



## GGC PROSHOP TEAM NEWSLETTER

### VOLKSWAGEN SCRAMBLE

Gailles Golf Club Volkswagen Scramble team was lucky to attend the Championship National finals at Twin Waters in May. Our team had a fantastic 4 nights away getting spoilt with beautiful golfing weather. The team had a great time away and many memories were made. One particular memory that was made was by our local Head Professional with a hole in one on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole on the second day of play. Watch the video link below to see all the details.

<https://www.facebook.com/VolkswagenScramble/videos/5062153213814555>

### PROSHOP NEWS

Seasoned golfers know that it is important to keep the grips clean by removing stains from sunscreen, sweat, dirt, and coarse debris that have accumulated. This process will allow the grip to last longer. Often the grips will become “part” of the golf club, but grips do need to be replaced at some point.

With the change of season, it is now a good time to re-evaluate your golf club grips, new grips make the world of difference. Old grips cause you to hold onto the club too tightly, New grips allow for proper pressure, which in turn allows for proper swing mechanics.

We have a special in the pro shop for the month of June, buy 10 grips you will get 1 free of equal value. Come into the pro shop to get you golf grips evaluated and to see what grip size you need.



Crease to Fingertip (A)	Grip Size
< 5 inches	Junior
5" to 6.5"	Undersize
6.6" to 7.5"	Standard
7.6" to 9"	Midsize
9.1" to 10"	Jumbo

## **JUNIOR NEWS**

The last few Junior clinics have been positive with 16 children attending, generally we notice a slight decline because of the children attend winter sports. This is a really pleasing thing to see, that we are maintaining our numbers. In the next school holidays the pro shop are going to run a school holiday golf camp to help develop the children with on course play. There will be more details in the next few weeks, or you can contact the pro shop for more details.

## **GAILES CUP**

Congratulations to Peter Mansell on winning the Gailes Cup for 2021. The Gailes Cup is our oldest Honour Board event first played as the Goodna Cup back in 1924.



## **COURSE NEWSLETTER**

Another month of up and down weather with three storms over three nights making life difficult for course conditions, but at least we have settled back into normal weather patterns, even if it is a very early winter. The last heavy rains have left a few areas on the course still wet, and due to the cooler weather, the evaporation rate is much lower, so we can expect a few areas to stay wet for a while longer.

The rain over the past months has done some great things for the course, the tees, fairways, roughs and greens surround look as good as they ever have at this time of the year. After a few major irrigation issues affected our greens last month they have recovered very well and are almost back to where they should be.

One of the negatives from the wet weather over summer was weeds, and plenty of them. We have been battling to remove them since late last year, and even though we have removed most, there is still plenty left. Weed removal isn't as simple as spraying a chemical and it disappears, especially the type of weed in the type of grass we have with the soil we have. Most herbicides take at least two applications ranging from 7 – 10 days apart, in many cases we were not able to carry out the second application due to poor weather, which meant we had to start from scratch. The other major issue is that most herbicides are salt based, using a type of salt to kill the weed but not the grass, because of extended effluent use, our weeds are now very salt tolerant and therefore hard to kill.

The volunteers have been hard at their work over the past month, one of the key areas they have been working on is bunker drainage. Drainage location, flushing the drains and clearing the exits for the water to escape. This has helped us greatly in returning the bunkers to play quickly over the past few wet months. The issue in the majority of the bunkers has been the layering of sand called perched water table that has evolved over many years. This is a combination of different sand being used over 30 odd years, but also the different sized particles moving to the bottom half of the profile creating a layer that holds the water.

Happy Golfing.

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

### **DIVOTS**

Just a reminder to fill in your divots on the practice fairway just like you would on the course. Of late we are seeing a lot of unfilled divots.

### **LADIES NEWS**

The winner of the ladies Jack Coogan Salver was Pan Soon Kim defeating Jane Kim 5/3. A little bit of back ground information, Jack Coogan had an illustrious amateur golfing career. Jack was a prolific winner of Club, District, and State Championships, represented Australia and was the Gales Club professional for almost 30 years.

