



Club News

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DIARY DATES

December 2017

Saturday 9 December – Stableford
Yellow Ball

Sunday 17 December – ‘Every Day
Hero’ Golf Day

Saturday 30 December – Men’s
Canadian (Pairs)

January 2018

Saturday 6 January – Men’s and
Ladies’ Monthly Medal

TBA

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Committee wish all our Members and Newsletter followers a Very Merry and Safe Christmas.

Welcome to New Members Jill and Lindsay Martin as Full Members of the club. The Committee hopes you will enjoy the benefits of membership.

Captain, Peter Hertzog, has not finalised the Program for the upcoming season as yet hence the January ‘Diary Dates’ are unavailable. I will certainly let all know, and update the website, once this information has been received.

Don’t forget to give your points to Mount Beauty Golf Club at Foodworks in town Our number is 1036.



COURSE NEWS

A nursery for replacement Green’s grass has been planted behind the 10th green and seems to be doing OK. Our newly allocated Course Overseer, John Anderson, will be in charge of its’ progress and the sprinkler system has been extended so it receives water on a very regular basis whilst it is consolidating and developing.

We have been able to secure 2 chairs from the historic Eagle Chair in Falls Creek which is being replaced this summer with a state of the art quad detachable chairlift.



Thanks go to the Falls Creek Resort Management for their very kind donation. We will position them on both the 7th and 17th tees to commemorate this iconic lift and to recognise our Alpine neighbour. To put this into perspective these chairs were auctioned on the last weekend of the season at Falls and averaged close to \$1000 per chair!



WILDLIFE ON THE COURSE



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.

If your shot hits one you are entitled to a penalty free re-hit from the same spot.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The first Saturday in January, the 6th, will see the Men's and Ladies' Monthly Medals played.

Due to extreme weather conditions on Saturday 2 December the 'Medal of Medallists' playoff has been postponed to a date in the New Year, to be advised. This was formerly the CAZNA Cup and is open only to those who have won a Monthly Medal between December 2016 and November 2017 inclusive.

Eligible players for the 'Medal of Medallists' this season are: 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).

'Good Hitting' to all those who take part in this event in the New Year.

PRESENTATION NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

An important date for the diary was Saturday 2 December for the Annual Presentation Night combined with the Christmas Party.

By all accounts the evening was most enjoyable and thanks go to all who helped to make the night memorable. Marie Shegog did a great job with the food which I am told was scrumptious indeed.



Ben Charlton ably MC'ed the presentations on the night and his choice of medals and trophies was novel and well chosen.

Presented on the night were:



E Solar



S Haugh



P Hertzog



S Jelbart



'Taf'



M Luscombe



A Retallick



B Peacock



S Short



S Johnston



S Thomas



Webby

A grade and Club Champion: Ben Charlton

B grade Champion: Stephen Haugh

C grade Champion: Peter Dilley

54 hole Champion: Allan Ferrari

Herb Gilbert Memorial Trophy: Rollo Kiek & Steve Johnston

Red Tees Champion: S Thomas

Kiewa Hydro Cup: Bill Webb tied with Trevor English
Matchplay Champion: John 'Taf' Sullivan
Stephen Green Memorial Trophy: Mick Luscombe & Tony Bogaski
Jarman Cup: Steve Johnston
Men's Foursomes Champions: Stephen Haugh & Allan Ferrari
Mixed Foursomes Champions: Julie Chapman & Emil Solar
Alf McBain Trophy: Peter Hertzog
Player of the Year: Stephen Haugh
NTP King: A Retallick
Eclectic Scratch Winner: Ben Peacock
Eclectic Net Winner: Ben Peacock
Eclectic C Grade: Stuey Jelbart
Eclectic B Grade: Stephen Short
Eclectic A Grade: Ben Peacock

Congratulations to all of the medal and trophy winners throughout the season. Keep up the good work and the rest of us are on your tail.

PAST EVENTS INFORMATION

First up for November was the final round of the Men's Championships. Played over 5 rounds and using the best 3 the competition was close.

The results:

A grade winner and Club Champion: Ben Charlton (in red) 229 R/Up Allan Ferrari 240

B Grade: Stephen Haugh (in black) 255 R/Up Peter Johns 266

C Grade: Peter Dilley (in yellow) 289 R/Up David Whelan 293





54 Hole Handicap: Allan Ferrari after a playoff on the 18th with Stephen Haugh. It took him 2 goes to win with both paring the first playoff. Allan chipped in for a birdie on the second playoff.



