



The Eagle

Bairnsdale Golf Club monthly newsletter

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Club Championships 2022



Congratulations to all the winners of our men's Club Championships!

'D' Grade Rick Ross, Noah Paterson (championship runner-up and Junior Champion),

'C' Grade Kevin Naughton, Club Champion Brett Makings, 'B' Grade Glenn Trewin,

'A' Grade nett and Senior Champion Gavin Braybrook, and 'D' Grade nett Bill Flack.

We were pleased to welcome Bryan Froud representing our Championship sponsor, Dahlsens, to presentations.



Congratulations to our women's Club Champions!

'A' Grade Open winner Sue Wood, 'B' Grade gross and nett Di Howe,

'C' Grade Jennifer Lawrence and 'D' Grade gross and nett winner, Valmae McNamara

A big thank you to our event sponsor, Hi Tek Kitchens.

MANAGER'S REPORT - MARCH 2022

Jeff Graham



As I ponder the process for drafting next year's financial budget, I realize there are interesting times ahead.

If you pay attention to the monthly Treasurer's report, and hopefully you do, I trust that you take heart in the strong financial position of our club.

David's report is designed to give members an easy-to-understand snapshot into the current trading results that all members can truly grasp. I like the format, sure it could be more detailed but as far mid-term indicators go, I think it does the job admirably. However, internally, the club's Finance Committee and Committee of Management track the detail a lot closer and there are some unusual trends appearing as pointed out below.

Our trading surplus for the current financial year of \$173,838 looks outstanding, and it is to be commended based on the challenges faced. But factor in the *one-off* grants from the Irrigation project and the COVID support fund totalling \$161,954 and that figure drops to just under \$12,000. On the flip side is the COVID reduced trading from July to October 21 that significantly lowered Bar, Competition, Social and to a lesser degree Green Fee revenue. Typically, you can make some previous years comparisons to assist, but the last full year unaffected by COVID was 2018-19 which frankly feels like ancient history, and so much has changed since then.

Digging even deeper, our Golf Shop has traded unbelievably well despite the restrictions. This department used to run at a deficit to the club close to \$40,000 per year due to retainers and commissions, this year it is on track to make a \$50,000 surplus (\$90,000 improvement). But the Golf Shop appears to be the exception. The Bar has never returned to pre COVID figures and Green Fees have been down against the previous year for four consecutive months. Golf Events (Like the Scramble, GEG Classic or 4BBB Qualifier) have been erratic, some have dropped by close to 50% whilst others seem resilient.

From my industry experience, Green Fee revenue is the proverbial canary in coal mine for the golf economy. Golf is a leisure spend and typically one of the first expenses to be shed when things are a bit tight, and it tends to go downhill from there. Four consecutive months of decline is a trend in my book and unfortunately, I anticipate this will continue and likely spread to sales.

We know our fuel and fertilizer bills could increase by as much as \$10,000 due to the crisis in the Ukraine. Freight has also become a consideration with fuel levies now applied by distributors and with a fair chunk of our consumables coming from Melbourne, it adds up. Insurance looks like jumping 10% again as does portions of our wage expense.

So what does all the above really mean? It means that a financial plan is critical, not just for the next 12 months, but for the next 5 years, minimum. And whilst plans never prove to be 100% accurate they do provide regular measures and most importantly a clarity about future purchases.

Coincidentally, we are at the beginning of planning our next Strategic Plan which is slated to cover the stated period. Plan item expense already exceeds \$600,000 and we have only scratched the surface, I anticipate requests to amount to well in excess of on one million dollars.

But it's not all doom and gloom by any stretch, personally, I'm looking forward to the financial challenges of the next few years. I'm encouraged by the Golf Shop which still has some untapped opportunities and believe we can continue to increase membership numbers rather than membership rates. The Friday Night Bistro remains an opportunity and new programs such as the highly successful Jack Attack Lawn Bowls have added revenue and life back into the static bowls figures.

Regardless of what occurs, know that the COM, Management and Staff are doing their best to keep your club experience improving, whilst striving to maintain affordability. And that's all that matters.

Until next month,
Jeff Graham General Manager

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MARCH 2022

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members

In March we sadly had the passing of Peter Boyle and past member Doug Thomson. Our deepest sympathy goes to their families and friends.

March has been another busy month during which we have conducted the following events,

Men's Championship where the A Grade event was won by Brett Makings

Women's Championship where the A Grade event was won by Sue Wood

Congratulations to all Grade winners

Huge thanks to our Championship Sponsors (Dahlsens for the Men and Hi-Tek Kitchens for the Women

The Scramble was conducted on Sunday 27th March 2022

Recently, we have had several positive cases of Covid-19 at the Club (Jeff Graham, Craig Rimington, Ben Dunlop and Heather Trewin also isolating due to her husband, Glen, being positive. David Archibald and Jack Holbrook have also been unwell. We are attempting to provide members with the service they deserve, however please be understanding if staff numbers are not at the usual levels. Please also follow the Covid rules in an attempt to reduce any further cases to staff and members.

