Sale Golf Club

Newsletter, June 2026

Presidents Report

Hi Members

Last week I attended a function on behalf of the club at the Wedge to celebrate and acknowledge the incredible contribution John Leslie has made to the community. John was an incredibly smart business man being the owner of Leslie's department store (the Myers of Sale) I'm sure those of my generation would remember it in Raymond Street. Brian Castle spoke on behalf of the group that managed the distribution of the funds that started at $8,000,000. Due to smart investment, at the recent winding up of the account an incredible $14,000,000 had been distributed. Our club received $340,000 to automate our sprinkler system and we received funds to purchase a new dish washer in the kitchen. The sprinkler system has made a massive difference to our ability to manage the watering of our course and for this John was made a Life Member of our club. Before John's passing, he was the oldest member of our club and I believe he was a continuous member from a young age. John's father, William Coupar Leslie was President of our Golf Club in 1923 so the family association goes back over 100 years. Thanks John, the club and the wider community appreciate your generosity.

As you would be aware of, we have an agreement with Jack Ryan's Hotel for them to provide meals on a Friday and Saturday nights. I believe this can really take off as the Longford population is growing as is our membership so please support it, this can only benefit our club going forward.

Our newly appointed clubhouse manager Ryan is settling into his new position and says he is enjoying his job. He is energetic and always looking for ways to improve the service and loves the contact with Members.

The new cart shed extension is under way and we look forward to its completion. Thanks again to Mark Krusic and his team.

DONT forget the Clubs Annual General Meeting is on the 28th June, it would be great to see a large crowd attend and support the committee and volunteers that give their time to ensure the smooth running of the club. I believe the club is in great shape at the moment and if you are interested in joining the General Committee, Sub Committee's or volunteer groups please reach out to us, the more the merrier.

Bruce Carter

Captains Report

Monthly Medal winners during May were;
Wednesday May 6th – Ben Jones 65 nett. Saturday May 16th – Steve McDonald 62 nett.
Master's Qualifiers are Ben Jones, Steve McDonald, Rob Walker and Harrison Savage.

Congratulations to Rob Schuback and Daniel Gall on winning the Col Maddock Memorial with 44 points closely followed by Kris Armistead and Jake Shingles with 43 points.

Wellington Real Estate Challenge winner in May was Steve Harrap. Congratulations and thanks again to Tony Kiss and his team for your continued support.

Good luck to all our players travelling to Narooma for the Seahorse Classic on King's Birthday long weekend.

Men's Pennant
Pennant has finished for the men with Division 2 losing to Bairnsdale in the final at Bairnsdale.
Thank you to Captains John Simic and Aaron Patten plus all the players for making themselves available to play and hopefully we can bring home a flag next year.

Local Rule Board
Please read the local rule board to be up to date with the changes in course conditions.

Upcoming Club Events
Crofton Lee Memorial – 4BBB Par – Saturday June 27th.
Men's Foursomes Championship – Scratch and Handicap – Sunday July 12th.
Men's 4BBB Stableford Championship – Saturday 18th & 25th July.

Upcoming Other Club Events
Yarram King's Birthday Weekend Tournament – 6th to 8th June.

Good Golfing
Brian Cahill

Welcome to our new Members approved at the General Committee Meeting, May 12th

FULL – Marc Bain. Rodney Richards, Stephen Gilbert
UNDER 40s – Jacob Harrap
SOCIAL HANDICAP – Brian Lazzaro, Mattheus Kaandorp
MEMBERSHIP VARIATION – Aaron Douglas (Social Handicap to Full Member)

Woman Captains Report

The month of May is mainly dedicated to Pennant so there's not a lot of golf elsewhere. Having said that, we have had some members travelling to Traralgon and Toongabbie to play in their respective bowls. A highlight at Toongabbie was Vicky McNaughton's 40 pts to win Division 2.

The highlight of early May was definitely the High Tea held at the Clubrooms as an early celebration for Mother's Day. The attendance was good and the food was unbelievable. It's so good to see some of the past players attending and catching up with old and new friends. It was a lovely day. Well done to the organisers and a big thank you to all the members for the sandwiches, cakes and slices.

