



The Eagle

Bairnsdale Golf Club monthly newsletter
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Dale Cadd Memorial Associate Pro-Am

On Monday September 1st, Jack Young organised and co-ordinated the Dale Cadd Memorial Associate Pro-am. Managing a Pro-am from start to finish is part of Jacks' training to become a PGA Professional and the success of the event is testament to his growth and maturity.

The event would not have been possible without the generous support of the sponsors (contributing close to \$7,000 in prize pool), the volunteers, (24 helpers) and players. In total 78 players participated including 21 MPP (new terminology for trainees) PGA professional.

The MPP Professional winner was rising start Daniel Gill who shot an impressive 67, 4 under par. Daniel currently holds his full Australasian PGA Tour Card and has previously been a Victorian Amateur State Team Member and winner of the Victorian MPP Championships. We hope to see Daniel continue his good form.



Professional Pro-Am winner
Daniel Gill with Jack Young.



Non-handicap winner
Ari Flemming.



Men's Stableford winner
Blake Robinson.



Women's Stableford winner
Julie Lambert.



It was terrific to have so many players and guests enjoying afternoon tea at Presentation time.

Dale Cadd Memorial Day

August 17 was a day where we had the opportunity to remember an exceptional person in Dale Cadd.

A special 9-hole golf event, Dale Cadd Memorial Day, was created in his honour.

Following play, it was nice to welcome members of Dale's family who, along with others, spoke about Dale and the influence he had on their lives.

Of great significance was the contribution he made to the game of golf, particularly at Bairnsdale Golf Club.



R U OK AWARENESS GOLF DAY

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

**YOUR
OWN
WAY**

4 PERSON AMBROSE (ANY GENDER)

7:45AM OR 12:15PM SHOTGUN START

COMPETITION FEE \$13

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AUGUST 2025

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

End of August sees the end of a cold although not wet winter.

Let us hope spring gives us some great weather for our bowls and golf.

The **DALE CADD MEMORIAL DAY** was held on Sunday 17th August 2025.

- 9 holes Stableford was played followed by speakers remembering Dale's contribution to golf.
- Key speakers were as follows,
 - o Dale's children Adrian and Vivian
 - o Bill and Lynne Cooper
 - o Andrew Webster
 - o David McConville



The day was a great success with all funds going towards the Dale Cadd Memorial PGA Associates Pro-Am on 1st September 2025. Special thanks to Webster's Furniture for the donation towards the raffle on the day.

East Gippsland Men's Championships was played at our course on Sunday 31 August 2025 with around 85 entries. Special thanks to all of Chris Savige's work organising the day.

CAR PARK REPAIRS-Work to repair the car park is expected to be completed by end of September.

Enjoy your Golf and Bowls during September.

Regards,

STEPHEN MANN (President)



TREASURER'S REPORT - AUGUST 2025

David Pollard



Hello fellow members.

Our annual audit is in progress and moving along well.

Any time you would like to chat about the figures, let me know.

Bank Accounts – as of 5 September 2025

- Trading Account \$342,410.07 Credit Funds
- Holding Account \$ 4,377.15 Credit Funds
- Term Deposit \$ 56,048.10 Credit Funds

The reporting period is 01.07.25 to 31.07.25 **RESULTS V BUDGET**

Income is under by \$11,700 (not so good)

- Competition Fees, Subscriptions, Sponsorship, Green Fees and Golf shop operations are all down.
- I am not dismissing that we have missed budget in July, but it is only the first month, we will certainly keep reviewing it, but let's see how the next few months unfold.

Expenses are over by \$5,000 (not so good)

- No major variances here, just a start to the year that see some costs happening earlier than we budgeted for is all.

Net Profit (Before Depreciation) is \$28,000. This has us under budget by \$16,900 (not so good)

As already mentioned, 'we have only just begun' sorry Mum loved the Carpenters. We pay a lot of attention to our budget and won't let anything get out of hand.

David.



You can't lose an old ball.

