



Club News

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DIARY DATES



MARCH 2018

Friday 30 March – Good Friday Par

APRIL 2018

Monday 2 April – Easter Monday 2
Ball Ambrose. Ladies', Mixed & Men's

Saturday 7 April – Men's and Ladies'
Monthly Medals

Saturday 14 April – **Yellow Ball**

Saturday 21 April – President's
Choice

COMMITTEE NEWS

On March 26 2018 NEDGA and NEDLGA, the Men's and Ladies North East District Golf Associations, held a meeting to vote on the amalgamation of the two associations. The vote was a unanimous 'Yes' to the proposal. This should see a more efficient use of their resources and a larger pool for Committee selections to be drawn from. We will wait to see if this amalgamation will have the results that all are hoping for.

A website has been set up by NEDGA and can be visited at <https://nedga.teamapp.com/>. This site will have NE golf info along with major event results, the fixtures for the coming season and information on upcoming golf events in our NE district.

A timely reminder to ALL players to take a sand bucket with you on your round or even when practicing and please repair ALL divots on fairways and ALL pitch marks on greens. The summer is the hardest time to keep the course in the condition we expect, your co-operation and help is greatly appreciated.

Please note: there is a 2 ball limit on practicing to the greens and NO vehicles are allowed on the course without the express permission of a Committee Member.

We welcome New Member: Daniel Parente (Full) as a result of our donation on our Australia Day Par 3 golf event in January. We wish him Good Hitting.

The Membership Fees for the upcoming 2018/19 year, which will be due on July 1 2018, were ratified at the last Committee meeting.

Full Membership - \$320. \$80 Joining Fee. Pro-Rata membership available
Country Membership - \$190. \$40 Joining Fee. No Pro-Rata available
Junior / Student Membership - \$50. No Joining Fee. No Pro-Rata available.

Don't forget to give your points to Mount Beauty Golf Club at Foodworks in town.

Our number is 1036.



COURSE NEWS

After the latest rain the course is looking great and new grass growth is sprouting up everywhere and the greens are in magnificent shape. The Grounds Committee will be Verti-cutting the greens in the next couple of weeks which will help to remove any thatch build up and considerably help the new growth of grass for the winter and spring.



Thanks to Emil Solar and Al Retallick for their help last week in resurfacing and levelling the Practice Nets area. Campbell from Mount Beauty Hardware & Drapery very kindly helped us out with a very reduced cost of the supply of artificial turf and various nails and bolts for the construction of a safe and secure bed for the hitting off area in the nets. I must say it has come up a treat and looks just like a bought one.

WILDLIFE ON THE COURSE



They may look cute but 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 would be safer to take relief and drop another ball no closer to the hole, rather than try to retrieve your ball from within their mob.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Yesterday, Wednesday 28 March, the final event to determine the 9 Hole Wednesday champions was played. Results of the battle between the Lunch-timers and Twilighters will be announced over the Easter Weekend. We wait with bated breath for that result!

Tomorrow, Good Friday, 30 March, there will be a Par comp followed on Monday by the Easter Monday Ladies', Mixed and Men's 2 ball Ambrose. The Saturday and Sunday games will be Stableford events. Tee off is Noon for 12.30pm on all days.

Saturday 7 April is once again Monthly Medal Day for both the Ladies' and the Men.

The following Saturday, 14 April, is **Yellow Ball** day. The format will be Stableford.

Followed on Saturday 21 April by the President's Choice day. This is usually a completely different and novel format decided on by President Stephen Short.

Rumour has it the game could be a 'Bisque Par'. A thinking game where **before** teeing off on each hole, the golfer decides whether to use their handicap strokes on that hole, e.g. A 12 handicapper chooses to give up a shot he has on the 3rd and use it on the 9th.

Everyone playing in the Men's Matchplay Championships are reminded that ALL preliminary round robins **MUST** be finished by Saturday 28 April. We are getting down to the pointy end of this comp now and the competition is getting tougher and very interesting. The on-going results are posted on the notice board for interested people to check out.

A very busy schedule for next month to take advantage of the beautiful weather we can expect up here in the Kiewa Valley. Hope to see many of you out there for a game.

The Pennant Season for the North East District is well under way. More later in the newsletter.

PAST EVENTS INFORMATION

The Men's Monthly Medal was battled out on Saturday 3 March with a great field in attendance once again. It is great to see so many out there on a Saturday. Fields lately have been in the mid to high 20's consistently which, for a small club like ours, is very rewarding and a credit to all who look after the course.

