2026/2027 General Committee

Sale Golf Club

Newsletter

July 2026

Presidents Report as tabled at the AGM

Hi Members

It is with pleasure that I present my 2025-2026 Report with the Club in great shape and running well.

The Club is in great shape financially but it doesn't take much for that to change. Sponsorship this year has hit $50,000.00 for the first time and I cannot thank enough all those generous businesses that support us. Sporting Legends continues to be an amazing support of our Club sponsoring the Pro-Am, the Monday Competition, Golf Cart advertising, Clubs Pool and vouches for tournaments etc. Please support all those that support us.

It is great to see membership numbers continuing to rise to a total of 667. I believe that this is the highest membership since well back in the 1980's when I can recall it being around 650 to 700 and that is our new target.

It is great to see so many juniors (147) members. The Junior Clinics are certainly helping promote them into completion and they win plenty of them.

Our course continues to be in great shape –thanks Brett, Herb and the great band of volunteers. A big thank you to Jockeyfor his 10 years' service to the Club working on the course and I hope he is enjoying his well-deserved retirement.

Our Club House Manager, Alan Smith recently called time on his position after serving the Club for 23 years. Alan was part of the furniture and we cannot thank him enough for his dedication to the position, his cheeky grin, great personality and friendship with members. We welcome Ryan Hewett into the role of Club House Manager replacing Smith and we look forward to working with Ryan into the future. Whilst on staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank Viv, Hans, Peter, Dave, Mel and Lisa for their efforts running the Pro-Shop and assisting with the Bar.

Thanks to Mark Durrant for his great work as the Clubs Bookkeeper. He has been a great support to Treasurer Daniel and our Committee.

Our Women's and Veterans Committees – you are an integral part of our Club and we certainly thank you for your efforts throughout the year in organizing competitions and fund raising for the Club.

To the General Committee – firstly thanks to Sarah Bedggood for taking up the vacant Vice-President's position and it is great to introduce youth into the group. The demands on the Committees work load continues to increase year by year and I don't think may would understand the hours dedicated by the group to ensure the smooth running the Club and organizing the Competitions for members to enjoy. Thanks to Captain Brian and his Match

Committee, Ian Glover and Mark Krusic House Committee, Pam Schaper Tournaments, Juniors and General Committee. Sandra Kilpatrick – women's, catering and General Committee, Mark Durrant, Sarah Bedggood Corporate Committee, Daniel Gall Treasurer, Mark Durrant Finance and Ryan Hewett Secretary. Members are in debt to you all. (many thanks).

I know I have said it before but the development of our Club is getting closer. All planning permits are approved, land transfer along our 7th hole is complete and issues around frogs, toadlets, skinks etc are now ticked off. No wonder the Country is short of housing when Governments make it so hard for developers to get their developments off the ground.

The Sub-Committee of Charles Rintoul, Daniel Gall, Brian Cahill and myself have spent a massive amount of time over the last four years dealing with all sorts of issues. Many thanks to you and also to our Club Lawyer Rohan Hubbard of WGM

Congratulations to all Club Champions and Honor Board winners.

Competitions numbers have been great this year and green fees and cart hire are going well.

The Club now has 10 hire carts all of which are hired out regularly. The new Cart Shed filled before it was completed so we are now extending the full length of the Bowls Green which will give a total of 82 spaces. Thanks to Mark Krusic and his helpers for your efforts.

In closing I thank all Committees, Volunteers and in general all members for your support in the continued success of our Club.

I have enjoyed serving as your President and I have a passion and love of our Club and look forward to seeing the Club continue to grow into the future.

Good Golfing

Bruce Carter
President

Brenda Cahill and Helen Gerrand
Awarded Life Membership at the AGM

Woman Presidents Report

I would like to thank Helen Wood (Captain) Jodie Tilley (Vice President) and Kay Bedggood for their time on the Women's Committee.

I welcome new Committee members, Di Grimble and Pam Pitman and new Captain Pam Schaper. I look forward to working with all Committee members over the next year.