WOMEN'S GOLF - AUGUST 2025

Women's President Jenny Hemming



A warm welcome to our new members in August, Julie Frew and Llewella Patterson.

Sad loss of one of our Granny Day sponsors, Elaine Eadie.
Deepest condolences to her family.

Our first Wednesday golf day in August came with cold wind and rain.
Dedicated ladies played.

The second Wednesday, mmm a bit warmer, luckily no rain.
Some funny antics on the course with Julie Percival hitting a few of our signs and having her golf balls ricochet off in other directions. Then there was Kerry Hine while chipping back from the 5th. to the 4th. hole right over Anita's golf cart.

The third Wednesday of August came, with the sun out—nearly feeling like spring.

For our Captain/President Invitation Day a lot of wind, luckily no rain.
A big thanks to all who volunteered to make it such a successful event. From those who gave up their time to set the tables, prepare the food the day before, the men who served the food and cleaned up, along with Anita Rassini who donated special door prizes, a big thank you to all.



Keep the date for our Annual Tournament coming up on the 20th. to 26th.
October.

Come on spring golf!

Jenny.



WOMEN'S GOLF SATURDAY - AUGUST 2025

Julie Brittain



2 Aug we had 22 women playing Par with Leonie Taylor winning with 0.

9 Aug a fantastic turnout of 26 playing Stableford and a great result by Carolyn Hine with 38 points.

16 August another Stableford day with only 12 players.
The winner was Jenny Gibbs with 35 points.

23 August our Stroke Monthly Medal day. 18 players vying for the Medal with Mel May on fire winning with a net 64.

30 August on a cold blustery day 14 women battled the elements with Jenny Gibbs winning on 36 points.

Julie.



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CAPTAIN'S REPORT - AUGUST 2025

Chris Savige



Well done to Peter Johnson, who noticed that I inserted August 2024 newsletter instead of the current year newsletter. Also Julie Brittain who sent me an email re slow play, which I thought strange but now understand because that was my rant twelve months ago and have little or no dramas since.

September news, we conducted the East Gippsland Singles Championships on Sunday 31st August and we were pleased that 89 players fronted the starter. This is one of the largest fields for this event in over ten years, so well done all.

I am pleased to say that our reigning club champion Matt Walkenhorst took out the title this year in pretty windy conditions. Also pleased to announce that Jeff Hathaway took out the Senior Championships and missed out narrowly on the 27 Hole Morecroft Trophy. The hat trick for the club was Noah Patterson taking out the Junior Championship. Noah won the inaugural Dale Cadd Memorial Trophy, a gesture the GEG Committee endorsed in the lead up to the event.

Next October 2026 we are hosting the All Gippsland Championships over two days. It will be the weekend before the Annual Tournament.

Speaking of the Annual Tournament, entries will soon open and we anticipate putting up \$7,000 in club vouchers as prizes over the course of the week. The day formats have not changed so get organized early. Draws will be completed on the Friday before and then post entries will be tacked onto the tail of the field.

My article last month focused on the great work Craig and his team do on our course. The tree trimming and removal certainly enhances the look of the course. More importantly, the trimming works and the removal of dead or dangerous trees will benefit the course and will open up areas to more sunlight that will encourage grass growth. In the coming summers we should see an improvement of the left hand side of the 12th fairway as sunlight encourage more vigorous couch growth.

Our greens this winter have been really top class and the weekend of the East Gippsland singles the greens were of championship pace.

Although in September, Jack Young conducted an associates Pro Am and again a well run event, an event the PGA used to honour the contribution of Dale Cadd and again the course set-up was superb.

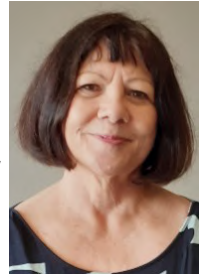
Chris.



Your straightest iron shot of the day will be exactly one club short.

WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT - AUGUST 2025

Denise Lessels



Vale Elaine Eadie a lovely person and avid supporter of our club. Our hearts go out to Jo-Anne Mee, whose mother passed this month. Our condolences to Sandy Walker, whose husband, David, passed this month. And condolences to Sue Ffrench whose brother passed away this month.

