



GEG MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP 2025



Congratulations to Maddison Kelly and Cooper Rimington who managed to win the GEG Mixed Foursomes 'back-to-back' with a score of 77/68. Runners-up were Sue Wood and Kody McCormick with a score of 82.

Brett Makings and Fiona Gray finished in third position with 88. Good results everyone! It has been a big month for our younger members with Maddison and Tyler Elliott winning the RSL event at South Pines, and Tyler the Men's Club Championship at Tambo Valley. Very proud of you all! ..Photos Golf East Gippsland

Women's Committee Elected

The Women's AGM was held this month with the following being elected:

Claudia Watson (Secretary/Treasurer), Janine Newell (Women's President), Julie Percival (Captain), Nadine Martin (Vice-Captain), Sue Wood (Match Committee), Robyn Brunt (Committee—raffles), Sue McInnes (Committee) and Deb Brebner (Match Committee). Absent: Rose Jackson (Match Committee), Paula Holmes (Committee) and Lyn Beeck (Committee).

Congratulations everyone and have a successful new season.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

November has been a cold and windy month for Golf and Bowls, however December look like being much improved.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held at the club on Tuesday 25th November at 6pm with approximately 50 members attending and 25 apologies.

Financial reports and management reports were tabled and an amendment to our Constitution was passed. I thank all who attended.

DECK

The floor and tables have been stained and all is ready for the summer season.

The deck will get use for the Pizza nights and other functions during the coming months.

PIZZA NIGHTS

Jeff has organised Pizza nights on Thursday evenings at our club. The menu looks great and I hope you all enjoy same. The menu is included in this newsletter.

Enjoy your Golf and Bowls during December.

Regards **STEPHEN MANN (President)**



TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

David Pollard



Hello and merry Christmas everyone.

The AGM is done and dusted, and we now enter 'Christmas party time'.

I hope we all have a safe and enjoyable festive season.

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

Bank Accounts – as of 10 December 2025

- Trading Account \$291,786.86 Credit Funds
- Holding Account \$ 7,355.40 Credit Funds
- Term Deposit \$ 56,048.10 Credit Funds

The reporting period is 01.07.2025 to 31.10.2025

RESULTS V BUDGET

Income is under by \$3,800 (not so good, but ok)

- Competition Fees and Green Fees are down slightly.
- We have seen some good gains in the Golf shop that have offset these drops.

Expenses are under \$15,500 (good)

- We are on budget across the board here, the area where we have 'beaten' budget is some wages that have been reimbursed from Workcover.

Net Profit (Before Depreciation) is \$47,700, against a budget of \$32,500 (good).

After going through a slight 'downturn' from May, our Trading through the retail areas has bounced back.

Jeff and his team are implementing strategies that are already showing great results.

David.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

November 2025



A warm welcome to all members attending the 2025 AGM of Bairnsdale Golf Club Inc.

A special welcome to the present life members Geoff Johnston, Bev Yeates, John McAuley and Graeme Piera.

Vale to current and past members who have passed away recently

Jenny Russell, Heather Lindsay, John Hollingsworth, Heather Hallett, Stephen Hall, John Nash, Steve Spicer, Colin Lambert, John Ford, Clive Barrass, Dale Cadd, Jeanette Raisbeck, Elaine Eadie and Roy Miller.

Committee of Management (COM)

I wish to sincerely thank the COM members who have managed our Club so well in 2024-2025, namely David Turner, David Pollard, Chris Savige, Peter Alldis, Sue Wood, Phil Soulsby. They all have worked extremely well as a team and produced a great result for 2024-2025. Phil Soulsby has retired from COM after serving for 6 years and has been a great asset to our club during which time he has run several social functions.

I thank Phil for his contribution.

Club Management & Staff

It has been my pleasure to closely work with our General Manager (Jeff Graham) and our Course Superintendent (Craig Rimington) over the past year. Their professional work ethics have been such a great asset to our Club.

Jeff Graham is one of the most professional managers I have been associated with during my working and sporting life and he should feel extremely proud of what he has achieved during his time at our Club.

Our course has been in great condition thanks to the great work of Craig and Darren during a year which has created some difficult times for them both considering that our course team has been reduced to two full time staff for most of the year. The Tree work completed by them has enhanced our course considerably.

Jack Young has grown into his role as Retail Manager with great support from Wendy, Johanna, Greg, Matt, and Arch.

Matt Portelli's contribution as our golf professional has improved many golfers' techniques and has also resulted in increased membership together with his junior program. Jack Young is assisting with coaching, supporting Matt.

