



# The Eagle



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## Men's Championships 2026



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On Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, after the playing of the daily event, the Club held the Presentations for the 'Major' winners: the Men's Club, B grade, C grade, D grade, Veteran's Scratch, Veteran's Handicap, Overall Handicap, Singles Knock-out and 4BBB Knock-out Champions were awarded their prizes for the last 12 months.

To Dahlsens we extend our sincere thanks for their continued support, not only for our Club in general, but specifically for being the named sponsors of the Men's Club championships.



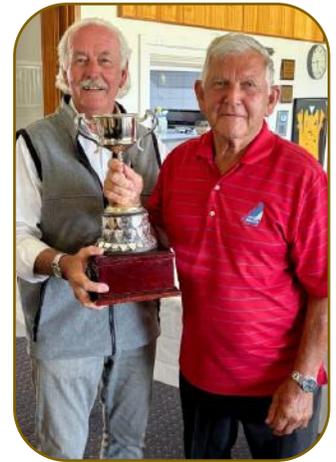
**'C' Grade Champion**  
Chris Savage accepted his trophy from Club President Stephen Mann.



**Club Champion**  
Mat Walkenhorst received his trophy from Andrew Webster.



**'B' Grade Champion**  
Jason Ashworth received his trophy from John Gannon.



**'D' Grade Champion**  
Merv East accepted his award from Wayne Reddaway.

## Women's Season Opening Day

Wednesday February 4 was the Opening Day for our Wednesday women. A good field of 107 players took to the course for the Four-Ball event sponsored by our Scottish ladies, Fiona Gray, Jean Murray and June McKee.



Sponsors Fiona Gray, June McKee and Jean Murray with 'A' Grade winners Julie Brittain and Julie Percival along with 'B' Grade winners Linda Callahan and Ula Sheather.



# Men's Championships 2026



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Well done to our Club Captain, Chris Savige, for the great work he has done in starting this 'presentation night' for the men. Remembering the past winners with the current winners has been a great initiative.

Our Men's Club Champion for the 2026 year is Mat Walkenhorst who backed up last year's win with another win this year.

It must be said though that a certain young lady may have overshadowed her dad's victory speech, managing to charm all in attendance.

Mat was very thankful in his speech towards the Club and Craig Rimington (a very common theme) for the condition of the course. Andrew Webster, a past Club Champion, was invited by the Club to present Mat with his trophy.

Our Men's B Grade Champion for 2026 is Jason Ashworth.

John Gannon was invited to present Jason with his trophy and John spoke of his time being a member of the Club, his own B Grade Championship win and what it meant to him.

Jason spoke of 'returning to some form' that helped him win the event. His speech touched on what it meant to him which was lovely.

Our very own Club Captain, Chris Savige, was victorious in the C Grade Championship this year. It took him a 4-hole play-off to finally claim victory.

In his speech he may have mentioned that he had achieved something his father, Bruce Savige, a very good golfer in his time, never managed to achieve by winning the C grade championship. Considering the multiple Club Championships Bruce won, I'm thinking Bruce might be happy for Chris to have his time in the lights.

Our Club President Steve Mann was invited to present Chris with his trophy and Steve spoke about his time at the Club and suggested his C Grade win was certainly his golfing highlight so far.

To suggest Merv East 'fell over the line' in his win in D Grade may be the biggest understatement of my life. Merv managed to win, in a 3-round event, by 20 shots. Wayne Reddaway was very happy to be invited to present the D Grade trophy to Merv and enthralled the audience with his recent achievements in this event over the recent years.

Merv's great form also had him winning the Graeme Wilson trophy for the best overall net score and the Col McPherson trophy for the best Veteran's net score. A great achievement Merv. Former winner of both events, and Life Member, Geoff Johnston was on hand to present Merv with his trophies.



Merv East received his trophies from Geoff Johnston.



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Tyler Elliott was again crowned the Men's Junior Club Champion for 2026. Tyler was very gracious in his acceptance of the trophy and thanked all his playing partners, and Mum and Dad! Andrew Webster made a return appearance to present the trophy to Tyler, a trophy he won all the way back in 1994.



Andrew Webster presented Tyler Elliott with his Junior Champion Award.

Rodney Cotton and Rohan Dare contested a keen field for the Men's Club Foursomes Championship and came out the victors. In Rohan's absence on the evening, Rodney thanked their playing partners and echoed everyone's congratulations to Craig Rimington about how well our course is maintained and prepared.

Rick Lucas, a past winner, was on hand to present the trophy.



Rod Cotton accepted his award from Rick Lucas.