A warm welcome to our new members: Julie Frew and Llewella Patterson.

August 6 Stroke, Monthly Medal #7 and count putts – drew 53 players. Our generous sponsor for the day was Ritchies IGA Paynesville. Gary attended presentation and left boxes of goodies for members to take for free.

Our 9 hole competition had 12 entrants.

Isabella Carmichael won (hcp 40) with a score of 13 from Jeanette Jones (hcp 33) also a score of 13. Allison Gilbert (hcp 17) won Division 1 with a score of 72 net and Ruth Engel (hcp 34) won Division 2 with a score of 71 net.



Gary Johnson (IGA Paynesville) presented prizes to Ruth Engel and Allison Gilbert.

Ruth was also our Monthly Medal winner. Count putts winner today was Helen Dennison with 29 putts for the day. Allison Gilbert had the best overall gross score. I said Ruth was having a 'blue streak' but have now learned it's called a 'purple patch' in Oz lingo.

August 13 70 players turned up for a round of stableford. Our special generous sponsors for the day were Fran Mantell, Jenny Gibbs, Sue Avery and Helen Dennison.

They sponsored the competition prize vouchers, the raffles, and the nearest the pins!

We also held the Silver Spoon playoff between Chrissy Fisher, Mary-Ann Emerton, Julie Percival and Kerryn Clemm. Julie Percival won the playoff and will be attending the state final 17 Nov. at Gardiners Run Golf Course. Our Division 1 winner was Carolyn Hine (hcp 18) score 37 c/b; Division 2 winner was Julie Percival (hcp 22) score 36; and Division 3 winner was Charley Goodrem (hcp 38) score 37. Well done all. And thank you Fran for my raffle prize...such goodies!

9 Hole event had nine entrants with Mira Faithfull (45) winning with 15.

Of special note: Mary-Ann Emerton had 11 pars today!!!! Wow!



Carolyn Hine, Charley Goodrem, Julie Percival and Mira Faithfull received their trophies from sponsors Sue Avery, Fran Mantell and Jenny Gibbs. (Sponsor Helen Dennison absent).

WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT - AUGUST 2025 (cont.)

August 20 Par. Generously sponsored by Dragons Abreast Gippsland Waratahs, represented today by Leonie Taylor. There were seven entrants for our 9 hole competition with Joy Vellios the winner with 19 points. The 18 hole par competition had 67 players with Ros Pearce (hcp 19) winning Division 1 with a score of +1; Division 2 winner, Jenny Gibbs (hcp 22) scoring +2; and Janet Gibson (hcp 30) winning Division 3 with a score of +2 on a countback from Georgia Miles. Players reported the course was challenging today with slick greens and challenging pin placements...ah to play par! One player, I won't name names, had a birdie and no pars...go figure.



Leonie Taylor with winners Ros Pearce, Jenny Gibbs, Janet Gibson and women's captain Denise Lessels.

August 27 4BBB Stableford. We had 108 entries for our President/Captain Invitational today. Overall winners on the day: 1st place: Claudia Watson and Maureen Dumbleton, score of 45. 2nd place: Jean Murray and Jan Critchlow, score of 44 on a countback. 3rd place: Lois Kurrle and Robyn Brunt, score of 44. It was lovely to see the course and clubhouse full. We hosted 22 visitors from: South Pines Golf Club, Newry Golf Club, Metung Country Club, Maffra Golf Club and Sale Golf Club. Apologies received from both Yarram and Toongabbie clubs. Everyone appeared to enjoy the generous, healthy lunch offered. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped in preparing and delivering a most enjoyable day.



Claudia, Maureen, Jean, Jan, Robyn and Lois received congratulations from women' Captain Denise.