Our sub-committees have worked tirelessly during the year, and I thank them for their great work. Sub-committees and leaders were,

Men's Golf/Match (Chris Savige) Women's Golf (Denise Lessels) Bowls (John Crawford)

Thursday Golf (Peter Schmidt) Tuesday Golf (Peter Lessels) Sunday Golf (Geoff Brooks)

2023-2024 Financial Results

The past year has produced a Surplus of \$124,945 compared to a budget of \$7,518 and Surplus before Depreciation of \$230,118 compared to a budget of \$118,518. This is a great result, and I thank all members for their contribution. Our treasurer, David Pollard, will provide further details at the AGM.

In the past 10 years during my term as President our surplus before depreciation has exceeded \$1.5 million which is double the previous 10 years. I thank Management and COM members for contributing to this great result.

Volunteers

I wish to thank all our great volunteer teams who have taken on so many tasks during the year including,

Café cooking Driving Range ball collection Bunker Crew Golf & Bar service Course working bees

Bowls maintenance Catering Newsletters produced by life member, Bev Yeates

Maintenance of our facility and assistance with major events

Sponsors

I wish to sincerely thank all our sponsors who support our great Club. Please support the businesses that support our Club. Thank you to all members who sponsor bowls and golf days

Key Achievements

Second stage of Tree works completed Membership has grown significantly to 750 Added a roof to our deck

Completed most of the key objectives in our Strategic Plan

I thank all members for their great support to our Management Team in 2024-25 and I can ensure members we will work tirelessly to ensure 2025-2026 is another great year.

Stephen Mann

President



MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Bairnsdale Golf Club Inc.
on Tuesday November 25th 2025 6.00pm.



Meeting opened at 6:01pm

Attendees: Peter Lessels, Denise Lessels, Phil Soulsby, Peter Alldis, Geoff Johnston, Arthur Peterson, Kelvin Mathews, Fred Jackson, David Pollard, Gwen Jackson, Peter Wilson, Judy Wilson, Claudia Watson, Chris Savige, Fiona Gray, Sue Wood, Nadine Martine, Daryl Newell, Janine Newell, John Fleischer, Jack Hamilton, David Turner, Michael Brusamarello, Rick Lucas, Robyn Brunt, Julie Percival, Andrew Percival, Isabel Hussey, Helen Everett, John Crawford, Jim Adams, John Gannon, Sue Gannon, Marty Farrelly, Jeff Graham, Graeme Piera, Janet Gibson, Bev Yeates, Eric Yeates, Jan Hunt, Peter Schmidt. One illegible.

Apologies: John McAuley, Mary McAuley, Peter Pollard, Ros Pearce, Cecilia Stewart, Peter Engel, Ruth Engel, Bill Dahlsen, Sue Dahlsen, Allan Stewart, Judy Stewart, Sue Avery, Rob Barton, Warren Prior, Terry martin, Sue McInnes, Joy Ryan, June Jackson, Maree Piera, Robyn Hooper, Rose Watkins, Ron Healey, Jill Dennison.

Business

1. Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
Moved: David Pollard Seconded: Stephen Mann
2. Returning officer to declare the results of the election
President: Stephen Mann returned unopposed
Vice President: Peter Schmidt elected unopposed
Ordinary Committee: David Turner elected
3. President Report
Stephen Mann read his report to the members.
Recognised deceased past and present members
Welcomed life members
Thanks volunteers and staff for their contributions
4. Present to the members the Club's statement of accounts for 2024-2025, audit report and Treasurer Report
David Pollard spoke to the Audited financials and asked if there were any questions. No questions were posed.
Motion to accept the Audited Accounts Moved: Peter Schmidt Seconded: Sue Gannon
5. Committee and Management Reports
As emailed, questions from the floor. No questions were posed.
6. Present Budget for 2025-2026
Stephen Mann asked Jeff Graham to speak to the Budget. Jeff detailed the major variances between the previous year's actual figures and the presented budget and then asked for questions Jim Adams asked how the Golf Shop revenue was expected to rise by the amount forecast considering the drop the previous year. Jeff explained that there was strategy in place to increase the number of fitting days (club sales) and to conduct them ourselves rather than rely entirely on supplier support. Jim asked why the bar revenue was projected to increase. Jeff Graham explained that the major contributing factor would be the upcoming Pizza and Pasta nights on regular Thursdays.
7. Motion to appoint a Registered Auditor or auditors for the ensuing Financial Year
Moved: David Pollard Seconded: John Gannon
Set honorarium for the coming year
President: \$600
Vice President: \$400
Captain: \$500
Treasurer: \$400
Women's Committee \$1000
Bowls Committee \$600
Moved: David Turner Seconded: Marty Farrelly
8. Special Resolution to amend the Constitution– Moved: Stephen Mann and seconded Chris Savige
Motion carried unanimously.
9. Strategic Plan Update – Jeff Graham presented the update to the current Strategic Plan 2023-28.
10. General Business

Stephen Mann thanked Cecilia Stewart for her nomination for the Committee of Management. Peter Wilson congratulated the President, Manager and Treasurer for the manner in which they have managed the Club.

