



GGC PROSHOP TEAM NEWSLETTER

PROSHOP NEWS

This month we are holding a Titleist Golf Ball Fitting and Education Day. Allen Hill from Titleist will be here from 10 am to 1 pm on the 18th of June to educate and give you advice on the golf balls you are using.

Matt Guyatt, former Gailes Member is now back as a Teaching Professional and part of our Proshop Team. He brings with him a wealth of experience from his time in the sport and playing on tour around the globe. Come in and say hi to Matt if you have not already met him. He is coaching all day Thursdays every week as well as other times by appointment!

A promotional banner for a Titleist Golf Ball Fitting Event. The banner features the Titleist logo at the top left, with the tagline '#1 ball in golf.' Below it, the text 'GOLF BALL FITTING EVENT' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Underneath, it says 'CHOOSE THE BEST GOLF BALL FOR YOUR GAME'. On the right side, there is a large image of a white Titleist golf ball with the number '1' on it. At the bottom, there are four small inset images: a man in a grey shirt talking to a customer, a golf ball on a tee, a group of people at an outdoor event, and two people on a golf course. At the very bottom, a line of text reads: 'Contact the golf shop to book an appointment and find out more about the day!'.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to newly appointed Assistant Professional Matt Guyatt on being selected in the Australian Team for the Four Nations Cup to take place in South Africa in September. The team will consist of the top 4 finishes from the PGA Professional Championship Finals held in January this year.

Team Australia will line up against PGA Professionals representing Canada, New Zealand and South Africa in what will now become an annual fixture. The event will be played over 5 rounds with 3 to be played as 4 Ball matches and 2 as single matches. Australia is scheduled to host the 2023 Four Nations Cup followed by Canada 2024 and New Zealand 2025.

LESSONS

Congratulations to Michael Talevich, who recently had a lesson with us then went out and shot 5 over after 9 holes on a handicap of 21. Great to hear your improvements, keep up the good work. We currently have 3 PGA professional at Gales Golf Club ready to help you improve your golf. Contact the Proshop to make a booking for your next lesson.

“Don’t be too proud to take lessons. I’m not” – Jack Nicklaus

FLOOD RECOVERY GOLF DAY

Two of our local junior sports clubs have received big boosts as they build back better following the floods. The Gales Golf Club Incorporated Goodna Flood Recovery Golf Day 🏌️together with Member contributions raised \$15,000 to support Goodna Netball and Western Spirit Football Club.

The funding will help the juniors get back into the sports they love. Thank you to everyone involved for digging deep and lending a helping hand.



COURSE CARE

Gales Golf Club asks that all Members and guests contribute to the care of the course by repairing all their divots and pitch marks. During the wetter months we are noticing more divots and pitch marks as the greens are a lot softer.

LADIES NEWS

The month of May has certainly been a challenge for both players and staff with the amount of rain that we have had to deal with on course. Mays monthly medal was won by Kay Camilleri with this also being the qualifying round for the Jack Coogan

Salver which was match play played over 3 weeks in May's very wet course. Congratulations to the ladies who qualified and soldiered on each week in very sloppy conditions. The final was contested by Lily Yan and Cheree Brown. The match play went down to the wire and went on to the 19th hole with Cheree Brown being the eventual winner.

We also completed the May Stafford Salver 4BBB Matchplay just before the rainy conditions. The final was contested by Kathie Kibsgaard and Kerry Willis against Cheree Brown and Pam Lane. The winners of the match play were Cheree Brown and Pam Lane.

The ladies Bronze Pennant season has been interrupted severely due to the bad weather with only 3 matches being played so far. A win and two losses for the team. Only one match to go at home so best of luck to the girls for their last game in better conditions.

A big thankyou to the Green staff and Volunteers for their huge efforts over the past month keeping our course playable 99% of the time for the Members. We do appreciate all the time and hard work you put in each week.

During April and May Kay has played in the Australian Amateur at Cranbourne Golf Club Melbourne, in which 66 girls from around Australia and some international players competed. Kay made the cut after first two days and finished in a very respectable 23rd for the 4 rounds. She also competed in the Women's NSW Open at Coolangatta Tweed Heads. She managed to play 2 days in the event but unfortunately missed the cut. Her next major event will be in August for the Queensland Amateur. We all wish her well for this event and I am sure she will gain confidence and valuable experience by putting herself into contention as often as possible. Best of luck Kay.

Cheree Brown

COURSE NEWSLETTER

The last few weeks, and months, have seen more and more rain fall in south-east Queensland, and if it isn't the wettest it has been in 20 years, it would be very close. We are well renowned for being a very fast drying course, but when we have continual heavy rain with very little breaks between, and now the cooler weather, it takes longer and longer to dry out.

The wet weather has affected all of our playing surfaces negatively, the main reasons are the obvious staying wet for too long and secondly lack of sunlight. All plants need

sunlight to survive, according to the Bureau of Meteorology we have only had 3 hours of sunlight per day during May, the average is closer to 7 hours per day. Compounding our issues at the moment is the cooler weather has hit us straight after the rain, single digit overnight temperatures are not the best conditions to recover from the recent wet weather.

I am confident all of the surfaces will recover soon, as long as the weather stays favourable. We still have quite a few wet areas around the course that will stay wet for weeks to come, if everyone can stay clear of these areas the recovery will be a sooner than later.

