



PROSHOP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

JUNIOR RESULTS

What an awesome two weeks for Junior Member @roymartens_golfer during the school Holidays! After finishing 10th in the Australian Age Championships at Royal Pines in the 8yr category, he performed even better this week at the US Kids Australian Masters in the Hunter Valley with a podium finish, taking 3rd place!!

Congratulations Roy, great reward for all of your hard work!

"What a great experience for Roy to play in these events!!! Not only that, but to perform the way he did was amazing for him and the club! Being able to get down and caddy for him at Royal Pines was great fun too! Well done Roy!!" Coach Matty Guyatt

PRO SHOP SPECIALS

Now is the perfect time to upgrade your shoes to keep your feet dry coming into the winter months. Come into the Proshop and check out our shoes Specials table to grab a bargain. There are several brands ranging from Puma, UnderArmour, Callaway, New Balance and Foot-Joy.

LOOK NOW FOR THE EOFYR SPECIALS IN THE PROSHOP BEFORE THEY RUNOUT!

NEW ARRIVALS

There is a great new range of winter apparel in stock. We ¼ zip pullover, puffer jackets, puffer vests all with the Gales Centenary logo.

DRIVING RANGE USAGE:

Just a reminder that the driving range is **IRONS ONLY** and **no woods** are to be hit on the range with the only exception being during lesson time. This is for safety reasons. Our staff are constantly having to speak to Members about this so we would ask that you please follow the guidelines for range use, or you may be asked to stop hitting.

We are also asking that the balls you hire be used on the range that day. Members are not to take range balls back to their storage sheds or lockers or home. We are still losing golf balls and range baskets on a regular basis so please return unused balls and all baskets to the shop for everyone's benefit. Prices will have to rise to cover the costs associated with this unfortunately. The practice of entering the range to collect yellow range balls once you have hit them is also not allowed. Thank you kindly.

COACHING WITH MATTY GUYATT

Last month I asked what club in the bag is the most important.... well, I think it is the Driver. Many people suggest that it is the putter, but my argument is that if you can't hit your driver your scores will definitely be higher.... your putter matters, which is the most common answer I received but with a poor drive and subsequent recovery from the trees or rough, you will arrive at the green with more shots, hence higher scores. Being a good putter will help from there but imagine being there as a good putter having taken less shots to get there in the first place.

Driving the ball into the fairway with a consistent pattern is worth its weight in gold, I wonder what Rory McIlroy or Scotty Scheffler would bid if I had an auction with them both, the prize being that every time they pull a driver out for the rest of their careers that they hit the fairway? I'm guessing 100 million plus would be the winning bid!! Food for thought for you, come and check in with me for a lesson to see if I can help you find some more fairways....and it won't cost you a hundred million either!!!

Don't forget to follow my Instagram –mattguyattgolf or my facebook – Matthew Guyatt, you may well just learn something, or just be entertained and have a laugh or two!!!

FROM THE PROSHOP TEAM

As a team, we love nothing more than helping you all out where we can, whether that is with bookings, understanding which ball would suit you best, fixing your slice, helping out with demo clubs, or just listening in to your stories from the course....

Feel free to contact us or approach us at an appropriate time in the shop if you need a hand, we would love to help make your experience here at Gales and even better one!

CLUB NEWS

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April/May Club Results

Dear Members – the months of April and May have seen an abundance of honour board events and good golfing conditions. Additionally, the month of April has seen a start to our representative season. The results of recent fixtures are as follows:

May Stafford Salver

May Stafford was a long time Ladies President, with this event first being played in her honour in 1964. Contested over 18 holes in a 4BBB Matchplay format, this year's winners were Jannette Kim and Elly Park who defeated Marilyn Kenny and Kerrie Willis 4 and 3. Nice work ladies.

Anzac Cup – Ted Bousen Shield.

The first Anzac Cup was played in 1926 and was won by Lew Price (one of the then Goodna Golf Club's foundation Members). The event is open to all current and ex-servicemen and women and is played as a stroke event.