Daryl Newell asked if the Club was going to build more cart storage? Jeff Graham responded stating that there were two primary reasons why the Club was not considering more cart storage sheds. The first was the maximum draw allowed from the power grid. Whilst the Club had not accurately calculated the draw there was some concern from Club electrician John McAuley that we were nearing our cap. Secondly, storing one cart for one player was inefficient. The Club was focused on increasing its own fleet and promoting the unlimited hire option for members which means one cart can service three members (on average).

Stephen Mann explained that the Club was considering on-course accommodation in the distant future. Janet Gibson asked if Caravans and RV's would be part of this initiative. Stephen explained that they weren't and that we were focused on cabins.

Janine Newell asked which paths after the 18th hole were in line for repair. Jeff Graham explained that the 13th to 14th, 16th and the 17th were the next in line for repair.

Meeting closed: 6:43pm

WOMEN'S GOLF - FINAL REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

Jenny Hemming

One and half years ago, whilst in Bali, I started in this position as acting Women's President and then Women's President, taking me out of my comfort zone.



A special thank you to our Honorary Secretary/Treasurer Claudia Watson, who has been my mentor and rock over the time I've been here, answering any questions I had.

A big thanks to Bev Yeates for her encouragement for the monthly reports, the first whilst in Bali for the entire month.

Our big Tournament days, coincided with other functions I have been responsible for. We improved the efficiency with each one, with overwhelming support from every single member of the Committee, and our members, who were there to support me.

Our new Committee members, with Janine Newell as Vice, helped to buy a new couch and chairs to replace our old ones to go with our bathroom refurbishment.

Thanks to Jeff for lots of little meetings, always available to chat.

Jenny.



WOMEN'S GOLF SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 2025

Julie Brittain



We have certainly had a mixed bag of golf and weather this month.

1st. Nov. we teed off with 37 women playing Stableford which gave us two grades. Sue Wood winning 1st. Div. with a terrific score of 41 points. Jodie O'Connell took out 2nd. with 40 points.

8th. Nov. the weather turned and we only saw five ladies managing to get a game in with Allison Gilbert winning with 38 points.

15th. Nov. saw the ladies back out in force, 34 in total. Valmae McNamara winning Div. 1 with 39 points and Gwen Jackson winning Div. 2 with a 39 points as well.

22nd. Nov. Stroke day with 23 players and Valerie Keys winning with a remarkable net 62.

29th. Nov. and the golf gods again raining on us to the extent of having the course closed.

We can just hope, with the first day of summer almost here, we can look forward to some sunny days.

Happy golfing.

Julie.





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Pescatora	Crushed tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, olive oil, prawns, mussels, squid	\$28.50
Margherita	Crushed tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, fresh basil	\$20.00
Capriccosa	Crushed tomatoes, smoked ham, kalamata olives, artichokes, mushrooms fresh mozzarella	\$22.50
Patate e Salsiccia	Sliced potato, crushed garlic, pork and fennel sausage, olive oil, fresh mozzarella, fresh rosemary	\$22.00
Prosciutto e Gorgonzola	Crushed tomatoes, prosciutto, arugula (rocket) and gorgonzola cheese.	\$24.50
Diavola	Crushed tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, spicy salami, chilli	\$21.00
Ortolana	Crushed tomatoes, crushed garlic, mushrooms, roasted eggplant, capsicum, zucchini, red onions, oregano & fresh mozzarella	\$20.00
Bambini (for littlies)	Crushed tomatoes, ham & shredded mozzarella cheese	\$16.00



Pasta

Gnocchi alla Sorrentino

\$26.00

House made baked gnocchi, tomatoes, roasted garlic, caramelised onion, fresh mozzarella, basil. **Gnocchi alla Gorgonzola** switch mozzarella for Gorgonzola.

Pappardelle di agnello

\$28.00

Pappardelle, braised lamb shanks, red wine and rosemary ragu, cherry tomato, fetta, flat leaf parsley

Spaghettini

\$28.00

Spaghetti, olive oil, prawns, garlic, chilli, spring onion, spinach, flat leaf parsley

Penne pollo pesto

\$26.00

Penne, chicken breast, house made basil & pine nut pesto, cream

Pasta alla Chitarra con Pallottine

\$27.00

Spaghetti, house made pork and veal meatballs, napoli sauce, Parmesan

Dessert

Cassata

\$16.50

Strawberry, chocolate and vanilla ice-cream Amaretto sponge cake, dried fruits, cocoa

Baked dark chocolate and hazelnut Baci cheesecake

\$18.90

Dark chocolate, hazelnut, coconut, vanilla, Baci, Frangelico cream.

