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\$150,000 Grants Awarded to Club

As part of the Australian Government's Building Better Regions fund, Bairnsdale Golf Club has been awarded a Grant of \$146,215 to up-grade our Course irrigation system. The successful application was announced by Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester. The project, which will improve the sustainability of the Course and attract new members, will be environmentally friendly, upgrading the existing hydraulic sprinkler system to an advanced electric system around the Course greens. Mr. Chester said he was looking forward to work starting as soon as possible to allow benefits to flow throughout the region.

The other, a Victorian State Vic Health Grant of \$3,000 was announced by our Member for Gippsland East, Tim Bull.

This Grant is to provide new bowls to compliment our Jack Attack program, aimed at attracting new bowls members to our Club.

Tim Bull with Manager Jeff Graham, and Bev Yeates representing the Bowls Club.



Out of hibernation and back on the Course

It is brilliant to see such big fields now that the season is back on track. Tues. May 26th. was a good field of 85 players. Peter McCallum had a very nice shot out of the bunker close to the hole at the 14th. for a par on his way to winning the event with 38 points.



MANAGER'S REPORT - MAY 2020

Jeff Graham



Hello Members,

It's been fantastic to see all the golfers and bowlers back enjoying the sports they love (and hate). Smiling faces and chatty conversation has been very much missed around the club in recent months and it's tremendous to have everyone back. Mind you, some of the scores have been entertaining and hard to comprehend. Whilst there's a fair excuse for the poor form, it lays to rest the debate that golfers are similar to thoroughbreds and better off after a period in the paddock!

There's quite a bit to get through this month, my apologies to Bev Yeates who has to squeeze my report into her pro forma, usually as a late entry...:-)

Director of Golf role update.

As of July 1st, the club will commence full operation of the Golf Shop which was initially slated to include a Director of Golf (The term used for an employed Head Professional). Due to the COVID-19 impact, the club withdrew the advertised role at the point of shortlisting candidates and resolved to pause for consideration.

Since this decision, a great deal of thought and discussion has transpired with an arrival at a temporary solution to provide members with quality professional services.

The following is a brief summary of how it will function:

Counter service: The Pro-Shop counter will be staffed by a mix of newly employed casual staff, Dom Bennett and myself. Back-up and occasional shifts will be provided by the office staff. The new service office between the bar and pro-shop counter will make the task of combining existing roles with counter service possible and effective.

Professional service and advice including equipment sales, fittings and club repairs will be handled by me.

Coaching: This has proven to be the most difficult service to provide under the temporary arrangement.

We have approached several local PGA Professionals with the aim of using two or three coaches to cover the usual availability of one. Matt Portelli who is based in Longford will be travelling to Bairnsdale on a semi regular week end basis. Initially Matt intends to coach at the club every fortnight to three weeks on a Saturday morning.

Matt has a tremendous reputation and previously worked at the Sale Golf Club and currently coaches at the Maffra Golf club.

We have also approached David Claridge. David is committed to Riviera Golf until the end of September but has indicated he would be available for mid week coaching at the Bairnsdale Golf club from October onwards.

Although I am a qualified golf coach, I simply won't have the availability to provide a consistent service and will only coach as an absolute last resort.

Last resort meaning "I'm approaching a nervous breakdown and about to give the game away".

More information on booking lessons with Matt or David will be conveyed shortly.

MANAGER'S REPORT - MAY 2020 (cont.)

Club Management:

With my increased involvement in the pro-shop operations, Stephen Mann will take a more hands on role of managing the club. Essentially the role of General Manager will be performed by both Stephen and I with a common sense approach to task designation and workloads.

These temporary approaches will save the club a considerable amount of money whilst we absorb and monitor the financial impact from the pandemic. The most obvious question is how long will this temporary measure be in place? Well that depends less on time and more on volume. The club's ability to afford a Director of Golf is centred around our profitability and specifically the number of members, green fee players and sponsorship we can maintain.

We have several primary points of measurement, membership renewals which are finalised in October and the membership, sponsorship and green fee growth period of November to February. If the world bounces back to something close to normal and the club can maintain or increase (not decrease) its numbers, then it is very likely we will re-engage the Director of Golf appointment process from March 2021 onward.

Junior coaching program volunteers.

