



Club News

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FEBRUARY 2018

DIARY DATES

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Saturday 10 February – Men's Red Tees Championships. Stableford

Saturday 17 February – Johnny Ovsenik Memorial Day. Stableford Multiplier

Wednesday 28 February – Red Tee Wednesday. 9 Holes

MARCH 2018

**Saturday 3 March – Men's & Ladies' Monthly Medals.
1st Round Kiewa Cup**

Monday 12 March – Labour Day 3 person Open Ambrose

Saturday 17 March – 2nd Round Kiewa Cup

Wednesday 28 March – Final of Day 9 Holer's v Twilighters. End of Daylight Saving

Friday 30 April – Good Friday Par

APRIL 2018

Monday 2 April – Easter Monday Ambrose

COMMITTEE NEWS

We are taking possession of our Defibrillator machine on Friday 9 February at 3pm at the clubhouse. If anyone is interested in participating in the session which will be conducted to show how to use the machine please let Michael Bartholomew know – 0418 431 531.

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 Members for last month: David McCarthy, Sam Bellchambers and Mark Russell all as Country Members, and welcome back to Justin Stanmore once again as a Full Member.

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

Our number is 1036.



COURSE NEWS

Thanks to all those who volunteered to man the clubhouse over the Christmas / New Year period. The Green Fee players appreciate human contact when they come to play and it is always a great opportunity to show them we are a friendly club and this contact usually generates a couple of memberships and we know then that Green Fees are being paid.

The Captain has signed off on the Program for the Men for February and March and this can be downloaded from the website.

The Ladies' Comp program will be determined on the Saturday or Wednesday and will depend on the numbers playing.

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

The first Saturday in March, the 3rd, will see the Men's and Ladies' Monthly Medals played. In conjunction with the Monthly Medal that day the Men will vie for clubhouse leadership in the 1st round of the Kiewa Cup. The 2nd Round will be played on Saturday 17 March.

This coming Saturday will have the Men teeing off the Red Tees for the Annual Red Tee Championships. Rumour has it that all who wear Ladies' attire will gain a 2 stroke advantage over their handicap. I know one person who will be wearing a dress!!

A past member and likeable fellow, Johnny Ovsenik, was killed in a tragic car accident on Good Friday last year and at the request of Stan and Roger Church a Memorial Event will be played on Saturday 17 February. The format will be a Stableford Multiplier and we hope all will make the effort to participate in the event. Grab a partner and let's celebrate Johnny's memory.

On the Labour Day Monday, 12 March, we will host a 3 person Open Ambrose event. Grab partners of either sex for this event.

Thanks to Stan who has kindly donated prize monies for the event in memory of his mate Johnny. The day should be frequently dotted with Johnny's favourite saying as he skinnyed his ball: "On Da Head".

Wednesday 28 March is not only near the end of Daylight Saving but will be the final event to determine the 9 Hole session champions – will it be the "Daytimers" or the "Twilighters"?



Good Friday, 28 March, there will be a Par comp played followed on Monday by the Easter Monday Ambrose. The Saturday and Sunday games will be Stableford events.

A very busy schedule for the next couple of months to take advantage of the beautiful weather we can expect up here in the Kiewa Valley. Hope to see many of you out here for a game. March is also the start of the Pennant Season for the North East District and Mount Beauty will be fielding a team once again. More later in the newsletter.

PAST EVENTS INFORMATION

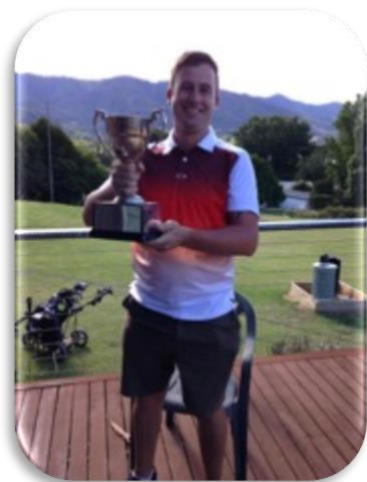
Saturday, 6 January, the Monthly Medal was again contested, after the postponement of the December event. The winner was Mick Luscombe with a net 69 on a C/B from Peter Hertzog. Balls in the Ball Comp were won by Bill Webb 70 on a C/B from Peter Johns on a C/B from visitor Steve Graham 70, Wes Dowel 71. NTP's 7th Ben Peacock 9th Ben Peacock 17th Darren Flay 18th Trevor English. Closest 2nd shot on the 8th Steve Graham. Looks like the visitor showed the field a few tricks!