Monthly Medal this month has been won by: Tuesday – Viv Reiner 68 nett, Saturday – Mel Schaper 70 nett. Congratulations to both of you

All teams are going well in Pennant. Division 1 & Division 3 are both in the Final, which will be played at Sale on Monday 1st June. Division 2 missed out by 1 game to make the final. Good luck to everyone.

There are a few upcoming events to be aware of:

Monday June 1st Pennant Finals at Sale
Thursday June 11th President & Captain's Day at South Pines
Monday June 15th East Gippsland Vets at Sale
Tuesday June 16th Sale Women's AGM
Friday June 19th Bright Colours Day at Sale
Monday June 22nd and Tuesday June 23rd GEG Women's Championships at Sale

Helen Wood
Women's Captain

Golf Clinics and Lessons

The next date for Golf Clinics and Lessons will be Sunday 28th June.

Greens Report

The course continues to be in great nick for all to enjoy. Thanks Brett, Herb and the band of volunteers for your efforts. The river pump is back in action albeit it's not needed at the moment due to some nice doses of rain just received last week. Brett is having some success with spraying the parramatta Grass. There isn't a spray made to eradicate it so Brett is trying a few different mixes with some success. The areas where the pines were removed from are slowly recovering, I think all would agree we don't miss them one bit. Please ensure you keep your golf carts outside the blue line around greens, fix your pug marks, rake bunkers and fill yours and other divots. These small but important issues will all ensure we can enjoy our golf.

Bruce Carter

Course Report May

1. Overview

May saw a continued transition into cooler autumn conditions across Gippsland, with lower overnight temperatures, increased morning dew, and moderate rainfall events throughout the month. Turf growth slowed significantly as soil temperatures declined, allowing focus to shift toward disease prevention, moisture management, and preparing surfaces for winter conditions. Overall turf quality and playing surfaces remained stable across the course.

2. Weather Summary

Average Temperature: ~17°C daytime / 7°C overnight
Rainfall: 38.5 mm
Notable Conditions:
• Cooler mornings with consistent dew presence
• Several moderate rainfall events during the month
• Reduced evapotranspiration rates
• Lower turf growth activity due to declining soil temperatures
Impact on course:
The increased rainfall during May improved soil moisture profiles across the course and reduced irrigation demand compared to April. Cooler conditions assisted in reducing plant stress; however, prolonged leaf wetness and heavy dew created favourable conditions for disease development, requiring continued preventative fungicide applications and close turf monitoring.

3. Turf Health & Condition

Key Observations:
• Turf density: Good overall across greens, fairways, and tees
• Colour: Healthy autumn colour maintained
• Root depth: Stable with improved soil moisture availability
Issues Identified:
• Increased disease pressure from extended dew periods
• Minor localised wet areas in low-lying sections
• Some wear and thinning in high traffic areas

"Why did you hit your ball in there Bob, do you know a shortcut to the 10th?

4. Maintenance Activities

Mowing:
• Greens: 3 times per week at 2.7mm
• Fairways: Mowing frequency reduced as growth slowed at 12mm
• Tees: Maintained at 12mm
• Surrounds: Maintained at 9mm
• Rough: Minimal mowing required due to reduced growth
Irrigation:
Irrigation scheduling reduced in response to increased rainfall and cooler conditions
Routine irrigation inspections and maintenance completed to ensure system reliability heading into winter
Fertilization / Soil & Plant Health Applications:
• Bentgrass fertiliser applications continued on greens to maintain plant health and recovery
• Preventative fungicide applications carried out to manage disease pressure during prolonged dew periods
• Greens sprayed with Veritas Opti fungicide to treat Take-all Patch
• Greens treated with MP Roots to promote winter root strength and plant resilience
• Intercept applied to greens for Poa annua seed head control
• Medallion fungicide applied to greens as part of preventative disease maintenance
• Wet weather stress management applications implemented on greens
• Light soil amendment applications completed to improve surface consistency and plant strength

• Targeted herbicide applications continued for kikuyu suppression within couch areas
Fairway Management:
• Kikuyu suppression program continued with satisfactory results
• Monitoring of the 13th fairway Parramatta grass trial continued, with early signs of suppression visible in treated areas