Committee of Management elections will be completed on 20th April 2022.

We have the following nominations,

- David Pollard (Treasurer)
- Chris Savige (Captain)
- Vice-Captain – Nil
- Committee- Sue Wood, Terry Hughes and Rick Ross

The above nominations will automatically be elected and I welcome Chris and Rick to our Committee of Management.



Marcus Latham was the star in the Cricket Grand Final with an unbeaten 20 resulting in a win for Wy Yung. Well done, Marcus.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MARCH 2022 (cont.)

NEW SPONSOR & UPCOMING TALK ON GOLF BIOMECHANICS AND INJURY PREVENTION

True Care Physiotherapy are a new sponsor of our club and Bhaumic Patel (Sports and Exercise Physiotherapist) will give a talk to members after Golf Presentations on the following days to assist golfers to understand Golf Mechanics and Injury Prevention

Day 1 - Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 4pm

Day 2 - Thursday 5th May 2022 at 6pm

I am sure you all will benefit from Bhaumic's talk and I am sure you will have many questions

Please advise via email to club@bairnsdalegolf.com.au if you plan to attend and advise the date of your attendance.



On Sunday March 27th, the club ran its annual PGA Scramble event.

This year's event was sponsored by the Big Garage despite the withdrawal of Volkswagon as a National Sponsor.

Darren Robbie, dealer principle of the Big Garage said it was a great event and he was thrilled to stay involved as a major sponsor.

The event was contested by 13 teams which meant that the best team score would qualify for the Regional final in October 2022.

In a tightly contested event where less than seven shots separated the entire field, David Pollard, Damien Tubb, Grant Dyer and Brodie Cameron came out on top with a Nett score of 56.12.

In second place was Ben Dunlop, Matt Davidson, Josh Foster and Chris Moreland with a Nett score of 57.62.

Congratulations to winning team and good luck in the Regional Final, do Bairnsdale Golf Club proud!"



Regards
STEPHEN MANN (President)

TRUECARE PHSIOTHERAPY

GOLF BIOMECHANICS AND INJURY PREVENTION

SPEAKER: BHAUMIC PATEL
SPORTS AND EXERCISE PHYSIOTHERAPIST
TRUECARE PHYSIOTHERAPY - BAIRNSDALE

Dates and times :
Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 4pm (Women)
Thursday 5th May 2022 at 6pm (Men)

Venue: Bairnsdale Golf Club



TREASURER'S REPORT - MARCH 2022

David Pollard



Hello all!

By the time you read this the 2022 Election results should have been made public, congratulations to all who were elected.

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

Bank Accounts – as of 4 April 2022

- Trading Account \$307,119.86 Credit Funds
- Holding Account \$ 14,282.07 Credit Funds

The reporting period is 01.07.21 to 28.02.22

RESULTS V BUDGET

Income is over by \$14,000 (good)

- Competition Fees, Green Fees and Bar operations are all down still, with this being able to be attributed to various closures.
- Sponsorship, Raffles etc & Pro Shop operations are all ahead of budget.

Expenses are under \$25,500 (good)

- Course costs, Competition prizes and Energy costs are below budget.
- Compliance costs and Advertising are currently over budget.

Net Profit (Before Depreciation) is over \$64,500 (good)

We are tracking well through these interesting times. I look forward to finishing out the year strongly.

David



On Wednesday March 30th. 2022, nominations for the Committee of Management closed.

The position of Vice-Captain did not receive a nomination and as per the Club's Constitution the following clauses shall be enacted.

31.5 If insufficient nominations are received to fill any vacancies on the Committee, a special general meeting shall be convened by the Committee in accordance with rule 35.1

35.1 A special general meeting required by rule 31.5 shall be convened on the last Wednesday in April and the Secretary shall serve a notice of meeting in writing upon each member in accordance with rule 58.

Therefore, the following serves as notice of the required meeting.

**Notice of
Special General Meeting
of the Bairnsdale Golf Club Inc.
Wednesday April 27th. 6.00 p.m
Bairnsdale Golf Club Clubhouse**

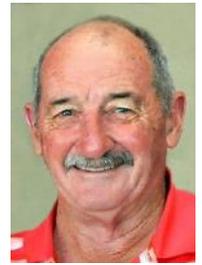
Nominations for the remaining positions on the Committee (Vice-Captain) shall be called from the floor of the meeting.

Jeff Graham Secretary/Manager Bairnsdale Golf Club Inc.



CAPTAIN'S REPORT - MARCH 2022

Marty Farrelly



March began with the final round of the Men's Club Championships. Some blowout victories as well as two playoffs to decide the champions.

In A grade Brett Makings won his 3rd Club Championship when he defeated Noah Paterson after a 5 hole playoff. Both had scratch scores of 229 after 3 rounds. Noah won the Junior Club Championship for the 3rd time. Gavin Braybrook was very consistent and won the A grade net event as well as the best net score for the championships and the Seniors Club Champion. Gavin's net score for the championships was 215.