This last month has seen us very busy with GEGvets, Bright Colours Day and GEG 2 day Championships. These events all needed to be catered for so many thanks to all who supplied soups, apple crumble and slices. Thanks also to those who helped organise tables was tablecloths and tidying up after.

Many thanks to Mel Schaper and her team for the organising of our Bright Colours Day. A great day was had by all and I am sure that the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation appreciated their fundraising efforts.

Congratulations to all winners over the last month.

Cheers Sandra

Woman Captains Report

It has been a busy start tomy term as Woman's Captain.

1st up had Bright Colours Day. This event organised by Mel Schaper, supports the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation who is currently raising funds for 5 Vital Sign Monitors for the Sale Hospital Maternity Unit. We had 60 players who dressed in bright colours enjoyed a game of Puttrose. Our course was a sea of colour and we raised just over $1300 for the foundation. It was fun day.

We hosted the Golf East Gippsland Championships Mon 22nd and Tues 23rd June. Our ladies played fantastic golf taking out most of the awards.

Day one (Foursomes)
Jo Ballinger & Karin Manze - A Grade Scratch
Pam & Mel Schaper - B Grade Scratch & Handicap
Helen Angel & Angela Cotton - C Grade Scratch
Helen Harrap & Heather Ireland - C Grade Handicap.
Day two (Stroke)
Jo Ballinger – GEG Champion
Mel Schaper – B Grade Scratch
Sandra Kirkpatrick – C Grade Scratch & Handicap
Viv Reiner – D Grade Runner up
Vets Champion – Jo Ballinger

It was a fantastic 2 days for our ladies; they can all be proud of their achievements.
The course was presented in superb condition, with favourable comments from everyone.
Congratulations to Jo Ballinger on her selection for Country Teams which will be played in Ballarat in Sept

There are a few upcoming events to be aware of:
Newry Bowl – Fri 3rd July - 2 teams
Merimbula Bowl and Open – Sat 4th & Sun 5th – 1 team
Marg Johns Saturday Shield – Sat 18th & 25th July
Sale Bowl – Fri 24th July
Foursomes Championships – Tues 21st & 28th July
GEG 4 BBB Mixed Championship @ Sale 2nd Aug
Lakes Entrance Bowl – Mon 3rd Aug
Sale / Maffra Challenge @ Maffra – Thurs 13th Aug

Pam Schaper
Women's Captain

Captains Report

Monthly Medal winners during June were;
Wednesday June 3rd – Cory Markovic 65 nett.
Saturday June 13th – Luke Dowsett 65 nett.
Master's Qualifiers are Cory Markovic, Luke Dowsett and Rob Walker.
Crofton Lee Memorial was played last Saturday with a play off to take place between Elih & Shane Carter and Rob Horner and Ron Smalley at the next available date suitable to both groups.

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

Juniors
Paul Buchanan will be running another junior clinic of 4 consecutive weeks and details will be advised once dates are known.

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

Good Golfing
Brian Cahill

Welcome to our new Members approved at the General Committee Meeting, June 9th

JUNIOR – Thomas Krawczyk
SOCIAL HANDICAP – Michael Mogridge, Shane Dobson, Aaron Lynch, Craig Schuback
MEMBERSHIP VARIATION – (All Social Handicap to Full Member) Ian Wrigglesworth, Kate Brown, Kade Dowie, Tim Dunnitt, Jake Main, Elih Carter, Shane Carter.
NON PLAYING MEMBER – Greg Burton.

Golf Clinics and Lessons

The next date for Golf Clinics and Lessons will be Sunday 26th July.

Please book via the links in the comments on our Facebook Page.

Sale fellas on tour

Seahorse Classic

Narooma

June 2026

Greens Report as tabled at the AGM

I think all would agree our course has been in great condition for all to enjoy over the last 12 months.

We are fortunate to have a Superintendent like Brett who displays a real passion and takes pride in his job. Another real asset is Brett's mechanical skills that saves the Club many thousands of dollars each year.

