



**Mount Beauty Golf Club Inc.**

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# Club News

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September 2013

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday Sept 4: Ladies' Monthly Medal, No Summit Round**

**Saturday Sept 7: Men's Monthly Medal**

**Saturday Sept 14: 4BBB Stableford**

**Saturday Sept 22: 2 Ball Ambrose**

## Committee 'Minutes'

Earlier this month members received a letter from Golf Australia regarding the 'Slope' system of rating golf courses and how this will affect your handicap on a daily basis and be dependant on the rating of every course you play. If you did not receive, or wish to have another copy sent, please notify Michael Bartholomew. My email address is at the end of this newsletter.

There will be a report on Slope and the Daily Scratch Rating probably next month once we have been advised of our course's slope rating.

There was nothing else of significance to report from the August meeting of the Committee.

## Course News

We currently have preferred lies on the course, one card length, through the green (everywhere except on the green).

Cockatoos have damaged some greens again, so if anyone has a surefire legal solution to the effects from these pests please let us know.

The damaged caused is very disappointing considering the work our volunteers have put in and the progress the greens have been making.

We always need people to help with operating machinery around the course such as, rough and surround mowers, people to help with watering etc. If interested in volunteering, contact the club & we will arrange any necessary familiarisation.



With mid August very low altitude snowfalls Club Captain Don Mason took this photo recording the low level to which the snow fell. The foreground hills on the left rarely receive snow. The photo taken from the Ladies Tee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole records the event beautifully.

## Events information

The Saturday Sept 14 comp will be a 4BBB Stableford event for the Men followed on Saturday Sept 22 by a 2 Ball Ambrose event.

The usual 12 for 12.30pm start will be in force. Plan now to have a partner on these two occasions.

Three members, Bill Webb, Dave Browning and Stephen Short represented the club at Dederangs' Annual Tournament on Saturday July 27 in a 3 Ball Ambrose. An edited report from Dave:

"Brilliant day for golf on Saturday 27 July at Dederang. The course was in excellent condition. We had a respectable 3 over the card for the 18 with a net 68 or so (and came equal last but lost the NAGA on a countback). A crew full of early morning 'enthusiasm' from Macedon came in with about 64 off the beater and a net 59! They won everything, the nearest the pins, handicap, scratch and even the raffle. Can't wait till next year....."

The 2013 Men's Victorian Country Teams Championship is being held at Nhill on the 12th and 13th of October. Mount Beauty is representing the North East District Golf Association.

The team is Dave Browning, Stephen Short and Michael Bartholomew.

The championship consists of 4 events.

- 54 Hole Teams Stableford
- 54 hole Individual Stableford
- 36 hole Individual Stableford
- 18 hole Individual Stableford.

## Findlay Shield Team 2013

"The Findlay Shield was originally played between Bright GC, Dederang GC, Myrtleford GC and Mt. Beauty GC, with Yackandandah GC playing a cameo for a couple of years.

It is a Stableford event with six players (ladies welcome) per team, taking the 5 best scores. Since 2012 Bright GC has chosen not to participate in the event (due to the demoralizing defeat, 1point by our boys, some say about 3 years ago.) leaving the big 3 to battle it out for the top prize, Mt Beauty, Myrtleford and Dederang.

The event is aimed at mid to high handicappers, although anyone can play, with the emphasis on enjoying your golf and experiencing different courses whilst in good company.

The away games are noted for the return voyages with regulars such as Campo, Webby, Rattles, Shorty, Davo, Hertz, and myself and former players, Dalksy, Johnsey plus a few ring-ins, Big Steve, Stuey, Cariss (to name a few) always keen to enjoy the after game refreshments followed by a quick stop at the Ranga (pub) to refresh.

Its time to go around again starting at Dederang on Sunday the 25th of August, followed by our home game (where the ladies always put on a magnificent meal, thanks girls) on Sunday the 6th of October and finishing at Myrtleford on Sunday the 24th of November.