Glenn Trewin was dominant in B Grade and won both the scratch and net events. Glenn's scratch score was 255 which was enough to give him victory by 5 shots while his net score of 216 put him 8 ahead of his nearest rival.

A similar story in the C grade. Kevin Naughton had scores of scratch 267 and net 216. Kevin was the winner of the scratch event by 9 shots and the net event by 14 shots. D grade was more hotly contested with a three-way playoff between Rick Ross, Wayne Reddaway and Mark Osborn. All had 290 after three rounds but Rick was more steady in the playoff and prevailed to win D grade scratch event. Bill Flack won the D grade net event scoring 219 over the three rounds.

Over the Club Championships two players scored a hole in one.

On the first day Damien Tubb aced the 8th hole and then on day 3 Grant Dyer aced the 11th hole on his way to winning the March monthly medal.

Well done to all the winners and thank you to all who participated. Day three was a challenge especially for those who hit off early but the majority stuck at it in the rain and we got through. A big thanks to Janet Gibson and Judy Stewart for recording all the scores over the three weeks. Without them this would have been a lot more stressful for me and I appreciate their efforts.



Men's Pennant starts on Sunday the 8th of May and then continues over the next three Sundays. It appears we are in a position to enter three very strong sides this year, so if you are interested in playing don't hesitate in putting your name forward. There is a list in the men's locker room, so put your name down. Division 1 and 2 are scratch events and Division 3 is a handicap competition. If you can't commit to playing, try and get out and support the players who are representing our club.

Club elections will be held on Wednesday the 27th of April. These elections will be the end of my tenure as Captain as I will not be contesting the elections. It has been both a challenge and a privilege to represent the Bairnsdale Golf Club over the past three years and I wouldn't have made it without the help and guidance of Steve Mann and Jeff Graham as well as the members of the Committee Of Management. Thanks to Denis Sing who served as Vice Captain over the past 12 months and stepped in for me while I was off touring Western Australia. Thanks to everyone who served on the Match Committee as well as those who were involved in the various sub committees organising the weekly competitions. Warren Prior and Peter Lessels have been a huge help over my time as Captain. Not only have they both been members of the Match Committee for the entire time but their knowledge of golf and their ability for clear thinking has been an invaluable help to me. Warren also stepped back into the breach in my first 18 months and took on the role of Vice Captain.

Finally to all the Members, it's been my pleasure to get to know you better than I may have had I not been Captain. This is my main takeaway from my time as Captain. I would like to wish whoever takes over the position of Captain all the best and ask all the Members to give him all the support you have given me. Whoever the new Captain is, he will only be taking on the role to help make the Club better.

Marty Farrelly Club Captain.

WOMEN'S GOLF - MARCH 2022

Women's President Anne Crowe



Once again March has provided us all with perfect weather and conditions for perfect golf, that elusive beast. How lucky have we been to have avoided the deluges that have fallen on our Northern neighbours? Great weather has brought out big fields in the three major events that have highlighted women's golf this month, these being the Club Championships, Foursome Championships and the President, Captain and Guest Day.

Our Women's Club Championship was spread over two Wednesdays and a Friday. A very good field of lady members, as well as guests from other clubs enjoyed the three-day stroke event. So difficult to hold a game together for one round, let alone three games, so congratulations to all our winners on a fantastic effort and well done to all who participated.

Next came our Foursomes Championships, an event contested over two days. Unfortunately, I was unable to compete in both these days due to family commitments, thus letting down my partner Lois. Just to prove that she didn't really need me, Lois and her new partner Rose, improved on their first day score by a massive 22 strokes. Unfortunately, their first day round left them out of contention, but great recovery ladies and thank you for being so understanding Lois.

Once again, congratulations to the winners and congratulations to our match committee who so efficiently and successfully organised and implemented these two major events.

Our President, Captains and Guests Day attracted a large group of lady members and visitors alike. With over a hundred entries and visitors from eight different clubs, it was certainly a wonderful day of golf. As we commenced the day with a shotgun start all players finished around the same time, therefore, we were able to enjoy some social time with our guests over a shared lunch. Thank you to my playing partner, Julie White, who travel from Rossdale Club to join me on the day. Julie and I share a long history of friendship and sport, starting when we were young students at St Mary's Bairnsdale back in the 60's...yep that long ago!!!

A shared lunch for over 100 players also involves a lot of organisation and preparation. A huge thank you to Johanna for her efforts and a special thank you to the sandwich makers, Greg Emerton, Jo and Pauline. Jo and Pauline have no connection with the club and neither are remotely interested in golf, but they are two wonderful friends who agreed to help me out on the day. How good is that? I believe Greg was quoted as saying, he never wants to see another sandwich for as long as he lives.

Many thanks also to the ladies who provided slices on the day, those who set up the room for lunch, players who helped with the clean-up, especially Cecilia for all her dish washing, Maree for the flowers, the raffle donors, Sue and Jenny for their sponsorship and finally all those who participated to help make the day a great success.

