Sale Golf Club

Newsletter

January 2026

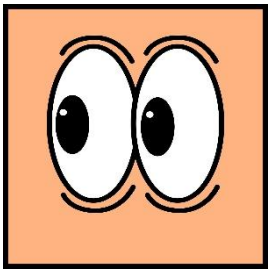
Presidents Report

2025 is done and dusted and what a year it's been. It's great to see membership has clicked over the 600 mark, with another 12 or more new requests on the board. Great to see so many junior members. It's my belief that it's been over 30 years since the club has recorded such numbers. Golf participation is on the up all over the country as it's becoming the sport to play. I think the quality condition of our course; the new social handicap category and the events and competitions we are creating are all major factors in the increase in numbers. (next target 700).

A massive thank you to all our club sponsors. 2025 saw us tip the $50,000 mark which again I think is some sought of record. Can I ask all members to please support our sponsors and thank them for their ongoing support of our club, they are a major factor in our financial success. I will make mention of Sporting Legends, as a major sponsor of our club including the Pro-am, the Monday competition, vouches for tournaments, naming on club golf carts, helping with food for catering, signage on course, supplying and printing of membership cards and the cash return through the clubs pool system being 5% of $ spent by our members coming back to the club, so it's important to use your card whenever you attend the venue.

I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of all members to thank the General Committee, all sub committees and the large number of volunteers all that give up their time to ensure the club continues to grow and thrive in these tough economic times ,the club is in the position it is because of you (THANK YOU).

To the club's employees many thanks for your service and support of our club. I have been involved in the redevelopment committee since day one and I'm happy to announce we are very close to turning dirt (I know you've heard it before) but I can report that the first small land swap should be completed by the end of January/ early February. Gippsland Links has the golf course architect ready to go to finalise the final draft of golf holes and from that point they will commence work trying to catch as much of the growing season as possible. (watch this space).



As we know we drive through the front gate to play golf so it's important to provide a quality golf course for members and visitors to enjoy. I would like to congratulate Brett, his staff and the volunteers for their efforts in preparing the course in great condition for all to play. Green fees and cart hire is also booming with the club now owning 10 golf carts. The new cart shed is now complete and full; we are now pricing it up to extend to the end of the area beside the bowls green. (Thanks to Mark Krusic for his efforts in this project)
Any members wishing to get involved and help out you are most welcome.
In closing the club is in great shape and let's keep it going. I hope you all had a great Xmas and I hope you have a safe and Happy New Year. Looking forward to a great 2026.
Good golfing
Bruce Carter

Captains Report

Monthly Medal winners during December were;
Wednesday Dec 3rd – Bill Renou 65 nett. Saturday Dec 13th – Sam Williams 64 nett.
Master's Qualifiers are Bill Renou, Sam Williams and Rob Donaldson.
Mixed Foursomes Championships have been postponed until early in 2026 due to lack of entries.
Our junior golfers have been appearing on the winners list quite a lot recently. It is great to see all their practice and coaching received from Rob Walker is paying off. If you see their names on the timesheet, please have a game with them, encourage them and make them feel welcome. It can be intimidating for our juniors to play amongst us adults at times.
Congratulations to Brett Rawson, Herb Silby and the volunteers for the fantastic course condition with lots of favourable comments received from players and visitors.
We had many players take on the challenge for the Cancer Council Longest Day.
Remy Sutton, Kai McDonald, Max Williamson and Noah Chaffey did a great job of raising approx. $4,000.
Adrian Eldred, Brad Jansen (72 holes) and Andrew Cashman (18 holes) raised $358 in their 3rd year of playing.
Josh Stubbe and Adam Phillips also took on the 72-hole challenge.
Ryan Hewett, Nell Buckle and Lochie McKeever played 36 casual holes.
It is a great effort by our members to take on such an event for a great charity and enormous thank you from the club.