One of the areas the club could use volunteer assistance is with the Junior Program. Traditionally conducted on Saturday mornings (this could be moved to suit volunteers) during school terms, the classes run for approximately 60-90 minutes and have produced some very good young golfers.

The immediate plan to continue the program consists of a professionally produced format delivered by skilled club volunteers. The qualities we are looking for in a volunteer include an A Grade handicap (male and/or female), a willingness to undertake the required certifications (such as a working with children check) and regular availability. Ideally, if we could attract three or four volunteers, we could rotate the workload whilst ensuring a consistent and quality program is delivered. If you would like to assist, please give me a call or pop into the office.

Clubhouse re-opening and the new food service.

As previously corresponded, the clubhouse and bar remain closed based on the volume of restrictions which apply to the service of alcohol and mandatory service of meals.

Behind the scenes we have been working with qualified hospitality staff to assist with the commencement of a limited food service which will enable members to come in after their game for refreshments. The drafted scheme will require members to pre-order their meals from a menu before they start and then returning to the clubhouse after their game to enjoy the meal with a few drinks.

Depending on the next easing of restrictions detail, it's more than likely a slightly modified end of competition presentations will be possible which will add to the feeling of normality. We are planning to commence the service directly after the next State Government COVID-19 restrictions review, this was planned for late June, but after the recent protests and subsequent ripples....this could be delayed.

Until next month.

Regards

Jeff Graham

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MAY 2020

Stephen Mann



VALE

Regretfully, I wish to advise that the following members have passed away recently. Mick Blackwood and David De Moel (Bowls members) and also Craig Seignior as past golf member.

On behalf of all members, I offer our deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

GRANTS

I am extremely pleased to advise all members that we have received the following grants:

Bowls Grant

We have received a \$3,000 grant from Vic Health Active Grant for us to purchase 10 sets of bowls for the Jack Attack program.

Irrigation Grant

We have been advised officially today that we have received a grant from the Federal Better Building Regions Fund (BBRF) for \$ 146,215 for our irrigation upgrade. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$302,430 exc GST.

The grant has only been received due to the great work of our consultant, Red Tape Busters and the huge amount of work undertaken by our Manager (Jeff Graham) in preparing the information required. Jeff worked tirelessly for four solid weeks, night and day preparing the required information and as a result, we achieved assistance and support from Darren Chester, Tim Bull, Regional Development Australia, East Gippsland Shire Council, Visit Victoria, Golf Australia and others.

This project has been included in our 3-year Strategic Plan and your Committee of Management now has the task of determining ways of funding the balance from internal and external sources. The irrigation works will further improve our golfing facilities significantly. Members will be updated on the timetable of the works in due course.

FAREWELL TO WAYNE & LENA

On 30th June 2020, the contract between Bairnsdale Golf Club and Wayne Thomas as our Golf Professional expires and the club will run the Pro-Shop from July 2020.

Wayne's coaching skills have greatly improved many members game over his 10-year period with our club. His junior program has been well supported and has produced young golfers such as Mitch Anketell, Daniel Defelice, Jesse Turner, Noah Paterson and many more. Wayne has also been an important cog in the success of our Annual Pro-Am Tournament.

Lena's smiling face will be sadly missed in the Pro-Shop.

On behalf of Committee of Management, staff and all members I wish them well in their planned adventures sailing their boat up north and around Malaysia (Assuming COVID-19 allows them to travel). We look forward to catching up when they return.

Thank you both for the great support you have provided to me during my time as President.

CLUB OPENED AGAIN

It is great to see our golf course opened up for members again. Record numbers of golf round have been played in the past few weeks and we hope to be opening the clubhouse to members in the coming weeks, albeit with some restrictions for members.

Jeff Graham will update members on via email shortly.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MAY 2020 (cont.)

CLUBHOUSE WORKS

While our Club has been closed recently there has been significant works completed in the Clubhouse renovating the bar and updating the spike bar to accommodate for the new Pro-shop works. Our sincere thanks go to the following who have assisted and resulted in huge savings to our Club,

- Jeff Graham and Dom Bennett for their great work on both projects
- David Turner and Terry Hughes for carpentry and plastering works
- John McAuley who has completed the electrical works
- Wayne Reddaway who has used his painting skills
- Mick Elliott for installing the new roller door shutters plus other works
- Jeff Lawson for assisting David Turner in carpentry works

You are all a credit to your Club and I am sure all members will join me in thanking you for your great work. I also wish to thank Darren Chester who has assisted in obtaining a grant which has helped reduce the cost of the above works.