The new holes have survived very well during the wet period, and we are still on track to have them in play later this year.

STEWART POOLE - GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

CAPTAINS REPORT

To use the media's vernacular, our weather lately has been "*Unprecedented*". Given the amount of rain we have had recently "*Unprecedented*" is quite apt. Throughout this period of rain managing the club has been quite a challenge, decisions needed to be taken daily always with the best interests of the course, Members, and staff uppermost.

I would like to thank Frank / Stewart / Brent and their staff for their efforts in keeping Membership up to date through regular communications.

Thankfully at the time of writing this the weather is on the improve giving ground staff a clear run at returning the course to its usual standard.

COURSE CARE

While Stewart and his staff are working hard to repair the course, I would ask that all Members when playing do a little bit towards this as well. Simple things like sanding divots, not only your own but any others you see unfilled, keeping motorized carts away from worn or wet areas and repairing pitch marks on the greens.

RESULTS:

Jack Coogan Salver (Matchplay)

Winner: Cheree Brown (19th hole)

R/Up: Lily Yan

Congratulations Cheree on what must have been a very tight match, and well done to Lily for taking Cheree all the way.

DEFERRED EVENTS

1) **Presidents Cup**: deferred due to rain, new timing:

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| a. Qualifying: | Saturday 11 th June |
| b. Qtr. Finals | Sunday 19 th June |
| c. Semi Finals | Sunday 26 th June |
| d. Finals | Saturday 9 th July |

2) **Insanity Spoon**: deferred until further notice.

PENNANTS

Ladies Last Friday the BDLGA held the final pennant match of the season at Gales, it was a great turnout with eight Clubs competing at the one venue.

After being out of Pennant for some time, our Gales ladies finished third in the competition, a great result given two of our better players were unavailable. Congratulations Ladies.

Men's Mid -Week Season so far has been dominated by the weather, to date Gales has only played two of scheduled matches, one home and one away. The good news is that they have won both.

BOB OGILVY - CAPTAIN

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Members,

I think it is safe to say that we are all over the rain, we have had plenty of it and I can't recall a time when I have seen our course as wet as it has been lately, although as each day that passes the course is recovering well and we can still play on our great track whilst many others are closed.

Please be mindful of the wet areas around the course when carts are allowed back onto the course. Also carry and use sand buckets to repair divots, if we all make a concerted effort to repair your divots and others left behind by other golfers (maybe they have emptied their bucket already or forgot to refill it 😊). With the soft conditions our greens require pitch marks to be repaired by us all, you can buy pitch repair tools through the Proshop if you do not have one, and if you are not sure of the best way to repair the greens talk to our Proshop staff for the tips on the best

ways to complete the repair. Another thing we can all do on the greens is to make sure we lift our feet and do not shuffle on the surface of the greens.

The greens are recovering from a prolonged period without sunshine, the 3rd green developed an algae problem turning the surface black, it took a while for us to spray it out due to the continuous rain, it has been treated and is noticeably better and recovering, the front half of the 11th green struggled with the wet weather and was not draining properly and the whole area around the front of the 11th green was holding water so it could not get away.

The large sink hole on the 1st fairway caused by broken pipes has been addressed we are patiently waiting for engineers to assess and quote for the repairs.

During the winter period on course, we plan to remove as many dead trees as possible, pruning of trees that interfere with course machinery, and if the ground dries sufficiently to improve drainage in problem areas.

I would like to thank our great team on Course, Proshop, Kitchen, Bar & Office Staff for all the great work they do for us all. I would like to welcome our new staff Members; on Course, Brendan Johnstone, in the Bar, Cheryl Stumer and the return of former Member and current PGA Member Matthew Guyatt to the Proshop, I would encourage you all to make them feel welcome as part of the Gales Family.

The new holes have held up well through this prolonged wet weather period and are looking amazing, we are on track to start our resurfacing program in October and the first 2 greens to be done will be the 5th and 11th holes.

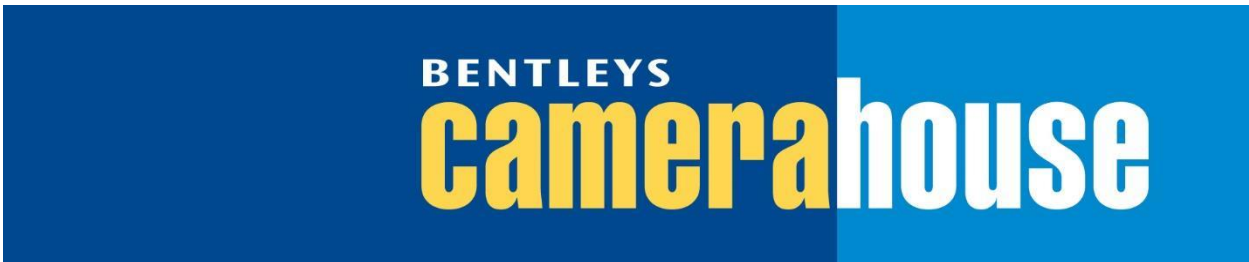
The daylight hours are now much shorter, and I remind all players the importance of speed of play, play ready golf, the time you can save may help a couple of late afternoon players finish their rounds before sunset.

Let's hope we have a few weeks of good, dry weather to allow us back onto the course to enjoy this great game on our wonderful course.

PAUL BROWN - PRESIDENT

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