Sale Golf Club

Newsletter

September 2026

Presidents Report

Hi Members

As another month rolls over the club continues to improve on membership numbers and new sponsors coming on board. Please support our sponsors where possible and even thanking them goes a long way for us keeping them on board into the future.

Great to see a group of ladies involved in a coaching session recently and let's hope we can get them involved in our club and become future members.

The men's Sale Plate was a great day with 120 players and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Captain Brian Cahill for his great leadership in running the event. There were many helpers on the day and I'm sure the golfers appreciate their efforts in producing a great event. The course condition for this time of year was a major talking point so a feather in the cap to Brett, Herb and the volunteers.

Numbers for meals on Friday and Saturday nights are struggling so it would be great if Members could give it a go and spread the word to see if we can build on numbers. We do recognise it started in the winter months and believe it can grow as the warmer weather hits us in coming months. Those that have attended have been very happy with the quality of the meals.

Thanks to Emmy Van Berkel for overseeing the pruning of the bird loving shrubs along the front of our clubhouse. I believe Emmy planted them many years ago and has been passionate about their survival over the years so it was important they were pruned correctly.

The club has just updated the security system inside and out. We have extra cameras now, so hopefully if needed they can assist in dealing with any future problems.

We are looking at updating our website at the moment. Not an easy job but I think it's important to have a quality website that can promote our club.

The new cart shed is coming along well and not far off completion. Thanks to Mark and his team for your contribution. While on cart sheds the main shed has been left open on a couple of occasions lately. Please ensure you shut the doors after returning your cart as there is many thousands of $'s worth of carts and clubs in the shed.

I'd like to finish by thanking Pam Schaper for the time she puts in producing this newsletter. It's a big job and I hope most members do read it. If you have any information, stories, funny golfing stories, photos please pass them on to Pam, she will be happy to include them.

Good golfing

Bruce Carter

Woman Presidents Report

Once again, our club is deeply grateful to our Lady Volunteers for assisting in the catering for the Sale Plate held on 23rd of August. To Helen Harrap, Pam Pitman, Mary Jones, Mel and Pam Schaper many thanks for the work that gets done behind the scenes.
The weather for our Ladies Tuesdays this month has been a little chilly but the course is in great condition and we have seen some very good results. Congratulations to all the winners also to those who have participated.
Our President's and Captains Day is coming up on 8th September. It is hoped that we can get members from other clubs to participate and enjoy our hospitality.
4BBB Championships are also coming up quickly, so Ladies don't forget to sort out your partner for that one.
I have been asked to pass on our thanks to Ryan for looking after us on Tuesdays and serving us his lovely lunches.
See you out on the course.
Sandra

Captains Report

Monthly Medal winners during August were;
Wed August 5th – Rob Donaldosn 68 nett. Sat August 15th – Ian Glover 67 nett.
Master's Qualifiers are Rob Donaldson, Ian Glover and Peter Jellis.
Men's 36 holes Foursomes Champions were Rob Walker & David Adamson – 73+83-156. Back-to-back winners.
Handicap winners – John Simic & Gavin Ballinger 74.5+74.5-149.
Thank you to the 24 players participating in this event.
Annual Tournament
Was held from 7th to 9th August and it was great to see so many visitors to come and play on our great course. A massive thank you to our great sponsors - Simic's Betta Home Living, Monacellars, Drummond Golf Traralgon and Yamaha Golf Cars of Melbourne. Without sponsors the golf club would not survive. Please support them when you are thinking of purchasing their products.
Congratulations to Brett Rawnson, Herb Silby and the many volunteers for supplying a course in great condition. Also, to our clubhouse staff for starting the fields and supplying the food.
To our Women's committee, thank you for the raffles and Sunday afternoon tea plus all your other work during the tournament.
Results
Event 1. Winners – Libby Collins & Chanelle Buckle – 51pts on countback
Event 2. Winners – Ian Wrigglesworth & Sam Anstee – 47pts.
Event 3. Winners – A Grade – Steve Harrap – 39 pts. B Grade – Leon Wain – 38 pts
C Grade – Jason King (Korumburra) – 42 pts. D Grade – Rod Reiner – 42 pts
Event 4. Winner – Vicki McNaughton – 37 pts on countback
Event 5. A Grade Winners – Brett Jophnson & Jodie Tilley – 44 pts.
B Grade Winners – Thomas Love & Janet Love – 47 pts.
Congratulations to all our winners and we had 278 players on our course over the 3 days.

