



JANUARY GGC PROSHOP TEAM NEWSLETTER

2020 was a very interesting year for everyone. While businesses across Australia were tragically affected by COVID-19, we were extremely lucky at Gables. We were able to remain open for play every day with a few conditions and changes put in place. With a lot of sporting activities banned throughout the year, golf was one of the few sports that could be legally played. This created a mini boom in golf. It was initially a very hard time for Members when we went to 2-ball play as Members found it difficult to get their preferred tee time booking. I think that both Members and Staff have handled this situation fantastically and I hope that 2021 is a lot less stressful for us all.

Congratulations to Gables Member, Max Smith for his hole-in-one on hole 9B Saturday 26th December. This is hole-in-one number eight for Max!



JUNIOR GOLF

Gailes Junior Clinics are on over the holidays at Gailes Golf Club! The dates and times are as follows....

- Brent - Monday's (4th, 11th, 18th) Thursday's (7th, 14th, 21st) @ 12:30-2pm
- Warren - Friday's (8th, 15th, 22nd) @ 12:30-2pm

Due to a limit of six students per class, booking is essential. Call the pro shop on 3271 1045 to book your child today. Cost \$25



Saturday January 30th term one junior clinics are returning from 8.30 am to 9.30 am. All juniors must register by going to MYGOLF. <https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/login-register?programId=13736>

IT'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO JOIN 'THE PACK' – GAILES JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS FROM LESS THAN \$2 PER WEEK.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Gailes team completed their Cancer Councils "Longest day" challenge on Monday 21st December at Gailes Golf Club. The team consisting of General Manager Frank McCarthy and the two trainees Warren Austin and Jacob Clarke teed off at 4:30am to attempt the 72-hole challenge. After finishing the first 54 holes in a little under 6 hours the team stopped for lunch, before completing the final round in just under 2 hours and 30 minutes. Successfully completing their overall challenge in a

little under 9 hours. A big congratulations to the Gales team on completing their event, all monies raised is donated to the Cancer Council. We would like to thank everyone who supported the team and those generous enough to donate to this worthy cause.



GAILES DINGO HILL BLACKMARKER CLASSIC HAS A NEW LOOK LOGO & IS NOW PART OF THE WESTERN SUBURBS CHALLENGE WITH OXLEY AND WOLSTON PARK GOLF CLUBS

The first Dingo Hill Blackmarker Classic for 2021 will take place on Friday the 8th of January at Gales Golf Club. For only \$25 for Members and \$40 for Visitors you will receive a "Dingo Burger" and play for the following prizes!

- Best Nett score - \$150 pro shop voucher and a Logo Polo Shirt
- Nett runner up - \$75 pro shop voucher
- Nett 3rd place - \$50 Thai Emperor Springfield voucher
- Best Gross score - \$150 pro shop voucher
- NTP's (starting February) on the 3rd, 6th, and 12th hole - \$50 pro shop voucher each

****Anyone who beats their handicap wins one dozen of Callaway Supersoft golf balls.**

With prizes like these it's no surprise bookings are filling up fast! Call the Proshop on 3271 1045 to book your spot and take on the Dingo Hill Blackmarker Classic.



Western Suburbs Challenge

In conjunction with Oxley Golf Club and Wolston Park Golf Clubs we have set up: **'THE WESTERN SUBURBS CHALLENGE'**. Members of each of the 3 local clubs can play at any of the 3 clubs Friday 'Blackmarker Events' each month from February 2021 to December 2021 at the 'Member Price'. An upfront \$\$ saving to each player but competitors are also eligible to accrue points towards the 'WSC Final'.

At each Blackmarker event, the top 20 players will be allocated points 20 – 1 towards the end of year final at Gales GC to be held in January 2022. At that final event, the ytd top 50 ranked players get to compete for the ultimate prizes (tbc) and possibly be crowned **"WESTERN SUBURBS CHALLENGE CHAMPION FOR 2021"**.

½ WAY HOUSE UPGRADE

As many of you would have seen we have been slowly upgrading our ½ way canteen. Earlier this year we received a \$35,000 grant to do this. A big thank you to Paul Rosier and his son Luke who did an amazing job on this project for us. Couldn't have done it without them. It's not quite finished but we're almost there. Once finished and acquitted we will be applying for more grants.



*** gotta love that new fan!!!!

CATERING & TAKE AWAY MEALS

Please support our enthusiastic Head Chef and very keen golfer, Tong Park who has added new dishes to the Saturday take away

**CHICKEN KATSUDON- JAPANESE RICE BOWL
TOPPED WITH CHICKEN CUTLET, SWEET
ONION AND CREAMY EGG COOKED IN SOY**



**PRAWN YAKISOBA- JAPANESE PRAWN
STIR FRY WITH VEGETABLES**



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next
year.

KOREAN CHICKEN AND RICE



MASSAMAN CURRY

These delicious meals are available for take away on Saturdays. Keep in the good books after a day at golf and take dinner home. Meals are only \$13.50 each and you can preorder before you tee off in the Proshop and pick up in the bar from 2pm onwards.

FUNCTIONS

Our Gales Ladies recently enjoyed their Christmas Party in December with 9 holes of golf and a delicious lunch cater for by our Chef. At Gales we offer very competitive room rates, a range of food and drink options, and can combine your function with a round of golf or clinic. Enjoy a day of fun and celebrations at Gales Golf Club! Contact our friendly team today at Gales to book your next function (*no room charge for Members).



