Sale Golf Club

Newsletter

May 2026

Presidents Report

Hi Members
Sad news with the passing of Life Member and Club Legend Brian 'Pud" Cashman. Sympathy to Jenny and families. Pud's legacy will not be lost, as Club history will show that he features on all possible honour boards at our club. Pud is a well-respected representative of Golf East Gippsland, playing Country Week many times. He represented our club playing Pennant, along with playing every Club Tournament in the area. Pud played golf at the highest level winning many Club Championships as well as being an A Grade cricketer, A Grade basketballer and played in Sale Football Club Premiership teams, a great all-rounder. Pud was a Club Captain and also had great passion working on the golf course and at working bees. Pud was always giving of his time to help others with their swings, bunker play, putting or whatever. On the lighter side Pud had high expectation of himself and was known to abuse himself regularly with, give the game away Brian, that cup is raised, the greens aren't holding, I had a bad lie on the fairway and the odd ball may have got belted away from a green after a missed putt but all in good spirit.

A friend to many, RIP Pud.

Membership numbers continue to rise. This is great to see especially the numbers in the juniors as it all goes well for our club's future.

The Committee has approved the construction of an extension to our cart shed as the latest extension is already full. Thanks to Mark Krusic and his team of volunteers for their efforts in constructing the sheds as it has saved the club many $$$$.
The new boundary fence has been completed on the north side of our 7th hole and the entire north boundary of the new development area. We did have issues with cattle getting in so hopefully this will alleviate the problem.

You will notice 2 new signs in our car park advertising Turnbull Toyota and Egan Plumbing. Thanks to Dave Turnbull and Darcy Egan for coming on board.
Members, please support them and all businesses that sponsor our Club.
The Club is going well financially and I thank all Committee Members for their great work they are doing to ensure our club runs smoothly.
Good Golfing.
Bruce Carter

Captains Report

Monthly Medal winners during April were;
Wed April 1st – David Adamson 66 nett. Sat April 11th – Mathew Johns 64 nett.
Master's Qualifiers are David Adamson, Mathew Johns and Rob Donaldson.
Congratulations to Mathew Johns on winning the Cec Jackson Memorial. His first major win.

Congratulations to Rob Gough for his hole-in-one on the 14th in late March and Peter Neville for hole-in-one on the 3rd hole this month. His second one after having one at Narooma many years ago.

Wellington Real Estate Challenge winner in April was Charles Rintoul.
Congratulations and thanks again to Tony Kiss and his team for your continued support.

Men's Pennant
Pennant commenced on Sunday 25th April.
Division 1 lost in the morning to Bairnsdale 3/2 and beat South Pines in the afternoon 3/2.
Division 2 lost in the morning to Bairnsdale 3/2 and beat Tambo Valley 4-1/2/1/2 in the afternoon.
We had juniors, Emilio Yanez and Noah Chaffey play their first pennant matches for Sale.
Thank you to Captains John Simic and Aaron Patten plus all the players for making themselves available to play.

Course Change
The out of bounds (OOB) markers on the right-hand side of the 1st hole have been moved. Please be aware of the change.

Upcoming Club Events
Col Maddock Memorial - 4BBB Stableford.
Crofton Lee Memorial – 4BBB Par

Upcoming Other Club Events
All Gippsland Men's Championships – May 30th & 31st (including junior boys) – Entries close Monday 25th May.
Yarram King's Birthday Weekend Tournament – 6th to 8th June.

Good Golfing
Brian Cahill

Golf Clinics and Lessons

The next date for Golf Clinics and Lessons will be May 24th

Woman Captains Report

The Maffra Tournament at Easter provided one of our members, Prue McNaughton, (teamed up with Jo Mactier from Maffra) with a win in the 4BBB and Jacky Harrap was a Runner Up (paired with Hayley Clohesy).
Eight women ventured down to Patterson River Golf Club for their Bowl. Some good scores were had but not enough to win. Five women went to Lakes Entrance for the GEG Vets and they tell me they almost got blown away. Two women went to Heyfield for their tournament; two teams went to South Pines for their Salver and one team went south to Foster for their bowl. So, as you can see, it's been a very busy month for everyone.

Our GEG Pennant started on Monday 27th. We have 3 teams this year and I know I share with you all in wishing them good luck and good golfing.
Monthly Medal winners for April are:
Tues – Viv Reiner 70 net, Sat, – Vicky McNaughton 81

On Tuesday, May 5, the women are holding a High Tea in celebration of Mother's Day on Sunday 10th. The event that day will be Par with a shotgun start at 9.30. If you don't want to play on the day, that's fine, just come out at about 1.00pm and join in the tea. If you wish to invite past members, please do so. Sandra Kirkpatrick is the contact for this fun day.

