Sale Golf Club

Newsletter

October 2026

Presidents Report

Hi Members

Over 100 players enjoyed a great day on the Footy Colours Day. Lots of team colours displayed and lots of fun had. Thanks to Ryan, Brian and Pam for your efforts setting it up and all those that helped on the day.

Great to see lots of juniors joining in to these types of activities and also our competitions and mind you winning plenty as well, let's support them as they are the future of our club.

As frustrating as it is the development is ongoing. We met with the developers this week and all that is required now is a drainage plan for the Boggy creek area and works can then commence on the new holes. It is very frustrating for them as they are so keen to progress with works but have so many boxes to tick off before they can start. We will keep you updated as information is available. We are experiencing great visitor numbers to our course, especially on the Monday comp. This is due to the course being in great nick and that we don't charge Gippsland club members a green fee to enter our competition. This has been a worthwhile decision as it gets more on our course and they spend over the bar and in the pro shop.

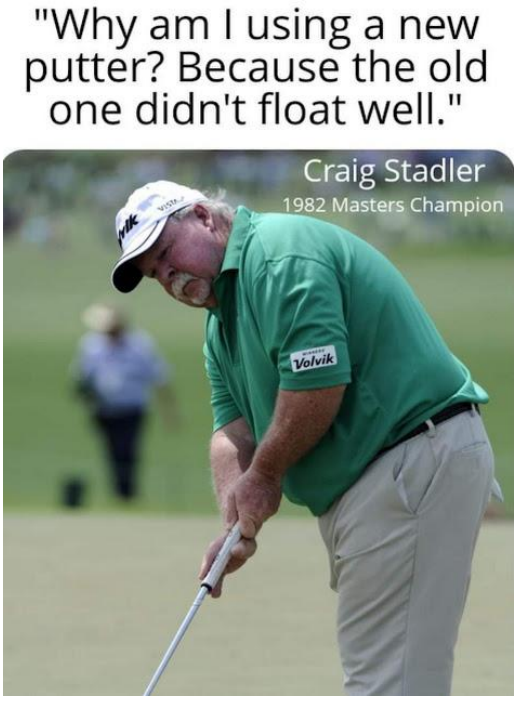
The club is holding a Buy, Swap and Sell golf equipment day on the 11th of October. If you wish to offload unused golf gear or purchase good second hand golf gear here is your chance. See details at the clubhouse.

I wish to thank all volunteers and committees for their dedication in providing members with competitions, social activities, working on our course, etc, etc.

Also a big thank you to our sponsors.

Good Golfing

Bruce Carter



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Monthly Medal winners during August were;
Wednesday Sep 16th – Alan Hollonds 65 nett. Saturday Sept 5th – Ben Jones 64 nett.
Master's Qualifiers are Ben Jones, David Adamson, Alan Chaffey & Noah Chaffey.
Congratulations to Rob Gough for his hole-in-one on the 14th.
Wellington Real Estate Challenge winner in September was Prue McNaughton.
Congratulations and thanks again to Tony Kiss and his team for your continued support.

Footy Colours Day
Big thank you to everyone who helped make this day a huge success for the club and to especially our sponsors Drummond Golf Traralgon and Dan Murphy's in Sale.

Juniors
Paul Buchanan and Peter Manze are continuing with the junior clinics.
Big thank you to our members who have travelled to other clubs representing Sale Golf Club. It is greatly appreciated by us.

Upcoming Events
GEG Men's Plate – Sunday 4th October at South Pines
Toongabbie Plate – Sunday 11th October
Loch Sport Tournament – Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October
Lakes Entrance Tournament – Wednesday 21st to Sunday 25th October
Maffra Plate – Sunday 25th October
Heyfield Plate – Sunday 1st November
Mallacoota Tournament – Thursday 5th November to Sunday 8th November
Drouin Plate – Sunday 8th November
Foster Mental Health Day 4BBB Stableford- Men's, Women's and Mixed – Sunday 8th Nov
State Veterans Championships at Horsham – Monday 9th to Tuesday 10th November.
Yarram Charity Golf Day – Sunday 15th November
Eden Golf Open – Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November
Gippsland Junior Golf Championships – Wednesday 20th January to Friday 22ndJanuary 2027 at Morwell and Yallourn.