Coming Up:

- 1 Sept. Vets at Metung Country Club
 - 3 Sept. Wednesday, Stroke, monthly medal #8
 - 4-7 Sept. Maffra Tournament
 - 11-14 Sept. Newry Tournament
 - 16 Sept. Sale President/Captain Day
 - 17 Sept. Deadline for KO final
 - 22-23 Sept. All Gippsland Champs. at Yarram
 - 30 Sept. – 2 Oct. Country Teams
- Happy trails golfers and hackers alike.

Denise.





Hello Members,

Spring is on our doorstep and it's a great time of the year to learn and to encourage a friend to play, brush up your skills or simply try some new equipment. At Bairnsdale GC we have the experience to guide you in the right direction and ensure you are enjoying your round of golf.

Term three programs are now coming to an end. I have conducted regular MyGolf (junior) sessions, AGF girls scholarship sessions, BGC Boys scholarship sessions and SOA sessions, along with a host of individual and small group lessons and one school program.

A special mention to our Victoria SOA representative Seb McCormick who recently placed first at a tournament at Sandhurst GC.

Seb has been working hard on his golf and in the last three events, has managed to place 3rd, 2nd and now 1st!!! Well done Seb.

We all see that work is paying off and we now have a blue ribbon!

I am planning term four sessions now and am pleased to say that there will be an addition of a midweek beginner program, starting no earlier than 9:30am. Dates TBC.



Also, I will be running a Saturday afternoon beginner program. Both "Get into Golf" programs are designed to encourage new participants to golf, with the main aim to equip you with necessary skills to make you feel comfortable on course.

I will be opening applications for the AGF girls and BGC boys scholarship programs for 2026 from the 10th of September. Places are limited in both groups. To apply simply write a couple of paragraphs about your golfing experience, what you would like to achieve with your golf throughout the year and your dedication to achieving an official handicap by the end of the year, if applicable.

All written applications can be emailed to matt@mattportelligolf.com. Applications will close on the 15th of November, with interviews to follow soon after.

Lastly, At BGC we stock a variety of demo clubs from Titleist, Callaway and TaylorMade.

If you are interested in trying any of these clubs our staff will book a no obligation club fit to ensure I find the right specs for you. This ensures you take the right equipment on course and reap the benefits of new technology! Also, keep an eye out for monthly demo days at BGC. Bookings are compulsory.

If you would like to stay in the loop on program dates, registration details and fitting specifics please subscribe to my mailing list, found on my homepage at www.mattportelligolf.com.

Until next month..... Keep swinging!

Matt Portelli

Certified PGA Professional – Advanced in Coaching

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COURSE MANAGEMENT - AUGUST 2025

Craig Rimington



August has been busy with us nearing the end of the Vegetation works for this cycle.

Early September will see out the completion of all the High-Risk tree works. Holes completed this cycle have included 1st RHS, Front Entry, 18th LHS + Rear of Green, 14th RHS, 15th Carry way and RHS + Cypress removal LHS, 16th LHS & RHS, 10th Rear of Green and 11th LHS + select trees or small groups we have left to finish this cycle.

The tree audit has been broken down into three sections - high, medium and low risk. The works have had us focus on high-risk trees or plantings where we are undertaking dead wood removal, weight and canopy reduction and removal of dangerous limbs.

We will be moving around in the next few weeks to finish the high-Risk work.

We did have a week off the trees for some Course maintenance for a busy week of events; Ladies' Captains/Presidents Day, GEG Men's Championships and the PGA Dale Cadd Memorial Associate Pro – Am.

Course Management Practices undertaken during August have included: -

Preparations for day to day running of all Club events Golf and Bowls; vegetation removal; report tree audit works; preparation for GEG Men's Championship; PGA Dale Cadd Associates Pro-Am; insecticide/herbicide application tees and general course maintenance practices.

Greens

Greens will be renovated during September, currently we have set aside two dates being 15th – 17th and 22nd – 24th, this due to the Pro Core aerator being a co-shared item and the machine currently working at Newry and then Maffra GC's, allowing for weather interruptions. We will be doing all the work in-house, allocating to complete nine holes each day.

