-in-One' competition at Mt Beauty Golf Club. There have been 6 successful golfers since the introduction of grass greens).

John has spent countless hours of his spare time since the late 1980's working on our course with other volunteers. Bill McBain and he have been sharing the mowing of the fairways for some time now. John says "It is great to have modern tractors to pull the gang mowers after so many years operating the old grey Fergus which served us well"

He has clocked more than 1350 hours on the new Kubota in the last 4 years.

"I enjoy operating machinery".

YEARS A MEMBER: Over 30

YEARS PLAYING GOLF: About 35

OCCUPATION: Retired after 32 years with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria (SEC). 9 years as Plant Operator – Earthmoving Equipment and Mobile Cranes. 12 years as Security and Guide and the final 11 years as Transport Officer at Mt Beauty.

CURRENT HANDICAP: 19

LOWEST HANDICAP: 12

BEST WIN: SEC Credit Union 'A' Grade Championship 1987

FAVOURITE MT BEAUTY HOLE & WHY: Par 3 9<sup>th</sup> because it is a challenge to be accurate off the tee.

LEAST FAVOURITE HOLE & WHY: The par 5 11<sup>th</sup> – BORING!!

BEST COURSE PLAYED: Pelican Waters at Caloundra Qld.

ANY HOLES IN ONE: Not yet. Have hit the pin on the 7<sup>th</sup> at Mt Beauty.

GOLF AMBITION: To have a 'Hole-in-One'

LIFE AMBITION: To stay healthy

ANY WORDS OF WISDOM: In golf – Accuracy before distance

OTHER : Currently on the committee and responsible for course mowing and maintenance.