Saturday, 13 January, a 3 Ball Ambrose was staged – Winning team was David Browning, Don Mason & Stephen Short 64/net 58. R/Up team Peter Johns, Peter Dilley & Mick Luscombe 65/net 58.6 NTP's 7th Tony Campen 9th Mick Luscombe 17th Peter Dilley 18th Peter Dilley

The Herb Gilbert Memorial 4BBB Stableford was played out on Saturday 20th January. The winners John Sullivan & Wes Dowel with a commendable 46points. R/Up Tony Campen & David Browning with 45 points. The Individual winner was Wes Dowel with a great 40 points followed by Tony Campen 39 on a C/B from Allan Ferrari. NTP's 7th Ben Charlton 9th Peter Hertzog 17th Bill Webb 18th James Martin. Closest 2nd shot on the 13th James Martin.

AUSTRALIA DAY, Friday 26 January – The course was once again set up as 18 Par 3 Holes with all sorts skill related tests between holes. Report later in this newsletter.



Eventually, after a fairly lengthy delay, the Medal of Medallists trophy was contested on Saturday 3 February. Only the winners of a Monthly Medal from the past season are eligible to contest. Eligible for the 'Medal of Medallists' for the 2017 season were: Peter Dilley (Dec), John Sullivan (Jan), Stephen Short (Feb & July), Steve Haugh (March & Nov), Trev English (April), Tony Campen (May & Aug), Steve Johnston (June), Dave Whelan (Sept) & Allan Ferrari (Oct). Scoring a net 72 'Kiwi' Dave Whelan won out over John 'Taff' Sullivan with a 75.



Overshadowing Dave's effort a little was the outstanding Par round put in by Ben Charlton which included 3 bogeys! So close to a course record if those had been omitted. Ben Charlton ended with a net 66 from Captain Peter Hertzog with 70. Balls in the Ball Comp went to David Browning 71, David Whelan 72, Emil Solar 73 and Ben Peacock 73 NTP's 7th David Whelan 9th Roger Church 17th David Whelan 18th Peter Johns. Closest 2nd shot on the 13th, somewhat controversially, went to Ben Charlton who fired in his second shot, which Captain Peter Hertzog swears would have ended up across the road in the Spring Water Factory, and hits the NTP marker from the previous closest and shoots back toward the hole to finish up very close. Luck on Ben's side that day?? You bet, and well deserved. The unlucky closest shot helping out Ben was Mick Luscombe. Bad luck, Mick.



AUSTRALIA DAY – PAR 3 DAY

The MAJOR fun day of January was Australia Day, Friday 26 January, when once again, the course was transformed into 18 Par 3 holes. This event was a great success again this year and attracted 44 participants. On some of the longer journeys between hole and tee on the day there was all sorts of skill related events happening such as Longest Drive with Opposite Hand, Non-handicap Longest Drive, closest to the Tyre and Straightest Drive to name a few.

After the day's comp a Family BBQ, cooked by the members, was enjoyed by all. On the day we welcomed many partners, kids and friends of Members with quite a few non-handicapped participants, which made for some interesting combined handicaps for some of the teams. I would like to think that was not staged or calculated but.....



Many thanks to all the sponsors and businesses that donated the very numerous prizes and food for the day. Without your help we could not run events such as this and provide such great prizes, especially for the kids. (I wanted the Mega Water Pistol).

Most importantly 75% of the proceeds of the day were donated to Local Charity "Something about Hugo" Alpine Image Library.

Results on the day were:

Overall Gross score winners were a team led by Ben Peacock and his father helped by Andy McEnnally, Michael Whipps and S Macca with a creditable 51 off the stick. Runners up with 51 were Emil Solar, Roger Church, Stuey Jelbart and Michael Bartholomew.

Aided by an enormous handicap advantage (at least 3 x 45's) the Handicap winners were the Charlton Family with net 38.2 very nearly pipped by the Flay Family with a net 38.5. Well done and great to see the youngsters having a go.