The winner of the March Medal was Peter Johns with an excellent net 69. Runner up was David Browning with a net 70 on a Countback from Brian Woinarski. In the Ball Comp were Murray Beaton 71, Peter Partington 72, Stephen Haugh 73. NTP's: 7th Stephen Haugh 9th Tony Campen 17th Stephen Short 18th Ben Peacock and NTP on the 2nd shot on the 16th was Darren Flay. Congrats to all winners and ball winners.

The same day was the 1st Round of the Kiewa Hydro Co-op Cup and saw Peter Johns as Clubhouse leader with Dave Browning not too far behind.





Monday 12 March was a 3 Ball Ambrose which saw Scratch Winners Ben Charlton, Ben Peacock & Andrew McEnnally blitz the competition with a gross 62/net 56.8. Runners up John Sullivan, Allan Retallick & Stephen Short could only manage, albeit a respectable, 67/60. NTP's: 7th Ben Peacock 9th Ben Peacock 17th Ben Peacock 18th Peter Hertzog. NTP 2nd shot on the 3rd was Stephen Short.

Looks as though BP was hitting them pretty straight on the day. Being a member of the winning team probably meant they birdied all three of the Par 3's?



The 2nd, and final round of the Kiewa Hydro Co-op Cup, was played on Saturday 17 March. The result really came down to the last two holes. Peter was still holding onto the title after the 16th UNTIL Dave Browning fired off a Hole-in-One on the 17th and followed up with a birdie on the 18th. 3 shots for 2 holes was a clincher for Dave and he deservedly took out the Kiewa Hydro Co-op Cup for 2018.

The final result was Dave with 142 net over Peter Johns with a 146.

HOLE IN ONE



As mentioned above the 2nd Round of the Kiewa Hydro Co-op Cup will be a very memorable one for Dave Browning acing his first hole in his 'career'. His 3 partners looked on as Dave hit a beautiful shot straight at the flag on the Par 3 17th to have it bounce once, just in front of the flag and promptly disappear into the hole. A great achievement and a well deserved Hole in One.

Getting the Hole in One also entitled Dave to raid the Eagles' Nest which he



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promptly handed around to all on the balcony. Well done Dave and Thanks also for the money over the bar which was appreciated by all.

MORE EAGLES



We go back to the Saturday 10 March where Roger Church, who, fresh off his hole in one in December, Eagled the 11th with a beautiful 7 iron shot from around 135m from a less than ideal lie and with the ball above his feet. 'It went straight at the hole, bounced and went straight in' was Roger's comment when he got back in.



Also, on Saturday 24 March, Mick Luscombe scored the Eagles' Nest on the Par 4 8th with an accurate and well weighted chip in from off the green. Mick went on to Par the course and register 41 points in the process.

Congratulations to all three Eagle Nest winner in March.

PENNANT SEASON



This year our Pennant Season started on Sunday 18 March at Wodonga against Rutherglen and will continue every Sunday, except Easter Sunday, culminating in the Finals on Sunday 29 April. We will be playing against Wodonga, Jubilee, Rutherglen and Chiltern at their respective grounds over the 5 weeks of the season. Matches start at 10am on the day.



Our match against Rutherglen started well with one of their guys having to forfeit, however



*The team at Wodonga
Maybe we should have played pool!!*

Rutherglen proved too strong for us on the day and we suffered a 3/2 defeat. Thanks to all the guys who played on the Sunday, well done Trev to be the only Mount Beauty winner on the day and thanks to Wodonga for the use of their great course. It is always a pleasure to play at Wodonga.

The next Sunday we had a bye as it was our turn to host the day for Wodonga v Chiltern and Jubilee v Rutherglen. The day was very wet, we had near 40ml of rain. A few of the greens had drainage problems which we overcame by a combination of preferred lies and a bit of mopping of lines.

We got through in the end and a result was had on the day, seeing Rutherglen and Wodonga victorious. The next round is on Sunday 8 April at Rutherglen where we take on Chiltern. Neither of us have yet to win a match so it will be a very interesting battle.

If ANYONE wishes to play in these one-on-one Matchplay rounds PLEASE let Michael Bartholomew or Ben Charlton know. All are most welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING GOLF

Liz Harvey will be busy this summer and is once again offering the opportunity for non-competition golf to all on Tuesday mornings starting at 10am. Come along and have a few hits with some members in a social environment.

These outings are meant to be an introduction to golf in a fun way. Let your friends and family know about this. Participation is Free. Enquiries to Liz Harvey (03) 5754 4077

YOUR HANDICAPPING QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Australia's head of handicapping Simon Magdulski answers questions commonly ask on why a GA Handicap is determined by averaging the best 8 of the recent 20 rounds multiplied by 0.93.

Visit <http://www.golf.org.au/newsdisplay/99900> - .Wqiq4ooxp-4.email to find out how the handicapping system works.