My two new golf course experiences for the month were Merimbula and Maffra, both of which I thoroughly enjoyed. I also enjoyed a social hit with Melinda May one day and I commented on how is it possible that we all seem to be able to play like champs one day and beginners the next. Her reply, "Annie even a blind squirrel can find a nut on a good day". I'll leave you with that thought.

Happy Golfing, Anne.

WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT - MARCH 2022

Sue Brook



Hi everyone. Well, we have just completed an extremely hectic March with the Women's Singles Championships and the Women's Foursomes Championships. It was wonderful to be able to showcase the events this year as you all know it has been one hell of a roller coaster ride in the past two years.

The winners for these events are as follows:

Singles Championships winners:

A grade Open winner: Sue Wood Gross 262.

Runner up (Millicent McArthur trophy) A grade Sue Ffrench Gross 272.

A Grade Nett winner: Cecilia Stewart Nett 228.

B Grade Gross winner: Di Howe Gross 286 also Nett winner 220.

C grade Gross winner: Jennifer Lawrence 310.

C grade Nett winner: Mary-Ann Emerton 214 also winner of the Rose Bowl 36 hole from Di Howe with 143 Nett.

D grade Gross winner: Valmae McNamara 356 also Nett winner with 238 Nett.

March 2nd was also Medal Day. Congratulations to winner Sue Avery with 70 c/b. A Grade went to Angela Boyd 73, B Grade Di Howe 70, C Grade Sue Avery 70 and D Grade Judy Hickey 71.



Mary-Ann Emerton was the winner of the Millicent McArthur Rose Bowl.



Captain Sue presented trophies to Angela Boyd, Di Howe, Sue Avery and Judy Hickey.

Our Foursomes Champions for 2022:

Silver Division: Fiona Gray and Pat Stewart 179 gross, from Angela Boyd and Sandy Walker 182.

Bronze Division: Gwen Jackson and Mary McAuley 198 gross, from Judy Stewart and Monica Nordblom 202.



Bill Cooper (Coopers Travel) was pleased to present the trophies to the winners of the Women's Foursomes, Pat Stewart and Fiona Gray, along with Gwen Jackson and Mary McAuley.

We also had our 4BBB guest Captain/President's Day which was extremely successful with a field of 112 entrants. Just fantastic. Our Bairnsdale winners were Deb Brebner and Julie Percival 48pts c/b. Our 'visiting team' winners were Elaine Dunn and Maureen Sampson from South Pines 42pts c/b.

As we are about to head into the next journey of golf, which is striving to win a Pennant flag, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Johanna Wyllie and Matt Portelli for giving up their time to conduct a clinic pre selection of Pennant teams. It has been very well received and hopefully instils confidence when playing match play and encourages a lot more women to represent our Club playing Pennant in the future. Well, that is all from me.

Happy golfing, stay safe.

Sue Brook Women's Captain

OMEEO BOWL

Our team comprising Fiona Gray, Trish Archibald, Melinda May, Cecilia Stewart, Jenny Brown and Judy Stewart recently attended the Omeo Golf Club to participate in the 'Bowl' event. Although a win was not to be, they had a great time in the 'high country'.



WOMEN'S PRESIDENT/CAPTAIN DAY.

Chris Neate (South Pines) and Robyn Hadfield (left) promised each other they would play together in memory of their mother, Muriel Byers, who was our Associates Sec. from 1987/1990. What a terrific thing to do, we hope you enjoyed your day together! We also welcomed guests Margaret Johns and Jenny Benson from Sale.



PENNANT TRAINING

A big thank you to Johanna Wyllie for spending time with some of our eager prospective Pennant players.

It was their first week of training with Johanna giving them an overview of what is required in Match Play and Pennant in general. This was followed by some inside 50 metres short game practice at the 1st.

Good luck to our representative teams when Pennant begins on April 26th. - go Bairnsdale Golf!!

THURSDAY GOLF - MARCH 2022

Chris Savige



Well the month started with the Lakes Challenge and as reported by Rhealey, we thrashed them by one game. We will call it a thrashing because we haven't won a game in a while.

In the accompanying event, Geoff Copper won A Grade with 38 points whilst our illustrious leader Norm Bambury saluted with 38 points. Not normally shy, Norm allowed Rhealey to deliver the victory speech. Most likely Norm is unable to be humble. Ewan McRae had 38 to win C grade whilst Ian Selzer had the best score of the day with 39 points.

Medal Day saw Captain Marty lead all comers with a fine 68. A Grade winner was Ben Dunlop with 70 nett. Evergreen Ken Smith won C Grade also with 70 whilst D Grade winner Barry Evans stole the floor for not quite as long as Van Whalen. Barry recorded 70 as well.

March 17th and Mal Abbott saluted in A Grade with 39 points. Peter McCallum found a temporary solution to his putting nightmares to finish with 38 points. Jim Adams joined the circle of over achievers with 38 points to win in C Grade with D Grade being won by Graeme Johnston with 37.

