Sale Golf Club

Newsletter

March 2026

Presidents Report

Hi Members,
How quick the months past. Good to see membership numbers still increasing, now above 600 let's try for the 650, if you have friends that enjoy a hit maybe suggest to them, that they join up and be part of our great club.

As some would already know Alan Smith our dedicated Clubhouse Manager has given notice after 21 wonderful years of service to the Sale Golf Club. We wish Al all the best in his retirement but most of all thank him for his work ethic, professionalism, friendship and most of all those salad rolls (the best and cheapest in town).
The Committee has advertised the position on SEEK.
https://www.seek.com.au/job/90578849?pos=1&ref=recom-homepage#sol=cd7314e31ddb18826bf7528cf7aa0384d1b866c5

We look forward to working with a new Clubhouse Manager in the future. Al finishes on the 13th of March and we intend to dine out one night with all members welcome to come along and thank Al for his service and friendship. (date to be advised).

We continue to have good numbers in competitions, green fees and cart hire are also booming. Golf is on the up all over the country and I think the quality of our course is also a factor in attracting players to our club (well done Brett and Herb). Corporate Committee is going well as we welcome on board new Sponsors, Darcy Eagan Plumbing and Turnbull Toyota. We thank them for their support and I ask members please support all our sponsors.

I thank all volunteers of our club, you are wonderful people. I sometimes wonder if members understand the time spent by committee in the running of the club. Well, I can assure you they spend plenty. There are so many tasks to deal with and we have a great group that share the load well and I thank them for their dedication to the ongoing success of our club.
Good Golfing
Bruce Carter President

Woman President's Report

Welcome back to all members for another year of golf on our great course. Numbers have been looking good so far. Let's hope that it continues.
There is plenty of golf to be played at other clubs in East Gippsland at the moment with President's and Captains Days and Invitation Days. Please put your names on entry forms for these events as we must reciprocate.
Many thanks to Mary Jones and Pam Pitman who have been working tirelessly in the kitchen helping Al with catering for events that have been at our club.
Sale player Joanne Ballinger is representing Box Hill in Sunday Pennant for the season. We all wish her good luck.
For our members who are playing in Golf East Gippsland 2-day Event, good luck and good golfing.

Cheers Sandra.

Captains Report

Monthly Medal winners during February were;

Wednesday February 4th – Brad Hayman 65 nett.

Saturday February 14th – Andrew Pate 68 nett.

Master's Qualifiers are Brad Hayman, Andrew Pate, John Simic, Herb Silby and Kai McDonald.

Wellington Real Estate Challenge winner in February was Alan Gaskill.

Congratulations and thanks again to Tony Kiss and his team for your continued support.

Congratulations to Sarah Bedggood and Lochie McKeever, 89 off the stick, for winning the delayed 2025 Mixed Foursomes honour board event with Viv & Rod Reiner winning the nett event with 69-1/2.

Charles Harrap Honour Board Event

Congratulations to Tom Justice and Carl Turner for winning the 4Ball Multiplier event with 75 combined points. I think this could be a first honour board win for both players. Thank you very much to the Harrap Family for donating the prizes in Charlie's memory.

2-Day 3-Person Ambrose Event

Thank you to our great sponsors Bruce Carter Fencing, Colmac Holmes, Gippsland Recreational Products and Gippsland Business Machines for their continued support of this event. Nathan Maxfield and his team from Gippsland Recreational Products offered $500 for the 1st hole-in-one on the eleventh hole over the 2 days. Sadly, no one was able to hole out. Steve Harrap kindly donated a golf bag for the raffle that was well received by everyone.

Men's Club Championships

The Men's Club Championships will be played over 3 days on Saturday 14th March, Sunday 15th March and Saturday 21st. A & B grade players play Stroke and C grade will play Stableford. Saturday 14th will also be Monthly Medal and a Stableford event. Boy's Junior Championship will be played on Sunday 15th March & Saturday 21st in conjunction with the Men's championships. Junior boys can also play the 3-day championships if they wish to do so.

Men's Pennant

Commences on Sunday 26th April. We have entered Division 1 and Division 2. If you are interested in playing, please add your name to the list on the main noticeboard for sides to be selected.

Upcoming Club Events

March 14th, 15th & 21st – Men's and Junior Boys Club Championships.
A quick reminder to member's to not move the Men's tee markers after the course has been set by the course staff. We have had some recent moving after the event has commenced.

Good Golfing
Brian Cahill

Woman Captains Report

The Summer Competition has been run and won. To be eligible to win you must have played at least 4 times during summer and the best 3 rounds count towards the final score. Helen Gerrand was the Division 1 winner with a score of 115 on a countback from Karin Manze, also on 115. Division 2 was won by Tracey Potter with a score of 118. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the members who participated over summer. Thank you to Marg Johns who sponsors this competition.