Bowling Greens

Both greens have come through the winter well, we will increase frequency of mowing shortly. Spray applications will take place with Herbicides, Insecticides, fungicides, and fertilizer applications. When we have the new seasons Bowls syllabus we will schedule a renovation for the Bottom Green.

Tees

Divoting tees will be on a fortnightly or as needs basis, insecticide/herbicide has been applied to tees during August.

Fairways

General maintenance, debris blowing, September will see applications of insecticide and herbicide applied to all fairways and greens surrounds.

Bunkers

Spraying of weeds and grasses during August, edging and sand levelling.

Vegetation

Works as per tree audit.

OH&S / Staff

No incidents to report.



Machinery

Scheduled maintenance is being carried out on all machinery as required.

COURSE MANAGEMENT - AUGUST 2025 (cont.)

Rainfall

August 2024	35 mm (no. rain days 5)
Year to date 2024	407.5 mm
August 2025	26.5mm (no. of rain days 5)
Year to date 2025	475.5 mm

Temperature

August - Ave Min temperature	5 degrees
August - Ave Max temperature	18 degrees

Works Program for September 2025 to include: -

Preparation for all Club and corporate events Golf and Bowls.

Tree management conclusion.

Greens renovations.

IPM Control Program.

Fertiliser applications Tees/ Fairways.

Path track repair/ maintenance.

Continued bunker works.

Issues which may arise from committee meeting.

Works program may vary due to weather conditions.

Craig Rimington

Course Superintendent



SUNDAY GOLF - AUGUST 2025

Geoff Brooks

A short report this month with the first week of August having already been covered in last month's report and the last week in August being the East Gippsland Men's Championships which have been comprehensively covered elsewhere in this month's reports.



Sunday 10th was a 4BBB Stableford event which attracted 18 pairs and saw Rose and Alan Jackson victorious on a countback from Jeanette Jones and Anita Rassini with an excellent score of 45 points.

The following Sunday the Club celebrated the memory of long term Golf Professional Dale Cadd with a nine hole Ambrose event from 2.30 p.m. The morning Stableford round was contested by a small field of 12 players with Terry and Nadine Martin winning their respective events.

Sunday 24th attracted a total of 33 players with our friend from Sale Golf Club, Carl Turner (8), winning the men's event with 39 points by 2 shots from Daniel Clemm, whilst in the ladies' event Jenny Brown (27) 39 points was victorious by one shot over Ros Pearce (19) in a closely fought affair.

Congratulations to all winners, and looking forward to very pleasant springtime golf.



Geoff B.



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

Llewella Patterson
Jack Waller

James Patterson
Cindy Holden

Rodney Warren
Chris Howlett

Stuart McLaren
Tyron Turner

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HISTORY

Ron Healey - Historian

HISTORY OF THE CLUB THROUGH MEETING MINUTES

In January 2018 I commenced writing excerpts from Club Minutes each month for the Newsletter, the last of these in the October 2022 edition. As we have many new members since 2018 it was felt that some of the history is worth repeating. Up to this time I have covered minutes from the original Black Quarto Exercise book covering the forming of the Club in 1904 to 1910.



EXCERPTS OF MINUTES FROM THE NEXT BOOK, STILL ALL HANDWRITTEN, COMPRISES 349 PAGES AND DATES FROM 6TH MARCH, 1947 TO 12TH SEPTEMBER

The final **meeting for 1952 was held on December 3**, and the Treasurer reported a bank overdraft of £230 pounds but followed a motion that Mr Greenwood the greenkeeper be paid a bonus of £20 pounds. (They would appear to be working hard to keep him).

In relation to the new course, it was agreed that, at present, it was better to spend money on the existing course rather than a new site. Considering this, expert advice was to be obtained as to methods of improving the existing course generally and in particular the low portions of the fairways.

On Sunday December 4, the Committee met and witnessed a demonstration of a 'Hayden' rough mower cutting both long and short rough, it proved to be very efficient and was going to save considerable time over existing methods. The Committee approved the purchase of the mower and attachments at a cost of £205 pounds.

