



## MARCH GGC PROSHOP TEAM NEWSLETTER

### VOLKSWAGEN SCRAMBLE

Gailes Golf Club recently hosted another great Volkswagen Scramble proudly sponsored by Ipswich Volkswagen. 108 players battled it out for the chance to play in the Regional Final on April 11 at Lakeland's Golf Club. The top two teams qualified for the Regional Final. Runners-up on a score of 55.37 nett were Jasmin Baryczka, Harold Minton, Darren Bury and Shane Keys. The winning score on 55 nett was the team of Wayne Partridge, David Prior, Brendan Taylor, and Graeme McCurdy. Good luck to both teams as they push forward at the Regional Final.

**\*\*\* A special mention of Gailes Member, Quinn Jones who scored a hole-in-one on the 12th hole during the competition that day.**



### COACHES CORNER

The Pro Shop now have Flight Scop available for lessons. With the **FLIGHTSCOPE MEVO**, you can set up a hitting net, indoors or outdoors, and accurately measure 8 different data points to help you understand what you are doing on each strike.

Example of the two diagrams below shows Gales Member Justin, highlighting the difference between his slower swing and his faster swing with Justin's faster swing hitting the ball an extra 12.5 meters. From a coach's point of view we want to see a consistent swing speed and the flight scope will help us highlight the various swing speeds.



## **HANDICAP REDUCTIONS**

Congratulations to Alec Wilkinson has dropped his handicap from 31 to 27 after only one lesson. If you would like to improve your golf and try and get results like Alec come and talk to the boys in the pro shop and book your golf lesson.

## **JOIN THE PACK NOW**

Juniors 'join the pack now'. There's never been a better time to join Gales. For less than \$3 per week, you can be a Gales Junior Member, get a handicap, golfer's insurance and free social golf whenever you play at Gales with a Member over the next 12 months. All juniors who join Gales Golf Club receive a free Gales Dingo cap.

## ***JUNIOR LESSON FEED BACK***

*"Just really wanted to send some positive feedback! My two youngsters came out of the home school lesson today absolutely pumped. They said it was the best lesson ever!! They loved the way the putting green was set up. They said this was the best thing they have ever done there. We are so thankful to the club for everything they do to make it possible for the kids to learn skills from a professional. My kids have never been able to join in anything due to lack of understanding.... they are thriving at lessons. Such a positive and inclusive environment."*

## FITTING DAYS

Golf Demo days and Club Fitting days are the best way to find out if the new equipment is right for you. Custom Fitting is often the most important step to better golf but is often overlooked.

Whether you are a new golfer looking to find your first set of golf clubs, an avid golfer looking to upgrade the clubs in your bag or a low marker looking for high-end, custom clubs, it's important to try out new golf equipment.

Gailes Golf Club Fitting Days:

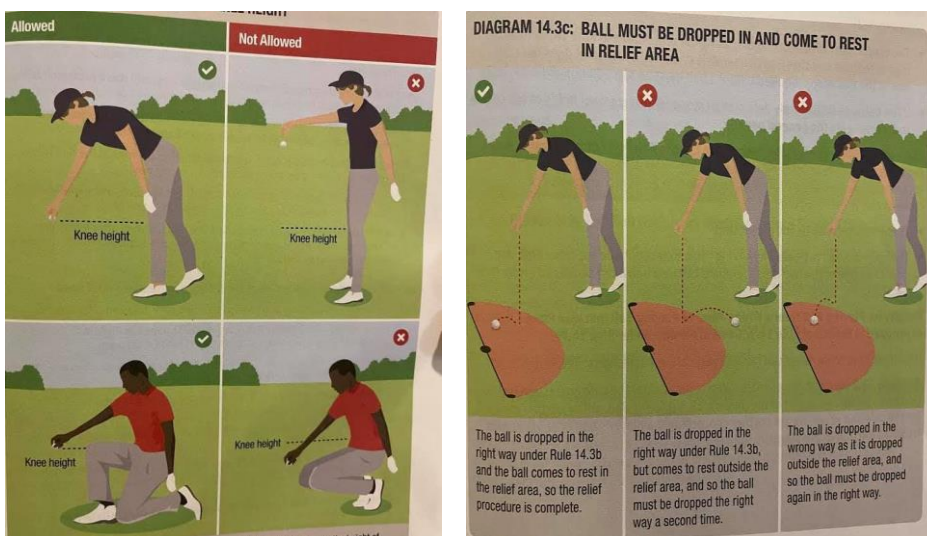
- Callaway - March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am till 1 pm
- Cobra - March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 am till 2 pm.

**Phone Brent Barlow in the pro shop secure your spot.**

## RULE OF THE MONTH

### **DROPPING FROM THE KNEE HEIGHT.**

A ball must be dropped straight down from the knee height. "knee height" means the height of a player's knee in a standing position. But the player does not have to be in a standing position.



## COURSE REPORT

A very typical Brisbane summer over the past months with showers, storms, and some very humid weather. This is wonderful for the overall look of the course but does make maintenance and playability more difficult than we would like. The grass is currently growing in places I haven't seen it for many years. It's wonderful for the aesthetics of the course, but it also means our mowing hours more than double over normal times. It also means the course never looks freshly cut as it is almost growing behind the machines.