February has been a very busy month for our members. Helen Wood and Deeahn Costin have booked their spot in the 2026 Medal Playoff winning the February Medals, the 1st Monthly Medal for Deeahn.
There have been numerous events all around the region. On February 16th we had 10 women play in the Lakes Entrance President and Captain's Day. Sandra Kirkpatrick and Helen Wood won Division 3 and Mary Jones and Pam Pitman received a DTL.
On February 19th we had 5 members play in the Maffra President and Captains Day. The winners on the day were Karen Cashman and Jo Mactier (Maffra). Congratulations Karen – well played.
On February 24th there are 4 members travelling to Yarram for their Invitation Day. Good luck to you all.
Our Club Championships are on March 17th, 20th and 24th. Keep these dates clear so that you can play in this prestigious event.

Coming events:
March 2 & 3 GEG 2 Day Open at Sale
March 6 & 7 GA Gippsland Senior Classic at Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance
March 12-15 Tambo Valley Classic
March 16 Loch Sport Bowl
March 19 Invitation Day at Maffra
March 23 East Gippsland Vets at Newry
March 24 Toongabbie President and Captain's Day
March 27 Orbost Salver & President and Captain's Day
March 27 & 28 Omeo Bowl and Charity Day
Helen Wood

Secretary Report

We have had a number of Members enquire about changing of membership.
Whether upgrading, or downgrading your membership, the process is the same.
A membership Variation form is required to be filled in (these can be collected from the bar or emailed at request)
The form will then go through the same process as a new membership, being put on the notice board until the next General Committee meeting where it will be presented and discussed as a committee.
If you have any further questions regarding change of membership, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself.
Regarding handing in cards for acquiring a handicap - Please ensure all relevant sections are correctly and neatly filled in.
This includes: the date, Golf Link number, Scoring - both on each hole and a total score, Signature of both players (one signature must have a GA handicap)
Again, if you are currently not playing with a Handicap and would like to get one, please do not hesitate to enquire further with any questions.
If you need assistance with finding a player to mark and sign your card, this can be arranged.
Ryan Hewett

Welcome to our new Members approved at the General Committee Meeting, February 10th

SENIOR – Elizabeth Dobson

UNDER 40s – Jack Fiddis, Brodie Cullen

SOCIAL HANDICAP – Scott Clarke, Mitchell Dowse, Belinda Williams, Troy Williams, Samuel Workum, Alexander Huby, Elih Carter, Jayden O'Shea, Bradley Cust, Marcus Grubb, Tracey Grubb, Joel Fraser, Darren Hulls, Hayden Inwood

JUNIOR – Harley Clarke, Flynn McAdam, Alaric Nolan, Ryder Kelly

MEMBERSHP VARIATION – Matt Nolan (Social Handicap to Under 40), Rob Del Busso (Social Handicap to Full Member)

Phillipson's Nine - Hole Comp, Thursdays

The Thursday 9-hole comp has been running along nicely. We are fortunate to have Domino's Pizza sponsoring the weekly prizes for Men, Women and non-handicap players. For those good enough to have had a win, please check with Alan at the Bar for your vouchers. There is a quite a lot to be collected.
The Phillipson's Eclectic spreadsheet was updated on the 20th February; all the scores are on the noticeboard. A gentle reminder to all Members as we are coming into the final 2 weeks of the competition to be sure to even out your rounds played. (as per the eclectic conditions of play which are displayed on the noticeboard).
Presentations for the Eclectic will be on Thursday 19th March, many thanks to all those that have played in the Thursday 9-hole comp over the past 5 months.

2-Day, 3 Person Medley Ambrose

The event this year was down in entries, sadly we didn't receive as much support from not only our own members but other local clubs as well. Those that did play and play well, were rewarded with gift cards from Drummonds, Coles, Woolworths and Bunnings.
The overall winning team received $600 in gift cards to share, while the winners of the daily events, Handicap & Scratch had $300 to share.

This event was initiated by Steve Harrap, Sean Frew, Phil Cousin and Nathan Maxfield, who along with Jason McMillan committed to Sponsoring the event for 3 years. These fella's who are all Club Members, are to be thanked for their continual support of our Club.

The overall nett event was won by Cory Markovic. Jesse Bedggood and Marc Bain, they finished day 2 with a score of 54.83 to come out on top.
The overall Scratch went to Kai McDonald, Noah Chaffey and Cooper Rimington, they had great rounds of 57 and 60.

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Golf Clinics and Lessons

The next date for Golf Clinics and Lessons will be March 15th

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.

Greens Report

Our course continues to be in great order thanks to Brett, Herb and the great band of volunteers. The pump at the river has chucked it in after many years of rebuilding, services etc. A new pump is about to be installed at a cost of $3000 plus fitting. Brett was struggling with the dam as our only option as the bore is slow filling the dam and the rain was great timing. Down the track we believe the dam needs cleaning out and deepening to ensure the long-term security of water for our course as we can't always rely on the river which can get salty in drought years. The bore is at about 43 mts deep but slow delivery is something we need to address as well, maybe need to go deeper for better supply.