Jeff Hathaway was crowned the Men's Veteran's Club champion for 2026. Jeff was absent due to competing in a Golf Australia Veteran's event. Gary Black accepted the invite to present the trophy and spoke very well of Jeff's playing over the event and suggested maybe the Club should call it the 'BlackHathaway' trophy as they are the only winners so far.

Ash Baylis accepted the trophy for winning the Men's Singles Knockout for the past 12 months. Tyler Elliott, a previous winner and the player Ash beat in the final, presented the trophy to Ash. Tyler may have remarked about some 'remarkable up and downs' made by Ash on the last to win (with a grin on his face). They had a great battle that was decided on the 18<sup>th</sup>.



Ash Baylis was presented with his award by runner-up Tyler Elliott.

Finally, from what we believe, a first occurred. A 'father and son' duo won the Men's 4BBB Championship playing together. Lawrence and Dean Murphy had a great time together coming out ahead of all competitors to claim their victory. Phil Soulsby, a past winner enjoyed presenting their trophy to them on the night.

Lawrence and Dean Murphy were presented with their trophy by Phil Soulsby.



**Thank you to  
David Pollard  
for the Men's  
Championships  
report.**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

February has been an extremely busy time for our Club hosting the Men's Championships for 2026 and preparing for the 2026 Seniors Pro Am held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

### MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The Men's Championships concluded with the 3<sup>rd</sup> round played on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 and presentations were held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

- I congratulate all winners and thank all members who participated.

Presentation night was a great success with past winners presenting trophies to the 2026 winners.

### SENIOR PRO AM 2026

- Although this annual event was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 26, it is worth me commenting in the February newsletter.

- The weather was not kind to us this year and at one stage we thought we may have to complete the event on Tuesday, however the rain reduced in the afternoon allowing the event to be completed.

- Huge thanks to The Big Garage for being the naming rights sponsor for approximately the 15<sup>th</sup> year.

- Thanks to all other sponsors who made the day another successful one.

Special thanks to all the male and female volunteers who assisted before during and after the Pro Am. This event could not be run without the great team of volunteers we have. You make me feel extremely proud of you all.

The next Major Event is the **2026 CORPORATE CUP** to be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and once again I will be calling on volunteers to assist before, during and after this terrific event.

Bowlers have struggled with weather impacting some events, however they persevered. Lining has been completed in the bowls shelter to hopefully stop birds making a mess inside.

Enjoy your Golf and Bowls.



Regards

**STEPHEN MANN (President).**



**200 CLUB**



**Congratulations to our latest winners:**

**Draw 77 3/3/2026**

\$800	(149)	N. Bambury, P. Johnston, L. Elliott, T. Mays.
\$400	(125)	A. Jackson, P. Woodcock, K. Carmody, K. Brown.
\$200	(76)	S. Mann, M. Farrelly, T. Elliott, L. Barker.

## WOMEN'S GOLF - FEBRUARY 2026

Janine Newell



The tartan was out in force for our Women's Opening Day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, but not to be outdone the beautiful blue and white of Scotland was also strongly supported with a very colourful field of players hitting off in a shotgun start.

Our sponsors were, of course, our Scottish ladies, Fiona Gray, Jean Murray and June McKee who help maintain their Scottish heritage with the women member's enthusiastic support.

Unfortunately, the weather forecast was for a very hot day. Many of us did question our choice of dressing in the freezing Scottish Highlands tartan style on a blistering hot Australian summer day, however we stuck with our costumes and were pleasantly surprised with an Australian style BBQ lunch and a very welcome ice cream dessert.

Our dessert was served by two lovely helpers Jenny and Sue in not so traditional Scottish costumes.



We are saddened to hear the news of the passing of a past member Helen Martin who was a valued member of the Match Committee and enjoyed participating in the annual concert.

Welcome back to Judy Hickey, a past Women's Golf President, who has rejoined the Club and we hope to see her out on the course soon.

February passes quickly as we all know, with the hot weather still impacting our golf. There has been quite a bit of rain in the last few weeks so the course is looking very green for this time of the year which makes it nice when you end up with that wayward shot into the rough.

The weather overall has been kind enough for us to make good use of our new covered seating area out on the deck and I think we will still be able to use the area during autumn when the weather is mild before winter arrives.

We are looking forward to the Championships in March and getting ready now for those challenging three rounds of Stroke.

Good golfing!

**Janine.**



**Women's Championships**

**Wednesday March 25—Friday March 27—Wednesday April 1**



## TREASURER'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

David Pollard



Hello fellow members

A simple question from me, where has this year gone?

I'm sure I was just buying Christmas presents!