5. Pest & Disease Management

Diseases observed (Greens):
Take-All Patch activity observed on selected greens
Treatment applied:
• Preventative fungicide applications maintained throughout the month, including Veritas Opti and Medallion applications on greens
• Intercept applications assisted in reducing Poa seed head expression
• Targeted fungicide applications carried out on affected greens
• Continued monitoring and dew removal practices implemented to reduce disease pressure
Pest activity:
• Minimal
Control measures:
• Routine monitoring and preventative turf health practices maintained

6. Fuel Usage

• Unleaded fuel used: 348 litres • Diesel fuel used: 251 litres
Fuel delivery 25/05/2026 - • Unleaded: 451 litres • Diesel: 200 litres

7. Challenges & Issues

• Extended morning dew increasing disease pressure
• Managing turf wear in high traffic areas
• Balancing moisture levels during cooler and wetter conditions
Impact:
Required continued disease monitoring, preventative fungicide applications, and careful moisture management to maintain surface quality and turf health heading into winter.

8. Improvements & Achievements

• Maintained consistent playing surfaces throughout the course
• Improved soil moisture profiles following increased rainfall
• Successful continuation of kikuyu management program
• Stable greens performance despite increased disease pressure
• Reduced irrigation demand compared to previous month
• Continued positive progress from Parramatta grass control trial
• Improved winter root development through targeted MP Roots applications

9. Plans for Next Month (June)

• Continue preventative disease management program
• Monitor turf moisture levels during winter conditions
• Reduce mowing frequency further as growth slows
• Commence winter cultural maintenance practices
• Continue monitoring Parramatta grass trial results

10. Summary

May provided cooler and wetter autumn conditions, assisting turf recovery and reducing irrigation demand across the course. Turf quality and playing conditions remained stable through proactive moisture management and preventative disease control practices. Greens performance remained consistent despite increased disease pressure associated with extended dew periods. Preventative fungicide applications, including Veritas Opti and Medallion on greens, assisted in maintaining turf health and surface quality, while MP Roots applications promoted winter root strength and resilience. Focus moving into June will centre on winter preparation, disease prevention, and maintaining healthy, resilient turf surfaces.

BRETT RAWSON – COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Our Sponsors & Events for the Month of June

Date	Sponsor	Event
Mon 01.06.26		Woman's Pennant Final @ Sale
Tue 02.06.26	La Porchetta	18 & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 03.06.26	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
Thu 04.06.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford Championship Qualifier
Sat 06.06.26	Chalmer Real Estate	Men's & Women's Stableford
Mon 08.06.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 09.06.26	Intersport	Monthly Medal Stroke, 18 & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 10.06.26	Russell Thomas Airconditioning	Stableford
Thu 11.06.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford Championship Qualifier
Sat 12.06.26	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
		Women's Monthly Medal Stroke
Mon 15.06.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
		Golf East Gippsland Women's Championship
Tue 16.06.26	Raymond Street Pharmacy	18 & 9 Hole Par. (Note; change of sponsor)
Wed 17.06.26	Glencoe Angus	Stableford
Thu 18.06.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
Fri 19.06.26	Women's Invitation Day	Bright Colours Day
Sat 20.06.26	Evans Petroleum & Bruce Carter Fencing	Men's & Women's Stableford
Mon 22.06.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 23.06.26	Sale Golf Club	18 & 9 Hole Stableford
		Golf East Gippsland Women's Championship
Wed 24.06.26	Med-X & Gippsland Business Machines	Stableford
Thu 25.06.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Mixed Stableford
Sat 27.06.26	McDonald's Sale	Crofton Lee Memorial Men's 4BBB Par
		Women's Par
Mon 29.06.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 30.06.26	Hair is Kanyemba	Doris Chambers Foursomes & 9 Hole Stableford

12 of our finest at Eden Golf Club

Our Members out and about

You can't go anywhere without finding someone you know

Helmet protection required

No injuries this year

3 Day Overall Team Winners at Rich River

Girls on Tour

Rich River Indulgence Tournament

4BBB Stableford r/up
Melanie Schaper &
Sandra Kirkpatrick

Stableford Winner
Deeahn Costin