GOING FORWARD

While it has been very difficult to have our Club closed, we are now on the way back and provided we all continue to follow the COVID-19 restrictions and trust we do not have any outbreaks of the virus in our area, we should be able to enjoy one another's company for food and drink after golf and bowls. It is also terrific to hear that our bowlers will resume limited competition in the near future. I wish to thank all of the members who have been so understanding to our Committee of Management during this difficult period. Thank you all for your terrific support.

STEPHEN MANN (President)



It hasn't taken long for the good golfers to jump back into good form!

Congratulations to Val Dent who had a 'hole-in-one' on the 4th. on Sunday, June 7th. 'One for six' certainly helped Val and James Abson take out second place on a countback.

We also congratulate Paul Prendergast for his 'hole-in-one' at the 11th. on Thursday, June 5th.



LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT - MAY 2020

Sue Wood



Welcome back to golf. It is great to see such a response since the easing of restrictions earlier this month. There were some rusty swings out there to begin with; however I must say that those sneaky practice golfers haven't come to the fore thus far.

It is still extremely important that we all stick to the social distancing and restricted measures which are currently in place. Given that cards cannot be swapped, please nominate another player to record scores as a cross check and write their name down as the marker. This will be a big help to the match committee when anomalies arise when scanning.

We would appreciate your efforts in this as we intend to get back to following the syllabus where possible and the prestigious monthly medals of course need to be verified.

I'm sure you will all agree that Craig and his team have done a sterling job on the course during lockdown.

I implore everyone to assist Craig in keeping it that way by adhering to the directional signs and be aware not to drive carts where you shouldn't.

The 13th has recovered so well, I would be disappointed to see it deteriorate once again due to a lack of care. Remember also to follow the rules on GUR.

And hats off to the new resident tradie Dom. Jeff, our staff and the many volunteers have been magnificent in what they've achieved at this time. The clubhouse is taking shape beautifully. Congratulations. Steve Mann and his leadership team are also to be commended for strong management throughout this difficult period. Our great club has been in safe hands and I am looking forward to seeing us thrive again soon.

Riding out the Covid crisis has been tough on many of us, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wayne and Lena for pushing on and showing good grace whilst approaching the end of their tenure with us. I wish them both the best for the future.

May 20th Results: A Division was won by Pat Stewart (35), B Division Jenny Hamilton (35).

May 27th Results: A Division Deb Brebner (30), B Division Kristy Bishop (36), C Division Joan McBurnie (36).

Sue Wood
Ladies' Captain

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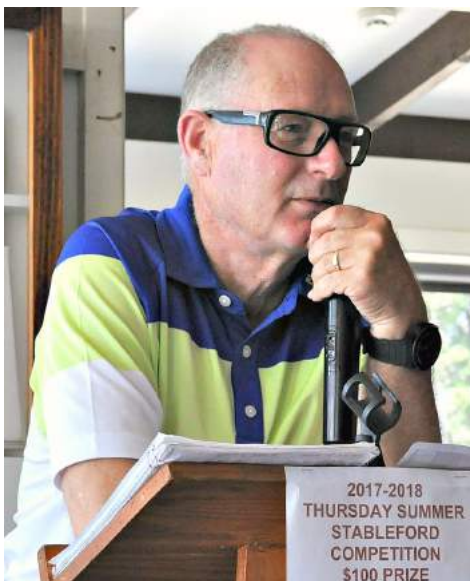
Wayne and Lena

Farewell and thanks for the service



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Lena's smiling face will be sadly missed in the Pro-Shop. We thank them both sincerely for their very generous contributions and sponsorships to our Club over their years of tenure.

Our Committee of Management, staff and all members wish them well in their planned adventures sailing their boat up north and around Malaysia. We look forward to catching up when they return.



CAPTAIN'S REPORT - MAY 2020

Marty Farrelly



On our return to golf we were presented with a pristine golf course to test our skills. Craig, David and Brian did an outstanding job whilst we were away and showed us just how good our course can be. It's up to us now to help them maintain the course, even with the heavy traffic we are experiencing.