COURSE NEWSLETTER

Over the past month we have almost perfect weather for the course, just over 100mm of rain and cooler days has made the course come alive for the first time in many months. The entire course has benefited from the wet conditions, especially the playing surfaces.

The opening of the 3rd green is getting closer every day with under 2 weeks until opening day. Apart from the finishing touches the green complex is ready to go with the putting surface, surrounds and bunkers all finished.

We have been heavily grooming the greens over the Xmas period when we don't have any major club or corporate events. This is needed to keep the thatch levels down. This in turn provides a better putting surface, prevents disease and dry patch issues, and improves overall health. For the moment, our grooming is now complete, and we will start on a top-dressing regime.

Water is one of the most valuable resources in the world, and for us very important. During the first week of January, we will start extending the dam behind the 7th green. Paul Brown has organised some operators and is generously donating up to 3 trucks to help move the soil around. The surface area of the extension will mirror the existing dam, doubling our capacity in the area. The dam will extend into what is currently our green waste area. It will come up alongside the 8th tee and become quite a feature in the area.

STEWART POOLE - GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

FROM THE CAPTAIN

Here we are saying goodbye to 2020. A year that will be remembered for mostly the wrong reasons. However, when it comes to the Gailes Golf Club it has not been all bad. Against most predictions early in the year the club has seen its Membership, financial and course position improve over prior years. I believe most Members would agree as we begin 2021 our course has never been in better condition and ready for a new golf year.

I would personally like to say a big thankyou to Frank, Stewart, and Brent's teams for their efforts during 2020 that resulted in minimal disruption to what could have been a difficult year.

The new golf year begins with the Pipe Opener on Saturday 16th January with the Clive Boyce Cup Open 4BBB event on the line. From the opening day there will be a couple of changes to how things are done presently.

- We return to a two-tee start on Saturdays.
- Return of the NTP's.
- Launch of the new event "**Golfer of the Year**"

The club's bunker rake policy will remain unchanged for the moment. This will be reviewed regularly as we await GA policy in regard to COVID19 processes.

We have also engaged the services of a "Bagpiper" who will be playing both early morning and late morning to ring in the new golf year.

On that Saturday, a special presentation will be held on the practice green at 11.00am to recognise the 2020 winners of the divisional Club Championships. If you are at the club at that time, please come along and congratulate them on their achievements.

*****2021 Fixture books are currently being printed and will be available at the office prior to Opening Day as well as on the Club's website.**

BOB OGILVY – CLUB CAPTAIN

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members, Staff & Families. Wishing you all a Happy New Year and all the best for 2021.

A reminder to all Members that we need to keep vigilant with COVID-19 regulations, if you attend the club you need to be booked in on the daily booking sheet or you

must sign in with the QR code that is positioned all around the club or manually sign in at the Bar, Pro-Shop or Office. We are getting regular inspections from the COVID police, and it is everyone's best interest to comply.

A couple of information updates:

- the solar panels on the roof were commissioned in early December, great news as we will have started saving money already.
- The Hollands Halfway House is up and running, thank you to Frank for getting all the red tape sorted with Grant application. Only a couple of external things left to do to have everything completed.
- The 3rd green is looking amazing and will be fantastic for Opening Day January 16. We will be reverting back to our original 18 holes.
- We are planning to increase the size of the freshwater dam behind the 7th green, weather depending works will start on Monday 4th January and if all goes well completion should be 13th January. Please be patient with the noise around this area during the construction period and stay well clear of the work site and heavy equipment. These works will more than double the original capacity of our freshwater reserves.
- We will also be constructing a 19th green in the area behind the 6th Tee. This will be used as a Temporary Par 3 hole for when we resurface any green in the future as we have done with the 3rd Hole. It will also be used as a greens turf nursery and extra practice facility. The temporary green Hole 9a will be roped off and marked GUR as well as being maintained as a Temporary Green for further resurfacing works as required. Our greens are quite old and have reduced in size because of a couple of things the extremities or edges of our greens struggle to grow when cut at the normal green's height also all of our greens have suffered from encroachment from the more aggressive winter green (fairway grass). Over time our plan is to restore each green to its original size. On the 3rd green we have put in a border of Zosia grass which has been proven to keep the winter green locked out. We will monitor and continue this process throughout the resurfacing process.

If you have any spare time and would like to contribute to your club through volunteering please talk to myself, Frank McCarthy, or our Captain Bob Ogilvy. The work done by our volunteers is invaluable and rewarding.

Enjoy the holiday period with your family and friends, save the date 16th January for Opening Day, we hope to see you at the club throughout 2021.

PAUL BROWN – CLUB PRESIDENT

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAILES

- Friday 8th January – Dingo Hill Blackmarker Classic
- Saturday 9th January – Members Monthly Medal
- Saturday 9th January – 40th Birthday Party (7-11pm)
- Sunday 10th January - NOMADS Social Club - 7AM Shotgun start
- **Saturday 16th Pipe Opener – Clive Boyce Cup (Open 4BBB)**
- Monday 18th January – PGA Trainee only - 1st event of the year - AM start
- Tuesday 26th January – Australia Day 27-hole event - 11AM start
- **Thursday 28th January – Ladies mid-week Opening Day – 7:30AM Shotgun start**
- Saturday 30th January – 1st round Bobby Locke, Junior Boys & Junior Girls Club Championships
- Saturday 6th February – Frank Foley Memorial, rd.2 Bobby Locke, Junior Boys and Girls Championships
- Tuesday 9th February - METWEST Trials
- Thursday 11th February – Tattersalls Social Club – 12 noon Shotgun start
- Friday 12th February - Dingo Hill Blackmarker Classic

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