



GGC PROSHOP TEAM NEWSLETTER

PROSHOP NEWS

Due to COVID lockdown the Ping fitting day has been cancelled and we will be rescheduling it later in the month. The Proshop staff are looking forward to seeing you all out playing golf safely in the coming weeks. Stay safe

JUNIOR NEWS

Junior golf has been very pleasing this year with consistent numbers each week. It has been very pleasing to see that our numbers have not dropped this winter when the children usually leave to go and play winter sports such as football and soccer.



All juniors can register on the MyGolf web site and register for next term.

<https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/program-search/?locationType=POSTCODE&postcode=4076&distance=50>

PLAY GOLF WITH THE PROS

Brent plays on a Saturday at 12 noon and Bronson plays Wednesday 12 noon. So put your name down with them or ask them about when they are free.

STAFF PROFILE

Name: Kay Bannan

Age: 18 Current

Daily Handicap: +1 (01/06/21)



Current Golf Clubs: Gailes GC, Southern GC, Brookwater GC + other Golf Clubs: Metropolitan GC (1 Year Scholarship 2017 - 2018)

Main Goals for Golf: To make it on the LPGA tour and play for Australia at the Olympics

Qualifications –

- Cert. 3 & 4 in Fitness - Personal Trainer
 - Cert. 2 in Visual Art
 - Sport AUS Community Coaching and Officiating Memorable Achievements –
 - 2 Course Records
 - 2014 Captained the 12 years and under Victorian State Team
 - 2014 Became 12 years and under Victorian State Champion
 - 2015 at age 13: Youngest female in history to win Women's A Grade Club Championships at Southern Golf Club
 - 2017 at age 14: Played in my first Professional Event. The ISPS Handa Vic Open played at 13th Beach Golf Club.
 - 2017 at age 14: Represented Australia. Chosen by Golf Australia to be a part of Australian Team consisting of 4 to play in the Asia Pacific Junior Championships in Hong Kong.
 - 2017 at age 15: Played in 17 years and under Pacific School Games (team event) in Adelaide and won 2 gold medals, remaining individually undefeated in the 6-round-matchplay section.
 - 2017 - 2019: Represented Victoria in Junior State Team
 - 2019 at age 16: Played in second Professional Event. ALPG Ballarat Icons.
 - 2020: Was selected to Represent Queensland in Junior State Team however Covid cancelled the event.
 - 2020: Became Junior Golf Queensland Titleist and Footjoy Ambassador
 - 2021: Accepted into Golf Australia QAS (Queensland Academy of Sport) Tier 3
- Current 2021 Tournament Results –
- Tasmanian Open Championships - Tied 8th
 - Riversdale Cup (Vic) - 4th

COURSE NEWSLETTER

August 2021 Newsletter

As I write this, we are into day 4 of the lockdown, it is very eerie working on the course with no golfers. It has amazed me how much the playing areas have recovered after such a short amount of time without the traffic we have been getting across the course. All of the tees have benefited from the lack of traffic and the putting green, 3rd green, and the 12th green are recovering at a rapid pace. We were lucky enough to get a few warm nights at the start of the lockdown which has also helped. We are running at half a crew to just keep everything in good condition, so we are ready to have the course open for play as soon as we get the green light from the government.

Even though we have had a very long winter with very little break from the cooler weather, all of our playing surfaces are in very good shape. The greens have come through winter as good as I have seen them whilst keeping a very good pace. The tees are getting worn in spots which is to be expected, but overall look good and we still have areas to choose from the use. The fairways still look great and we have been aerating many areas that are getting affected by tree roots.

The Ekka westerlies kicked in a little earlier this year causing the course to get covered by leaves and plant debris which adds a great deal of extra time to our day-to-day maintenance. Greens, tees and fairways cannot be cut until the bulk of the debris is removed and the same goes for raking the bunkers. Our volunteers are always willing to lend a hand after the wind and their assistance is invaluable.

A small but dedicated crew of the volunteers have made finding and repairing any drainage issues in the bunkers their life goal, and so far they have achieved their goals. They have worked on almost half of our 68 bunkers and carried out some very minor to very complex works. There is still some outstanding work we need to carry out now that we have our excavator repaired.

Hopefully we will see an end to the current lock down sooner than later and winter comes to an end.

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

FROM THE CAPTAIN.

We finally now are seeing weather conditions that are pleasant to play golf in. It's stating the obvious that recent weather conditions have been unusual for this time of year with high winds, very cold temps, and lots of rain it has been a challenge to both play the course at times and keep maintenance up to the course. In saying this though I believe that the course has never looked better for this time of the year which is credit to both the Green Staff and of course to the band of volunteers who turn up twice a week in all weather and do whatever needs to be done at the time.

We recently took delivery of a new greens mower which has been in use now for around four weeks and it is no coincidence that our greens have never run smoother or faster than they do now.

The volunteers in particular Don Henry and Lee Madsen have been putting in a great deal of time in carrying out drainage work in and around the bunkers, the results of which are that the bunkers now drain a lot faster after rain. The added benefit of this work is the hours saved for the green staff in not having to pump out bunkers after rain events. Many thanks to them again.

Many of you would have noticed the large piles of soil being dumped to the righthand side of the seventh green and are curious to know what is happening here. At this stage all we can say is that we have significant plans for this area which will be published in a document for distribution in the near future.

You will have noted that a number of large pine trees around the course are dying off. It is not because of some disease, rather they have come to end of their life span. We have a program to remove them which the Volunteers are carrying out. As these trees are removed, we will be looking at the types of trees suitable for our course conditions to replace them with.