The other downside to a tropical Brisbane summer is weeds. At the moment they are germinating quicker than we can kill them. The majority of the herbicides we can use are salt based, which means they use salt to kill the weed. The issue we have is that with 40 years of effluent use, our weeds have become very salt tolerant. To kill the weeds effectively we need to increase the rates to a point where they could possibly damage the turf, so it is a gently, gently, process.

Increased growth means longer and thicker grass, so slower greens, thicker rough, and less run on fairways. Looking at recent scoring, it doesn't seem to affect to many scores in competition rounds. The upside to the rain is both of our dams are full of fresh water and with the consistent showers and rain, we should be setting up well for a very good winter.

## **Stewart Poole - Course Superintendent**

### **CAPTAINS REPORT**

Having the role of Captain of a Golf club it feels like sometimes you are always having to address some negative issue affecting the general play and enjoyment of Members. However, there are times when the opposite is true, and Members don't get to hear about them.

A big tick to Members on the way they are looking after the course these days, e.g., filling in divots /repairing pitch marks / obeying course signage etc. There is a real improvement in the attitude towards maintaining the course in the best condition possible. A lot of work goes into presenting the course in a good condition, so it is all the more pleasing to see it been treated well. Don't forget though always take a sand bucket and fill any divots even if they aren't yours. Saturday morning fields, another tick here for the way in which the field is now moving, with the return to the Two Tee system coupled with record numbers in the field we ran into some timing issues to begin with. However, with a few adjustments to tee slots and introduction of marshalling Members have been making a real effort to move along, times have improved significantly.

### **LATE COMERS TO THE STARTING TEE**

We continue to see too many Members turning up late for their tee times. This is creating significant strain on the Pro Shop Staff having to re-arrange groups which inevitably leads to delays on the 1st and 10th tees.

*Rule 5.3a States" that a player must start at their designated time. It is important for the free flow of the field that Members arrive early enough to be ready to hit off when the starter calls them to the tee. If you are later than your tee time by 5 minutes or less a 2-stroke penalty may be applied, if you are later than 5 minutes you may be disqualified."*

The club does not want to enforce these options, so we ask that all Members be aware of this rule and turn up with time to spare.

## **RECENT RESULTS**

- 4th Feb: Ladies Monthly Medal: Colleen Cleary
- 6th Feb: Frank Foley Memorial: - Alan Enarbia
- 6th Feb: Girls & Boys Junior Champions: - Brittany Else & Lincoln Morgan.
- 27th Feb: After round three Shane Han leads Justin McCormack by 5 shots.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar: Ladies Monthly Medal.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar: BIRT Corporate Golf Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: WK Hynd 4BBB
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar: Ipswich Vets
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar: Ladies Harding Frew Foursomes.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar: March Dingo Hill Classic
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar: Final Round Bobby Locke / March Monthly Medal
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar: BDLGA Event
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: SWICH Corporate Golf Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar: Bill Stanley Memorial.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: BDVGA Event
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr: Western Gailes Trophy / April Monthly Medal

## **Bob Ogilvy - Captain**

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello Members,

How time flies March already. I am happy to report the course is in great condition. The course staff and volunteers have been doing a great job for us all. We have plenty of small projects on our list to complete so if you have the time to join our "pack" of volunteers it would be greatly appreciated, and I am sure you will find it extremely rewarding.

Membership is continuing rise, latest figures we have 783 Members. Welcome to all our new Members, thank you for choosing our great club enjoy your golf.

Our timing was rather good when we expanded the size of the freshwater dam behind our 7th green in January to have it filled by rain in early February, like turning on the tap.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> green resurfacing project was a resounding success, we regained around 100 m<sup>2</sup> of putting surface and it truly looks fantastic. We had a minor setback with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Black/ Blue Tee after opening the Tee on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February we discovered on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February an infestation of lawn grubs, they have been treated and we are waiting for the grass to recover before reopening it once again.

With the success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> green, we have plans to resurface the remaining greens 2 per year over the next 9 years. The reason why we need to resurface our greens is simply because they are

extremely old, 30+ years old. They still play well and have good coverage, but with age they become susceptible to disease, mainly due to what lies beneath the surface after years of using effluent water. We will be circulating this plan to all Members in the coming weeks.

Saturday time sheets are filling quickly when they are opened for bookings. We have seen an alarming amount of pull outs / cancellations late on Friday's and Saturday mornings averaging well above 30 per week. Our Captain has appealed to everyone already to cancel your booking as early as possible to allow your spot to be open for another Member to use. It appears that many of these late pull outs are "ghost" bookings and this practice must stop. We are closely monitoring this issue as they have direct impact on club revenue. Our system allows us to run a report on all timesheet activity and we can pinpoint times and names when a cancellation occurs, so simply we ask that you do the right thing for everyone and to avoid any restrictive consequences.

Easter is only a few weeks away, we have our annual Easter Classic Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April save the date, hope to see you there.

**Paul Brown - President**

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