NTP's 1st B Charlton 2nd J Kissane 3rd J Kissane 4th D Flay 5th D Mason 6th D Flay 7th C Copeland 8th D Perente 9th T Campen 10th D Mason 11th L Bevan 12th M Luscombe 13th L Bevan 14th D Flay 15th A McEnnally 16th M Luscombe 17th L Bevan 18th Macca

Longest Drive (14th) Ben Charlton, Straightest Drive (11th) Ben Charlton, Longest Drive Non-Handicap (5th) Mark Flay (Junior), Longest Drive Opposite Hand (4th) Michael Bartholomew, Nearest the Tyre (6th) Emil Solar.



After presentations and something to eat we all journeyed out to the 18th hole to witness most of the Non-handicap players chip-off for a chance to win a year's Membership of the Mount Beauty Golf Club. Local snake-catcher, fire-pit manufacturer, Ski Patroller 'Whippsy' was pipped at the last chip by Ms J O'Donohue.

Congratulations and we hope you will join us for a few more events.

HOLE IN ONE PRESENTATION



As mentioned in last month's newsletter Roger Church got his visit from a representative of [Tate Funeral Services](#) and presented with a cheque for \$200 for his efforts.

Thanks to Tate Funeral Services for their continued sponsorship of our Holes in One.



TUESDAY MORNING AND TWILIGHT GOLF

Liz will be busy this summer and is once again offering the opportunity for non-competition golf to all on a Tuesday evening starting at 5pm. Come along and have a few hits with some members in a social environment.

This year Liz will also be offering a morning round starting at 10am every Tuesday as well.

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



FINDLAY SHIELD

John 'Taff' Sullivan has sent this report about our performance in the Findlay Shield event: "After numerous postponements and delays the last round of the 2017 Findlay Shield got underway on the January 21 2018. Mt Beauty, holding an unbeatable position (or so we thought), in first place from Myrtleford followed by Dederang in last. With only 5 players the boys knew that someone would

have to have a good round, and that man was Kiwi Dave (Whelan) who had an impressive 38 points to easily bring home the Shield, next best was a tie between Wes (Dowell), Campo (Tony Campen) and Alan Ferrari on 29 points and lastly Shorty (Stephen Short) on a well made 26. The final scores were Mt. Beauty 351 points to easily account for Myrtleford with 346 points and Dederang last with 338 points, a thrashing by anyone's standards.

This is the second year in a row we have taken home the much-coveted Findlay Shield. Which is a reflection of the hard work done by the president and committee and all the volunteers over the last few years

Many thanks go to the players who played in the Shield

Wes Dowel, Steve Short, Dave Whelan, Tony Campen, Alan Ferrari, John Sullivan, James Martin Stuart Gelbart, Peter Hertzog, Ben Peacock and Ben Charlton.

My apologies if I've missed anyone, if your name isn't on the list and you have played Findlay Shield in the last 2 years please let me know."

Congratulations gentlemen on your efforts to once again bring home the Shield. The Pennant boys are now revved up and very eager to bring home a Pennant this year.

PENNANT SEASON

After the feats of the Findlay Shield team – we dare NOT bring home the 2018 Handicap Section 1 Pennant?!



This year our Pennant Season starts on Sunday 18 March at Wodonga against Rutherglen and continues 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.

I have compiled a list of the usual suspects for the team and if ANYONE wishes to play in these one-on-one Matchplay rounds PLEASE let Michael Bartholomew or Ben Charlton know. All are most welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

Michael Skinner will be coming out to the club to conduct his lessons again on Thursday 1 March. Individual lessons will be every 45 minutes from 10.30am with a chipping / putting clinic around 1pm. Check the list on the noticeboard for available times and put your name on a time slot.

GOLF AUSTRALIA SURVEY

Have you taken up golf in the last 12 months? Are you aged 55-74 and play golf at least once per fortnight? We are looking for participants to complete an on-line survey regarding the reasons why you started playing golf. We have information on why experienced golfers play golf, but little on why new golfers start to play. It is expected that the survey will take less than 20 mins to complete. You will be providing valuable information to help us better understand the reasons why Australians are playing golf, and whether there are differences in reasons for playing golfer between new and experienced golfers. Please click on the link below to get started

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewGolfersSurvey>



RECIPROCAL AND LOCAL CLUB NEWS

Myrtleford GC is hosting the NEDGA Opening Day on Sunday 18 February at 8.30am for a 9am shotgun start. The format is 4 Ball Aggregate Stableford and incorporates the President's, Secretaries and Captain's Day (which Stephen and Michael will be attending). Please let either one of us know if you would like to join us on the day.