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

**The reporting period is 01.07.25 to 3.01.26**

### RESULTS V BUDGET

**Income** is over by \$15,300 (good).

- Collectively our Retail areas are up \$4,000, Bar, Golf Shop and Café.
- Green Fees and Major events are up as well as Bowls operations and our Catering activities.
- Our Subscriptions are down at present, but this is a 'timing issue' (secret Accountant's talk .. Chris Savige will be delighted to field any questions on that lol). Simply put, what we have received so far is under what we expected, but by the end of the year, we believe it will match what we budgeted for.

**Expenses** are over by \$16,300 (not so good).

- Our compliance costs, HR consultants engaged but not budgeted for, Course costs, again a timing issue that will resolve itself and unexpected costs/repairs to the Clubhouse and surrounds (Jeffrey Graham will be delighted to field that area) are all over.

**Net Profit** (Before Depreciation) is under by \$1,000 (Not good, not bad).

Considering the unexpected expenses we have incurred this year, it's comforting that our Trading has increased and has covered the additional costs).

**David.**



## WOMEN'S SATURDAY GOLF - FEBRUARY 2026

Julie Brittain



The last month of summer and we had some very hot days and some very wet days.

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. saw 30 women playing Stableford with Marg McCallum winning with 41 points.

The following two Saturdays 14<sup>th</sup> (29 players) and 21<sup>st</sup> (22 players) Stableford events saw Mel May on fire winning both weeks with a 39 and 38 respectively. That old blind squirrel again.

The 28<sup>th</sup> was the 4BBB Mixed Medley Par.

Coming up in March the best five stableford scores, Saturday ladies eclectic and the women's Monthly Medal will commence. These events are sponsored so book in to play Saturday to be a part of it.

Happy golfing,

**Julie.**





HANDMADE,  
STONE BAKED  
PIZZA  
& PASTA

DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY

EVERY THURSDAY

BOOK A  
TABLE  
ONLINE



## WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

### Julie Percival



Welcome 108 players ladies for the new golfing year 2026 which commenced with our Opening Day on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. and what a wonderful day it was seeing the room full with all the ladies looking forward to the new season.

I wish you all a fabulous season and I hope it brings you many memorable games and great fellowship and fun times. Remember there is never a bad day when you're out on the Golf Course.

Results:

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> February 4BBB Stableford Event Opening Day.** 108 Players.

Sponsored by our Scottish ladies, June McKee, Jean Murray and Fiona Gray.

A Div. Won by Julie Brittain and Julie Percival with 47 points.

B Div. Won by Ula Sheather and Linda Callahan with 48 points.

Summer Cup Winner – Deb Brebner.

Summer Eclectic A Div – Winner of Nett and Scratch – Leonie Taylor.

B Div – Winner of Nett and Scratch – Sue Avery.

Thank you to sponsors of these events being Mel May, Sandy Walker and Kerryn Clemm.



**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> February Stroke Event and first Monthly Medal.**

Started with a large field but along came the heat and reduced us to 55 players in the Medal and seven players in the 9 Hole competition.

A Div. and Medal Winner Mel May (15) with a 69 Nett.

B Div. Winner Anita Rassini (33) with a 70 Nett.

9 Hole Competition was won by Gloria Barrack with 19 Points.



Winners Anita Rassini and Mel May.



**Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> February Stableford Event.**

Sponsored by L J Hooker.

81 Players and 13 for the 9 Hole Competition

A Div. Won by Fiona Gray (13) with 37 points.

B Div. Won by Robyn Hooper (30) with 40 points

C Div. Won by Isabella Carmichael (43) with 40 points.

9 Hole Competition was won by Dianne Rowarth (45) with 24 points.



Isabella Carmichael, Fiona Gray and Robyn Hooper with representatives from our sponsor, L. J. Hooker Paynesville.

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> February Par Event.**

Sponsored by our wonderful Lady Members, Lyn Beeck, Robyn Brunt and Georgia Miles.

Once again, we started with a large field but due to heat reduced to a field of 57.

Our sponsors still requested that we have three Divisions.

A Div. Won by Sue Wood (10) with +1.

B Div. Won by Sharyon Dumbleton (25) +1.

C. Div. Won by Ruth Engel (38) +5.

9 Hole Competition six players won by Linda Callahan (33) +1.



Sharyon Dumbleton, Lyn Beeck, Ruth Engel, Georgia Miles, Robyn Brunt and Sue Wood.



Women's Opening Day was February 4 with 108 players competing in the 4BBB Stableford event. Players enjoyed the Scottish theme and there were many varied outfits on display. A big thank you to Fiona Gray, June McKee and Jean Murray for, once again, sponsoring the event and ensuring the success of the day.



Women's President Janine hitting the first ball for the new season.



'A' Grade runners-up Angela Boyd and Judy Stewart with sponsors Fiona, June and Jean.