Sale Men's Plate – Sponsored by Drummond Golf Traralgon
Sunday 23rd weather gave us the most magnificent day to play golf on our course.
Thank you again to Brett, Herb, Glenn Schaper and the volunteers for the great setup for the day. Great work by our barbecue kings – Ian Doggett, Mal & Sandra Kirkpatrick, Andrew Taylor, Helen Harrap & Neil Kline, to keep the 119 players fed all day. Thank you, Mary Jones, Pam Pitman and Sandra, for the afternoon tea supplied to all the players. Also, Ian Glover, Leon Wain plus Hans with sorting cards and starting the field; Mel Schaper & Pam Schaper for the drinks cart, Ryan for his work behind the bar and Pam Schaper and Brenda Cahill for help with the results plus Damian Leggo and team from Drummond Golf Traralgon for their continued sponsorship.
Great effort by all that was appreciated by our many visitors.

Winners – Sale 3 Team
Noah Chaffey 41 pts; Kai McDonald 31 pts; Cooper Rimington 32 pts & Remy Sutton 27pts.
Total 104 pts – best 3 scores count.
Individual Grade Winners
A Grade – Noah Chaffey 41 pts. B Grade – Dale Burridge (Churchill Monash) 39 pts
C Grade – Mark Heiberg (Mirboo North) 34 pts. D Grade – Tony Carrolan (Morwell) 35 pts

Would like to thank my wife, Brenda for all her help over the tournament and the plate events.

Local Rule Board

Mud on your golf ball through the green – the local rule is mark, lift, clean and replace in the same position. We do not have preferred lies.

Juniors

Paul Buchanan and Peter Manze are continuing with the junior clinics and please note the change from Father's Day, Sunday 6th September to Sunday 13th September.

Upcoming Events

Maffra Tournament – Thursday 3rd September to Sunday 6th September
Newry Tournament – Thursday 17th September to Sunday 20th September
Yarram Men's Plate – Sunday 20th September
Footy Colours Day – Friday 25th September – 3 Person Ambrose
GEG Men's Plate – Sunday 4th October at South Pines
Lakes Entrance Tournament – Wednesday 23rd to Sunday 25th October
State Veterans Championships at Horsham – Monday 9th November to Tuesday 10th November.
Gippsland Junior Golf Championships – Wednesday 20th January to Friday 22nd January 2027 at Morwell and Yallourn.

Simple Golf Scoring App

Please refer to attached SimpleGolf Scoring App Score Entry PDF for guidelines if you are having trouble using the app.
Please remember to repair your pug marks on the greens, rake the bunkers including your foot prints and fill divots on the fairways.
Good Golfing
Brian Cahill

Woman Captains Report

We had a very successful Tournament, the ladies 4BBB was a fantastic field. Many thanks to all that played and Brian for all the work he put in to make the tournament a success.
We had 13 ladies play in the Lady of the House Day at Heyfield, once again our ladies performed well, however our team of young ladies, Sarah, Dee and Mel took the winning mantel over Jo, Sandra and Robyn.

We have had a couple of miserable days weather wise although those that decided not to play last Tuesday missed out on playing in perfect conditions, albeit wet underfoot on some holes.
Our field numbers have seen a small increase both Tuesdays and Saturdays, I hope this trend continues.
The 4-week course of clinics has seen a small group of ladies participate, the final day will now be Sept 13th. (The date was changed due to Father's Day)
It would be great to see a few of our experienced golfers come out to assist anyone that would like to hit the course after the lesson. Otherwise, a coffee, champers, slice and nibbles would be fine.