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If you are keen to play Findlay Shield put your name on the list at the clubhouse or ring Taff on 0419 285 987”

Thanks to John ‘Taff’ Sullivan for this historical report on the Findlay Shield Competition. We have profiled Taff later in the newsletter.

### The Findlay Shield matches have been postponed until the various courses have dried out!!

Details of the rescheduled matches will be included in the newsletter as soon as the dates have been decided.

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

‘Good Hitting’ to all those who participate in these matches.

### Beginner / Sunday Group

Anybody wishing to play only 6 or 9 holes but not in a competition situation are welcome to come along at 9.45am for a 10am tee off on Sundays.

### Membership News

Welcome to new members of the club:  
Ryan Blackwell (Junior - Tawonga Sth)  
Andrew McEnnally (Tawonga Sth)  
Scott Edwards (Student - Blackburn)  
Don Edwards (Country - Blackburn)  
Chris Edwards (Student - Blackburn)  
James Martin (Mt Beauty)  
Anthony Brewergray (Mt Beauty)

We look forward to seeing you having a hit around the course and enjoying the benefits that come with your membership. Great to have another junior member on board and invite any new members to our Comp days on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

### Club Raffle

As mentioned in a previous newsletter a Golf and Hospitality package for 4 people valued at \$480.00 has been kindly

provided by our reciprocal club, Tocumwal Golf Club.

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

There are only 100 tickets available for purchase by members only. There will be 5 draws, 1 for the Golf Package to Tocumwal and 4 for the \$50 vouchers. ONLY 30 tickets are left as of 28 August!

Members can contact Stephen Short on 03 57544002 if they wish to purchase a ticket, or call into the Tawonga South Newsagency. He will take credit card details over the phone and at the shop.

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

### Laugh Time

#### Golfing Hint:

If you find yourself on the golf course in the middle of a lighting storm just hold up your 1 iron.

God can't even hit a 1 iron!

*Lee Trevino*

#### Kind-hearted Scotsman

A Scotsman and his wife walked past a swanky new restaurant last night...

"Did you smell that food?" she asked... "Incredible!"

Being the 'Kind Hearted Scotsman', he thought, "What the heck, I'll treat her!"

... So they walked past it again...

### Member Profile



Introducing this month a, hopefully, regular feature of the newsletter is a brief profile of a club member. This month we feature a very active, well respected and prominent member of the club.

#### John ‘Taff’ Sullivan

NAME: John Sullivan aka TAFF

YEARS A MEMBER: 6

YEARS PLAYING GOLF: 6

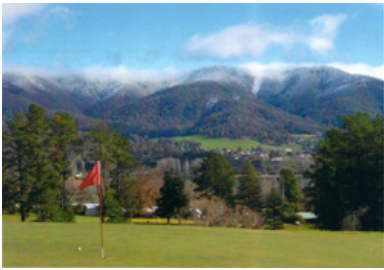
OCCUPATION: Owner operator of Mount Beauty Bobcats – Digs Holes

CURRENT HANDICAP: 15

LOWEST HANDICAP: 11.2

BEST WIN: As Captain & Coordinator of the 2010 Findlay Shield team. Findlay shield is a team event with six members combining in 3 rounds against Dederang and Myrtleford.

FAVOURITE MT BEAUTY HOLE & WHY: Second. I play it a lot because it is close to home and I



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sponsor it.

LEAST FAVOURITE HOLE & WHY: 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Too narrow.

BEST COURSE PLAYED: Huntingdale

ANY HOLES IN ONE: No. Still trying.

GOLF AMBITION: To reach single figures.

ANY WORDS OF WISDOM: Avoid playing  
golf with those who cannot control their  
temper, and make every post a winner.

OTHER : Currently serving on the Golf  
Club committee.  
Organiser of the Findlay Shield Team.  
(See article elsewhere in this newsletter)

## **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  
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or ring him on 0418 431 531*