This year's winner was Wayne Butterfield (ex RAN) with a score of 73 nett. Well done Wayne and thank-you for your service.

Doggie Wolfe Memorial

This was played on Saturday 27th April. A 4BBB event it is named in honour of Ernie "Doggie" Wolfe, who was club champion in 1939. Like many Members of the day, he went off to fight in WWII. Doggie was captured in Java, imprisoned in Changi and later died in Borneo in 1945. This event has been won by many prominent Members in the club's history with the first instalment being won by Jack Coogan and Len Jones.

The event this year was won by Martin Smith and Alistair Walters with a score of 47 points. Congratulations gentlemen.

Western Gales Trophy final.

Was played between Terry Law and Laurens Hamman on Sunday the 28th of April. This prestigious event was first contested in 1937 and is named in honour of our namesake club in Ayrshire, Scotland. Both clubs swapped trophies in 1936 and now contest an annual event named after each other.

The match was close the whole way around (being all square at the turn), after a hard-fought battle on the back nine, Terry was victorious 2 and 1. Well done Terry.

Gales Cup

It was played on the 4th May and was won by Matt Johnson who shot Net 67.

This is our clubs oldest Honour Board event and was first played as the Goodna Cup in 1925 (the winner that year being Irwin Constance). This event is proudly sponsored by "The Undies" and the club thanks them for their ongoing support.

This event also doubled as the Monthly Medal for May. Congratulations Matt.

BDLGA Pennants:

The Ladies pennant season started in April and this year Gales are contesting against Indooroopilly, Ashgrove, McLeod, Oxley and Brisbane. Gales are represented by Ok-Ran Hong, Jane Kim, Kay Camilleri, Eunice Kim, Kathie Kibsgaard, Elly Park, Marilyn Kenny and Amanda Hogan.

Gales so far have been victorious in their opening matches against McLeod 4/3 and Ashgrove 5.5/1.5 Our next match is against Oxley on the 10th of May.

The Queensland Senior Mid-Week Teams Challenge:

This tournament is commonly called the Mid-Week Pennant. Gales are in Group 2 – along with Indooroopilly, Brisbane, Nudgee and Wantima. The inter-club matches are a mixture of single and 4BBB Matchplay games. Our first match was at Brisbane where our team was victorious 3 ½. to 2 ½. Our second match was at home to Wantima where the team won every match.

Congratulations to our team Members Mark Manson, Danny Bates, David Evans, Craig McKenzie, Kel O'Connell, Alan Walton, Greg Misso and Bob Ogilvy.

The next event is scheduled for Tuesday 14th May against Indooroopilly – away.

Good luck to our both of our teams. It would be great to bring home these Pennants in our centennial year.

Greens update:

You will have noticed by the blue patches, that the course ground staff have started a weed eradication programme on our new greens at 11 and 12. Taylor and his team will also be looking at other areas around the course that may need this level of treatment. If your ball rolls over one of these areas don't worry, I'm assured that once this dries, it won't hurt you.

Bunkers update:

Members are reminded that all bunkers are in play, and you must play the ball as it lies (no more lift/clean/place). Please ensure that you rake the bunker after your shot. There is nothing more frustrating than arriving to play your shot and seeing it in a footprint.

If someone in your group doesn't rake the bunker behind them, please give them a reminder.

Additionally, please leave the rake in the bunker in the line of play – not resting against the wall of the bunker or outside of the bunker.

Course Update

As previously posted, the club has received a new surrounds mower which has enabled the team to better prepare the course. You will notice the sculpting that Taylor and the team have conducted around the 1st and 5th holes. I'm sure you will all agree that the playing surface has improved, and we are all looking forward to the future improvements planned now that the team don't have to contend with torrential rain every week.

Heritage Update

A reminder to all Members that the Gales Golf Club – 100 years book is for sale in the Proshop for \$35. It's a fantastic read (as well as a source for much of the information in this newsletter) and will look great on your coffee table at home or work.

Members I wish you all the best for the rest of May. Happy golfing.

David Galligan

Vice-Captain