There are a few upcoming events to be aware of:
Maffra Tournament Sept 3rd - 6th
President & Captains Day, 4BBB Stableford Tues 8th Sept.
Country Teams @ Ballarat Sept 13th – 16th. Good golfing to our representative, Jo Ballinger
Newry Tournament Sept 17th – 20th
4BBB Stableford Championships – Sept 22nd & Sept 29th
Footy Colours Day Sept 25th

Pam Schaper
Women's Captain

Welcome to our new Members approved at the General Committee Meeting, August 11th

JUNIOR – Jackson Rawson, Patrick Centra
UNDER 40'S – Sam Morelli
SOCIAL HANDICAP – Robert Payne, Harry Payne, Debra Power, Michael Goodwin, Nathan Simonis, John Wharf, Peter Norkett
MEMBERSHIP VARIATION – Richard Bandit, Alex Dowsett & Les Roberts (Social Handicap to Senior). Vincent Davies, (Social Handicap to U40). Aaron Douglas, (Full to Social Handicap)

2026/2027 Membership cards are now available to be collected from the clubhouse

Golf Australia Gender Policy

Exert from Golf East Gippsland Facebook Post

GA has updated it's 2016 Gender Policy. This was the policy adopted by Golf East Gippsland to ensure consistency in events.
The GA policy is effective immediately and as such GEG will adopt the new policy in the interim until we can ratify it at our next meeting.
Brett Wyllie
President GEG.

Sale Golf Club General Committee hasn't had a meeting to discuss this yet.

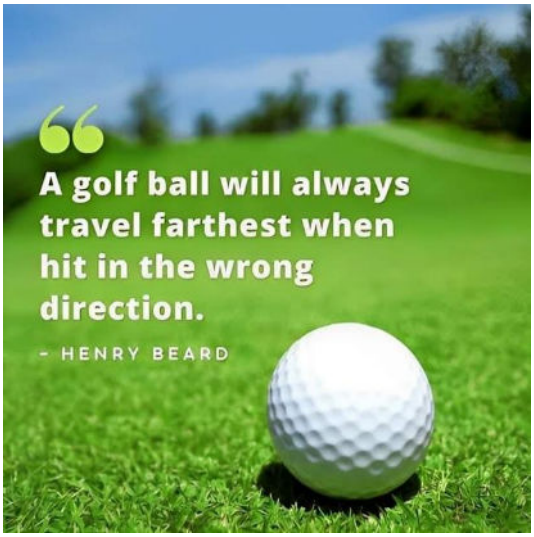
Below are links to the Policy, which should be read in full and also a link to a petition being conducted by Women's Forum Australia.

Disclaimer: All this information is readily available through various media outlets, including Facebook.

Golf Australia Gender Policy
Protect women and girls in sport - Women's Forum Australia

Titleist Ball Fitting Day

- Titleist Ball Fitting/Sample Day @ Sale Golf Club
- Date: Monday 7th September 2026
- From 8.00am to 10.00am
- Each Player will receive a FREE Titleist 2-Ball Trail pack on the recommendation.



Buy, Swap & Sell day

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, a suggestion was made to hold a Buy, Swap and Sell day.
A tentative date has been set for Sunday 11th October.

It will be your responsibility to be on hand to display and sell your items.

For more info, please speak to Ryan.

Save the Date; Footy Colours Day, Friday 25th Sept. 3 person Ambrose
Keep your eye on Facebook for more info

Green Fee Increases

At the General Committee Meeting held 14th July 2026 and having benchmarked against other clubs in Gippsland, it was agreed to increase some Green Fees.

Effective 1st September 2026 they will be as following:

Visitor Green Fees for 18 Holes - $35

Visitor Green Fees for 9 Holes - $25

Green Fees for Juniors 18 Holes - $23

Green Fees for Juniors 9 Holes - $12

Green Fees for Members Guest 18 Holes - $25

Green Fees for Members Guest 9 Holes - $20

Mulligans Bistro at Sale Golf Club

Have you had the chance to enjoy a meal from Mulligans Bistro at Sale Golf Club.
Be sure to drop in on either a Friday or Saturday night for a delicious meal.
Bookings can be made via Mulligans Facebook page.