Repair pitch marks, put sand in your divots and if you're in a golf cart be careful where you drive it. We are asking you not to drive any closer than 10 metres, in any direction, of the green and stick to paths where they are provided. Also be aware that if we feel that carts could damage the course, we will not permit their use. The most probable time would be if we have a frost.

Several events were postponed while we were away, not the least being the Club Championships. The first round scores will stand, and I'm looking at late September to play the final two rounds.

The 4BBB Knockout competition qualifying will be held on Saturday the 6th. of June. The first round should then be completed by Saturday the 4th. of July ('Les Tipper Memorial' Day). The second round by August the 8th. then the final two rounds by 'Boots Wellington' Day on September the 5th.

We'll hold the qualifying for the Singles Knockout on Saturday the 13th. of June, then all other rounds as per the book, except they will be one month behind.

As the competition develops and we have less players remaining we will try to reduce the time between each round.

The draw for both KO events will be on the notice board in the men's locker room, as well as the conditions of play.

All members should be commended on their actions since our return. As we are almost back to normal it is imperative we remain vigilant and continue to adhere to the guidelines for social distancing.

We are currently getting fields of 110-120 on Thursday and Saturday. This is about 30 more than normal for this time of year so it's vital we maintain our position in the field i.e. just behind the group in front (not just in front of the group behind).

10 minutes extra in your round may cost the last group the chance to finish.

Finally we will continue to play medley competitions on Saturday.

Monthly Medals and other major awards will only be presented to members who hit off the blue tees but at this stage the daily competition can be won off either tee. We will review this in July.

Marty

LADIES' GOLF- MAY 2020

Lady President Jenny Ellis



Welcome to all who have ventured back to our great game. It was natural to have some trepidation before returning to golf, not so much because of Covid-19 but the possibility of not been able to swing a club, or post a reasonable score. Once back it was great to see the bright coloured outfits belying the coolness of the day scattered around the course.

Also seeing many of our wandering nomads, after having their feathers clipped, brave enough to play a game or two. I spotted Marg McCallum and Sharyon Dumbleton enjoying the weather challenge.

While many of us were having down time from the golf course many 'busy bees' were creating mini miracles in the Clubhouse. Many thanks to all who have had a hand in refurbishing of the sports bar and main bar. Looking very spruce. Congratulations must go to Craig and his guys for the magnificent course presentation. Forward thinking on growing your own turf has paid dividends. The apron work on 9th and 18th and the finessing of bunkers on the 7th and 15th was noticed by me first hand. Also, the firewood is warming my home and many others who bought a load.

I thoroughly enjoyed my first game back, playing with Susie Ffrench and Viv Kreymborg. Viv and I were recalling our great adventure on the Ghan last year with Coopers Travel. Remember when the lockdown is over and you need a holiday contact Bill and Titch. My second game back I played with three very generous sponsors of our club, Di Howe, Ros Pearce and Fiona Gray. Our scores were not that great but the company was enjoyable. Last week playing along side Lesley Avery, Margaret Hillier and Fiona Gray was testament to how the game should be played. Straight down the middle. I took note but was unable to execute. I can only dream. Played Sunday and I am Rose Jackson showed she is going to give many a run for the money in the near future. Great to be back, hope to catch up with more soon so I will just keep waving across the fairways to you all. Cheers, Jenny Ellis



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COURSE MANAGEMENT REPORT - MAY 2020

Craig Rimington



Firstly it's been great to see everyone back enjoying the Course and Bowls Greens.

As per recommendations we have no bunker rakes, this has changed the way we are currently preparing the bunkers, we are just levelling bases.

May has given us some time to complete some tasks in and around the work sheds. We have given the sheds an internal tidy and clean up, we have installed a new filling station for the spray tanks, burnt both green waste tips, and adjusted the irrigation for the turf nursery and re-seeded Fescue and Bent Grass.

Thank-you to everyone who has purchased some firewood, we currently have raised enough money to purchase a wood splitter, and are looking to upgrade a Chainsaw also.

We still have dry firewood available, we are currently cleaning up the wood piles and will have better ideas of quantities shortly.

Course Works and Practices undertaken during May have included:-

Parramatta grass controls fairways and roughs; topdressing new Couch areas; burning green waste tips; works on Turf Nursery; irrigation repairs; IPM spray management Programs; Kikuyu controls greens surrounds; machinery maintenance / Works in Sheds.