I would like to acknowledge with sadness the passing of Brian "Pud" Cashman. A valued and long-standing member of our club.
Our sympathy to Jenny and the Cashman family.

Helen Wood,
Women's Captain

Welcome to our new Members approved at the General Committee Meeting, April 14th

SENIOR – John Hardman
UNDER 40s – Reilly Davis
SOCIAL HANDICAP – Gus Leemon, Matt Currie, Harry Langford, Kyle Langford, Charlie Wilson
JUNIOR – Issac Lazzaro

Our Sponsors & Events for the Month of May

Date	Sponsor	Event
Sat 02.05.26	Qualitech Engineering & Invictus Windows	Mens & Womens Par
Mon 04.05.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 05.05.26	Sale Golf Club	18 & 9 Hole Par
Wed 06.05.26	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
Thu 07.05.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford Championship Qualifier
Sat 09.05.26	Aussie Disposals	Col Maddock Memorial 4BBB Stableford
		Womens Stableford
Mon 11.05.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 12.05.26	Cosmosis	Monthly Medal Stroke, 18 & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 13.05.26	Adroit Insurance Brokers & Harcourts Real Estate	Stableford
Thu 14.05.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford Championship Qualifier
Fri 15.05.26	**Sponsors "Business Challenge" Golf Day**	**3 Ball Ambrose**
Sat 16.05.26	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
		Womens Monthly Medal Stroke
Mon 18.05.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 19.05.26	Lakeside Club	18 & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 20.05.26	Gippsland Business Machines	Stableford
Thu 21.05.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 23.05.26	Kajak Water Cartage	Mens & Womens Stableford
Mon 25.05.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 26.05.26	Wild Honey	Crofton Lee Memorial 4BBB 18 Hole Par
Wed 27.05.26	Legend Homes & The Middle of Everywhere	Stableford
Thu 28.05.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Mixed Stableford
Sat 30.05.26	Ranford's Family Butchers	President vs Captain Day Stableford
		Womens Stableford

A reminder to all our Sponsors to enter your team for the Business Challenge Day, Friday 15th May.
What a great way to reward your employees for their hard work while we, as a Club thank you for your support.

Course Report April

1. Overview

April brought clear seasonal transition into autumn across Gippsland, with cooler temperatures and reduced rainfall. The focus shifted toward maintaining adequate soil moisture, consolidating turf health following summer stress, and preparing the course for winter conditions. Overall turf performance remained stable, though increased irrigation inputs were required to offset the drier conditions.

2. Weather Summary

Average Temperature: ~20°C daytime / 10°C overnight
Rainfall: 11.5 mm
Notable Conditions:
• Cooler mornings and increased dew presence
• Significantly reduced rainfall
• Lower evapotranspiration compared to summer
Impact on course:
The low rainfall (11.5 mm) resulted in drier soil profiles, requiring increased reliance on irrigation to maintain turf health and playing surfaces. While cooler temperatures reduced plant stress, consistent moisture management was essential, particularly on greens and elevated areas prone to drying.

3. Turf Health & Condition

Key Observations:
• Turf density: Good overall, with continued recovery in previously affected areas
• Colour: Consistent autumn colour, slight dulling in drier areas
• Root depth: Improving steadily with cooler conditions
Issues Identified:
• Localised dry areas on greens and surrounds
• Minor compaction in high-traffic areas
• Residual disease scarring on some greens

4. Maintenance Activities

Mowing:
• Greens: 3 times per week at 2.5mm
• Fairways: Growth slowed, mowing adjusted as required at 12mm
• Tees: Maintained at 12mm
• Surrounds: Maintained at 9mm
• Rough: Reduced frequency due to slower growth
Irrigation:
• Increased irrigation inputs to compensate for low rainfall (11.5 mm)
• Regular monitoring of soil moisture levels
• Hand watering carried out on greens and dry areas as required
• River pump has been replaced and is now back in operation, restoring full irrigation capacity and improving system reliability
Fertilization / Soil & Plant Health Applications:
• Bentgrass Hi K fertiliser applied to greens to improve plant strength and stress tolerance
• Intercept applied to greens for Poa annua seed head control
• Reserve Stressgard and Dedicate Forte Stressgard applied as part of preventative and curative disease program
• Compass and Orus fungicide applications carried out for disease control, including targeted applications on greens
• Monument herbicide applied for kikuyu management within couch areas
• Trial application conducted on the 13th fairway using a combination of Monument, Tribute, and Atrazine for Parramatta grass control

Fairway Management:
• Couch fairways sprayed with MP Enhance to improve plant health and visual quality
• Growth regulator applications reduced in line with slower growth
• Ongoing kikuyu suppression program implemented
• 13th fairway designated as a trial area for Parramatta grass control, with results to be monitored