Entry forms are posted on the clubhouse noticeboards.
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

Welcome to our new Members approved at the General Committee Meeting, September 8th

JUNIOR – Joshua Morton, Jake Morton
UNDER 40'S – Nathan Suarez
SOCIAL HANDICAP – Michael Peverill, Steven Edwards, Justin Brown, Declan Davies, Stuart Brown.
MEMBERSHIP VARIATION – Steven Day (Distant to Full), Pam Gibson (Full to Social Handicap)

Womans Captain & President Report

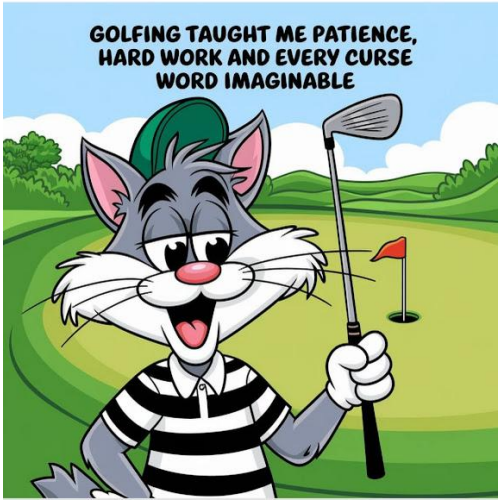
Our ladies continue to travel to many events around the district and beyond. We were represented at Mallacoota, Patterson River, (Maybe Maffra Tournament), Yarram Bowl, Newry Tournament, Warragul, Traralgon and Ballarat.

Special mention to Jo Ballinger who represented Sale in the Golf East Gippsland Coltman Cup Squad at Ballarat. The matches were played in cold, wet and windy conditions. Jo played great golf, in her 1st match the difference was only the putting, losing 4/3, it was tough playing someone on her home course who knows the greens. Jo won her 2nd match, 7/6 but lost the next two 4/3 and 1 down. Overall, the team played great golf with many matches that could have gone either way.

Tuesday 29th was the final round of the 4BBB Stableford Championships, congratulations to the winners Jenny Benson and Mary Jones who won on the 2nd hole of a sudden death playoff. It took another 5 holes to determine runner up, Heather Ireland and Helen Claffey.
The Championship was sponsored by Jeremy Fleming Jewellers.

In October I will commence sourcing our Tuesday Sponsors for 2027. We have been extremely fortunate over the past 15 or so years to have our weekly events sponsored. Back in the day, the ground work was done by Nola Macready (may she rest in peace) with sponsored days maybe once a month. Over the years this has continued to grow, with most Tuesdays now sponsored. Without this sponsorship from our local Business's, we would be lucky to have one prize each week.
Please remember to support these business's whenever you can. They rely on us as much as we rely on them.
If you know of anyone that would like to sponsor a day, please let me know.

There are a few upcoming events to be aware of:
Tambo Valley Spring Tournament, 15th – 18th October
Loch Sport Annual Tournament, 16th – 18th October
All Gippsland Championships @ Foster, 26th & 27th October
June Pusmucans Day @ Maffra- NEW DATE – Friday 30th October



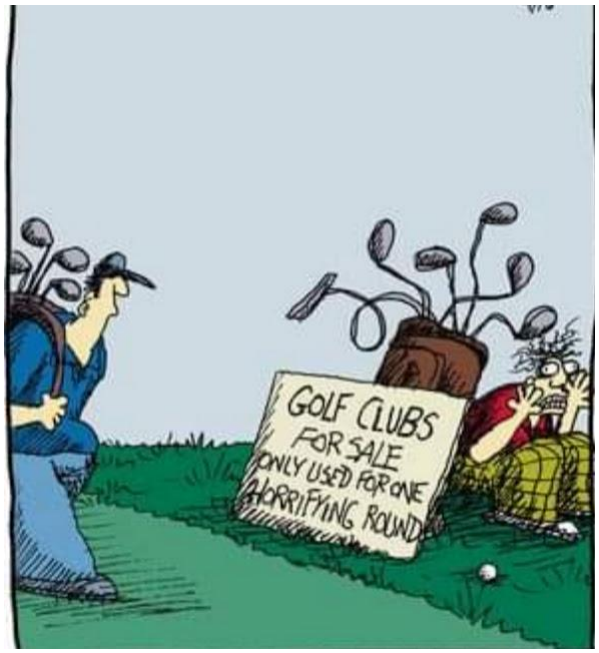
Pam Schaper & Sandra Kirkpatrick

Phillipsons 9 Hole Comp

This season we are introducing a few changes to our Thursday 9 Hole competition sponsored by Phillipsons.

- The main change will be for those golfers with handicaps; After playing two 9-hole comps, the rounds will be added together and used for handicapping.
- The booking sheet will be available to book your tee time between 7am and 10am, then again from 12.30 until 6.30pm.
- The time period between 10am and 12.30 will be reserved for the weekly Vets competition.
- Scoring on the phone app will be available and preferred, in particular for those playing later in the day.
- We are discontinuing the eclectic competition and ntps.
- There will be weekly competitions for Men, Women and non-handicap players.

Sometimes changes need to be made to lessen the volunteer workload and encourage more players, we look forward to you supporting this weekly event during the daylight savings period. It all kicks off Thursday 8th October.



