



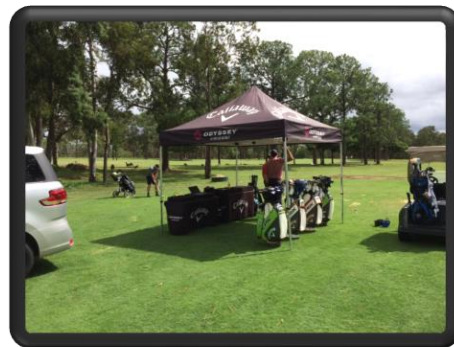
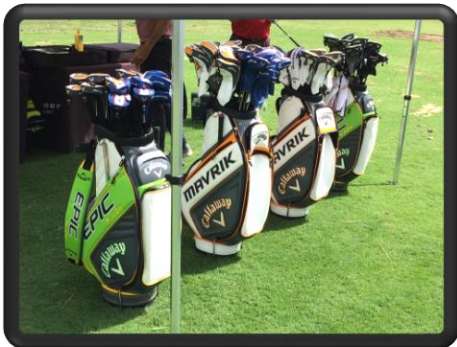
## GGC PROSHOP TEAM APRIL 21 NEWSLETTER

### PROSHOP NEWS

Sport Leisure Super logoed polo buys were up to \$69.95 now \$49.95 each or 2 x shirts for \$80.00, Sizes from Small to 3XL.

### **CALLAWAY FITTING DAY**

We had a Callaway fitting day last month and it was a fantastic day with members getting a club fit with Callaway Golf. Members got to test drive the all-new Epic and Apex 21 Woods & Irons, Jaws Wedges, Odyssey Putters and more. Thank you to the members who supported this event.



### PROS TIP

When playing from bunkers it is important to open the club face, so the club has a chance to slide through the sand and not dig in. If the club face is open it has a sliding effect. You can then take a fair bit of sand and get the ball out of the bunker.

It is also vitally important to trust your swing and have a decent follow through. Too often I see many players quitting or stopping on the shot. Remember it's the force of the follow through (providing you take the right amount of sand) that throws the ball out of the bunker. If your club face is square the leading edge has a chance to dig into the sand and you will leave your ball in the bunker. Try this in practice before you take this out on course, and you will improve your bunker shots.

## **JUNIOR NEWS**

Term one for the juniors has come and gone and they have hopefully learnt a lot of new golf skills. This term we had the privilege of having a great bunch of kids for our Saturday morning clinics. Having between 10 – 16 students was extremely satisfying and knowing they wanted to come back each week and learn more made it all worthwhile.

This term we focus on all aspects of the game, including long, mid, short shots, pitching, chipping, bunkers and putting. As we all know putting is the most integral part of the game. With this in mind we spent every second lesson on putting. The kids embraced this knowledge through drills and skills.

At the end of the term, we selected one student to receive a most improved award. The winner of the award was Dillon as he displayed a willingness to learn more skills, was helpful, with good manners and participated in all activities. Thanks to our sponsors Callaway Golf, Dillon received a Callaway hat, 1 x sleeve of Callaway balls and a Callaway towel.

Term two starts back 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021, from 8.30 am to 9.30 am.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians that helped. The Gales Pro Shop staff wish you all a happy and safe Easter.



## **COURSE NEWSLETTER**

Plenty of rain has been the name of the game over the past month with just under 400mm of rain since late February. Between the heavy storms and long periods of rain later in the month, we have had the wettest conditions on the course for many years. As I am sure the ladies can attest to, storms late in the week, (mid-morning Thursdays) have made weekend preparations very difficult.

The extra work that comes with the rain really stretches our staff and equipment, but luckily the volunteers are always there to step up to help in any way they can. It's not all bad news with the rain. Good steady rain gets deep into the soil which has been much needed after such a long dry spell. It's been a very long time since we have had decent rain, plenty of storms that simply run off the surface, but steady rain will set us up nicely for winter.

It will take us a few weeks to get back on top of the mowing and getting the bunkers back to good shape, but the long-term benefits will outweigh the initial issues. We have used this opportunity to aerate the fairways, usually they are too hard for our machine to get to any decent depth, but after a few days of decent rain we got to the full depth which helped to dry them out but also helped more moisture to get deeper into the ground.

It is important leading into winter to keep carts on paths where available, the better this can be done the less wear we will have, allowing a better course through winter.