The November Monthly Medal, played on the same day, was won by Stephen Haugh, for the second time, with a net 72. Congrats. Runner Up was Trevor English with 73. Allan Retallick received a ball for his 74 net. Apologies to NTP winners as I do not have them to hand.

The next Major event was scheduled for the weekend of 10 & 11 November, that of the Men's Annual Tournament. Starting on the Saturday with the 18 hole Stableford Comp in which we had 28 starters including players from Beechworth, Yackandandah and Corowa. The NEDGA Captain visited us for the event, his first visit since the new grass greens had been installed. Myself, Stephen and Allan had the privilege of playing with him. Thanks to the ladies for feeding us after the game. The weather held off for us and the day was most enjoyable.



The better golfers on the day were:

Scratch – A grade: Nathan Schneider 71 from Trevor Britten 76, B grade: Steve Graham 89 from Andrew McEnally on a C/B, C grade: our own Wes Dowell 94 from G Pool 102. A commendable round by Nathan, who is our current Course Record Holder.
Handicap (Net) – A grade: Allan Retallick 69 from A Jones 73, B grade: Andrew McEnally 71 from brother-in-law James Martin 78, C grade: Gary Hollonds 76 from G Pool 80. Good to see our own members featuring in this category although the visitors were not far behind.

NTP's: 7th: N Schneider 9th: James Martin 17th: Wes Dowell 18th: A Jones.

Differing holes were allocated for the 3 grades in the Longest Drive category with Nathan taking the A Grade honours on the 14th, Brendan Pool for the B's on the 11th and Steve Johnston outdrove all the C graders on the 2nd. Nice hits boys!



Trevor Britten cleaned out our Eagle's Nest with a chip in on the Par 5 5th. Well done Trev.

The following day we held a 3 Ball Ambrose comp with 6 teams partaking, one of which was a Mixed team of Trevor English and Michael and Carol Bartholomew.

Results were:

Winning team: Ben Peacock, Stephen Short and Will Hood with a net 61 followed by Ben Charlton, Wes Dowell and Macca Deans with 66^{1/3}. NTP's 7th Macca Deans, 9th Wes Dowell, 17th Mick Luscombe, 18th Michael Bartholomew. NTP on the 2nd shot on the 15th was Roger Church.

Next up, on the following Wednesday, was the Ladies turn to host their Annual Tournament. The weather was also kind to them with the whole round played on a glorious day. (They usually get a shocker of a day in the wind and rain).

Liz Harvey has given me a report of the day:

"The Mount Beauty Ladies held their annual tournament on Wednesday 15 November with 30 players from Bright, Thurgoona, Albury, Wangaratta, Mount Beauty, Yackandandah, Howlong, Beechworth, Rutherglen and Myrtleford.



It was a great day, finishing up fairly warm. Thanks go to our men who supported us so well preparing the course, making sandwiches, manning the bar, keeping scoreboard. Ita Arter also helped in the kitchen and was a support in many ways.

Because our lady member numbers are so small we have decided not to hold this day again. However, the Club has an idea for next year to combine the ladies' and men's tournaments. Further news about this later.

Results of the day:

A grade Winner Allison Gilbert (Bright) 31 points, R/U Tina Cook (Bright) 30 points. B grade Winner Leigh Lawther (Howlong) 31 points,

R/U Julie Chapman (Mount Beauty) 30 points. C grade Winner Chris O'Shea (Bright) 29 points, R/U Liz Harvey (Mount Beauty) 29 points.

9 holes out (Front 9) Winner Di Tyrell- Miller (Howlong) 16 points

9 holes in (Back 9) Bernie Fitzgerald (Bright) 17 points



Nearest the pin winners were, 7th Carol Burgess (Bright), 9th Alison Gilbert (Bright), 17th Jenny Richter (Bright), 18th Margaret Curtis (Myrtleford)

Bright was the winner of the Valley Shield with the winning team including Tina Cook, Di Anders, Chris O'Shea and Robin Poyner."



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Thanks to all who took part, both playing and helping, in a very successful couple of Annual Tournaments.