For info on how the World Handicapping System will affect you go to:

www.golf.org.au/newsdisplay/99732

FINALISED RULES OF GOLF FOR 1 JANUARY 2019

The R&A and the United States Golf Association have announced the finalised changes to the Rules of Golf. The new Rules will come into effect on 1 January 2019.

For details of the announcement on the 2019 Rules please go to the following page of the Golf Australia website – www.golf.org.au/final2019rules

NOTE: The current edition of the Rules of Golf (2016) must be applied when playing or competing for the remainder of 2018.

LAUNCH OF GA'S VISION 2025: THE FUTURE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN GOLF

Check out the link to a video explaining [Golf Australia's Vision](#) for women in Golf.

RECIPROCAL AND LOCAL CLUB NEWS

Beechworth will again be hosting their Golden Putter day on Good Friday, 30 March. All proceeds will go to the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Contact Dylan Pool on 0458 562 250.

The Corryong Grande 3 person Ambrose event will be staged on Easter Sunday, 1 April. For enquiries contact Mark Collins 0418 602 623.

Entries are now open for the Victorian Women's Autumn Tournament to be played at Murray Downs Golf & Country Club on Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 April 2018. The event is open to all female amateur golfers with a handicap of 36.4 or less and will be played in A, B & C grades. Go to <http://www.golfvic.org.au/autumntournament> for more info

The Shane Doherty Memorial Tri-State Masters 54 hole event will be staged from May 20 to May 25 2018 inclusive. To be played at Riverside, Red Cliffs and Coomealla Golf Clubs. eMail golf@sunraysiagolftours.com.au for further info and to enter.

Pambula, Merimbula, Tura Beach, Eden and Bega will co-host the 22nd Ace of Clubs Classic from 17 to 22 June 2018. \$12000 in prizes on offer from 5 events over the 6 days. Info at www.merimbulagolf.com.au

LAUGH TIME

A businessman in the first class cabin decided to chat up the drop dead, gorgeous flight attendant:

Businessman: "What is your name?"

Flight Attendant: "Angela Benz, sir"

Businessman: "Lovely name ...any relation to Mercedes Benz?"

Flight Attendant: "Yes sir, very close"

Businessman: "How close?"

Flight Attendant: "Same price".

(Thanks Midge for this one)



SOUVENIRS FOR SALE



We have received shipment of **new shirts** incorporating the club logo. They are available at the Clubhouse for \$50 each. There is both a Ladies' and Men's (left to right) style to choose from.



Two types of ball markers are available, one attached to a pitch mark repairer and the other to a hat clip. The marker bears our Logo. All items can be purchased separately and are available at the clubhouse.

We have our own Stubby Holders with exclusive branding incorporating an iconic photo of West Peak from the 2nd fairway and our logo (pictured).

These can be purchased at the clubhouse for **\$8 each**.



For the convenience of Members, Comp Players, Green Fee players and visitors we have stocked up on the 'disposable' items we sometimes forget to pack. A small sample is shown here at very reasonable prices. Enquire at the bar.

SPONSORS

A very important part of the Club is the support given by our many sponsors. Please give these businesses the opportunity to supply your products or services. I am sure you will get looked after as a member of the Mount 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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| 1st: Mount Beauty Holiday Centre | 15th: Available |
| 2nd: Available | 16th: Falls Creek Resort Management Board |
| 3rd: Middy's Electrical | 17th: Tawonga South Newsagency |
| 4th: Available | 18th: Mount Beauty Hardware & Drapery |
| 5th: Snow View Holiday Units | Scorecard: Foodworks |
| 6th: Rocky Valley Bikes & Snowsports | Mount Beauty Auto |
| 7th: Tawonga South Butchery | Mount Beauty Bakery |
| 8th: Altitude Electrical | Home Improvement Centre |
| 9th: Falls Creek Coaches | Eagle's Nest: Available |
| 10th: Bendigo Bank | Hole in One: Tate's Funeral Services |
| 11th: The Blue Manor | Meat Tray: Tawonga South Butchery |
| 12th: Available | Practice Nets: Mount Beauty Hardware & Drapery |
| 13th: Belmores Accountants | General: Drummond Golf |
| 14th: Available | |

For info on how to become a sponsor please contact: [The Treasurer](#)

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 in Albury and tell them you are a member of Mount Beauty Golf Club.

And then.....

mention Mount Beauty Golf Club at any Drummonds Store when you make a purchase and not only do you get a very good discount, 5% of your purchases go to club.

EXPERIENCED BALLS FOR SALE



Under the sign-in table on the downhill side of the clubhouse there is also a foam container of 'experienced' balls. These are very reasonably priced at **\$5 for 20** of them. Please leave monies in the green fees box.