I received a message from a member last week displaying his disappointment that members and green fee golfers not keeping carts outside the blue line. I agree with him as it is only laziness to walk that bit extra to the green. The surrounds of our greens are so important to our game and I'm sure you all expect a good lie for those so important chips to the pin, so please DONT cross the blue line. While I'm at it, we still have many unrepaired pitch marks on greens, let's make an effort to deal with it and keep our course looking great.

It's amazing how a slight change in weather can create issues with fungus etc but Brett is quick to respond keeping on top of problems.

We are piping and filling some of the GUR drains. The 2 between 15 and 16 have been done along with the 2 small ones on the right side of 16 under the big red gum. They don't need to be open they just transfer water from other areas. This will reduce the number of G.U.R areas, make mowing easier and in general look much neater. There are a few more to be done in the coming weeks.

A plug for volunteer Snapper this month, mowing the greens before the 2-day Ambrose and the woman's 2-day event, thanks Snap and a big thanks again to all volunteers, the Members I'm sure appreciate your efforts.
Good Golfing
Bruce Carter

Course Report February

Greens Condition: Surfaces remain firm with consistent ball roll. Recent rainfall (62 mm) has helped maintain healthy turf moisture, while the application of Thatch Zyme has further improved green firmness and reduced water retention compared with previous seasons. Greens are performing well under current summer conditions, with faster, more consistent surfaces.
Fairways: Growth regulator applied on 5/02/2026 to manage turf height and encourage strong, even growth. Turf response has been positive with uniform coverage observed across all fairways.
Water Management: Irrigation cycles adjusted to complement rainfall and Thatch Zyme-treated surfaces, improving water infiltration and efficiency across the course. Greens are holding moisture more effectively in the root zone, reducing surface pooling.
Equipment Update: The river pump experienced a breakdown during February. A new pump is being installed to restore full irrigation capacity and ensure consistent water supply across the course.
Fuel Usage:
Unleaded: 409 L used; 450 L delivered on 13/02/2026
Diesel: 185 L used; 250 L delivered on 13/02/2026
Operational Notes: Turf management continues to focus on maintaining playability, with minimal disruption to surfaces. Proactive use of Thatch Zyme and growth regulators is supporting firmer, healthier greens and efficient water use during the summer season.
BRETT RAWSON – COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

DID YOU KNOW?

On the Sale Golf Club web site, www.salegolfclub.com.au you can find;
All the Golf Results & The Golf Program for 2026

If you are using your computer, click the Members tab, the drop-down box gives you options to look at

If you are using your phone, click the 3 horizontal lines, select Members, the drop-down box gives you the options to look at.

From this point after selecting either Golf Program or Results a calendar comes up; a blue dot indicates info.

Results; clicking the blue dot will display the event played on that date, click on the event to see results of the days play.

Program; clicking on the blue dot will display the event to be played on that date and the daily sponsor.

DID YOU ALSO KNOW?

When using the Golf Australia App, if you tap on scores,
then MY STATS, then scroll to the very bottom,
You will find all the Golf Clubs you have played at and how many times.

Our Sponsors & Events for the Month of March

Date	Sponsor	Event
Wed 4.03.26	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
Thu 05.03.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
	Phillipsons & Domino's Pizza	9 Hole Stableford
Sat 07.03.26	Wellington Real Estate & Med-X	Mens & Womens Par
Tue 10.03.26	Blush	18 & 9-Hole Par
Wed 11.03.26	Cabinet Connections & Jet Aviation	Stableford
Thu 12.03.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
	Phillipsons & Domino's Pizza	9 Hole Stableford
Sat 14.03.26	Jeremy Fleming Jewellers	1st Round Mens Championships Stroke
	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
		Womens Monthly Medal Stroke
Sun 15.03.26	Jeremy Fleming Jewellers	2nd Round Mens Championships Stroke
		1st Round Junior Boys Championships Stroke
Mon 6.03.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 17.03.26	Summit Health	1st Round Womens Championships Stroke
		Monthly Medal Stroke & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 8.03.26	Monacellars & Kwik Tip Bins	Stableford
Thu 19.03.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
	Phillipsons & Domino's Pizza	9 Hole Stableford & Presentation Night
Fri 20.03.26	Chalmer Real Estate	2nd Round Womens Championships Stroke
Sat 21.03.26	Jeremy Fleming Jewellers	3rd Round Mens Championships Stroke
		2nd Round Junior Boys Championships Stroke
		Mens & Womens Stableford
Mon 23.03.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 24.03.26	Redd Catt	3rd Round Womens Championships Stroke
Wed 25.03.26	Gippsland Business Machines & Russell Thomas Airconditioning	Par
Thu 26.03.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 28.03.26	Gippsland Recreational Products	Mens & Womens Stableford
Mon 30.03.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford

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