Baked lemon tart

\$16.50

Lemon curd, shortcrust pastry, double cream

Affogatto

Vanilla bean ice-cream, espresso, Frangelico

\$18.50



COURSE MANAGEMENT - NOVEMBER 2025

Craig Rimington



With the spring period over, and a Cool, wet November we are all looking forward to the start of summer and some fine warm weather, recent rain has broken the dry spell.

We welcome new staff member Casey Jack. Casey has relocated from the Mid - North coast. Casey is an experienced qualified groundsman and is a great inclusion to the course team.

Mid December will see drainage works start for the Clubhouse, 10th tee/18th green path upgrade, with the pipe and pit installations.

Following this we will commence the construction of the new diamond grid/stone path.

Course Management Practices undertaken during November have included: -

- Preparations for day to day running of all Club events Golf and Bowls;
- Bowls green bottom renovation practices;
- IPM spray management programs;
- Insecticide applications; Couch Mite control, African Black Beetle, all Couch tees;
- Growth regulator and liquid fertiliser applied to all short grass areas;
- Preventative and curative fungicide applications greens;
- Herbicide application Poa annua controls golf greens;
- Vegetation works 13th carry Dam bank dead tree removal; 13th green RHS dead tree removal; 9th Hole LHS Pine removal and surface tree root grinding;
- General course maintenance practices.

Greens

Greens were treated with preventative fungicide, wetting agent has been applied, and we are back treating greens for Poa annua. Greens have been 10mm solid tined. Upcoming greens maintenance will include Verti – mowing, sand dusting, and liquid calcium-based fertilizer applications, Poa annua and weed control herbicides to be applied to greens and surrounds.

Bowling Greens

This month the bottom green was renovated. This work included triple scarify to a depth of 12mm, 10mm hollow tine to a depth of 75mm, sand topdressing.

December will see greens groomed again and hand topdressing of diseased scarred areas on the bottom green.

Tees

Divoting of tees will be on a fortnightly or as needs basis. Additional fertilizer will be applied to select tees to help aid plant health and growth.

Fairways

All fairways have been sprayed with a liquid fertilizer, growth regulator and miticide for couch mite control, treatments with a selective herbicide will take place for winter grass, paspalum and Rat's Tail grasses. When time permits, we will look at scarifying select fairways.



COURSE MANAGEMENT - NOVEMBER 2025

Craig Rimington

Bunkers

General bunker maintenance has taken place, during December bunkers will be edged, spraying for weeds and grasses, sand leveling on bunker bases.

Vegetation

General clean- up of fallen branches in roughs. Stump grinding, debris blowing.

OH&S

No incidents to report.

Machinery

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

Rainfall

November 2025 **158 mm (rain days 11)**

Year to date 2025 **683.5 mm**

November 2024 **47 mm (rain days 9)**

Year to date 2024 **682.5 mm**

Average Monthly Minimum temperature – 10.5 degrees

Average Monthly Maximum temperature - 20.5 degrees

Works Program for December 2025 to include: -

Preparation for all Club and corporate events;

Turf repair putting Green/ 8th Green;

Nonselective herbicide application roughs/tree lines;

Renovation Bowls Greens;

IPM Spray program;

Fertiliser applications tees;

Irrigation testing, repair continued;

Herbicide application fairways tees and surrounds, Poa annua control, Kikuyu control;

IPM Control Program;

Issues which may arise from committee meeting.

Works program may vary due to weather conditions.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas period, from the Course staff.

Craig Rimington

Course Superintendent



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

Ashton Hazledine

David Clark

CAPTAIN'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

Chris Savige



Christmas is upon us and one wonders where the year has vanished. From Match we want to wish all our members a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year as we look forward to 2026.

Next year will be a busy golfing year. Our Championships are looming in February, our Legends Pro-am is slated for March along with the Corporate Cup.

Men's pennant finals are in May along with the return of the All Gippsland Championships.

It would be remiss not to mention the passing of Bill Marshall. Bill was a gentleman golfer who graced our competitions into his 90's, played regularly and his presence will be missed. We wish all our other golfers who are experiencing some health battles a speedy recovery and a return to enjoy the fellowship of competition.

Chris.



RON HEALEY SHIELD CHALLENGE

The 19th year of this Challenge was hosted by Maffra Golf Club on Wednesday November 19, originally played between Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Maffra and Orbost Clubs, this year Metung Country Club were invited to compete. With the extra team it was decided to increase the team size to 12 players.

Bairnsdale have not fared well in these Challenges, and this year was no exception.

Maffra were great hosts, and the course was in excellent condition with perfect weather.

Only excuse for Bairnsdale was that most of our team lost 3 to 4 shots on our handicaps.