Annual General Meeting held March 20, 1953, saw 33 members in attendance with nine apologies, the following office-bearers were elected unopposed.

President R H Archibald, Vice Presidents S A McKerrell and A Groves, Secretary G. G. Foggo, Treasurer R H Hosie and Captain A F Potter.

There were 12 nominations for Committee with the following seven elected A. Archibald, F Burns, A W Callaway, R Evison, A Kyle, F Morecroft and J L Pallot. After a substantial increase the previous year Subscriptions were unchanged for 1953. The President advised of a meeting held on Sunday February 8, 1953, at the Course between a Golf Club Committee and the Race-course Trustees in relation to the planting of shrubs and trees. The Trustees have an amount of 100 pounds for this purpose. It was decided not to proceed until a scale plan of the course and links is available. Cadet Engineer Stewart agreed to have this done.

Retiring Vice President Martin Cameron and Treasurer Mr D. Dahlsen were thanked for their past services.

It was moved that the Club have plans drawn up for sewerage for the Club House and details be put to a General Meeting of members.

A Committee meeting was held following the AGM, where the various Committees were set up, also the format for the Championships was changed to 2 x 18-hole rounds of stroke play with the leading four players in each section playing match-play for the Championship.

At the next **meeting April 17, 1953**, it was apparent that some licensing problems had arisen. Difficulties with arranging transfers of local hotel licenses, meant that the Golf Club instituted a system with bottled beer similar to that used by other Clubs.

HISTORY (cont.)

Further discussions were held regarding alterations to the Club House and the connection of sewerage. Approaches to be made to Mr N McLean “who may be paid” to draw up plans for presentation to the next Committee meeting.

Another discussion took place relating to petrol and oil and it was agreed that as various oil company representatives were members of the Club, we alternate our purchases between the companies.

Local Rules. Local Rule 5(b) be altered to read “a ball striking electric light wires MAY be played again”. (This problem followed on to Eagle Point, but we MUST play it again).

A further rule was introduced “That all roads be made out of bounds except when playing the 4th hole” (I half remember discussing this with Chris Savige and I think Calvert Street was part of the 4th).

Meeting held at the Club House May 15, 1953, the Treasurer reported that receipts were £668 pounds with expenditure of £487 pounds giving an approximate bank balance of £350 pounds. (There must have been £169 already in the bank). He advised that 41 new members had paid their nomination fee, and a list of financial members was shown on the board.

The trial with bottled beer had not been a success and following a long discussion it was agreed that draught ale be sold on days determined at each monthly Committee meeting.

A motion was moved and carried that a new lock be fitted to the front door of the Club House. A key be given to each member of the committee and members may be permitted to purchase keys at cost.

Mrs Maggs makes the Minutes again where a motion was moved that a taxi be engaged to bring her to the Club House each Saturday and return her home.

The problem of Ale supplies dominated the **meeting of June 5, 1953**. The ordering of Ale for the President’s Day had been most unsatisfactory having been ordered by the Bairnsdale committee man on duty and then countermanded by the Secretary through ignorance of the full position, it was generally agreed that the whole matter be closed. A motion was moved and accepted that the whole discussion on Ale for Presidents Day be closed. (Sounds as though it may have got a bit heated). Later in the meeting Mr F Burns was duly elected as member in charge of Ale procurement from such sources as may be determined by the Committee. This was later amended to be purchased from Mr A Groves and if unprocured from him he would endeavour to arrange supply from some other source.

It then followed that the price of Ale be 9 pence for a 5-ounce glass and 6 pence for a 4-ounce glass and that all 6-ounce glasses be exchanged for 5-ounce glasses. A further 3 dozen 5-ounce glasses to be purchased and that all glasses owned by the Club be locked in the Bar cupboard and are not to be loaned, hired or removed from the Club. This must have been a fairly ‘testy’ meeting as the President censured the Committee for not being active in publicising to members matters brought under discussion at Committee meetings.