SUNDAY JUNIOR GOLF



A report at the end of the Sunday junior golf by Liz Harvey:

“Our 7 day Sunday junior golf coaching has now finished for the year. It was very successful with 21 participants, 8 of them attending every session. The weather was very kind to us with no really hot days and no wet days.

As the coaching has been going for several years some of the kids are ready to play in a junior competition which the Club will organise on Sunday mornings in Term 1 next year.

Some of them have also attended the coaching in school holidays with Michael Skinner. Michael will be having a clinic

again next year some time. As I have e-mail addresses of all of our juniors it will be easy to get information to everyone.



The last day of junior golf was a day of small competitions of chipping, putting and driving, followed by a sausage sizzle and Christmas party. Many of the winners received a new golf ball which they will probably treasure!

Thanks to all of our helpers. As you know nothing happens without volunteer helpers. They have been Julie Chapman, Leesa Bevan, Lynda Barter and Nick Low. Nick was one of our first participants in this programme and is now helping out. Ben Slocombe and Melissa Wiffen have been parent helpers and Ben Charlton cooked the sausages for our break-up and announced the junior golf competition mentioned earlier.”

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

Many thanks to Liz Harvey and all her helpers from the Committee for organising these Junior Clinics over the last few years. Juniors are a very important part of any club and are needed in order to keep a club healthy and ensuring some succession of membership well into the future.

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

'EVERY DAY HERO' GOLF DAY



Mount Beauty Golf Club was inspired by the generosity of the locals who helped us to raise over \$4000 last year at the Longest Day of Golf. This year we are getting behind Parkinson's Victoria and hope to again raise a similar amount and are asking for the community's help to do so. Please show your support by sponsoring the 10 players with their endeavour to play 72 holes in one day or by donating via this page.

This event will be played on **Sunday 17 December** followed at 5pm for a BBQ on the deck. ALL WELCOME. There will be a few other events on the day for all others.

A MAJOR SPONSOR for the day is AGL

give.everydayhero.com



FINDLAY SHIELD

A report on the Findlay Shield will be in the next newsletter. With only one round to be played, at Myrtleford, can we defend the honour?

TALL GOLF STORIES? OR TRUE?



- Wednesday 8 November, on the 7th I believe, Allan Ferrari, in his usual deliberate fashion went through his ball addressing routine. Little did he know his efforts would result in the picture to the left!

Elation OR Disappointment?

- The second story was told to me by someone playing with 'Taf' Sullivan yesterday, Wednesday 6 December, in the Twilight group, which was suggested be labelled "LUCKY TAF":

Having, allegedly, a tough round Taf was hitting a lot of trees. However his ball seemed to always be deflected into the middle of the fairway. Then on the 14th he managed to hit the middle of the fairway, Taf lines up his second shot feeling things may start to get better. Guess what? They did. He proceeded to well and truly give the ball a headache with a miss timed 'On The Head' miss-hit, but, his ball hits one of the many Roos on the course – he is allowed another shot from the same spot.

You can get lucky sometimes. Well done Taf.



RECIPROCAL AND LOCAL CLUB NEWS

The Victorian Mid-Amateur Championships will be held on Sunday 14 & Monday 15 January 2018 at the Cranbourne & The National (Long Island) GCs. [Register here](#)

The 29th South Gippsland Golf Classic is to be held in February 2018, 9 days of golf at 9 different courses. Our website is southgippslandgolfclassic.org.au

The Oates Vic Open is locked in for 2018, with the biggest staging in the event's history to get underway on 1 February 2018. Australia's fastest growing golf tournament will return to 13th Beach Golf Links for the sixth straight year and is expected to lure more of the world's top talent to the Bellarine Peninsula. The Oates Vic Open is the only golf tournament of its kind around the world, with the men's and women's fields competing on the same courses, at the same time, for an equal share in the prize money.

Golf Vic are seeking volunteers to help out at the event. There are numerous roles to choose from, so for more information and to register, please click <http://www.vicopengolf.com/volunteers>

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

RULE OF THE WEEK: UNMARKED BALL ON GREEN

The consequences of teeing off outside the teeing ground are not always the same, and this week PGA Professional Nat Whittington explains the ramifications and how they differ from stroke play to match play.