Let's get the bad news over first, our score was 278 points divide by 11 players our average 27. (Orbost could only field 11 players, the worst score for the other teams who fielded 12 was dropped off). Our stars? were Shane Mathieson and Merv East with 29 pts (Merv and I have played in around 17 of these Challenges). Next Norm Bambury 28. The rest ranged between 26 and 16, the score that was dropped off. No names but initials BK. Another disappointing team performance.

There have been some rumblings about the team selection process.



Congratulations to the winners Maffra with 363 points, some sort of a record averaging 33 points. Sandy Murray led them with 39 points, and their worst score was equal to our best.

They beat Lakes by 32 points, 328 was a good score, closely followed by Orbost on 324 followed by new Team Metung 311.

This win takes Maffra to 7 wins equal with Lakes Entrance, Orbost on 4 and Bairnsdale 1.

Next year our new team Metung hosts the Challenge and with 60 players they will be using a shot gun start on their 9 hole layout.

*Ron Healey presenting the Shield to
Greg (Molly) Meldrum
Maffra Golf Club Captain.*





WEDNESDAY WHACKERS



On Monday 17/11/2025 the Wednesday Whackers and their wives played a 9 hole 4 BBB followed by dinner at Cinnamon Thai in Bairnsdale. There were 15 golfers for the afternoon with the eventual winners being Graham and Paula Holmes with Mike Phillips and Horrie Waymouth. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. This event occurs twice a year.





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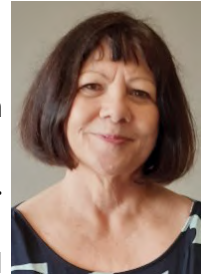
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WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

Denise Lessels



Thank you to all our volunteers who donate their time. Your time and help is much appreciated.

5 November Today's event was PAR. Ruth Engel was our special sponsor for the day. 76 players entered the 18-hole competition and 12 players entered the 9-hole competition. Thank you Janet Gibson for starting the field. Thank you Sue Avery and Rose Jackson for processing cards and results. Winner of the 9-hole competition was Jayne Campbell 16 points. Place getters: Jen Hutchinson 15 points and Heather Peart 15 points. Winners of the 18-hole competition: A grade - Alison Gilbert (hcp 16) score +4; B grade - Janine Newell (hcp 21) score +2; and C grade - Karen Carmody (hcp 33) score +2.



Sponsor Ruth Engel congratulating the winners, Alison Gilbert, Janine Newell and Karen Carmody.

10 November Gippsland Lakes Ladies Classic, Day 1, Stableford. 134 players. Thank you Lois Kurrle and Jeanette Obst for starting the field and thank you Mel May and Deb Brebner for processing the results for presentation. We had visitors from: Churchill Waverly, Wonthaggi, Centenary Park, Beacons Hill Country GC, Maffra, Newry, Rosedale, Northern, Yarram, Riverside Massey Park.

Hcp 0-22 A Grade winner Trudie Nagle (hcp 13) 42; runner up Wendy Martin (hcp 21) 38.

Hcp 23-30 B Grade winner Sharyon Dumbleton (hcp 30) 40; runner up Rose Jackson (hcp 30) 38.

Hcp 31-35 C Grade winner Pat Laurie (hcp 35) 44; runner up Robyn Hooper (hcp 33) 42.

H cp 36-45 D Grade winner Teresa Nagle (hcp 39) 42; runner up Marion Walker (hcp 38) 40.



Bairnsdale women's President Jenny Hemming and Lakes Entrance ladies' President Di Dickson congratulating Trudie Nagle, Sandra Martin, Sharyon Dumbleton, Rose Jackson and Pat Laurie.



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

12 November we had 47 players in the Stableford event. The winner of 'A' Grade was Gwen Jackson with 35 c/b ; 'B' Grade Lyn Beeck with 42. Ruth Engel was second place with a fine score of 39. The 9-hole competition was won by Mira Faithfull with a score of 17.



Gwen, Lyn and Mira congratulated on their wins by Sue Avery (Match Committee rep.).

19 November Our generous sponsor today was Terry Hughes Plastering. We had 80 players in the 18-hole stableford competition. Thank you Trish Archibald for starting the field and thank you Rose for processing the results for presentation.

'A' grade winner, Libby Dennison score 38 from Mel May score 38; 'B' grade winner, Georgia Miles score 37 from Gwen Jackson score 35; 'C' grade winner, Joyce Jones score 43 from Lyn Beeck score 40.



Captain Denise with Georgia Miles and Jeanette Jones.



The 9-hole competition had 14 entries. The winner was Gloria Barrack score 22. Place getters for the 9-hole comp. were Jeanette Jones score 18, Jennifer Howson score 17, and Heather Peart score 17. Barb Nott had NTP on the 11th and Libby Hull had NTP on the 17th. Well played all!