A motion was moved and carried that the defending Club Champion, in this case F. Morecroft, automatically qualify in the four players to play match play for the championship (a bit controversial).

And the last item in this lengthy meeting was that the Social Committee be requested to organise a Square Dance (they were a popular form of entertainment in the fifties).

Now we are Calendar Girls!



On Thursday 27 March, 7 ladies from Bairnsdale Golf Club (plus one friend from Queensland) headed off to Barnbougles in Tasmania for a fabulous golf trip! What made it special?



We flew out of Bairnsdale by charter flight in a PC 12 Pilatus Aircraft straight onto the golf course airstrip at Barnbougles. After leaving at 7.30 am, we were on the golf course by 8.30 am. No car travel, no parking, no waiting at Tullamarine – just 8 of us plus our clubs and clothes for 2 days.

Genevieve Paterson, Anne Crowe, Julie Lambert, Jennifer Lawrence, Cecilia Stewart, Leonie Taylor, Sue Bolt (friend from Queensland) and Kaye Wyndham.

On Day 1, we played “The Lost Farm Course” (18 holes with 2 optional extras), Day 2 “Barnbougles Dunes (18 holes) and Day 3 “Barnbougles Run (14 Par 3 holes). We dined at The Lost Farm, overlooking Bridport on the first night, Barnbougles Dunes on the second night and we flew home on the third afternoon, on the ground at Bairnsdale by 4.30 pm.



The courses were fabulous.

The distance of the 18 hole courses were similar to Bairnsdale but WOW, they seemed much longer.

The walks between holes were long at times, often steep, either up or down and the fairways were wide and undulating. Some of the hills were daunting and there were some bunkers that really seemed to be sand dunes!



The walks along some holes were fabulous with views of the coast and surroundings.

It is truly a beautiful location. Believe it or not, we had perfect weather.

Little wind and no rain which made golfing as it should be, a lovely walk interrupted by the occasional, shall we say, ‘disappointing shot’.

Barnbougle has no members and no competition golf (except for professionals) so everyone at the course is there to take on the challenge and enjoy the courses. People are very easy going and friendly. We were warned about tiger snakes but only sighted one.



Apparently there has been no record of bites at the course so we were very relaxed about the snake factor.

As for lost balls, most of the ladies only lost a few with the maximum loss at 5 balls. Once balls were in the tufted grass scrub, they just disappeared – as they did if you hit long over an embankment – gone. The caddie Cecilia booked was a great help to the group.



He managed to quickly rescue mishit balls if they were reasonably close and he also gave us great directions on the holes where we were hitting blind.

Interestingly, we were the only group of ladies staying at Barnbougle. There were a few couples playing the courses but there were mainly groups of men, either from work groups or golf clubs, be it 'virtual golf clubs' or real golf clubs. It was great to be able to 'fly the flag' for the girls among all the other groups. The accommodation was 4.5 Star and the facilities were wonderful.

