

## Mount Beauty Golf Club Inc.

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# Club News Club News

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## Diary Dates

**Saturday January 4: Men's Monthly Medal.**

**Saturday January 18: Herb Gilbert Memorial 4BBB**

**Thursday January 23: New Handicapping System comes into force (SLOPE). See article.**

**Monday January 27: Australia Day Holiday 18 Holes, Mixed and Men's Stableford**

**Wednesday February 26: Bright's Opening Day Tournament**

**From Saturday Dec 7 2013 till Friday Feb 28 2014 the Ladies' will be teeing off at 9.30am**

## Committee News

Our new website is in the *beta* stage of development. The new address is:

<http://www.mtbeautygolfclub.org.au>

If you have ANY suggestions at all please do not hesitate to let the CAT (Communications and Technology) sub-committee know. Len Tonn, Peter Dilley or Michael Bartholomew will be happy to talk to you about any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Don Mason (Captain) has supplied figures relating to the breakdown of the costs involved with the 2013 Men's Competitions:

Comp Fees received: \$10400

Prize Money given out: \$2485

Cost of Balls given out: \$2544

(Number of Balls): 848

Trophies: \$400

Being a total cost of \$5429 leaving the club to profit by \$4971.

## Course News

Please dig deep to find some time over the coming weeks to roster yourself on for the task of manning the clubhouse over the next week. Place your name in one (or a few) time slots on the whiteboard at the clubhouse. Your duties are very light and involves taking monies for green fees, drinks, hire pull carts and hire of golf clubs. The necessary change, balls, tees, green fee tickets etc will be at the club. All you need to do is turn up a couple of minutes early for your shift and the person before you will explain the procedures. Very simple really. It is quite fun actually and you get to meet some very nice people - and watch them tee off on the first (usually quite 'interesting')! So please, if you could spare an hour or two get your name on the list.

Recently there has been evidence of a person, or persons, practicing their pitching in the vicinity of the 2nd and the 18th holes, leaving a large area full of divots. The area around the greens is hard enough to keep in good condition without this added stress to the grass.

PLEASE NOTE there is a '2 ball' policy for pitching practice at any green AND there is STRICTLY NO PITCHING PRACTICE on the 18th.

It is suggested by the Committee that any pitching practice be confined to the old nursery area between the 6th and 16th holes. The area surrounding the nursery green will be kept to a reasonable level to enable pitching practice. Practice for driving and irons can be had from the old tee adjacent to the Ladies' 1st tee.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL ALL DIVOTS WITH SAND SUPPLIED.

If interested in volunteering, especially now while the grass is going crazy,

please contact Don Mason or Ian Martin & they will arrange any necessary familiarisation.

## 'Adopt a Fairway' Scheme

At the last Committee meeting discussion was had around getting more members involved in the upkeep of the course without the need for formal volunteering to take place.

An 'Adopt a Fairway' scheme evolved from these discussions. Basically, and simply, the scheme would involve members nominating to take responsibility for a fairway, or as many as they wish. This could be done as a group or as an individual. Responsibilities could include the tidying of the rough areas by removing dropped twigs or branches, removal of 'weeds' such as blackberries. A regular sweep of the fairway and green to repair any divots and pitch marks which have been missed. It could even be extended to the beautification of the tee off area or any areas that could be made more attractive.

Please do not hesitate to speak to anyone on the Committee regarding this program. This would significantly reduce the workload for those few who volunteer on a regular basis and gives all a chance to 'own' their little part of the course.

## Past Events Information

### Men's Club Championships

Saturday December 7 was the first round of the Men's Club Championships followed by the second round on the Sunday with the final round played out the following Saturday.

The A Grade and Club Champion was won by Mick Luscombe.

The C Grade was won convincingly by Ian Martin, who took a 22 stroke lead into the third round.

The 54 hole Handicap Championship was won by Alan Ferrari and the CAZNA Cup was won by Justin Stanmore.