Denise.

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Golf is a popular game with town and country women of all ages, and it has been recommended as an exercise and pastime for the middle-aged. The charm about golf in that except for the elusive thrill that accompanies top notch success, which after all is only experienced by the few, indifferent players may derive as much pleasure from the actual playing conditions of the game as experts—the clean, sweet freshness of the open spaces on the links, the spring of turf beneath the feet, the association with nature inseparable from the game, birds, trees, flowers, the ever-changing colour perspective of the fairways, are shared by all those who play golf for these things alone win more than mere material trophies. The special ability to become a champion at golf is only possessed by a small minority of those who play. Yet the verist duffer may become a player of average merit by determination and practice to succeed. Concentration is necessary, and most to the shot missed by beginner and star alike are missed through breaking such simple rules as moving the head and looking up while playing, through pressing, and through swaying the body at the wrong part of the swing.

WOMEN'S ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

Bonnie Walker Trophy

Most Improved Player Handicap (0-27) Carolyn Hine (2.3)

Elaine Crawford & Kerry Hine Trophy

Most Improved Player Handicap (28-45) Helen Rose (8.3)

Most Consistent Player Sponsor Janet Gibson

A Grade (0-19) Jenny Gibbs 156 pts.

B Grade (20-27) Rose Jackson 144 pts.

C Grade (28-45) Kerry Hine 122 pts.

Winter Eclectic

A Grade (0-19) Chrissy Fisher Gross 62 Chrissy Fisher Nett 56.45

B Grade (20-27) Julie Percival Gross 71 Julie Percival Nett 60.25

C Grade (28-45) Lois Kurrle Gross 77 Lois Kurrle Nett 62.50

Singles Knock-out Winner Gwen Jackson 2 Up Runner-up Mel May

Best Five Nett

Sponsored by Denise Lessels for 2025

A Grade (0-19) Jenny Gibbs 59 c/b Chrissy Fisher 55

B Grade (20-27) Carolyn Hine 52 c/b Rose Jackson 51

C Grade (28-45) Kerry Hine 59 c/b Jean Murray 53

Birdie Tree Chrissy Fisher 14 Mary-Ann Emerton 11

Gobblers Carolyn Hine 5 Allison Gilbert 5

2025 Perpetual Putting Trophy donated by Lee Wills

Overall Winner Nadine Martin 150 putts

Putting Competition

A Grade (0-19) Nadine Martin 150 putts

B Grade (20-27) Jenny Brown 161 putts

C Grade (28-45) Val Dent 159 putts

Medal Winners

February Helen Haining 67 nett (c/b)

March Jenny Hemming 66 nett

April Susan Goodman 69 nett

May Fiona Gray 71 nett

June Mel May 71 nett

July Mary-Ann Emerton 70 nett

August Ruth Engel 71 nett

September Kerry Hine 69 nett

Marion Dwyer Medal Play-off 2025 Winner Jenny Hemming 69 nett Runner-up Ruth Engel 72 nett

Championship Winners

Single Open Champion Chrissy Fisher 253 gross

Millicent McArthur Trophy Nadine Martin 264 gross

B Grade Julie Percival 286 gross

C Grade Rose Jackson 314 gross

D Grade Ruth Engel 343 gross

Rose Bowl Rose Jackson

Handicap Winners

A Grade Cecilia Stewart

B Grade Julie Percival

C Grade Claudia Watson

D Grade Ruth Engel

Foursomes Open Championship Nadine Martin & Chrissy Fisher

Bronze 1 Alison Gilbert & Anne Crowe

Bronze 2 Ruth Engel & Lesley Avery



(cont. over) ..

WOMEN'S ANNUAL COMPETITIONS (cont.)

Marion Dwyer Perpetual Trophy

Karen Dimarco & Sue Kuch +7 c/b from Claudia Watson & Jodie O'Connell +7

Pennant Results 2025

Division 1 Bairnsdale 1 Yellow

Division 2 Bairnsdale 2 Green

Division 3 Bairnsdale

Most Valuable Pennant Player Mel May

Summer 2024-2025 Eclectic Perpetual Trophy

Sponsored by Merv East Best 5 of 7 scores

Overall Winner Mary-Ann Emerton

Division 2 Winner Sue Avery

Runner-up Jenny Brown

A Grade Mary-Ann Emerton

B Grade Jennifer Brown

C Grade Sue Avery

Bowls / Salvers Success

Metung Women's Bowl Nadine Martin

GEG Women's B Grade Champion (nett) Wendy Martin

Marion Dwyer Country Foursomes Runners-up Johanna Wyllie & Maddison Kelly



Captain Denise and Women's President Jenny presented awards to Chrissy Fisher (Winter Eclectic A Grade), Gwen Jackson (Singles Knockout) and Kerry Hine (Best Five Net C Grade).