The work currently been carried out in the fairway bunker on the right-hand side of the 11th holes will see the current bunker go with a "grass bunker replacing it.

PENNANT'S

MEN'S MID- WEEK

At the time of writing this the Gales Men's Mid-Week pennant team are due to play the second leg of the home and away final against Indooroopilly at Indooroopilly on Thursday 19th Aug. Gales won the first leg 3 ½ to 2 ½ so we need a minimum of three matches to claim the Pennant. It has been a great effort to get to this point by all the team led by Mal Jackson, good luck on the day.

WEEKEND PENNANT

For the second year running due to COVID issues the Weekend Pennant season has been cancelled after only two rounds. Gales played 2 x rounds of competition recording a win and a half. Special mention to Mitchell Vesper and Tiger Tonumaiepa two of our Juniors who have won both their matches and to Justin McCormack who while still a Junior anchored our Open team and won both his matches.

I would also like to mention three Juniors who turned out for Gales; Zac Williams, Toby Rose, and Alex Sherratt, it was their first experience of Pennant golf and judging by their enthusiasm it won't be their last. It was very encouraging to see them turning up and getting into the spirit of interclub golf.

PENNANT CADDIES

It has been fantastic to see the support we are getting from Members who answered the call for caddies this year, to have a second pair of eyes and someone just to talk to while you are playing a match is invaluable. Special mention to Richard Holden who has driven this initiative.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The eight-day lockdown imposed on us earlier this month has meant several changes to the golf program. The following events could not be played and have been deferred. (A separate e-mail will also be sent detailing these changes.)

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| 1. Jack Coogan Cup Rd 2: | Now Scheduled for 28 th August |
| 2. August Monthly Medal: | Now Scheduled for 28 th August. |
| 3. Ladies 36-hole Foursomes: | Now Scheduled 14 th October. |
| 4. Dick Coogan Foursomes: | Now Scheduled 16 th October. |
| 5. Mixed Foursomes: | Now scheduled 27 th November |

WINNERS

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| • Rod Kelly Memorial (Monthly medal) | Sean Williams |
| • Ellerton Cup Match Play Final | Jane Kim & Diana Ahn won 1up |
| • Dingo Hill | Cody Fullarton. Net 70 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • Mon 24 th Aug | Qld Senior Event (QSOOM) |
| • Sat 28 th Aug | Men's Club Champs (Rd 1) / Rd 2 Jack Coogan Cup / August Monthly Medal |
| • Mon 30 th Aug | Oxley Vets |
| • Sat Sept 4 th : | Men's Club Champs (Rd2) / Monthly Medal. |
| • Tues Sept 7 th : | Ladies Club Champs A/B grade Rd 1. |
| • Thurs Sept 9 th : | Ladies Club Champs A/B grade Rd 2. |
| • Saturday 18 th September | AGM |

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Members,

I hope you are all well and safe during and post "Lockdown". Although I am bitterly disappointed that we were ordered to close the Club, we must for the greater good of the community to abide by the decisions to keep us safe.

We have been very fortunate to be able to continue playing our great course throughout the pandemic until this Lockdown. We have been much better off than the people of Victoria, New South Wales, and Western Australia. The Greens Staff were fortunately allowed under the current Lockdown rules to keep the course maintained.

It is important through these times to keep in touch with your family and friends, a quick call to say giddy, RU OK can make the world of difference to someone that may be struggling to deal with Lockdown life. If you are struggling, please reach out to me, a friend or call Lifeline 131 114.

The most important thing for me is that you all are safe and well, lucky for us we have the Olympics on to pass the time and didn't our team do great.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon, stay safe.

PAUL BROWN - PRESIDENT

RULE OF THE MONTH

DID YOU KNOW YOU NOW GET FREE RELIEF FOR AN EMBEDDED BALL IN THE ROUGH???

Before 2019, if your ball plugged in grass that wasn't cut to fairway height or lower, you either had to try to hack it out or take an unplayable lie (and add a penalty stroke). If you're playing on a rainy, muddy day, this new rule might come into play several times.

COACHING

Did you know that all our professionals use Video Analysis and Flight Scope when doing their golf lessons? For more information call the Proshop.

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Due to popular demand Head Professional, Brent Barlow will be continuing with another series of 4-week series of sessions to help improve the skills of any golfer. Each clinic will focus on a different area of the game. With a total cost of \$100 per person for the 4 weeks, these sessions are very affordable. However, these sessions only last 1 hour each week from 9am to 10am. Each class has a maximum of 6 people, so get in quick before these spots disappear. New dates for the next Clinics will be advertised after the lockdown.

GAILES GOLF CLUBS NEW MOTORISED CART FLEET

It was an exciting morning Monday 16th as we are taking delivery of our brand-new fleet of EZGO carts (36). What is great news with the new carts is that they are fitted with a lithium dry cell battery. Which means no more topping up the water in the batteries and will be able to do 5 rounds of golf on a single charge. Patrons will also be very pleased with the new "Plush" seats. Contoured and moulded seats will make your round even more enjoyable. Next time you're out, make sure you hire a cart for your next round.



FRIDAY GOLF

Are you looking for something to do at the end of your working week? Why not grab a few mates for a round of Golf at Gales Golf Club. Starting next Friday, 18 holes including green fees (walking), competition fees and gourmet burger for only \$40. To book your tee time call the Proshop on 32711045.

It's time for \$40 Fridays at GAILES

This amazing deal includes: 18-hole Visitor the green fee, competition fee and a delicious GAILES GOURMET BURGER.

Come play at Gales on a Friday and for just \$40 you will get your round of golf, a spot in the competition and a Gourmet Burger straight from our renowned chef.



******* Members - \$25 *******

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