Another issue that has become more of a problem since we removed rakes is people climbing the faces of bunkers. I'm not talking about the odd footprint. It's the people that climb the left-hand side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> green, left-hand side of the 8<sup>th</sup> green, left-hand side of the 9<sup>th</sup> green etc. In many cases these people are sliding back or scrambling to get out.

No one likes to land in a footprint on a slope and remain there when the ball could have rolled back into the flat area of the bunker.

If everyone could refrain from doing this, and also encourage their partners not to, this will make the maintenance easier and appearance much more pleasant.

***STEWART POOLE - GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT***

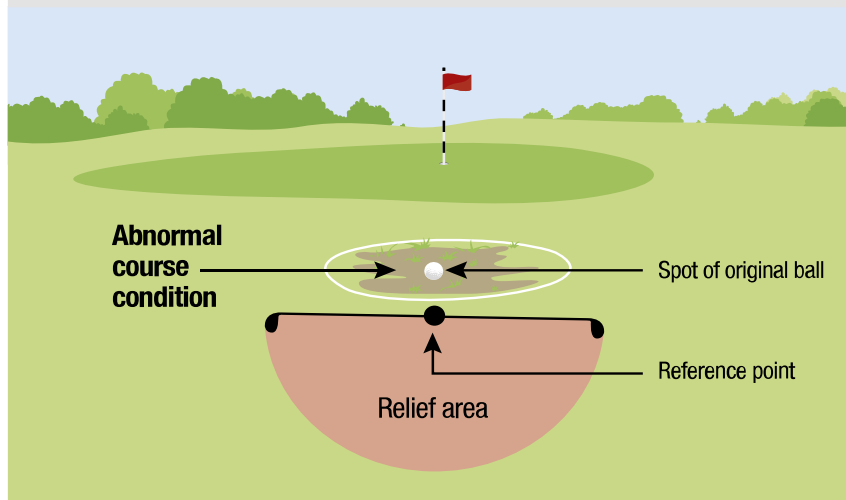
## **LADIES NEWS**

Congratulations to Gailes Golf Club member on finishing 4th in the prestigious Riversdale Cup, Victoria at Riversdale Golf Club.

It has been some 15 months since Kay has travelled to play in events. Finishing T8 in Tasmania and now 4th in Victoria over the last 2 weeks, looks like Kay is heading in the right direction.