Jenny and Denise congratulating Lois Kurrle (Winter Eclectic C Grade), Julie Percival (Winter Eclectic B Grade) and Jenny Brown (Summer Eclectic B Grade).



Sponsor Sue Avery presenting prize to Chrissy Fisher for winning the 'Birdie Tree'.

Putting competition winner Nadine Martin with the 'Golden Putter' presented to the club by Lee Wills.

Kerry Hine 'Most Consistent Player' C Grade with sponsor Janet Gibson.

WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S FINAL REPORT 2025

Denise Lessels

We have a total of 192 female golf members including our Life Member, Bev Yeates. Over this past year, we have had added 15 new women members and experienced the loss of some beloved members.

Our Club has hosted women's golf competitions nearly every Wednesday throughout the year, playing various formats including Stableford, Foursomes, Mulligans, 4BBB, Stroke, Ambrose and Par.

We have had an average of 74 players each Wednesday, 25 Feb to 25 Oct and an average of 89 players each Wednesday, 24 Nov to 25 Jan (not including all the women who have been playing Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays!).

Our 9-hole competition on Wednesday continues to grow. The players have had some great scores. This is a nice event for those who are new to golf; don't have the time or energy to play 18-holes; and those who like a bit of exercise and socializing at our beautiful course.

We have experienced some policy changes resulting in lively discussions following presentations and meeting with the COM. Our competition fee increased to \$13 and the prize allocation increased to be able to award \$60 for every 30 players entered in a competition (whether that is divided by grades, divisions, 1st/2nd/3rd/4th).

We continue to enjoy the generous support of our very valuable sponsors. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our entire lovely Club staff for providing a clean, safe and welcoming environment to our members and visitors alike and for assisting with registration, event preparations, and starting our fields during summer. Thank you to Steve Mann, Chris Savige, and Jeff Graham for advising me, and for all the hours of work you put in to make our Club a success. Thank you to the Committee of Management for all the work you manage daily. Thank you Craig, Darren, Dale and Chris for continuing to provide us with a beautiful course (sometimes done under extreme conditions). Thank you Women's Golf Committee: Jenny Hemming, Janine Newell, Valerie Keys, and Sue McInnes – I appreciate the hours you put in to make our Club an enjoyable place to be. Bairnsdale Golf Club would not be the same without all of our many hard-working volunteers. Recognition and thanks for the kindness and generosity of all the folks donating raffle prizes this year.

A special thank you to my Match Committee this year: Judy Stewart, Deb Brebner, Rose Jackson, Sue Avery and Mel May. Your guidance and support has been invaluable. A very special thanks to our Honorary Secretary Claudia Watson, who continues to do the job of many hands year after year...amazing.

Congratulations to the new incoming Committee members.
I wish you an enjoyable term and much success.

Wishing everyone continued golf success and friendship.

Denise Lessels
2025





Hello Members,

As we wind down for the year and enter the holiday period, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas. I hope you all enjoy your time with family and friends and get the chance to play some golf!

2025 has been a fantastic year for getting new golfers into our sport, both young.... and a little older. We have seen another successful year of Get into Golf, Mygolf and junior boys and girls scholarship programs.

I would like to congratulate the boys in the BGC scholarship team. To Blake, Jacob, Jack, Nathan and Cody, thanks for a wonderful year. I have seen your games grow tremendously and your handicaps plummet! Blake, I wish you all the best as you start your PGA traineeship next year and hope it's the start to a fantastic career for you in the industry. Four of the five boys are now completing their studies and heading into the work force. Good luck and I'm sure we will keep in touch and tee it up together again soon.

The AGF girls scholarship program wrapped up on the 29th of November, with a closing ceremony presentation in the clubhouse. Six participants completed the 2025 program. A big thank you to Lucy, Lina, Belle, Catherine, Charlotte and Indiana. We all had a fantastic year, learning to golf our ball around the course, with some massive improvements seen!

The girls have begun to score, and with a little regular practice over the holidays, will be ready to enter handicap cards in the first half of next year. A special mention to Lucy, who has been with the program for four consecutive years. Lucy has decided to give the program a break in 2026, but will continue playing golf at BGC with her dad Les. Thanks for allowing me to coach you over that time and I wish you all the best next year. Lastly, I made a special presentation to Catherine, who won a pair of FJ shoes for her dedication, contribution and commitment to her golf this year. Well done Catherine!

APPLICATIONS for both the 2026 boys and girls scholarship programs are now open. If you know or have someone in mind, please pass on my email address matt@mattportelligolf.com

All I require is a brief introduction and summary of the applicants golfing experience, dedication and where you would like to be with your golfing skills by the end of 2026.