Kerry Hine, Joyce Martine, Elaine Crawford and Sharyon Dumbleton.



Jodie O'Connell, Gwen Cook and Joan Hopkins with Kaye Broomfield.



Marj Gleave and Pat Watts.



Jenny Hemming and Sue Goodman.



Lesley Avery and Jan Hunt.

# Women's Season Opening Day



Robyn Brunt and Kerry Clemm.



Trish Archibald with Pat Stewart.



Sandy Walker, Leonie Taylor and Kerry Clemm.



Julie Lambert and Eileen Hancock.



Ruth Engel with Valma McNamara.



Jo Mee, Marg Fleming and Bonnie Walker.



Jan Critchlow and Isabella Carmichael.



Mary-Ann Emerton, Janine Newell, Sue McInnes and Valerie Keys.



Charley Goodrem, Leonie Taylor, Cecilia Stewart and Chery Jolly.



Jenny Shelton and Ros Pearce.



Mel May, Chrissy Fisher and Sue Gannon.



Monica Nordblom, Helen Dennison, Anita Rassini and Jenny Brumby.



Vanessa Stokes and Mary-Ann Emerton.



Left:  
Sandy Walker,  
Kerry Clemm and Sue Avery.



Right:  
Angela Fleischer and  
Mary McAuley.

## **COURSE MANAGEMENT - FEBRUARY 2026**

### **Craig Rimington**



February has been events month following into a busy March, quite the same. Ladies' Opening day, Men's Club Championships, Mid-week Bowls Pennant Finals and Whelan's Group Golf Day.

Course Management Practices undertaken during February have included: -

- Preparations for day to day running of all Club events Golf & Bowls;
- Edge, weed, clean out bunkers, growth regulator and weed control applications.
- Multiple Growth regulator, fungicide applications for all Golf surfaces.
- Pre – emergent grass and weed control applications.
- Multiple pass Verti cutting, shave and clean-up of Bowls Greens.
- Bowls nutrition and Fungicide Applications.
- Herbicide spot spraying Fairways.
- Prepare and lay turf 10<sup>th</sup> Men's tee/tee bank.
- Sprinkler and distance marker trimming.
- Clean out, maintenance apply barrier spray for irrigation control boxes.
- General course maintenance practices.

#### **Greens**

Golf Greens autumn treatments for warm season grass encroachment to commence. Greens renovations booked for April 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>, we will be using a contractor to perform “Dry Ject” applications, this process will provide benefits like conventional core aeration, but recovery and surface disruption will be minimal. High pressure water will create holes/channels five inches deep into the profile, then vacuum blast sand into the holes, this process is achieved in one pass.

If interested there are some great videos posted on YouTube, type in “Dry Ject”.

#### **Bowling Greens**

Both greens have been verti cut, groomed and we are following the nutrition and fungicide application programs. Currently we look to have the BF1 and Fairway Patch Disease under control, we will needle tine aerate greens when time permits and follow up with Hydro Cottle weed control on the bottom green.

#### **Tees**

Divoting tees has been on a fortnightly or as needs basis. Tees will be treated with Pre – emergent herbicide.

#### **Fairways**

General maintenance has taken place for the month. We have applied herbicide to treat weeds and summer grasses, as well as monthly growth regulator applications.

Late February will see applications sprayed for pre-emergent weed control, targeting winter weeds Poa annua.



## **COURSE MANAGEMENT - FEBRUARY 2026 (cont.)**

### **Vegetation**

General clean-up from strong winds of fallen limbs, branches, leaf litter.

We will soon re-commence works related to the Vegetation audit, focusing on the completion of the high-risk trees, this work will include deadwood and full tree removals.

### **STAFF/OH&S**

E – Par OH&S management system.

### **Machinery**

Scheduled maintenance is being conducted on all machinery as required.

### **Rainfall**

February 2025          112 mm **(Rain days 7)**

February 2026          64 mm **(Rain days 4)**

Year to date 2026    **112 mm**

### **Temperature**

**Ave Min – 13.5 degrees**

**Ave Max – 25.7 degrees**

**Highest this month 37.4 degrees**

**Total Irrigation water applied watering season September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**187 Days = 22,499,541.28lts**

### **Works Program for March 2026 to include: -**

1. Preparation for all Club and Corporate events Golf and Bowls;
2. 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Tee path
3. Tee garden removals and turfing 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> tees;
4. Pro – Am, Ladies Championships, Corporate Cup preparations;
5. Continue vegetation audit works.
6. Machinery maintenance.
7. IPM Control Program.
8. Issues which may arise from committee meeting.
9. Works program may vary due to weather conditions.