Golf Clinics and Lessons

The next date for Golf Clinics and Lessons will be 13th September

Please book via the links in the comments on our Facebook Page or scan the QR code on this flyer.

Be sure to select the clinics at Sale Golf Club.

Along with his usual Clinics and lessons Paul Buchanan will be conducting a 4-week course for Juniors, Women and Girls

The dates are 16th, 23rd and 30th August and 13th September.

Please note the change of date from Sept 6th to Sept 13th, due to Father's Day

Greens Report

Brett and Herb continue to produce our course in great condition especially for this time of year. We are lucky we have a sand-based course allowing for it to dry out much quicker than others. The Sale Plate had 108 visitors and players were full of praise for our course. The greens were cut and rolled Friday, thanks to Snap and Herb for cutting greens and preparing bunkers prior to the event on the Sunday morning. The winter grass in the fairways is being sprayed and coring of greens not too far away.

Again I thank the volunteers for their efforts in supporting Brett and if anyone has some spare time on a Monday morning your more than welcome to join us. We have had a professional rabbit shooter in over the last few months and he has removed about 30 rabbits. Brett did say he has noticed less scratching's on our course which is great news.

We are currently topping up more bunkers to reduce the depth. The front and right side of 13th were done recently and we look to continue to improve our bunkers as they are a big part of our course design so we need to continue the maintenance program.

Members,,,, please fill divots, rake bunkers and repair pitch marks on greens.

Good golfing

Bruce Carter

The front bunker on the 13th.
Topped up with 5 trailer loads of sand.

Course Report August

1. Overview

August brought typical late-winter conditions across Gippsland, with cold mornings, regular heavy dew and gradually increasing turf growth as soil temperatures began to rise. Rainfall increased significantly during the month, with 85.5 mm recorded, providing improved soil moisture across the course.

As the month progressed, increasing soil temperatures provided some improvement in turf growth and recovery. Maintenance efforts remained focused on disease prevention, winter turf health, moisture management and preparing playing surfaces for the transition into spring.

2. Weather Summary

Average Temperature: Approximately 13°C daytime / 3°C overnight

Rainfall: 83.5 mm

Notable Conditions:

- Cold mornings with regular heavy dew continuing through much of the month.
- Increased rainfall providing improved soil moisture.
- Gradually increasing soil temperatures towards the end of the month.
- Early signs of increased turf growth and recovery.
- Increased moisture levels resulting in continued monitoring of disease pressure.

3. Turf Health & Condition

Key Observations

- Greens remained healthy with good density and consistent ball roll.
- Turf growth began to increase as soil temperatures improved.
- Fairways continued to present well despite ongoing winter conditions.
- Early signs of improved turf recovery were evident in high-traffic areas.

• Overall turf quality remained strong throughout the month.

Issues Identified

• Continued disease pressure associated with heavy dew, increased rainfall and prolonged leaf wetness.
• Minor wear remained evident in high-traffic areas where winter recovery was still limited.
• Increased rainfall required careful monitoring of soil moisture and drainage.

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 a range of nutritional, soil health and turf management applications throughout August, including:

• Bentrass Hi-K Fertiliser to provide potassium and support turf strength, plant health and winter recovery.
• TerraPlex to support root development, soil health and overall turf resilience.
• MP Foundation as part of the turf nutrition and plant health program.
• MP Vitalise to support turf health, colour and recovery as growing conditions improved.
• Pigment Dye to enhance turf colour and maintain consistent visual presentation.

Fairway Management

• Fairways, tees and green surrounds 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.

Pest Activity

Minimal.