March 24th and Ian McCoy made the change from morning to afternoon with dramatic results, a fine 40 points to win A Grade. Peter Johnston won B Grade with 36 points, proving that a chicken diet helps your golf. Phil Soulsby surprised all and sundry by cleaning up in C grade with 40 points and D Grade winner was Doc Formby who burnt up the course during the morning to record 40 points.

Last Thursday of the month was a 4BBB Stableford and the winners were Graeme Piera and Allan Stewart with 46 points. On the surface, one would think that GP carried Tac given Graeme's recent hot form and age shooting that has seen his handicap drop to 8. But NO.

A check of the cards reveals that GP was only on the card 6 times and contributed just two three pointers. If not for Tac's fine play the winners would have been Donald May and Stewart Whiffin. Now Donald May, may be the club's biggest bandit. When you play off 18, statistically speaking you are not supposed to par a hole and on a good day par a few holes.

Not our Donald, he ripped pars at 4,5,6,7 and 8 and a couple more on the back nine to finish with seven three pointers. Unlucky third were the quiet pairs of Roger Oakley and Tommy Hollingsworth with 45 points.

Now Thursday 7th we are hosting Maffra in our annual challenge.

Our team is primed following our undefeated start to the year. Hopefully Rhealey has a new shield after the last one mysteriously disappeared.

Chris.





THURSDAY ANNUAL COMPETITIONS.



18 Hole Stableford Rob Maitland Memorial

Early bird Ewan McRae has a slender lead on 27 points. Gordon Gibson has amassed 25 points making him the star of his morning group. Mal Abbott and Jeff Hathaway have 23 points and they are two clear of Graeme Johnston and Grumpy Jack Holbrook who now plays with his phone off.



Front 9 Stableford Sponsor Norm Bambury

Rickson Lucas has streeeted the field during March and sits on 26 points. Les Barnett is his nearest opposition on 22 with Andrew Savige 21 and Bam Bam on 19.



Back 9 Stableford

A closer affair with Ewan McRae on 28 leading Gordon Gibson, Ken Smith and Rob Van Elden on 24. Yes I did say Rob Van Elden, the maker of the longest winning and losing speeches in the club. Laurie Brown rounds out the top five on 21.



18 hole Stroke for the Ian Wigg Memorial Trophy

Early days in this contest with Marty Farrelly, Doug Law, Donald May and Trevor Stow all tied on 15 points

MAFFRA CHALLENGE

The 21st Bairnsdale v Maffra Annual Challenge was held at Bairnsdale on Thursday April 7, with a great turn-up from Maffra with 16 players coming up to attempt to retain the "Field Shield" which they currently hold.

Unfortunately the original shield was lost, but we had photos and Bairnsdale Trophies have done a great job producing a new one in time for this Challenge.

We fielded a pretty good team scattered with some low markers and we ran away with a 11 ½ to 4 ½ victory. On a day of low scores Paul Prendergast was the best Bairnsdale score with 36 which also picked up the "A" grade prize. He was followed by Alan Bellamy "D" grade winner on 35, Andrew Savige and Norm Bambury with 33.

Not mentioning names but a number of our players scraped in for wins with scores of 31, 30 and the player who halved managed to do it with 23 points.

The best score of the day and "B" grade winner was Maffra's Charlie Coleman with a great 37 points, unfortunately I was his opponent my 33 points was not good enough.

The overall results of this Challenge now stand as even, we have 9 tied Maffra have won 8 and Bairnsdale 8 Maffra has won 7 of 8 at home and Bairnsdale 7 of 8 at Bairnsdale.



Maffra Captain Greg Meldrum handing the trophy over to Ron Healey.

BAR & GOLF SHOP - MARCH 2022

Dom Bennett



Hello Members,

March has been yet another very busy month in our great club, with the three back to back fitting days with Callaway having been and gone. They proved to be very successful and we thank everyone who attended for your support of the club and Callaway products.

SHOP:

Cleveland Hardware

March has seen the arrival of the new Cleveland Launcher XL equipment in the golf shop and with that, fitting equipment as well. If you are interested in trying out the new Cleveland gear it is available for demo on the range or you can book an appointment with Matt to get fitted.



Ladies Winter Clothes

The first drop of ladies winter clothes in the Corsican brand have arrived this week, seeing long sleeve print shirts and pants starting from \$85. There's still plenty more to come but to avoid missing out be sure to have a look.



BAR

• The newest addition to our mid strength range has arrived, Leishman lager is now available for purchase at \$4.50 each & \$17 a 6 pack. An Aussie golfer beer for the Aussie golfer, only available for purchase through participating Australian golf clubs.





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March has seen the term one end of the AGF, MyGolf, SOA and Get into Golf programs. Participation has remained strong and I look forward to working with many of the same clients through term two.

These programs play a pivotal role in getting people of all ages and abilities participating at our great club. If you know of anyone that may be interested in trying golf, please pass on my details.