The VICTORIAN MEN'S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP (inc. Colts & Junior titles) will be played on Saturday 24- Sunday 25 February 2018 at the Rosebud Country Club. For entry and info go to <http://www.golfvic.org.au/midamateur>

Hepburn Springs Golf Club is holding a special golf event, "Gentsomes", on Saturday 24 February. Gentsomes is an alternative golf format that is a modified Ambrose/ Stableford event. Teams of 4 any combination of men/ women/ combined - \$15.00 per person. 12.00 assembly for 12.30 shotgun start. Entries to entries@hepburngolf.com.au

Jubilee Golf Club (Wangaratta) will be holding their Annual Tournament from Thursday 1 March thru Sunday 4 March for both Ladies' and Men. Phone the Pro Shop on (03) 5725 3258 for details.

In its third year, The 2018 National Invitational continues to celebrate women's golf and the important role it plays in the health and well-being of women throughout their lives. The National Golf Club is committed to supporting and promoting women's golf and believe The National Invitational will expand the existing calendar of women's golfing events by offering players the opportunity to play three of our four courses.

Monday 5th March – Cape Schanck Trophy – Individual Stableford – Moonah Course

Tuesday 6th March – The Lady Nelson Bell – 4BBB – Old Course

Wednesday 7th March – The National Invitational – Aggregate Stableford – Ocean Course

To enter please go to <https://www.nationalgolf.com.au/cms/invitational>

Tocumwal Golf Club are staging the 2018 Veterans Autumn Tournament on 12 to 16 March 2018. Ph: 03 5874 9111 or Freecall: 1800 631 197

Email: reception@tocumwalgolf.com | www.tocumwalgolf.com.au

The 2018 Portsea Women's Open Day will be held on Monday March 19th 2018. Entries and enquiries to Simon Risstrom at golfoperations@portseagolf.com.au

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 GC's. eMail golf@sunraysiagolftours.com.au for further info and to enter.

LAUGH TIME

An avid golfer was involved in a terrible car crash and was rushed to the hospital. Just before he was put under, the surgeon popped in to see him. "I have some good news and some bad news," says the surgeon. "The bad news is that I have to remove your right arm!" "Oh God no!" cries the man. "My golfing is over! Please Doc, what's the good news?"

"Well, the good news is... I have another one to replace it with, but it's a woman's arm and I'll need your permission before I can go ahead with the transplant." "Go for it doc," says the man, "as long as I can play golf again."

The operation went well and a year later the man was out on the golf course when he bumped into the surgeon. "Hi, how's the new arm?" asks the surgeon. "Just great," says the golfer, "I'm playing the best golf of my life. My new arm has a much finer touch, and my putting has really improved." "That's great," said the surgeon.

"Not only that," continued the golfer, "my handwriting has improved, I've learned how to sew my own clothes and I've even taken up painting landscapes in watercolours. "That's unbelievable!" said the surgeon, "I'm so glad to hear the transplant was such a great success. Are you having any side effects?" "Well, just two, said the golfer, "I have trouble parallel parking, and every time I get an erection I also get a headache." (Blame Midge Clooney 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 | 14th: Available |
| 2nd: Available | 15th: Available |
| 3rd: Middy's Electrical | 16th: Falls Creek Resort Management Board |
| 4th: Available | 17th: Tawonga South Newsagency |
| 5th: Snow View Holiday Units | 18th: Mount Beauty Hardware & Drapery |
| 6th: Rocky Valley Bikes & Snowsports | Scorecard: Foodworks |
| 7th: Tawonga South Butchery | Mount Beauty Auto |
| 8th: Altitude Electrical | Mount Beauty Bakery |
| 9th: Falls Creek Coaches | Home Improvement Centre |
| 10th: Bendigo Bank | Eagle's Nest: Available |
| 11th: The Blue Manor | Hole in One': Tate's Funeral Services |
| 12th: Available | Meat Tray: Tawonga South Butchery |
| 13th: Belmores Accountants | General: Drummond Golf |

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.