Control Measures:

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

6. Fuel Usage

Unleaded Fuel Used: 395 litres

Diesel Fuel Used: 205 litres

Fuel Delivery - No delivery for August

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

• High-quality putting surfaces maintained throughout late winter.
• Greens maintained good colour, density and consistency through the use of targeted nutritional and plant health applications.
• Preventative fungicide program continued to minimise disease activity.
• Bentrass Hi-K, TerraPlex, MP Foundation and MP Vitalise applications supported turf health, resilience and recovery.
• Pigment Dye assisted in maintaining consistent green colour and presentation during periods of limited natural growth.
• Turf growth and recovery began to improve as soil temperatures increased.
• Consistent course presentation maintained throughout the winter-to-spring transition.

• Equipment servicing and workshop maintenance progressed in preparation for increased spring workloads.

9. Plans for Next Month

The focus for September will be to:

• Core and top dress greens
• Continue preventative disease management as turf growth increases.
• Monitor soil moisture and adjust irrigation requirements accordingly.
• Increase mowing frequencies as required with improved turf growth.
• Continue spring nutrition and soil health applications.
• Progress equipment servicing and preparation for the spring growing season.
• Monitor turf recovery and encourage strong spring growth.
• Continue monitoring Poa annua seed head development.

10. Summary

August brought wetter conditions to Sale Golf Club, with 85.5 mm of rainfall recorded during the month. Combined with cold mornings, persistent heavy dew and gradually increasing soil temperatures, these conditions influenced turf growth, recovery and disease pressure across the course. The increased rainfall improved soil moisture but also required careful monitoring to prevent excessive moisture and prolonged leaf wetness. The preventative fungicide program remained an important component of the maintenance program, helping to manage disease pressure and maintain healthy turf and high-quality playing surfaces.

As soil temperatures began to increase, early signs of improved turf growth and recovery became evident across the course. Continued use of TerraFirm and TerraPlex supported soil performance and root health, while Intercept applications assisted with the suppression of Poa annua seed heads.

Overall, the course remained in excellent condition throughout August, with maintenance practices focused on managing the final stages of winter while preparing the course for the increased growth and maintenance requirements of spring.

The focus moving into September will be on encouraging healthy spring growth, maintaining disease control, managing increasing mowing requirements, monitoring moisture levels and completing equipment preparation for the spring and summer periods.

BRETT RAWSON - COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Rob Walker, winner of the Seniors event at Sanctuary Lakes

Rob Gough Hole in One, 14th

Our Sponsors & Events for the Month of September

Date	Sponsor	Event
Tue 01.09.26	Padula's Delicatessen	Stroke Monthly Medal, 18 & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 02.09.26	Wellington Real Estate & Specsavers	Stableford
Thu 03.09.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford Championship Qualifier
Sat 04.09.26	Drummond Golf	Men's Stroke Monthly Medal & Stableford
		Women's Stroke Monthly Medal
Mon 07.09.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 08.09.26	Sale GC	President & Captain's Day 4BBB Stableford
Wed 09.09.26	Gippsland Recreational Products & Preston Rowe Patterson	Par
Thu 10.09.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford Championship Qualifier
Sat 12.09.26	Harcourt's Real Estate & Bruce Carter Fencing	Mens 4BBB Aggregate Stableford, Womens Stableford
Mon 14.09.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 15.09.26	David's Menswear	18 & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 16.09.26	Drummond Golf	Stroke Monthly Medal & Stableford
Thu 17.09.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 19.09.26	m.hotel & Qualitech Engineering	Men's & Women's Stableford
Mon 21.09.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 22.09.26	Pastel Posy	1st Rd 4BBB Stableford Championship & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 23.09.26	Benson Tree Services & Evans Petroleum	Stableford
Thu 24.09.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Mixed Stableford
Fri 25.09.26	Simic's Betta Home Living	**FOOTY COLOURS DAY** – 3 Person Ambrose
Sat 26.09.26	Morelli's Furniture & Bedtime	Men's & Women's Stableford
Mon 28.09.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 29.09.26	Pure Skin Retreat	2nd Rd 4BBB Stableford Championship & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 30.09.26	Colmac Homes & Kajak Water Cartage	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