Greens The Greens are in great condition, during May we have applied a preventative fungicide. Soil samples have been collected for analysis for winter/spring programs. Moss has become apparent in some greens and will be treated when weather is favorable. Greens will be verti-drained during June.

Bowling Greens Both Bowls greens are in great condition. We continue our monthly fertilizer applications and monitor greens for weed and Moss controls.

PLEASE NOTE: All Winter Bowls is to be played East – West on both greens.

Fairways General maintenance has taken place for the month, upcoming spray applications for select weeds and grasses.

Bunkers General bunker maintenance has taken place including; spraying for weeds and grasses, sand/addition leveling on bunker bases.

Vegetation General clean-up of fallen branches, limbs and bark in roughs, from strong winds during May.

Machinery

Scheduled maintenance is being carried out on all machinery as required, end of season major servicing to commence.

Temperature

May Daily 2020

Min Ave – 6 degrees

Max Ave – 16 degrees

Rainfall

May 2020 23mm (no. rain days 7)

Year to date 2020 325mm

May 2019 69mm (no rain days 8)

Year to date 2019 166mm

Works Program for June 2020 to include:-

Preparation for all Club and corporate events Golf and Bowls; end of season machinery servicing maintenance; Kikuyu controls fairways, green surrounds, roughs; vegetation management; IPM Control Program; herbicide applications all Couch surfaces; remedial works to collapsed sleeper wall rear 4th tee. Issues which may arise from Committee meeting; Works program may vary due to weather conditions.

Craig Rimington Course Superintendent

THURSDAY GOLF - MAY 2020

Chris Savige



Well we are golfing at last. We finally got under way on May 14 for our first competition round. We had 99 players start and the score of the day was in A Grade with Craig Rimington scoring 41 points. After speaking with Brian and David, apparently Rimmo practised solid for six weeks and worked on the pin placements to suit whilst the boys did the heavy lifting.

John Hendy caused a surprise with 39 points to win B Grade whilst Peter Baldwin won C Grade with 37 points. Cellar Dweller was Lachie Pearce on a countback from Graham Martine on 20 points.

May 21 saw 91 players start and Jack Holbrook headed the field with 40 points to win C Grade. Simon Biszko won B Grade with 39 points and Paul Prendergast saluted the rostrum with 34 points to win A Grade. That is one speech I would have like to have heard – 34 points!!! Had a few NSAs at the bottom so the last place saw Donald May scrape together 19 points.

We had 110 players face the starter (the grey nomads make a difference). The opening winners were Nigel Drowley in A Grade with 38 points, Roger Oakley in B Grade with 36 points and the score of the day was in C Grade with Mike Davidson having a fine 40 points.

Scoring was not sensational, obviously a fair bit of rust with balls thrown out on 31 points. The big news is at the bottom of the field. With a fine 15 points we saw our Chairman Rickson Lucas practice social distancing with his playing group whilst apparently shanking them for the game. He was not alone in the sub 18 latitudes with Peter Alldis not fresh after a spell with 16 points whilst Joe Murphy threatened with 17 points.

Anyway it is good to be back playing, it will be even better when we can join each other in the clubhouse to enjoy presentations and I would assume a fair back log of fines.

Chris.



The Bairnsdale Golf Club welcome our most recent new members. We wish them a happy and successful association with their new Club.

Anthony Pagler John Lewis Rick Blackshaw Wayne Phillips Cecilia Stewart
Nick Pincott Wayne Barnes Julie White Keith Lakey Mark Bentley
Clive Rhodes Peter De-Merlo Lachlan McGrath Nathan McGrath
Rob McGrath Cameron Porteous Caroline Hine





THURSDAY ANNUAL COMPETITIONS.

Hi All

It is great to be back to golf, some of us rusty others firing, we have had 4 rounds of stableford since the resumption but no stroke, I have been advised that a couple of extra stroke rounds may be slotted in to take up the slack.

These 4 rounds have made some serious changes in the leaders.

Points are awarded from 15 down to 1 on countback on each Thursday round of Stableford competition from February to November and in the case of the Ian Wigg, Thursday stroke/medal rounds from February to December. The players amassing the most points win the trophy and a voucher.