Paynesville Primary School years 4, 5 & 6 students completed a three day MyGolf school program at the end of March. Unfortunately the rain stopped us from completing the fourth and final day at the course. Plans have been made to get the students out to complete their on course experience at the end of May. Some students have expressed interest in registering for the term two MyGolf club program and links to all of next terms programs can be found on my website www.mattportelligolf.com

On Monday the 18th of April I will be conducting a ladies pennant team clinic. If you are interested in attending please notify Johanna Wyllie. The session will focus on game preparation and give you the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns you may have with you game, ensuring we bring home the flags this year!

In equipment news Dom has mentioned the recent stocking of Cleveland launcher irons, hybrids and woods. This product can be custom fit and comes in at a very competitive price point, approx. \$2k for a full set (depending on set config). For further details or to book a club fit please get in touch.

Also, we have recently received a number of new release Titleist SM9 demo wedges in store. These wedges provide the ultimate in greenside control from off the grass or sand. To find out more or to try a demo please ask one of our Staff Members.

I will be heading to Palm Cove in Qld during the last half of April for a family holiday (some may say well earned!). I wish everyone a fantastic Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Regards,
Matt Portelli

Until next time, keep swinging!

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SUNDAY GOLF - MARCH 2022

Jane Sing



The first event in March was held on Sunday 13th. where we had 57 players contest a Stableford event. The men's winner on the day was Simon Biszko with 38 points. The ladies winner with an excellent score of 40 points was Johanna Wyllie. Runners-up were Noah Paterson and Jenny Brown.

The following Sunday, the 20th. March saw a field of 49 players compete in a Stroke event. David Clack won on a count back from Gary Black with a great score of 66 net. The ladies' winner, also on a count back, was Helen Dennison edging out Karen Carmody both on 70 net.

On Sunday March 27th. a limited, but enthusiastic field, contested a Stableford event shotgun start due to the PGA Scramble being played in the morning. The daily winner was Denise Lessels with a score of 34 points ahead of Sue Plowman on 33 points. The best men's score was Gary Keys on 33 points.

The course continues to present in excellent condition thanks to the hard work of Craig and his staff. We hope to see Sunday golf numbers swell again in the next months now the golf calendar is less hectic.

We encourage everyone to come along and join in a relaxed game of golf and join us for a drink and chat afterwards in the club house.

WOMEN'S GOLF - SATURDAY - MARCH 2022

Sue Wood



Thank you to the many women who are coming out and supporting WGS (Women's Golf Saturday). Despite other events being scheduled and difficult weather conditions, we are still getting good numbers. And enthusiasm abounds.



Results for the last month are:

12th March. Leone Taylor 37pts C/B 19th March. Sue Wood 36pts
26th March. Vanessa Stokes +2 2nd April. Sue Wood 74 nett (badge)

The next WGS badge round is Saturday 30th April.



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

Chris Beal	Paul Cook	Kate Cooper	Audrey Dalrymple
Pam Boucher	Elroy Dunbar	Ben Dunlop	Vincent Cappola
Darren Aurisch	Harrison Savage	Peter Buckley	

HISTORY

Ron Healey - Historian

EXCERPTS FROM THE NEXT MINUTE BOOK DATING FROM 7th. JUNE, 1960 TO 11th. JULY 1962



At the **meeting held on February 7, 1961**, it was agreed that the terms set out by Slazengers be accepted relating to the visit of Mr Norman Von Nida on April 20th payment of a retainer of £15 required.

It was recommend that the house committee send a letter of appreciation to Mr A Dougherty of Goldsborough Mort for their donation of ash trays to the Club.

Watering was discussed and that surrounds of greens and teeing grounds be watered as well as the ornamental trees around the course, especially the Norfolk Pines along the front fence (no longer there may be a lack of water). Suggested that a schedule be set up making members responsible and allocating a certain number of trees to each group.

The inadequacy of the Club Rules to provide for certain contingencies was raised and it was decided to seek legal advice from the Club's Honorary Solicitor with regard to the borrowing powers of the Club. Short meeting closed 9.30pm.

At the **Extraordinary finance meeting held 23rd February 1961** the President explained that the present rules were silent in regard to the borrowing powers of the Club through Trustees. A detailed explanation was given of the loan under review. Information to be sought on the legal costs involved, to be borne by the Club, of procuring such a loan at the request of Mr Gregory.

Valuation of the building alteration was to be done by Mr A McLean in an honorary capacity. The President advised that to secure payment capability, thought may be given to increasing the Subscription rate.

The matter of existing debentures was raised and although the repayment of these was not due to 1968, the possible part payment of these should be factored in prior to that date.

Mr G Welsford said that whilst budget estimates and profit capacity for the ensuing year were on the face of things adequate, it would appear essential that subscriptions be increased to safeguard the financial position.

It was then moved that the rules of the Club be altered by addition of rule No. 56: that the Trustees have the power to borrow on behalf of the Club such sums of money as the finance committee may from time to time direct and for that purpose may mortgage charge or otherwise encumber the real or personal property of the Club, and shall be fully indemnified by the Club in respect of their liabilities as trustees under any such mortgage or charge.