[Watch the Video....](#)

SOUVENIRS FOR SALE

We have received shipment of **new shirts** incorporating the club logo. I shall have a sample for the next newsletter. They are available at the Clubhouse for \$50 each

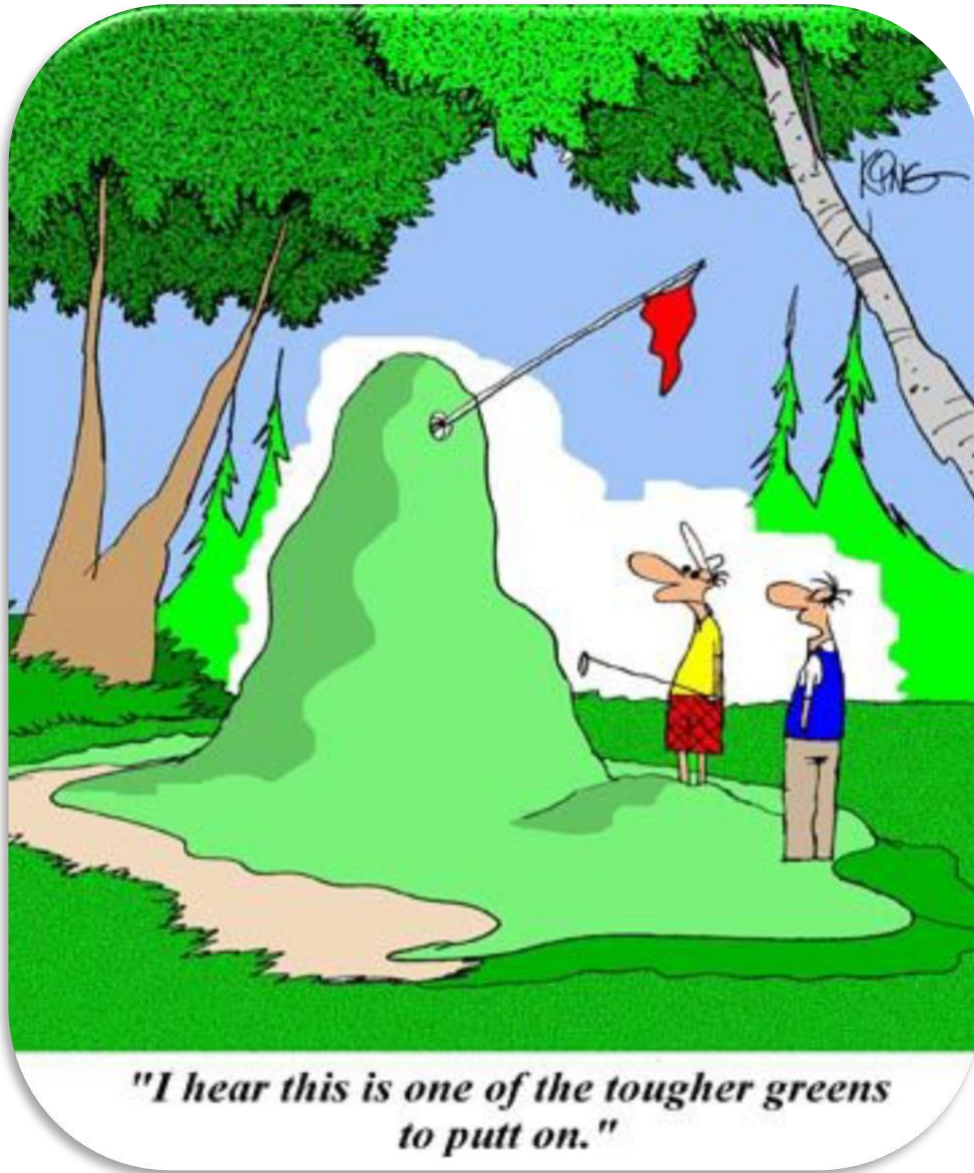


Two types of ball markers are available, one attached to a pitch mark repairer and the other to a hat clip. The marker bears our Logo.
All items can be purchased separately and are available at the clubhouse.

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**.



LAUGH TIME



GOLF TRIVIA

The History of Stableford



Millions of golfers around the world are familiar with the Stableford system of scoring that often saves them from embarrassment on a tricky day. But hardly any know anything about the inventor or its invention.

His name was Dr Frank Barney Gorton Stableford and he created the system while playing his golf at Glamorganshire Golf Club and Royal Porthcawl Golf Club in South Wales in 1898.

Ironically, though, it took 30 years to be an overnight success.