### **RULE OF THE MONTH**

- 1. You can ground your club in penalty areas.** This was one of the biggest changes in the rules in 2019. You can now step into a penalty area (think water hazards) and take a few practice swings that touch the ground. You can't of course, do anything to improve your lie, but you can get a better feel for how to play your next shot. You still might decide to take relief outside the area (adding a penalty stroke), but this new rule invites you to take more chances of advancing a ball without penalty.
- 2. Also, can remove loose impediments in penalty areas.** You're allowed to clear those pesky stones away that might ding your wedge as you pitch out of trouble. Just remember that it's a penalty if your ball moves as a result of removing a loose impediment, so proceed carefully.

### **UP COMING FITTING DAYS**

Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> Cobra

Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup> Mizuno

Bookings are essential and can be made through the Pro shop.

## **THE CAPTAINS REPORT**

At last, some fine weather enabling the ground staff to carry out work on the course other than repair work following heavy rains and constant mowing.

This is probably the best time of the year for playing golf in Brisbane with mid 20's temps and clear skies we are the envy of our southern counterparts.

I am happy to report that the issues I raised earlier in the year regarding misuse of the booking system and turning up late for tee times has largely abated. Our fields are still healthy, and the field is moving well. (Could always be better). I would also like to thank Members for your adherence to repairing divots and keeping to the areas marked on the course.

We recently had a recognised course designer visit us to discuss options in regard to our plans for resurfacing our greens, he was taken on a tour of the course and commented that our fairways are amongst the very best he has seen anywhere. We could have told him that ourselves, but it was good to hear it come from someone independent.

You may have noticed that there has been a "little" bit of pruning on the trees next to the club house, this has been carried out to open up the view of the course from the club house area. There is also work been carried out on the "Patio" area, the plan here is to make this into a more usable area for Members to utilise both before and after their rounds.

Shortly the club will be participating in the BDGA pennant season with internal trials to begin soon. Letters have been sent out to possible trialists however if you feel you would like to put your name forward and have not received a letter of invitation please let Andy Sunley know, and he will pass onto myself.

Gailes has had a proud tradition in the past with pennants but has fallen back in recent years, I would ask anyone who has some time to spare on a Sunday to come along and support our team especially at home games. Further information on when will be advertised shortly.

### May Club Results

Gailes Cup	Peter Mansell	41pts
Dingo Hill	Danny Soo	Net 72
Insanity Spoon	David Galligan	39pts. / +3

***BOB OGILVY - CAPTAIN***

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello Members,

Winter is here, the big wet weather period is behind us, and the course is drying out and you should all be hitting it longer off the tee with the fairways firming up. It is chilly in the mornings, but the days are usually fabulous, perfect for playing golf.

Welcome to all our new Members, thank you for choosing our great club, enjoy your golf.

This is the time of the year we start pruning the trees that are interfering with the play of the holes, shading greens, that are damaged, unsafe, or dead. You will see we have heavily pruned the poinsettia tree adjacent to the putting green, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in the last 15 years or so that we have heavily pruned back this tree. The old BBQ area is undergoing a face lift, we have installed a new shade sale and cleared away the area leaving an unobstructed view of the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and beyond, we will install some new tables, chairs, and screens shortly and at the end of spring reshape and turf the adjacent area.

For all Members that renew their annual Membership on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, well it that time already, you should have received your renewal letters in the mail by now if not please contact the office.

On a personal note, I was fortunate to qualify and win the Western Gales Trophy a couple of weeks ago, I played Leigh Madsen in the Quarter final, Peter Scruby in the Semifinal and had a very enjoyable matches with both men, I then played John Toner in the Final, it was a great match John played solid golf to lead 3up thru 7 holes, and I thought it was going to be an early finish. Lucky for me I found something that worked and clawed my way back into the match and took the win 2&1. Thanks John, for a terrific match, and thanks to Captain Bob Ogilvy for refereeing.

Currently the President Cup 4BBB matches are under way good luck to the qualifiers.

As always, a big thank you to our Volunteers you are doing a tremendous job for our Club, and I keep banging on about it but if you are looking for something to do for a few hours on any Tuesday or Friday morning, once a month, a couple of times a month, or more regularly, talk to myself or our GM Frank McCarthy, we get together have a yarn and a laugh and a bit of work and we provide lunch when we are done.

State of Origin is about to start, best time of the year..... Go the Blues.

Paul Brown

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