5. Pest & Disease Management

Diseases observed (Greens):
• Low levels of Yellow Tuft (declining)
• Minor Dollar Spot activity
Treatment applied:
• Fungicide program included Compass, Orus, Reserve Stressgard, and Dedicate Forte Stressgard
• Targeted Compass applications applied to greens
• Intercept application assisted in reducing Poa seed head expression
Pest activity:
• Minimal
Control measures:
• Ongoing monitoring and preventative practices

6. Fuel Usage

Unleaded fuel used 486 litres. Diesel fuel used: 236 litres
Fuel delivery 22/04/2026: • Unleaded: 450 litres, • Diesel: 253 litres

7. Challenges & Issues

• Low rainfall leading to increased irrigation demand
• Managing localised dry spots across the course
• Ongoing turf recovery from summer stress
Impact:
Required careful irrigation scheduling, increased hand watering, and continued reliance on preventative disease and herbicide programs to maintain consistent playing conditions.

8. Improvements & Achievements

• Maintained turf quality despite dry conditions
• Effective moisture management across greens and fairways
• Successful implementation of kikuyu control within couch areas
• Initiation of Parramatta grass control trial on 13th fairway
• Improved greens performance through targeted fertiliser and Poa seed head control
• Stable and consistent playing surfaces maintained

9. Plans for Next Month (May)

• Continue close monitoring of soil moisture levels
• Adjust irrigation scheduling as temperatures decline
• Maintain preventative disease management program
• Continue kikuyu management program
• Monitor and assess results of Parramatta grass trial
• Reduce mowing frequency further as growth slows
• Begin implementation of winter maintenance strategies

10. Summary

April presented drier-than-average conditions, requiring increased irrigation and proactive moisture management. A comprehensive program including fertilisers, fungicides, and herbicide applications ensured turf quality and playing conditions were maintained. Greens management focused on plant strength, disease prevention, and Poa seed head suppression. The Parramatta grass trial will provide valuable insights moving forward. Focus will now shift toward winter preparation, continued disease prevention, and strengthening turf resilience.

BRETT RAWSON – COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Our Members out and about

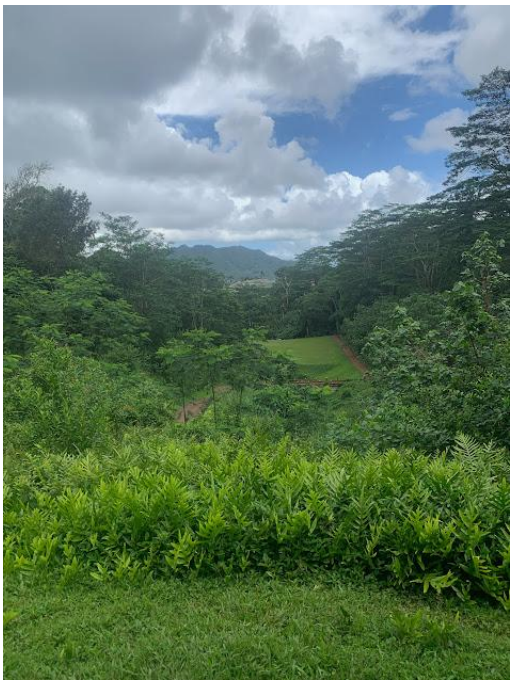
Club President, Bruce Carter with his sons Brett and Rhys in Hawaii.

Word is, Bruce took 12 golf balls and lost 13 the 1st day. Maybe the 170 metre carry on this Par 3 was the problem.

The question has been raised, losing 13 balls with penalties how did Bruce have 108 off the stick?????

South Pines Plate.

Div 2 Winner Glenn Schaper



Patterson Lakes- Jo Ballinger absent

Yarram Tarra Red Cross President, Kay Belcher presenting winning trophy to Vicki McNaughton who scored a stunning 43 points in Sunday's Individual Stableford

Greens Report

The course continues to be in great shape thanks to Brett, Herb and the great volunteer group. Brett has sprayed fairways recently for disease and hopefully that will see them move into dormancy in a healthy condition throughout the winter months. The greens have great cover and reports from the living turf rep, that they are as good as any in Gippsland. Some great work by our volunteers top dressing and leveling the mounds on the first where pines were cut down, thanks team. Looking to get Dean Benson in soon to trim cypress trees on the 17th and 5th and also grind a couple of stumps, more on that one soon. We have unblocked more pipes on the 16th and look to keep working on others.

It is a massive job to keep our course in the great condition it currently is and I thank all for their efforts. Anyone wishing to join our crew please contact us, you are most welcome. Please repair pitch marks, fill divots, rake bunkers and do whatever you can to ensure we keep our course in great condition.

Bruce Carter