The tussle of the Championship was in the B Grade which came down to the last putt on the last hole. President Stephen Short started the 3rd round with a 2 stroke lead over Darren 'Rattles' Flay. Rattles was able to peg this lead back amid numerous leaderboard changes to be equal leader with Stephen on the last hole, which happened to be the Par 3 9th. Both of their drives were wide of the green with Rattles pitching to within 10ft of the hole whilst Stephen put his pitch 30ft beyond the hole. With Stephen putting first Rattles looked set to have a maximum of 2 putts with Stephen a chance for a 3 putt. Not to be. Stephen pulled a massive putt out of the bag and was in for 3. Unfortunately Rattles missed his put for his 3. Victory went to Stephen Short.

Congratulations to all the winners of their respective championships and sincere condolences to Rattles on a fine effort.



Ian Martin and Stephen Short  
C and B Grade Club Champions for 2013



CAZNA Cup winner  
Justin Stanmore



Alan Ferrari  
54 Hole Handicap Champion

### Ladies' 2013 Annual Tournament

One of our visitor's for the Ladies' Annual Tournament in November took these shots of the day.



On the 10th Tee



The After Party

The **Steve Green Memorial Men's and Mixed Canadian** event was played between 8.5 groups on Sunday December 15 with eventual winners being the Lynda Barter / Trevor English combination with 66 points followed by Leesa Bevan / Ian Martin with 69.5 points on a C/B from Marie Hore / Stephen Short.

NTP's:

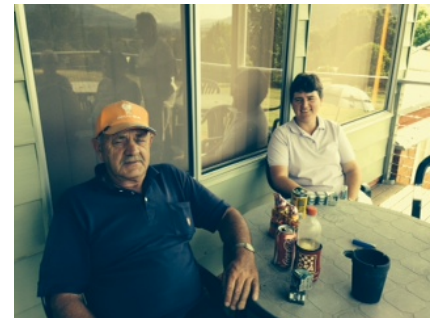
7th & 17th: Leesa Bevan

9th: Ita Arter

18th: Ian Martin



Trevor and Lynda



Ian and Leesa

Wednesday December 18 was enjoyed by all who attended the **Christmas Party** organised by Alan Ferrari (pictured elsewhere). The meal and nibbles were amply complimented by bubbles and wine. All enjoyed the fun events of putting and chipping held after dinner. The timing certainly contributed to the copious amounts of heckling, jeering and laughter at both events.

There ended up being no 'winner' of the 'Chip into the Bucket' event, possibly due to the timing? Putting was won by Don Mason, and he says he can't putt. (Don will pay handsomely for Liz Harvey's putter if it is ever for sale!) It is the second Putting Comp he has won with that putter.

The bottle of Bubbly for NTP for the 2nd shot on the Par 4 8th was won by Alan Retallick.

Thanks to Alan Ferrari and Virginia Price for their efforts on the night. Well Done! Look forward to the next one.



The Putting



The Crowd



The Food

**Trophy winners for 2013**

Event	Winner
Club Champion	Mick Luscombe
"B" Champion	Stephen Short
"C" Champion	Ian Martin
54 Hole Handicap Champion	Alan Ferrari
Kiewa Hydro Cup	Rob Hateley
Jarman Cup	Trevor English
Alf McBain Memorial	Tony Bogaski
CAZNA Cup	Justin Stanmore
Match Play Champion	Alan Retallick
Men's Canadian Championship	Mick Luscombe / Steve Wilson
Mixed Canadian Championship	Tony Campen / Linda Barter

**Eagle's Nest**

The Eagle's Nest was finally raided to give up 24 balls for Tony Campen's Eagle on the Par 4 8th on Saturday December 21. Congratulations Tony.



Tony snapped by local policeman Peter Dilley whilst on mobile patrol

**Laugh Time**

A Spanish Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. 'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la Casa'. 'Pencil', however, is masculine: 'el lapiz'. A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?' Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador') because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
  2. They have a lot of data, but still can't think for themselves;
  3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
  4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.
- The women won.