It was not until Stableford had moved to Wallasey Golf Club, near Royal Liverpool, that the system became a golfing byword in 1932 and beyond. As such, he is known as "the Patron Saint of Club Golfers".

For the uninitiated, Stableford scoring - one point for a net bogey, two points for par, three points for birdie and four points for net eagle - changed golf

immeasurably since it allowed the average golfer, prone to his or her one-hole meltdown, to compete with a reasonable score and in acceptable time. The player who can no longer score on a particular hole merely picks up the ball and marks a 'wipe' on the card. If those millions of club golfers have not offered up a prayer and thanks to Dr Stableford, then they ought to have.

Stableford was an eminent war doctor and surgeon in his own right, and a plus-one handicap golfer. The system that Frank Stableford invented took its time to catch on. When it was first tried, at Glamorganshire in 1898, the club added a Stableford score to the traditional stoke score, then added one-third of a player's handicap to reach a conclusion.

"He (Stableford) mucked it up, in a way. Frankly, one-third was not enough. It heavily favoured the lower handicapper."

Stableford went off to the Boer War in South Africa to tend the wounded as a doctor, then to a conflict in Somaliland and again served the British Army in World War 1 in Malta and southern Italy, treating soldiers who had returned from the conflict in Gallipoli.

But when he shifted to Wallasey after the war he moved to have his system adopted again, in 1932, this time with the club adding three-quarters of a player's handicap to his score, which worked much better. But the introduction of the stroke index system around the same time was the catalyst for Stableford scoring to take off, for those two systems worked superbly together.

Stableford play is commonplace in Australia and throughout the United Kingdom as well as many other golfing nations, though surprisingly not so in America.

There is an annual match between the Wallasey and Glamorganshire clubs to commemorate Stableford's work, and a plaque on the second tee at Wallasey as well. "The story goes that the second (hole) at Wallasey heads straight at the Irish sea and the prevailing wind blows right back down the fairway. The mythology was that they'd play the first all right, make a mess of the second, then tear up their cards and go home! So the plaque suggests that this is the place where he drew his inspiration!"

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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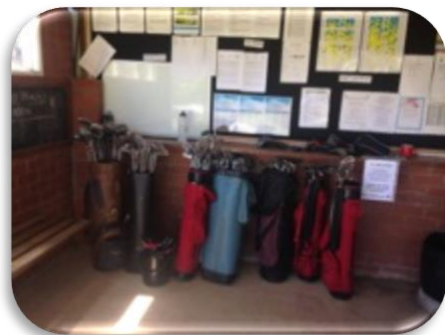
You can join Drummonds as a Lifetime Member via the Golf Club at a substantially discounted price. Please see John or Belinda at Drummonds in Albury and tell them you are a member of Mount Beauty Golf Club.

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.

FOR THE TAKING – BY DONATION



Ken Harvey and myself spent a morning going over our rental club fleet and have placed all superfluous clubs, bags and head covers in the mustering area on the downhill side of the clubhouse.

Please feel free to take any clubs, covers, bags you need from the golf bags. **ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU LEAVE A DONATION TO THE CLUB IN THE GREEN FEES BOX.**

Under the sign-in table 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.



SS TOURS

GOLF TRIP TO QUEENSTOWN NZ

On Saturday 18 November an intrepid group of 6 couples jumped on various flights to Queenstown for a week away playing golf at three of the Queenstown area courses. Organised by SS (Stephen Short) Tours everyone was in high spirits when we hit the ground at the airport. After a little bit of messing around at Customs we were picked up by the Golf Tour Company Stephen booked the tour through and taken to our accommodation, The Glebe Apartments.



The following day 9 of the group, including 2 ladies, headed to Queenstown Golf Club and the battle began. A mix of scores was obtained and a leaderboard established.

A lay day on the Monday and we were all set for Round 2 of the SS Championships at Millbrook. A very picturesque course near Arrowtown. (Note: Is there anywhere in NZ that is NOT picturesque?)



The final round at Jack's Point saw us all gasping for breath at this spectacular, scenic course. Drivers at the ready and off we went.

Playing and concentrating on these courses proved tough. The eventual prize, the 'Tweed Jacket', went to Peter Partington with 3 consistent rounds in the 30's.



Thank you from all of us to Stephen Short for a well organised jaunt across the ditch. I am informed that SS Tours has since gone into retirement. Someone else will have to organise the next golf holiday.