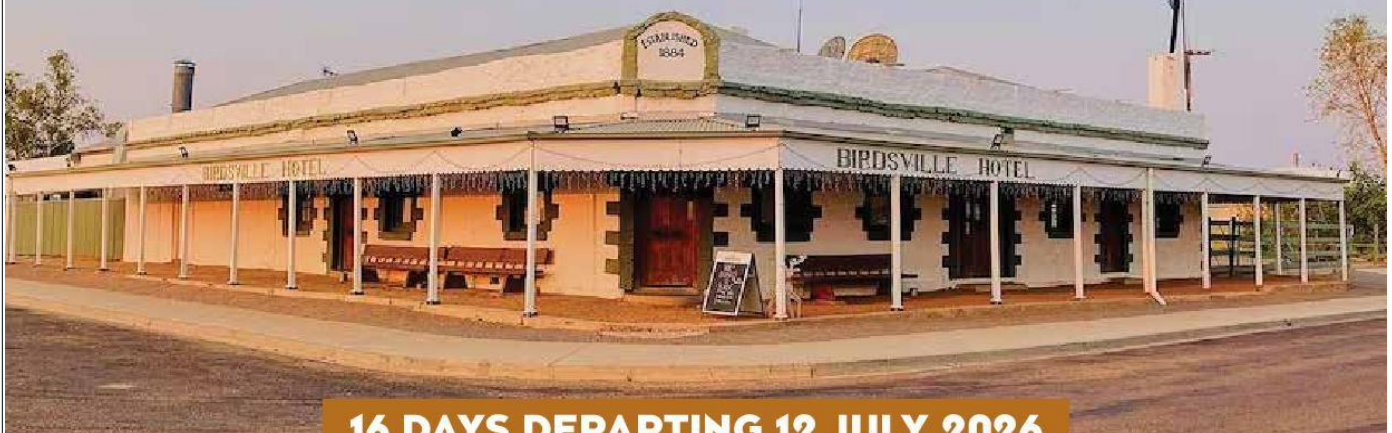
Our group has been featured on a promotional video for women's golf by Air Adventure, our tour operators, supporting recreational golf for women. We think we did our golf club proud with some very presentable golf most of the time – and we didn't play off the easiest tee markers!

Who's up for a trip next year, or perhaps 2027, we're thinking King Island or perhaps head north to Bonville? Suggestions welcome.

Leonie Taylor



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

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- Historic Royal Mail Hotel, Hungerford
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There is a Forum called 'OzGolf' where you can read some interesting, and often humorous posts... here is a few more.



To set the scene there is a dam and around the dam is the 11th tee, and the 13th, 14th and 17th greens. My group was putting out on the 17th green when something caught my attention out the corner of my eye over towards the 13th green.

I turn around and see a guy trying to fish his ball out. The unusual thing is this guy was lying down on his stomach, with a club in his hand, head first down the bank. I knew this was not going to end well so I called my playing partners to look as well.

As we were watching him fishing around with his club, he just stopped, then started to slide down the bank...then splash, into the water he goes! A chorus of laughter breaks out. He stands up and then chucks the ball into the middle of the dam (we find out later that its not his ball). **Gold!!!**

Years ago, playing with mates, we were on the last hole. Two of the guy's tee shots were side by side, about 130m from the green up a steep slope. The first friend hit a low rocket that hit a duck in front of the green and it keeled over. We all wondered if it was dead, but it then got to its feet.

The second guy then hit another low bullet and I kid you not - it hit the same duck !

We all collapsed in laughter, but then made our way up the hill to see if the duck was alive. By the time we got there it had again got to its feet, with a bloody beak, but alive. The odds of hitting the same duck from that distance were astronomical. All true and no exaggeration.



I remember playing with a really old guy in a comp round years ago. On the fourth tee he hit off and hit it low into the forward tee marker. It bounced straight back at us just missing the old guy before hitting a post behind the tee and bouncing forward to be about 20 feet in front of where he had hit his tee shot. Without saying a word he just walked up and hit it not realising what had taken place.

Meanwhile, we were all dusting ourselves off after almost being hit twice with the one tee shot. We had to explain to the old guy what had just happened and how he was lucky not to have been hit twice himself.

My youngest (9 year old girl) has been out on the course with me quite a few times. She has also been in a golf clinic for a term, and clearly knows everything. That could well have been the case before the clinic...and possibly hereditary from her mother...but I digress...

One of HER favourites, when I hit a good shot, she likes to say, "That was a good shot.....for you!" Another is if I come home after a round with mates, she will ask who won. If I tell her (usually by a process of elimination) that on this particular occasion it was ME, she will normally respond with something like, "Gee, they must feel pretty bad. Probably want to kill themselves." The joy of parenting.

Watching the ball bounce off the cup back out of the hole is funny, if its not your putt .

The period of time between the missed one-footer and the players reaction is the funniest time.

Nothing beats that split second where the eyes look up and then divert hard right.

Where's Wally?

Can you find Wally?
He is in this edition
somewhere.
This is where he was
in July P. 16



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