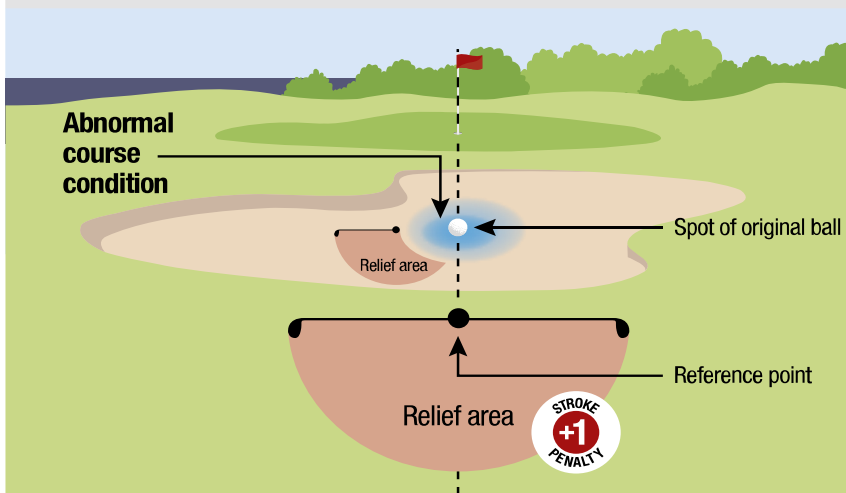
## RULE OF THE MONTH – TAKING RELIEF ON THE GOLF COURSE

**DIAGRAM 16.1b: FREE RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION IN GENERAL AREA**



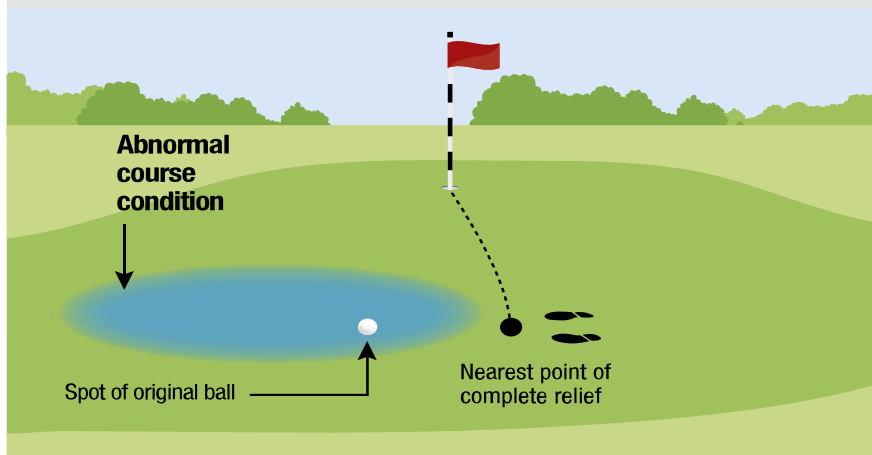
Free relief is allowed when the ball is in the general area and there is interference by an abnormal course condition. The nearest point of complete relief should be identified and a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area. The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and must be in the general area. When taking relief, the player must take complete relief from all interference by the abnormal course condition.

**DIAGRAM 16.1c: RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION IN BUNKER**



The diagram assumes a right-handed player. When there is interference from an abnormal course condition in a bunker, free relief may be taken in the bunker under Rule 16.1b or relief may be taken outside the bunker for one penalty stroke. Relief outside the bunker is based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball in the bunker. The reference point is a point on the course outside the bunker chosen by the player that is on the reference line and is farther from the hole than the original spot (with no limit on how far back on the line). The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, but may be in any area of the course. In choosing this reference point, the player should indicate the point by using an object (such as a tee).

**DIAGRAM 16.1d: FREE RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION ON PUTTING GREEN**



The diagram assumes the player is left-handed. When a ball is on the putting green and there is interference by an abnormal course condition, free relief may be taken by placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief. The nearest point of complete relief must be either on the putting green or in the general area. If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may still take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area.

## **FROM THE CAPTAIN**

Since our last newsletter was published the weather has delivered us the wettest period the course has experienced for some time. The additional maintenance required to keep the course in a reasonable condition for play is significant, I would like to give a big thank you to Stewart and his team for the efforts they have put in under difficult conditions allowing us to continue playing where other courses have had to close. We are fortunate that the Gales course holds up better than most in the wet weather, but it still requires a great deal of extra work all the same. Mention should also go to Franks team of volunteers for the work they continue to do around the course. All those little improvements you see such as re-grassing in worn areas cleaning out drains, trimming trees and much more is done by the volunteers. If anyone has time to spare on either Tuesday or Friday mornings and would like to help, please contact Frank, any additional assistance would be appreciated.

## **BOBBY LOCKE MEDAL:**

Congratulations to Shane Han on winning this year's medal with an impressive gross score of 294 over the four rounds.

The medal was presented to Shane by Dick Holden and Bob Lette who were instrumental (along with Geoff Edwards) in purchasing the Medal as a way of celebrating the playing of the Australian Open at Gales in 1955 where the Medal was presented to the winner, Bobby Locke. It was also very nice to see Shane's wife and young daughter be there for the presentation.



## **RESULTS**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ladies Monthly Medal:	Amanda Hogan Net 73.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ladies Harding Frew foursomes:	TBA
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Men's Monthly Medal:	Justin O'Keefe Net 66.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bill Stanley Memorial:	Vern Fair. 37pts
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Monthly Medal	TBA
<b>4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Classic 2x rds.	TBA

## **UPCOMING EVENTS.**

- Apr 15<sup>th</sup>: May Stafford Salver Qualifying.
- Apr 17<sup>th</sup>: Doggie Wolf Memorial.
- Apr 18<sup>th</sup>: Western Gailes Q/Finals.
- Apr 20<sup>th</sup>: May Stafford Rd. 1 Matchplay.
- Apr 24<sup>th</sup>: Anzac Cup / Ted Bousen Shield.
- Apr 25<sup>th</sup>: Western Gailes Semi Final
- Apr 27<sup>th</sup>: May Stafford Final.

### **Can you Believe It!**

We all know how difficult it is to land you ball safely on the 12<sup>th</sup> green let alone birdie it. On Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> a feat was achieved where all four players not only landed on the green, but they all birdied it! The players involved were, Mal Jackson / Jon Howard / John Roach and Daniel McGraw. Amazing as this is, it also occurred some years ago when Richard Holden, Kel O'Connell, Greg Heenan, and would you believe Mal Jackson did the same thing. I'm not much of a punter but would like someone to guess the odds on the same person (Mal Jackson) being part of this feat twice.

***BOB OGILVY - CAPTAIN***

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