Brett's assistant Jackeyretired after nearly 10 years in the job. Jockeyhad a great work ethic and also showed a passion to see the course the best it could be. Many thanks Jockeyand all the best in your retirement. Jockey's retirement opened the way for Herb Silby to progress from a few hours a week on bunkers into a 35-hour week role. Herb informs me his title is "Assistant Superintendent" (not sure about that Herb) however Herb shows a passion and pride in his work and he understands how golfers expect the course to be presented as he has been a long-time golfer himself.

To our volunteers, the members are in debt to you for your dedication where each Monday morning approximately 15 turn up to giveof their time to assist Brett and Herb in the maintenance of our course and surrounds. Theytake on many tasks such as cleaning up sticks and branches around trees, pruning trees, firewood collection, spraying around trees, work around chipping green, topping up bunkers, reinstating after pine tree removal, rough and fairway cutting and on and on it goes. It doesn't stop Mondays as during the week some continue with rough and fairway cutting and Saturday green's mowing. We have estimated with the hours delivered by volunteers it equates to approximately $110,000.00 worth of labour. Manythanks to you all.

A shout out to Mary Jonesand Rita Wake who clean the on-course toilets and always come up with a platter for the men at the Monday BBQ.

As part of our negotiations with the Developers, we were able to remove 58 pine trees from the course. I haven't heard one negative comment from members and I certainly believe their removal has enhanced the ascetics and quality of the course. We thank the Developers for their generosity in this project that saved the Club around $70,000.00.

We purchased a new pump for the river recently as the old banger had run its race and know how important a good water supply is. We are testing some new bunker sands at the moment and intend to top up many of our bunkers that over the years have got deeper. Theleft of the 17th green and the front bunker on the 13th are two examples of how we can reduce the depth making it less stressful for golfers.

I thank all staff and volunteers and welcome any new volunteer to join us.

Good golfing

Bruce Carter

Volunteers doing the footing for the cart shed extension

Course Report June

1. Overview

Junebrought the first month of winter conditions to Gippsland, with consistently colder mornings, frequent heavydew, and reduced daylight hours significantly slowing turf growth across the course. Rainfall remained below average, while cooler soil temperatures placed turf into a period of reduced metabolic activity. Course maintenance focused on disease prevention, moisture management, equipment servicing, and maintaining consistent playing surfaces throughout the winter period.

2. Weather Summary

Average Temperature: ~14°C daytime / 4°C overnight Rainfall: 24.0 mm

Notable Conditions:

• Frequent heavy morning dew
• Below-average rainfall throughout the month
• Reduced evapotranspiration rates
• Very slow turf growth due to cold soil temperatures

3. Turf Health & Condition

Key Observations

• Turf density remained good across greens, tees and fairways.
• Healthy winter colour maintained.
• Root systems remained stable despite reduced growth.

Issues Identified

• Continued disease pressure associated with prolonged leaf wetness.
• Minor thinning in high-traffic areas.

4. Maintenance Activities

Mowing

• Greens: 2–3 times per week at 2.5 mm • Greens: Rolled once per week
• Fairways: Once per week at 12 mm
• Tees: Once per week at 12 mm
• Surrounds: Maintained at 9 mm
• Rough: Minimal mowing required

Fertilisation / Soil & Plant Health Applications

• Greens received an application of Bentgrass Hi K fertiliser to maintain plant health and improve winter hardiness.
• MP Roots was applied to encourage deeper rooting and improve winter turf resilience.
• Intercept was applied to greens for Poa annua seed head suppression.
• Greens received two applications of Smackdown herbicide for moss control, with good suppression achieved.
• Preventative fungicide applications continued throughout the month, including Daconil WeatherStik, to protect greens during prolonged cool, damp conditions.

Fairway Management

• Couch fairways were sprayed with MP Deep Green pigment to enhance winter colour and improve presentation during dormancy.

5. Pest & Disease Management

Diseases Observed (Greens)

• Minor Take-All Patch activity remained evident on selected greens.