Carried.

At the **Committee meeting held 6th March, 1961**

A letter was received from Mr. B. Dahlsen tendering his resignation as Secretary of the Bairnsdale Golf Club, and a letter from Mrs. B. Dahlsen thanking the President and Members for the good wishes on their wedding day.

Letter from the RSL Club requesting a date for the "Diggers Day" for 1961, and Wonthaggi Golf Club requesting details of solicitor's fees relating to a Liquor licence application.

200 trees had been planted during the last wet spell but a number had been lost over summer due to lack of water. Suitable drainage was to be carried out with correct levels to be taken to establish a correct flow. The borrow pit had been levelled out and bedding down was urgently required.

Authority was given to purchase seed for this purpose.



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HISTORY (cont.)

Eight new members and six new associates were admitted at this meeting, with fees to be paid as set by the AGM on March 29, 1961.

The **Annual General Meeting held 29th March 1961** was attended by 65 members, with amongst the apologies a Mr. K. Smith and a Mr K. Mitchell.

The President advised that Club Ties were now available for purchase by members.

The Match Committee had arranged that A & B divisions would take place on Saturdays when fields warranted same.

The President Mr. A.S. Archibald notified the meeting that he did not wish to stand for re-election and thanked Committee and all members for their assistance during his term of office.

He made special reference to Mr B R Dahlsen, the Secretary of the Club during his time in the Chair and other members Mr F Morecroft and Mr J. Anketell who were also retiring from Committee this year.

He asked for full support for the new President.

Mr T. Hackett was elected President un-opposed and thanked members for supporting him, he also requested that a vote of thanks be recorded at the meeting to Mr. Archibald for his services to the Bairnsdale Golf Club and golf in general during his term of office as President.

The following Office Bearers and Committee were elected:

Vice President: J. P. Moulton, Treasurer: D. A. Watson, Captain: F.T. Middlin,

Secretary: L.W. Lockwood. Committee: B.R. Dahlsen, H. Marsh, C. McPherson, S. Morrison, J. Pallot, H.R. Parke, K. Shepherd and L. Tipper.

Mr Tipper was appointed Press Correspondent.

The new subscription fees were then discussed and after a page and a half full of moves and amendments covering all levels of membership, where there was a serious move to increase joining fees for both members and associates to £10/10/=, which was lost, the following fees were agreed.

All Category Joining fees were set at £6/6/=, Ordinary Members subs £10/10/=, Associates Subs £6/6/=, Country Members £5/5/=, Country Associates £3/3/=, Non-Playing Members £6/6/=.

In General Business Mr. Watts requested that the Greenkeeper be directed to cut new holes more frequently and that bridges be built over the main drain, and that paths be cut from tees to fairways on 9th and 17th holes. He also asked whether it was possible to have empty beer cans removed from the course.

It was thought that a suggestion box was desirable in the Club House.

Mr. G. Mitton asked why 4BBB events were played on consecutive Saturdays and was advised that these were by popular request.

Mr G Welsford asked whether players with handicaps over 24 could be reduced to 24 after a qualifying period (how would he go with the 36 now applicable).

Mr G. Johnston requested that Star Events be played on Sunday afternoons, this was agreed to.

The Presidents allowance was fixed at £70 for the year.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm. (well outside of liquor licence hours).

Ron Healey

Historian



The 200 Club



Congratulations to our latest winners:

Draw 41 30/03/2022

\$800 (77) K. Naughton, C. Rose, K. Long, G. Gibson

\$400 (194) L. Pearce & S. Biszko

\$200 (36) R. Healey, J. Lawson, E. Logan, M. East



Jack Attack Finals Wrap Season Proudly Sponsored by the Paynesville and District Community Bank, Bendigo Bank.

60 players forming 20 teams optimistically commenced an 8-week season of Lawn Bowls in late January.

After a great deal of fun, good spirit, and a sprinkle of talent, four teams qualified for the finals. Semi final number one was between the Jatz Crackers and the Duncans.

The Duncans brought the youth and exuberance whilst the Jatz Crackers had shown consistency throughout the season.

After a tight start to the match, the Jatz Crackers pulled away winning a good, spirited match 11-4. On the other side of the draw, The Wine O's faced the best team of the round-robin season, the Jackasses. In an extremely tight affair, The Wine O's won by a solitary shot setting up an intriguing Grand Final.

The Wine O's got off to a flyer and looked to have the championship in the bag leading 9 - 1 with two ends remaining. Looking to save face, the Crackers rallied winning the second last end by 3 shots.

Heading into the last end, The Wine O's maintained a near unassailable 5 shot lead, however, with only the skippers left to bowl, the Crackers held four shots putting the pressure right back on Angela Boyd, "*skip for the O's*".

With the second last bowl of the season, Angela proved her metal by ending the Cracker comeback cutting the shots held back to one, and that's where it ended. The Wine O's deservedly winning the Grand Final 9 - 5.