Listings of the top 40 in these comps will be back on the Thursday Notice Board when it is again available.



18 Holes Stableford Rob Maitland Memorial.

Well the lay-off did not harm the game of Jack Holbrook, a bloke used to leading these comps, he reeled off a lazy 48 points over the 4 rounds to go to 53 points and the lead by 19 from Frank Brown-Graham who could only manage 8 to go to 34.

Nigel Drowley has crept up into third with 31 followed by Jeff Hathaway 28 and on 26 Ken Smith with Paul Prendergast (Congrats Paul on the Hole in One on the 11th Thursday June 5).



Front 9 Stableford Sponsored By Arthur Wilmot.

The break did not do Ian Templeton any good, failing to score and on 28 drops back to equal third, relatively new member Warren Smith who picked up 18 points takes the lead with 31 followed by David Formby showing some form with 30 points in the last 3 rounds. Nigel Drowley on 28 joins "Tumpy" in third place.



Westpac Back 9 Stableford.

Nigel Drowley with 25 points after the break climbs into the lead on 48 followed on 47 by Jack Holbrook who added 37, had a bit of a stumble on the last round with only 2 points. Donald Broomfield could only add 8 to his score to put him in third on 35 followed by Gordon Gibson 34, Paul Prendergast and Ken Smith on 33.



Ian Wigg Memorial Stroke Trophy.

As no further stroke rounds have been played the lead remains unchanged. Geoff Cooper holds the lead with 24 followed by Donald Broomfield and Warren Scott on 15 points to share second place. Graeme Piera is next on 14 with Marty Farrelly and Mike Davidson each on 13 then come Nigel Drowley, Steve Hall and Jack Hamilton all on 12.

Ron Healey Thursday Golf



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SUNDAY GOLF- MAY 2020

.. Shanks Again



After what has seemed like a very long time since we last enjoyed playing on our beautiful golf course, we were finally able to resume our Sunday golf competition on the 17th May after some restrictions were lifted.

It was a very different style of competition with our social distancing, no presentations and even a different game that we have not played before, a Stableford Medley with a field of 64 competitors hitting off the 10th tee only. The winner of 'A' Grade was David Clack with a score of 38 and the winner of 'B' Grade was Melinda May with a score of 39 on a countback.

It certainly seemed a low key resumption with everyone arriving just before playing, no presentation and going straight home, but we all agreed that it was great to be back at all, even if we were all a bit rusty.

Our second game back on Sunday 24th May was a Stableford competition with a fantastic field of 80 competitors again hitting off the 10th tee.

Peter Engel was our men's winner with a score of 36 points on a countback, from runner up Ashley Baylis, also with 36.

Bev Stares came in with a fine score of 37 to take out the women's first prize from runner up Anita Rassini with 32 points.

Once again it was a Stableford game for the last Sunday in May, the 31st.

It was very heartening to see a big field again with 81 players hitting off again.

With a fabulous score of 41 points our men's winner was Damian Tubb and the runner up with 39 points was Daryl Newell.

Anne Crowe was our women's winner with a score of 37 points on a countback from Jane Sing, our runner up, also with 37 points.

We are certainly happy to be back on our golf course which is looking really wonderful and it's also great to see the renovations taking shape in the Clubhouse, particularly the new work on the bar which looks amazing.

We are really looking forward to being able to stay after golf and enjoy the company of our fellow Sunday golfers in the clubhouse for presentations, as soon as restrictions are lifted.

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HISTORY

Ron Healey - Historian

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Mr Hawkins to presided **At the Committee Meeting** held at the Club House **March 29, 1955**. 10 new members were inducted and the major discussion revolved around the possibility of a Liquor Licence. Secretary was to write to Club Solicitor with questions relating to legal costs, whether a Melbourne architect would have to be employed or could the Club's honorary architect be used, would a full time steward have to be employed, are any compulsory opening times involved and how long would the process take.



It was decided at the **meeting of 19th April 1955** that the new rules that had been put forward be adopted as the Constitution and that the Club should go ahead with an application for a Liquor Licence. The Secretary was instructed to call an extraordinary General Meeting 14 days after the printing of the completed new rules.