**Craig Rimington**

**Course Superintendent**



## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026**

**Chris Savige**



Well the hectic period we experience every year is now behind us and a big thank you to Craig Rimington and his team for the manner in which the course has been presented for the three big events we have hosted back to back.

A big thank you also to staff and volunteers for their untiring work and judging by the feedback we have received, it is as a result of all of your efforts.

To Jeff Graham and President Stephen, your organization of these events has been first class.

So I will start with the Club Championships and what a battle. Mat Walkenhorst and Daniel Churches slugged it out in an epic three rounds to have Mat prevail and become a back to back champion of our club.

In B Grade, Jason Ashworth played extremely well to run out a decisive winner.

In C Grade, there was a play off between Marty Farrelly and myself and I just scraped over the line and in D Grade, the old stager Merv East had a convincing win. Merv is now the winner of a B, C and a D Grade title over the journey and like thousands of others, A Grade has eluded him.

The other major winners, the Wilson Memorial for the best net score of the Championships was won by Merv East, the McPherson Memorial was also Merv East, the Senior Title was won by Jeff Hathway, the Junior was Tyler Elliott. There was also the Medal Masters played in conjunction with the last round and Tyler Elliot won that and Mat Walkenhorst won the scratch.

Presentations was again well attended and well accepted. It was great to have Andrew Webster in the clubhouse and we heard only a small part of his exceptional record and his reflection of his time playing golf. Andrew presented the Club and Junior Champion trophies.

John Gannon was the B Grade speaker with a mine of statistical information, Stephen Mann presented C Grade and Wayne Reddaway presented D Grade.

Geoff Johnston, our Life Member, reflected and presented both the Wilson and McPherson memorial trophies. We also presented the 2025 winners of the Foursomes in Rohan Dare and Rod Cotton, the 4 Ball Knockout to Dean and Laurie Murphy and Singles Knockout to Ash Baylis.

A big thank you to all those members who participated in the presentations.

Next cab off the rank on the Monday was our annual PGA Legends Pro Am. A very well run and accepted event where we had some moisture in the morning and by divine intervention we had a clear afternoon for play. A full field of professionals really enjoyed the golf course. The winners were glowing in their praise of the course and our course superintendent.

The joint winners were Adam Henwood, Peter Jones and Andre Stolz. Big thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who made it such a great day.

Final event was the Gippsland Senior Classic played over two days, Friday at Lakes Entrance and the final day here on our course. We had a final field of 53 men and 11 ladies play. Overall men's winner was Rob Walker from Sale and also from Sale Jo Ballinger winning the ladies. In the net event, former member Geoff Ashby won the men's and Karen Cash closed out the Sale dominance by winning the ladies.

Big thank you to Peter Lessels for registration and cards and to Rick Lucas for helping out with lunch.

So the members did not miss out on playing, we held a 1.00pm shotgun stableford that saw 87 players in the afternoon field. Some hot scores, Mat Walkenhorst shot 66 off the stick for 41 points.

Cooper Rimmington broke par and shot 70, Dad not far behind with a 72 and Damien Fairhall also had 36 points off 3. In the ladies, Julie Percival returned 40 points to win.



## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026 (cont.)**

My next topic, disturbs me greatly and I would normally view the newsletter as a positive reflection within the club but events recently have forced me to perhaps defend myself (and others) where we have drawn some criticism in an open forum. Last Wednesday as reported to me, it inferred that I and the Committee of Management we were in some way interfering in Wednesday golf.

So some background – first up I am the Club Captain and as an officer of the Club am compelled to act in accordance with the Rule of Golf and the policies of the Club. My role is contained within the Constitution as follows –

### **44.1 The Club Captain:**

**44.2.1 is ultimately responsible for the golf competitions played at the Club in accordance with the rules of golf and policies of the Club,**

Pretty straight forward and I head the Match Committee and I sit ex-officio on every committee that runs golf. The By-Laws for Match, written in 2014 are outdated as the competitions within the Club have expanded beyond the scope of those by-laws.

So too has the legislative framework changed and the enforcement of the Equal Opportunity Act, the discrimination act/s and the human rights legislation is now necessary.

It is also incumbent on myself and the Committee to ensure that every member of our club receives the same treatment and have the same opportunity and that no one member or group of members gain an advantage over another.

So, the elephant in the room deals with the inequity of the grades on Wednesdays.

After a couple of letters, one male and one female, Match carried out some analysis of the problem.

First up A Grade on Saturdays saw in excess of 40% in A Grade down to just 14% in D Grade. The same could not be said for Thursdays as the grades that exist saw each grade around 25% each. So, a decision was made that saw the grades on Saturday adjusted to provide equity between those grades.