Treatment Applied:

• Preventative fungicide applications maintained throughout June, including Daconil WeatherStik.
• Greens received two applications of Smackdown herbicide for moss control.
• Intercept applications continued to suppress Poa annua seed head production.
• Ongoing monitoring of disease-prone areas continued throughout the month.

Pest Activity

Minimal.

Control Measures:

Routine inspections and preventative turf health practices maintained across the course.

6. Fuel Usage

Unleaded Fuel Used: 297 litres Diesel Fuel Used: 209 litres

Fuel Delivery (19/06/2026) • Unleaded: 450 litres • Diesel: 250 litres

7. Challenges & Issues

• Persistent heavy dew increasing disease pressure.

• Reduced turf recovery due to slow winter growth.

• Managing traffic wear during periods of minimal plant growth.

Impact:

Continued disease monitoring, preventative fungicide applications, careful moisture management and routine dew removal ensured high-quality playing surfaces were maintained throughout June.

8. Improvements & Achievements

• Consistent putting surface quality maintained throughout winter conditions.

• Successful moss control program initiated with two Smackdown applications.

• Preventative disease program effectively limited disease development.

• MP Deep Green pigment significantly improved the winter colour and presentation of couch fairways.

• Ongoing improvement observed in the Parramatta grass control trial.

• Equipment servicing program progressed in preparation for spring.

9. Plans for Next Month (July)

• Continue preventative fungicide program.

• Monitor moisture levels and irrigate only where required.

• Continue winter fertiliser and soil health program.

• Progress equipment servicing and workshop maintenance.

10. Summary

June delivered typical winter conditions across Sale Golf Club, with cold temperatures, frequent heavy dew and below-average rainfall (24.0 mm) slowing turf growth across all playing surfaces. Despite increased disease pressure associated with prolonged leaf wetness, preventative fungicide applications and proactive turf management maintained excellent course presentation and consistent playing conditions.

Greens continued to perform well throughout the month, supported by applications of Bentgrass Hi K, MP Roots, Intercept, Daconil WeatherStik, and two Smackdown herbicide applications for moss control. MP Deep Green pigment was applied to couch fairways, significantly enhancing winter colour and overall course presentation. The kikuyu suppression program and Parramatta grass trial continued to produce encouraging results.

The focus moving into July will remain on disease prevention, winter turf health, equipment maintenance and preserving high-quality playing surfaces ahead of spring recovery.

BRETT RAWSON
COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Henry raking all the bunkers prior to the Womans GEG Championships. Much appreciated Henry

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

Our Sponsors & Events for the Month of July

Date	Sponsor	Event
Wed 01.07.26	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
Thu 02.07.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford Championship Qualifier
Sat 04.07.26	McDonald's Sale & DMG Partners	Men's & Women's Stableford
Mon 06.07.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 07.07.26	Main Street Merchants	Monthly Medal Stroke, 18 & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 08.07.26	Preston Rowe Patterson & Cabinet Connections	Stableford
Thu 09.07.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford Championship Qualifier
Sat 11.07.26	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
		Womens Monthly Medal Stroke
Sun 12.07.06	Sporting Legends	Men's Foursomes Championships
Mon 13.07.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 14.07.26	Pastry & Pieces	18 & 9 Hole Par
Wed 15.07.26	Sale Sign Torque & CJ Office Choice	Stableford
Thu 16.07.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 18.07.26	Jeremy Fleming Jewellers	1st Rnd Men's 4BBB Stableford Championships & Stableford 1st Rnd Women's Shield Stableford
Mon 20.07.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 21.07.26	Bruce Carter Fencing	1st Rnd Foursomes Championship & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 22.07.26	Sale Turf Club & GBG Concrete	Par
Thu 23.07.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 25.07.26	Jeremy Fleming	2nd Rnd Men's 4BBB Stableford Championships & Stableford 2nd Rnd Women's Shield Stableford
Mon 27.07.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 28.07.26	She Bakes Sourdough (change of sponsor)	2nd Rnd Foursomes Championship & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 29.07.26	Phillipsons Accounting & Financial Services	Stableford
Thu 30.07.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Mixed Stableford