The Club Solicitor was to be advised of the decision on the Licence and prepare the necessary documents. The **Extraordinary meeting was held on May 24th, 1955** and it was moved by Mr F Morecroft seconded by Mr B Savage that the new Constitution be accepted and that the Club proceed with the Liquor Licence application, this motion was duly carried.

At the Meeting of July 12, 1955 a further nine new members were inducted one being a Mr G M Robertson (it is possible that this is Geoff Robertson currently our oldest playing member).

The Greens Committee reported that the old steel holes on numerous greens were rusted through and a new set of 18 had been ordered. A letter of thanks was sent off to Mr J. Savage for his donation of a cooked duck on Captains & Presidents day.

The meetings of **October & November 1955** did not have much to comment on except that the usual 20 pound Christmas bonus was awarded to Greenkeeper Mr Greenwood.

At the **Meeting of February 14th 1956** Mr Allan Stanley Archibald was appointed as applicant on behalf of the Bairnsdale Golf Club for the Liquor Licence.

At this meeting also Mr Morecroft reported that Mr Doug Elliott (those of us older members would remember this man from 'Wide World of Sport' days (Uncle Doug), had contacted him and advised that the Peter Thomson exhibition, demonstration and film day was scheduled for Sunday March 18 and could possibly be extended to the Monday.

A Special Meeting was held on March 1st, 1956 and the following items were laid down for the Peter Thomson visit.

Mr R Archibald to operate the movie camera; a doormat; Mr Morecroft to arrange 2 members and 2 associates; Mr Morecroft to arrange a ball boy.

That a three-ball stroke event be played comprising Mr P Thomson and Members Mr. A Potter and Mr. F. Morecroft. Mr. Morecroft to book for Sunday with Mr G. Welsford.

- (a) Clinic at Club House 1.15pm.
- (b) Exhibition immediately following.
- (c) That either Mechanics or St Mary's Hall be obtained for film night.
- (d) Films to start at approximately 8.30pm.
- (e) Admission Exhibition 10 shillings adults 1 shilling juniors, Film 4 shillings 2 shillings juniors.
- (f) Ensay and Lakes Clubs to be invited.
- (g) 400 Dodgers to be printed and a 3inch double-column advertisement be placed in the "Advertiser".

HISTORY (cont.)

It was noted in General Business that Mr Diamond would prefer to work only on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, this was agreed too and he was to be paid One pound per day 3 days per week. I presume that he was an assistant to Mr. Greenwood.

The following meeting was the **1956 AGM held March 13**, attended by 33 members, the Treasurer pointed out the salient features of the financial report and balance sheet and as there were no queries the report was adopted.

The only nomination for President was Mr. Allan Archibald who was duly elected with acclamation.

Retiring President Mr R H Archibald spoke in appreciation of the work that Allan had put in for the Club and that his appointment was a total reward for his efforts. Mr N Roberts then spoke on the work retiring President Mr R H Archibald had been involved in during his six year term in the chair.

Elections were then carried out for Executive and Committee, as there were only sufficient nominations the following Executive were elected.

Vice President: Mr N Roberts

Past President: Mr R H Archibald

Captain: Mr R. Evison

Treasurer: Mr. R Hawkins

Secretary: Mr B. Dahlsen

Hon Auditor: Mr J Smith.

From 12 committee nominations the following were elected:

Committee: Mr D Dahlsen, F H Morecroft, A L McLeod, C C (Haggis) McPherson A. Potter, C. Ferguson, J L Pallot and A R Kyte.

Subscriptions were set the same as last year. Appreciation was noted of the tireless work retiring Secretary Mr C Ferguson and Auditor Mr K Dahlsen had put in for the Club.

Mr R H Archibald spoke on the necessity of course etiquette and a Course Etiquette Circular was to be duplicated (yes one of those Roneo Machines) and forwarded to all members with a copy of Club Rules.

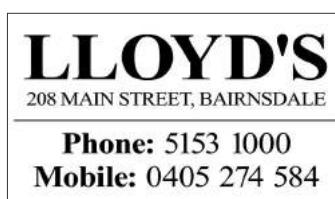
A request was made that new flags be purchased with a different colour for each nine.

At the General meeting following the AGM the subcommittees were appointed and much discussion was held on arrangements for the Peter Thomson visit.