Ken Boyd had bowled well all season and was solid all night, Anne Kuhn had filled in for team member Warren Prior and did him proud.

Pete Lessels, Leonie Graham, Denise Lessels and Jeff Graham were gallant in defeat and proud to reach the finals as a team of beginners.

Many thanks to all the Club volunteers who cooked meals, managed the draw, calculated results, picked up pizza's, filled in for teams, organised the borrowed bowls and played the music.

See you all next season!

Jeff and the team.





Our new season of Jack Attack has now come to an end. It was very successful and we hope to pick up some new members. If you, or your friends, may be interested in continuing bowls, there is Coaching every Thursday morning at 10.30 a.m. Everyone welcome!



Coodabeens: Sue Gale, Norm Bambury and Allan Taylor with the 'Wrong Bias' team of June Jackson, Rob Barton and Ginny Quist.



Ken Long, Gordon Gibson, Vicki Long (Thrupple), Warren Prior, Angela and Ken Boyd (The Wine O's).



Jatz Crackers: Peter and Denise Lessels, Leonie and Jeff Graham with the 'Eldods' Jan Dodson, Margaret Booth and Tony Dodson.



'The Jackasses' - Stephanie and Colin Allchin, Sue and Roger Plowman. 'Friday Nighters' - John Fleischer, Peter McDonald and Dom Bennett (absent).



(Left): Pieterella Lawson, Taj Duncan and Jeanette Severs with Mira Faithfull, Stuart and Dawn Sulley being 'Happily Diverted'.

Whilst the semi-finals were being contested, other players took part in some 'fun games' on the bottom green before coming up to the top green to watch the grand final and enjoy a barbecue dinner.



GIPPSLAND DEPARTURES 2022

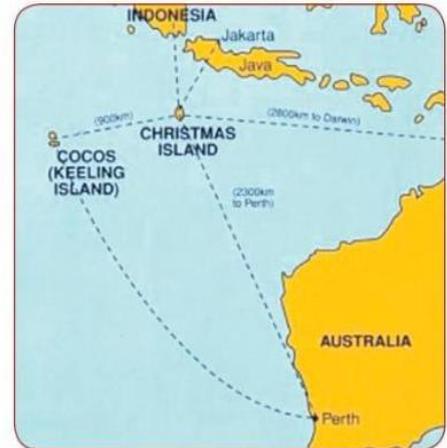
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18 Days departing Monday 12th September 2022



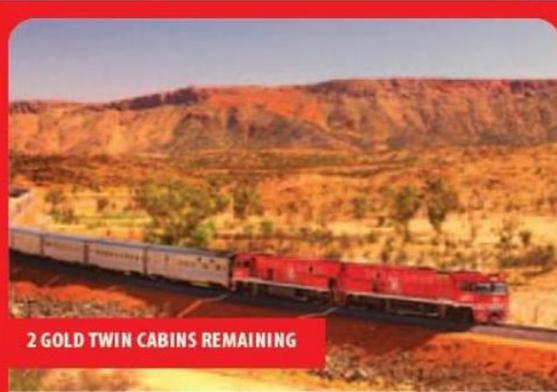
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- 1 nights accommodation at Park Royal Melbourne Airport.
- 7 nights accommodation on Coco's Island.
- 7 nights accommodation on Christmas Island.
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Tour Includes -

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VOLUNTEER THANKYOU DAY

We want to say thanks to all the volunteers who have helped over the past 12 months by running a FREE fun afternoon full of food and refreshments.

**THE CLUB & STAFF WILL SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION
FRIDAY MAY 6th 2022**

FORMAT:

2:30pm (Optional) 9 holes of golf or 12 ends of bowls
with staff supplied refreshments throughout.
4:00pm – 6:30pm: Staff run BBQ with refreshments.

Bookings are essential for golf, bowls or just the food & refreshments.

RSVP directly Jeff on manager@bairnsdalegolf.com.au
or 0402 133 627.

What constitutes a volunteer? If you have served on the Committee or a Sub-Committee, helped Craig on the course, assisted during a major event, worked in the bar, picked up range balls, baked in the kitchen...etc etc etc, you qualify! (Turning the um on once, a few weeks back probably doesn't)



thank you!

A HUGE shout out this month to Melinda May for nearly all of the photos in this month's newsletter.

I am sure everyone would appreciate the great effort Mel has put in with the Championships, women's Wed. events, Omeo Bowl, Pres./Capt. Day and Pennant Training.

It is fantastic to have someone who does such a good job, her photos bringing out the personalities of our members and friends.

Thank you Mel!!!!

WE ♥ OUR volunteers

A sure sign we are now into Autumn with the sun shining through the early morning mist.

This lovely photo is of Pro Alex McKay hitting off at a very dewy 3rd.



He's in this edition somewhere.



Things had not been going well for the new Captain. He heard gossip that someone was cheating out on the course.



On reaching the third he found a culprit.

"You're disqualified, I saw you tee off at least six feet in front of the marker!" he raged.

"Steady on old boy, that was my third shot," said the red-faced contestant.



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