**Member Profile**

'Member Profile' will return next month. No-one around, including me, to get it organised.

**Lost & Found**

"Found:  
1 ball marker from 'The National' golf club. Looks quite valuable. Substantial Reward expected! Please place 'substantial reward' in an envelope with your name on the outside and leave with Stan at the bar. You will be contacted."

Guess whose marker it is AND guess who found it. Don't fancy the finder's chances of the 'substantial reward'!!

**Slope and My Handicap**

The new Slope system will come into effect on Thursday January 23 2013. I hope this will clear up a few questions relating to the system and how it works.

**Slope**

The handicap system used in Australia will be changed on 23 January 2014 to incorporate the use of Slope. Under Slope, a golfer's playing handicap on any given day will be determined according to the difficulty of the tees or course to be played. Golf Australia believes that this will be fairer than our current one-handicap-fits-all-courses method.

**What are the features of Slope?**

- Every set of tees on every golf course around the country will have a Slope Rating which has been determined in accordance

with the new course rating system. The maximum Slope Rating is 155 (most difficult) and the minimum is 55 (least difficult). The Neutral Slope Rating is 113.

Every set of tees will also have a Scratch Rating.

- GOLF Link will calculate a nationally standardised handicap index for every player and this will be called the GA Handicap.
- A GA Handicap will be calculated by using the best 8 of a player's most recent 20 scores (ie best 8 of 20, x 0.93). However, every score in every player's score history will first be standardised by GOLF Link against a Slope Rating of 113. As a result, the GA Handicap will reflect a golfer's ability on a course which has the neutral Slope Rating of 113.
- The GA Handicap is not intended for use as a playing handicap. It is to be used in conjunction with the Slope Rating of the set of tees being played to calculate a golfer's playing handicap for the day, and this will be called the Daily Handicap.
- It is the GA Handicap that will be displayed in a player's GOLF Link record on [www.golflink.com.au](http://www.golflink.com.au)

#### How will Slope make things fairer?

Generally speaking, a high-marker finds it harder to adjust to a difficult course than a lower marker does. Slope adjustments will play a balancing role.

For example, if the Black Tees are harder than the White Tees, a high-marker may play the Black Tees off a handicap of 28 and the White Tees off 24. The elite player finds it easier to adjust, so they may play the Black Tees off 4 and the White Tees off 3.

Golf Australia believes this is fairer than having the difference between the elite player's handicap and the high-marker's handicap always stay the same.

Every time before I play a round, I should check what my Daily Handicap will be. How can I do this?

- Different clubs will use different methods to communicate Daily Handicaps to golfers. Examples of different methods include via the use of existing club computer systems, and via direct printing on to score cards. Some clubs will provide easy-to-use Daily Handicap look-up posters.
- The GA website and the GOLF Link website will feature Daily Handicap calculators.
- There is a Daily Handicap calculator pinned on the notice board at the Club

I know that I will be playing off my Daily Handicap when I visit another club, but what handicap do I use at my Home Club?

- Whether you are playing at an away club or at your Home Club, you will need to check your Daily Handicap for the tees you are playing from and play off this handicap.
- Home Club Example: A player with a GA Handicap of 22.3 when playing off the White Tees (eg Slope Rating of 119) at their Home Club will play off a Daily Handicap of 23; and when they play off the Blue Tees (eg Slope Rating of 136) will play off a Daily Handicap of 27. (Note: The same calculations would apply if the example was for an away club.)

What is the formula that GOLF Link will use to calculate a Daily Handicap?

Daily Handicap = GA Handicap x Slope Rating ÷ Neutral Slope Rating (ie 113)

More information is on the leaflets in the clubhouse and on the Golf Australia web site: [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au)

#### HAVE YOUR SAY....

Email letters, contributions, etc. to [mrbartholomew@hotmail.com](mailto:mrbartholomew@hotmail.com) or ring him on 0418 431 531

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