A rain out insurance cover was to be arranged for 100 pounds at a cost of 9 pounds 17 shillings and sixpence and that Messrs A Archibald, N. Roberts, R Evison, A. Potter, F Morecroft and B. Dahlsen represent the Club at a luncheon at the Commercial Hotel to welcome Peter Thomson.

With regard to the course the services of Mr Nielsen were to be obtained for the rotary hoeing of the bunkers.

Ron Healey
Historian





Great To Be Back !!



Our golfers all appear very happy to be out of the house and back on the Course.



Judy Hickey playing a nice shot up to the 18th. green.



John Smits over the bunker onto the 9th.



John McAuley about to putt out at the 18th.



Mike Davidson watching Rob Van Elden finishing off at the 14th.



Nigel Drowley made easy work of this shot onto the green at the 9th.





Great To Be Back !!



Pristine conditions were presented following the long closure, leaving no excuses!



Col Lambert on the 18th.



Jim Cugley watching his shot onto the 18th. green.



Sue Dahlsen chipping onto the 14th.



Mark Churches played this ball neatly out of the bunker at the 9th.



Rene Sarolea watching his shot onto the 9th. green.



Julie Lambert following her ball

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Max Hellessey tapping in. Jeff Hathaway finishing 14th.

Ken Smith with a delicate shot up to the 18th.



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3

WHEN YOUR LOCAL REOPENS, HEAD IN WITH
YOUR MATES, REDEEM YOUR BEER VOUCHER AND
SPEND THE AFTERNOON CATCHING UP
OVER A FEW COLD ONES!

HISTORY PHOTOS

On last month's photos provided by June Jackson I had a number of calls providing identities. In the pennant photo (left), of course Merv East was easy Darren Makings might have caught you out, Trevor Sharp, Chris Watson and Phillip Makings.



In the black & whites from the 1996 Pro-AM a young Andrew Webster stands out, but also Bill and 'Tich' Cooper and Warren Scott are there and could the youngsters be Serrin and John Cooper?

In the next one is Robert DiPierdomenico (probably guest speaker at the Pro-Am dinner) with President Max Prendergast in the background.



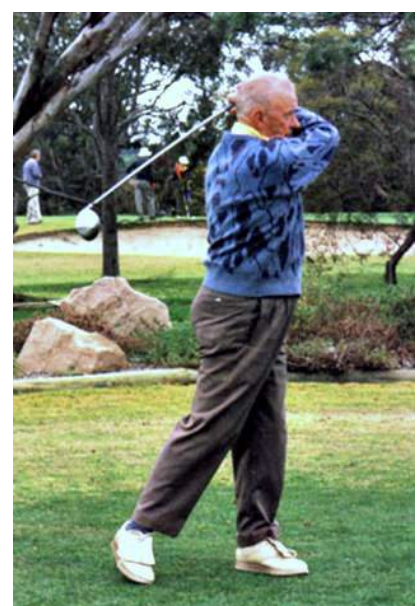
The colour photos are from the 1999 Pro-Am.

The rear shot of course is Noel Roberts, the sweet swing is John Gannon, Hughesy is there and it is Ross Davidson with unusual finish. The player on the end is not Phil Nielsen, he is an unnamed Pro.



HISTORY PHOTOS .. Ron Healey

This month's photos are more from the 1999 Pro-Am should be fairly easy to identify.



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Welcome to our Newsletter—'The Eagle'.

Every effort is made to produce the Newsletter on the first Friday of each month. Any contributions and reports would be very gratefully received NO LATER than the Wednesday prior.

Please send me an email at: eric.yeates@bigpond.com Bev Yeates

Two friends were playing golf.
They decided that they would adhere strictly to the rules with no improving their lie.

After a few holes, one fellow's ball landed on a cart path. As he reached down to pick up his ball to get relief his friend said,
"We agreed that we would not improve our lie."

No matter how much the first fellow tried to explain that he was entitled to this relief, the second fellow would not allow it.

So the man went to the cart to get a club. As he stood over the ball he took a few practice swings, each time scraping on the pavement, taking big chunks of gravel and sending out lots of sparks!

Finally, after several practice swings he took his shot. The ball took off and landed on the green 6 feet from the pin. "Great shot!" his friend exclaimed. "What club did you use?"
"YOUR 7-iron!"



.. get out your glasses, he is in this edition somewhere.

Last month Wally was on Page 20.



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