Applications must be sent ASAP, with online interviews, including parents to follow.

Lastly, a big shout out to Bev for all her hard work in orchestrating each newsletter throughout the year. You're the best!

Merry Christmas everyone!

Regards,

Matt Portelli

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HISTORY

HISTORY OF THE CLUB THROUGH MINUTES.



EXCERPTS FROM THE AGM REPORTS THAT BEV YEATES HAS PROVIDED FROM HER SEARCHING THROUGH 'TROVE'. THIS COVERS THE AGM'S 1934 & 1935.

The AGM for 1934 was held on a Wednesday night in March at the Soldiers' Club rooms and President Mr J L Jackson presided over a large attendance of members.

During the year eight committee meetings were held, and all were well attended.

A slight fall in membership was reported 18 overall. Membership as of the meeting 90 Members and 82 Associates.

The balance sheet showed a deficit of £203/2/6 between receipts and expenditure, thereby increasing the overdraft at the National Bank to £383/11/3.

The Committee made extensive alterations to the course during the season by way of sand bunkers etc. entailing the sum of £302/3/-, being paid in wages an increase of £101/9/3 on the previous year. Also purchased a **horse**, horse mower (for the horse to pull), hand mower, hay rake and laid down new water service to three greens. Put sand in the new bunkers, entailing a total expenditure of £112/7/5.

The Club Championship was won by Mr Roy Potter, with runner up Mr Len Morecroft. (Roy avenged his defeat by Len the previous year) The Associate Championship was won by Mrs. L. J Scott with the previous year's winner Mrs. W.P. Heath runner-up.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Liabilities: Dr Bank Balance £383/11/3; Debenture owing £10, balance assets over liabilities £946/8/9; Total £1340.

Assets: Land and fencing £750, Club House and additions £400; Implements £190 (is the horse included in this); Total £1340.

Election of Office Bearers: - President Mr. J.L. Jackson Captain Mr. E.M. Morrison, Hon. Treasurer & Secretary: Mr. S.A. Morrison, Committee Messrs. E.H. Charles, D. R. Dunoon, C. E. Goodman, H W Gill, J D Hope, A B McArthur, M. McIlroy, H G Pallot: Auditor Mr. Frank Holloway.

The President made sympathetic reference to the illness of two prominent committee-men, Mr R Brownlow and Mr A H Morecroft and expressed the hope that they would be soon restored to health.

The Annual Subscription was fixed at £2/2/- Members £1/1/- Associates, Country and Junior Members half price.

Opening Day was fixed for April 7, mixed foursomes Handicap (Choose partners and choose opponents). Trophies will be donated by the President.

HISTORY (cont.)

The AGM for 1935 was held on a Tuesday night in March at the Soldiers' Club rooms and presided over by President Mr J L Jackson (a very short report).

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were published in Tuesday's issue of the Advertiser and were adopted on the motion of Mr. N C La Gerche and R G Warren.

Election of Office Bearers.

President: Mr. W P Heath. Captain: Mr. J.L. Jackson, Hon. Treasurer & Secretary: Mr. S.A. Morrison, Committee Dr. C.J. Alsop, Messrs. E.H. Charles, H W Gill, C. E. Goodman, J D Hope, A B McArthur, M. McIlroy, E.M. Morrison, H G Pallot: Auditor Mr. Frank Holloway. Appreciation was expressed of the capable manner in which the retiring President had carried out his duties during the past two years.

Annual Subscription

In view of the improvements made to the Bairnsdale Course in recent years and the consequent elevation of the standard of play it was decided that to meet the increased cost of the Club's activities it was necessary to raise the subscriptions from £2/2/- to £2/12/6 Members £1/1/- to £1/5/- Associates. Country and Junior Members half price. (Wow that's near a 25% increase, even though it's the first increase in 5 years it's still a big hike. I wonder what the reaction was. No comment in the report).

Valuable Cup Offered.

The President said that Mr R. Symmons of the Lakes Entrance Club had suggested a tournament open for Bairnsdale and Gippsland East Clubs, for a 30 Guinea Cup, which had been made available, and which would be in the nature of a perpetual trophy, being held for a year by the winner each season. It was suggested that the first tournament be held at Bairnsdale.

The Trophy it was stated, had originally been won for a speed boat contest, and was now held in trust by Mr Stuart of Nyerimilang. The offer was accepted on the motion of Messrs C F Goodman and H W Gill.

(I don't know whether this was the forerunner to the current East Gippsland Cup).

Recommendations to the committee were made by Mr L Morecroft that consideration be given to running Gymkhanas (well they do have a horse) and Mr T Dwyer suggested that these be 4 ball best ball contests instead of 2 ball events.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Associates for their valuable help throughout the year.

Ron Healey Historian



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