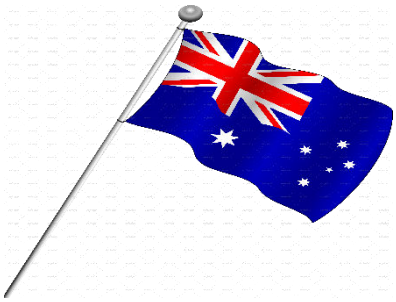
Upcoming events:
Sunday January 11th – Mirboo North Hipwell Plate.
Monday January 19th – GEG Men's Veterans Stableford at Sale
Monday 26th January – Sale, Special Time Capsule Golf Event
Sunday February 8th – Foster Plate.
Saturday 21st and 22nd February – Sale 2 Day 3-Person Ambrose Event
Entry forms for other club events on the noticeboard.
Happy New Year
Brian Cahill

Woman Presidents Report

l wish all members a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year.
Our Christmas Breakup turned out to be a great day. It was terrific to see so many faces out playing on our somewhat fun laden course. Many thanks to Joanne Ballinger for her help in setting up the course, also where would we be if we hadn't had our helpers on the course particularly the Grinch and our waiters. A big thank you to all who brought along our yummy lunch.
Looking forward to seeing all our lady members out on the course in the New Year.
Cheers Sandra.

Woman Captains Report

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and were able to celebrate it with family and friends.
Women's golf is into the Summer Competition now and will be until end January. This competition encompasses both Tuesday and Saturday golf so if you want to be involved, put your name on the Booking Sheet and come out and play. Hopefully we'll start to get some nice weather.
Sunday Pennant started at the end of November and they have played 3 rounds, more rounds to be played in early January. Good luck to all the participants.
Happy New Year to you all and wishing good health, happiness and good golfing in 2026.
Helen Wood



Australia Day Golf

Keep you eye out for info about the Australia Day 4-person Egg Ball Competition.
It will be a 9.30 shotgun start, followed by a traditional sausage sizzle, concluding with the re-burying of the Time Capsule.
25 years to the day from when the first one was buried.

Welcome to our new Members approved at the General Committee Meeting, December 2nd

SOCIAL; **David Sears** **Peter Brewster** **Bailey Reid** **Stephen Williams** **Jake Taylor** **Shane Flemingham**

JUNIOR; **Blake McCarthy** **Bruce Sears** **Roger Sears**

UNDER 40; **Ashleigh Ronalds**

Super Santa Sunday

Another fun filled day for our club, it is so good to see our members enjoying a fun day on the course. Winners of the 2 person Ambrose were Jason McMillan and Shane Carter. The time capsule was unearthed, feel free to check out the contents before it is reburied. Raffles were drawn, with a profit of approx. $1750 for our club.
I hope that all those lucky enough to win a prize, enjoy them.

Santa arrived to the enjoyment of the little ones and the afternoon tea was yummy.
Our newest Life Members, Jenny and Jo were awarded their badges and certificates, not forgetting that we were serenaded by Ralphy.
Many thanks to those that assisted in any way to make this day a success

Pro Shop

Viv, Hans, David and Peter will be back in the New Year happy to supply to you the regular items from the shop but also able to supply members with some new stock items such as FJ golf shoes, an array of new golf club grips (fitted by David if required) and also some alternative brands of golf balls

Existing clothing in the shop will be discounted to sell in the coming weeks

Golf Clinics and Lessons

The next date for Golf Clinics and Lessons will be January 11th

To book a lesson you can either check out Sale Golf Clubs Facebook page, a post about clinics is pinned at the top of the page, and in the comments click on the lesson you want and complete your details or on the notice board in the passage way of the Golf Club you will see a flyer with QR codes on it, select the clinic or lesson, scan the QR code and enter your details.

<u>One for the Time Capsule.</u>

Herb and Leon have 12 Hole-in Ones between them. Herb 7, Leon 5 what an amazing feat.

The fun and festivities on the ladies break up day

Greens Report

As the year draws to a close it's a good time to reflect and acknowledge the great work provided on our course by Brett, Jockey, Herb and the crew of volunteers that have given of their time over the last 12 months. It's been pleasing to hear the many favourable comments as our course continues to improve. Brett has now completed his 3rd year with us as superintendent and I'm sure you would all agree he has our course looking great.

I'll take this opportunity to thank Jockey for his service to the club over nearly 10 years and wish him all the best in his retirement. Since Jockeys retirement Herb Silby has been employed and is settling in well to his new life after many years farming and fencing.

The tree removal has created much conversation and I will say all has been positive. I am looking forward to seeing the areas cleaned up and grassed. We are planning to do more bunker work and are looking at sand options at the moment as the last lot had a touch of clay in it that set a bit firmer than we wanted.

If you wish to join our Monday crew let us know you will be most welcome.

In closing, you know the drill, fill your divots, repair pitch marks and rake the bunkers.

Happy New Year and good golfing.
Bruce Carter

Our Juniors, our Future

Please email through any pics if you are out and about on any course, share your wins, fun and frivolity with your fellow members to schaperp17@gmail.com