In the ladies' templates, A Grade entrants made up on average 19% of the numbers, B Grade 40% and C grade 40%. Or in playing numbers it was 16 – 34 – 33 players in each grade.

Meaning that when you pay your entry money, those in B and C grade were competing against twice and many players as A Grade.

So, at our last meeting of Match, it was decided that Wednesday would go and make some adjustments to rectify that issue and for a trial period analyse the results and then make a decision.

The results to date do not paint a picture that shows any change at all.

The three week period of three grades show that A Grade makes up 18% of the field, B Grade 46% and C grade is 35% or in actual numbers, it is 13 – 33 – 25.

Equity as espoused by the R & A and WHO allows committees to make decisions based on justice and common sense. Now if you are a member who thinks that you should have the same or similar number of people to compete against for a prize, then the above will not suit you or advantage you in any way.

This is the issue that we are trying to address. If you are happy for the inequity to continue, then COM will need to minute of acceptance of this inequity so that any future members who decide to take further action, the committee is indemnified from any or all actions taken.

My personal view, as we are all members, we are entitled to be treated equally and to all have the same opportunity as one another. That no group of individuals gain an advantage over any other group.

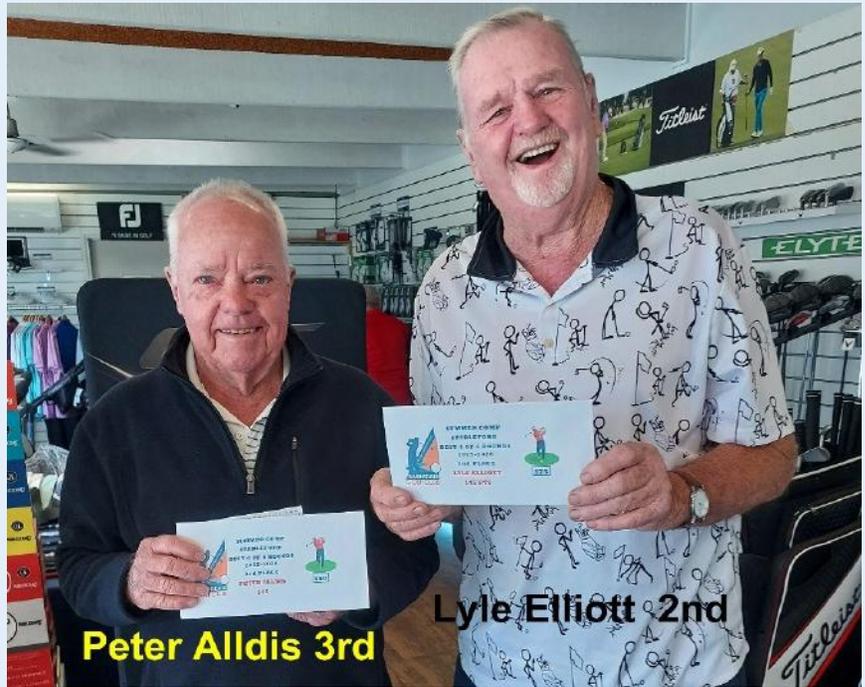
**Chris.**



# THURSDAY SUMMER STABLEFORD COMPETITION 2025/6 WINNERS.

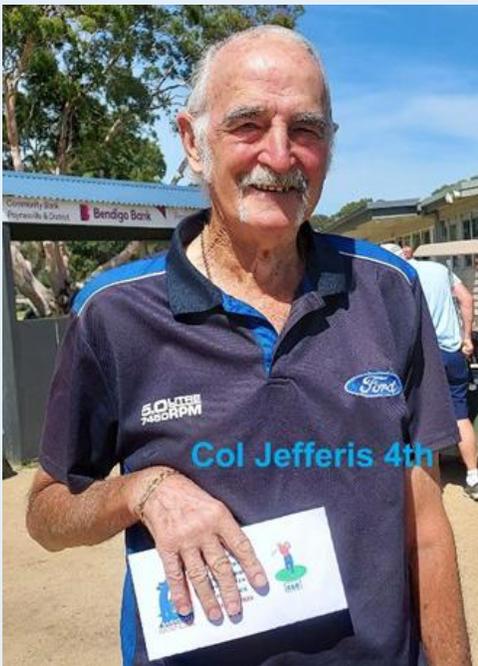


**Gordon Boyle 1st**



**Peter Alldis 3rd**

**Lyle Elliott 2nd**

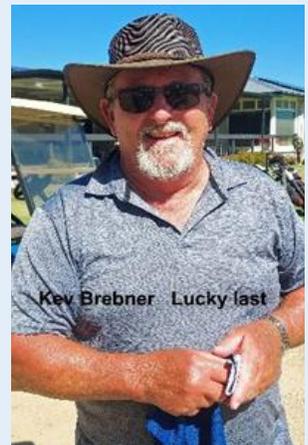


**Col Jefferis 4th**

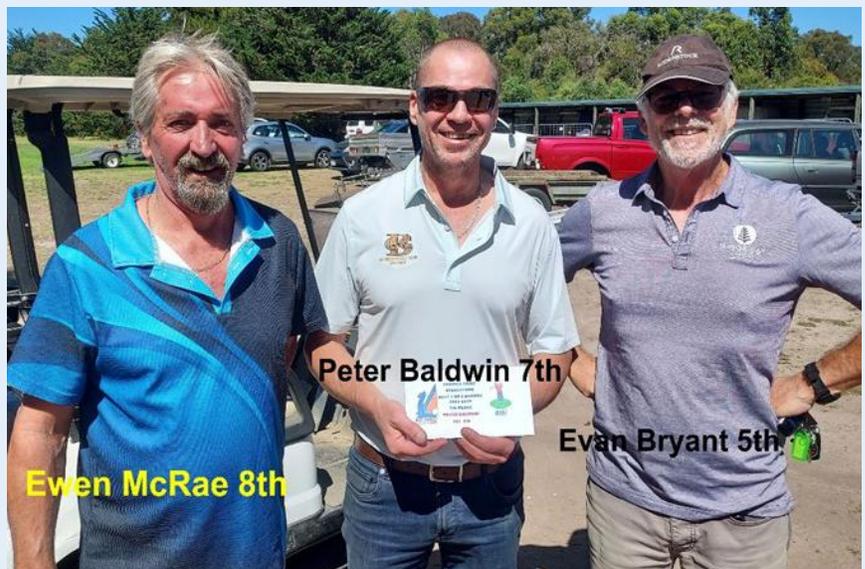


**Ewen Logan 6th**

**Daryl Newell 9th**



**Kev Brebner Lucky last**



**Ewen McRae 8th**

**Peter Baldwin 7th**

**Evan Bryant 5th**



## **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.**

**EXCERPTS OF MINUTES FROM THE NEXT BOOK STILL ALL HANDWRITTEN. COMPRISES 349 PAGES AND DATES FROM 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1947 TO 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1957.**

At a **Special General Meeting** held **April 3, 1954**, a payment of £700 was approved to Mr. R. Pallot as part of the new building expenses. The following Building extras were approved; sound proofing of the north wall of the ladies' room, with the east wall of the dining room to be plastered.

It was also arranged that 20 Lockers be ordered to be paid on a hire-buy arrangement (was that not called **Hire-Purchase?**).

At the next **meeting held April 27, 1954**, the minutes of the Special General Meeting were confirmed and the matter of Lockers was raised. It was decided that the Club would buy the Lockers and members wishing to use these would make an agreement to lend the Club the amount covering the cost. This amount will be repaid by the Club within 8 years. Fees for the Lockers will be 10 Shillings per year per Locker.

It was carried that no Tournament be held for 1954 due to the heavy financial commitment the Club has had with Building Works.

It was decided that painting of the ceiling and walls of the main lounge would be carried out by a working bee provided that the Associates pay the costs, but until the financial position improved, money cannot be spent on alterations to the kitchen.

Back to the Golf Course an amount of £40 was approved for re-sanding of the Bunkers.

Letters and Invoices be sent to K Wallis, J Lloyd and Vic Robinson informing them of the price of lavatories was 5 Guineas each and they had to be paid for and removed within 14 days . (I presume that these would be "Thunder Boxes" that have now been replaced by the new earthenware toilet units).

17 new Members and 8 new Associates were inducted following this meeting.

At the **meeting June 8, 1954**, the Treasurer reported that the cost of sewerage to the Clubrooms was 85% higher than originally advised. It was moved that a letter be written to the Sewerage Board asking why the Club had not been consulted before this additional expense had been incurred and advising that at present we are not in a position to pay this amount.

Mr N Roberts was thanked for his generous offer of providing a loan for the purchase of a piano for the Clubhouse. He also provided the use of his woolshed for the Barn Dance.



## HISTORY (cont.)

A discussion was held that the Club should look toward schoolboys of the town as potential golfers and make it possible for them to play under supervision on their normal sports days. Contact to be made to the sports masters of the High and Tech Schools to see if any students were interested.

The following **Meeting held July 13, 1954**, Mr President explained that he had withheld the letter prepared for the Sewerage Authority. He felt that in view of earlier correspondence on the matter we were not justified in our claims. The action of the president was endorsed. (It would appear that some past forgotten correspondence had come out of the woodwork).

The schoolboy golf was approved to go ahead on Friday afternoons under the supervision of the Sports Master.

Mrs. Maggs again comes into the picture on afternoon teas, and a system was to be adapted that she be paid one shilling for each afternoon tea collected. It was resolved that the kitchen door be modified to incorporate a proper slide servery.

A letter of thanks was sent to the associates thanking them for their kind offer of £50 to enable a working bee to be conducted to paint the kitchen, and floor of ladies dressing room. The working bee was to be held off until the relining of the dining room was completed.

There was talk in these minutes that the Associates wanted to run a Gymkhana at which they would supply meals, this was acclaimed by the committee as an excellent idea and would be discussed at a combined special meeting. (My understanding is that a Gymkhana involves horses, well I suppose that if your golf course in on a race track you would have plenty).

The Treasurers report showed that the Club was in the red to the extent of £1435 and he warned that this was rather high considering that the Sewerage was still to be paid.

He thanked the social committee for their efforts in helping to keep this figure down, without their support the Club would have been in a worse situation.

New players, it was resolved that the match committee should do some work to get new members to mix more with the old members.

### Ron Healey Historian



The reference Ron has to a 'Gymkhana' shows up occasionally in some historic newspaper articles.

#### ***Bairnsdale Advertiser & Tambo and Omeo Chronicle March 32, 1931.***

The opening of the Bairnsdale Golf Club has been fixed for Easter Monday, April 6. and will take the form of a Gymkhana when the following post entry events will be held:-

Men's 18-hole stroke competition; associates 9-hole stroke competition, and in the afternoon 18-hole mixed foursomes for trophies donated by the President.

There are many historical references in old newspapers to Golf Gymkhanas and it would appear nearly all are fund-raisers for causes such as Patriotic Funds and Hospitals etc.



## POSITION OF CLUB HISTORIAN AVAILABLE

In 2016 Ron Healey (aka Really) took on this task, and by any measure he has done a great job, starting pretty much from scratch.



His first task was to find what was available in very old storage by way of minute books, ledgers, program books, and list them all. Lists now stored under 'History' in the Club's computer records.

Ron also produced a "History Mysteries" column for the Newsletter using older photos and asking Members to name who was in them.

At about the same time Ron developed a 'Virtual Honour Boards' display system by photographing all existing physical Golf Club Honour Boards, and setting that up on the Club's website. He then created and added 'Thursday Golf' records and trophies.

He wrote, and continues to write, for the Newsletter excerpts from old minute books dating back to the forming of the Club in 1904, up to all available being 1962.

With considerable gratitude, we now acknowledge that Ron deserves a break.

Consequently, we need another 'Ron' to take on this extremely important role in preserving and communicating the story of our great Club. Along with Maffra and Sale, the oldest Club in East Gippsland. (i,)

We need a person, preferably a member, who has the same deep interest in our Club.

Combines with the ability and motivation to become the Club's replacement Historian.

Objectives and Tasks are considered to include the following, but are always open to personal experience and ideas:

- Familiarise self with and maintain existing hard copy and computerized records.
- Identify sources such as Newspapers and Libraries and search for historical records not yet included in existing Club Computer data.
- Continue to produce updated versions of history for Club Newsletters.
- Maintain and update the Golf Club 'Virtual Honour Boards' system.
- Create the same 'Virtual' system and displays for the BGC Bowls Club.

Assistance will always be available from knowledgeable persons within the Club who have been closely involved to date and remain passionate about these objectives.

Please give this very important position considerable thought from both your own your own and the Club's perspective, and don't hesitate to contact Ron Healey, 0414 535 379, or Peter Wilson, 0417 011 166, for extra information and encouragement.

(i,) *Savige, Chris, 'Golf in East Gippsland', 1989.*



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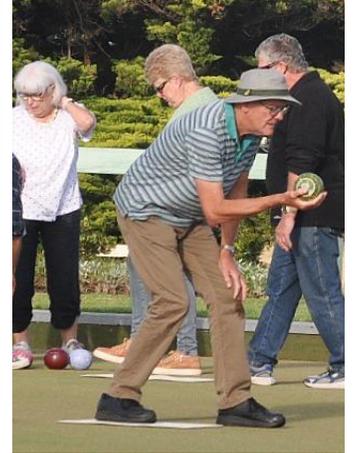


# Jack Attack season comes to an end.



Our Bowls 'Jack Attack' season has come to an end after a very successful five weeks. Thank you to our golfing friends who participated. We are very fortunate to be able to play both sports in our great Club.

A big 'thank you' once again to our Paynesville & District Community Bank for their ongoing support of this event.



**Where's Wally?**  
Can you find Wally?  
He is in this edition  
somewhere.  
This is where he was  
in January. P5.



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