Buy, Swap & Sell day

We hope that you have had a chance to clear out your shed of unwanted golf equipment.

Bring it out to the club Sunday 11th October for the Buy, Swap and Sell day.

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

If you are looking for some golfing equipment, come along, who knows what you might find.

For more info, please speak to Ryan.

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 Friday nights for a delicious meal.
Bookings can be made via Mulligans Facebook page.

Golf Clinics and Lessons

The next dates for Golf Clinics and Lessons are

4th & 25th October

Please book via the links on our Facebook Page

Be sure to select the clinics at Sale Golf Club.

Greens Report

Hi Members
The greens will be cored on Tuesday 6th October so we can expect slow greens for a short time but it's just what it is, all club's experience the same.
Winter grass has been sprayed in fairways and the couch is up and running and I think we will see the best of the fairways as we did a few years ago. The clover and broad leaf have also been sprayed and Brett has been experimenting on a solution to remove the parramatta grass but it is a tough one as they don't have a spray on the market to select it out without killing everything.

Thanks again to Brett, Herb and the volunteers for your efforts, it is greatly appreciated.
Please take the time to read Brett's report as it gives you an idea of how much goes into curating a golf course.
Please fill your divots, repair pitch marks on greens and rake the bunkers.
Good golfing
Bruce Carter

ALL GOLFERS BE ADVISED THAT THE COURSE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL GOLFERS, TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

DUE TO THE GREENS BEING CORED

Course Report September

1. Overview

Maintenance activities during September focused on managing increasing turf growth, controlling winter grass and other weeds, maintaining disease and insect control programs, and supporting turf health as the course moved into the spring growing season.

2. Weather Summary

Rainfall: 24.5 mm

Notable Conditions:

- Lower rainfall compared with August, resulting in drier soil conditions.
- Increasing soil temperatures and turf growth associated with the transition into spring.
- Improving turf recovery as growing conditions became more favourable.
- Continued monitoring of disease activity as turf growth increased.
- Increasing requirement for weed and pest management across fairways, tees and greens.

3. Turf Health & Condition

Key Observations

- Greens continued to maintain good density, colour and playing performance.
- Increasing soil temperatures supported improved turf growth and recovery.
- Fairways responded well to improving spring growing conditions.
- Couch fairways continued to transition into active growth.
- Kikuyu fairways maintained good growth and responded well to spring conditions.
- Overall turf condition remained strong throughout September.

Issues Identified

- Take-All Patch activity remained evident on selected greens.
- Increasing turf growth required continued monitoring and adjustment of the maintenance program.
- Winter grass control remained a focus across fairways and tees.
- Lower rainfall required monitoring of soil moisture and irrigation requirements.

4. Maintenance Activities

Mowing

- Mowing frequencies and heights remained consistent with the previous month:
- 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: Increased mowing required

Fertilisation / Soil & Plant Health Applications

- Greens received a range of nutritional, soil health, insect and turf management applications throughout September, including:
- Bentrass Hi-K to provide potassium and support turf strength and plant health.
- MP Roots to support root development and overall turf performance.
- Intercept as part of the turf management program.
- Tricure and TerraFirm to support soil health, water management and turf performance.
- Maxentis EC fungicide as part of the preventative disease management program.
- Acelepryn for preventative insect control on greens.
- Venom Pro insecticide applied in conjunction with Tricure and TerraFirm for insect management.

Fairway & Tee Management

- Couch fairways were sprayed with Revere and Esplanade herbicides for pre- and post-emergent control of winter grass.
- Kikuyu fairways were treated with Kamba 750 + Amicide herbicides for broadleaf weed management.
- Tees were sprayed with Dicamba M herbicide for broadleaf weed control.
- These applications formed part of the spring weed-control program and were aimed at maintaining turf quality and improving playing surface presentation as growth increased.

5. Pest & Disease Management

Diseases Observed

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

Pest Activity

- Preventative insect management continued across the greens program.

Control Measures

- Regular monitoring of greens for disease and insect activity.
- Preventative fungicide applications continued through the month.

• Greens received Maxentis EC, Tricure and TerraFirm as part of the disease and soil-health management program.
• Acelepryn and Venom Pro were used as part of the insect management program.
• Ongoing nutritional and soil-health applications were used to support turf resilience and recovery.

6. Fuel Usage

Unleaded Fuel Used: 426 litres. Diesel Fuel Used: 209 litres

Fuel Deliveries

31/08/2026: 450 litres unleaded and 250 litres diesel. 29/09/2026: 450 litres unleaded and 250 litres diesel

7. Challenges & Issues

• The main challenges during September included:
• Continued Take-All Patch activity on selected greens.
• Managing increasing turf growth and the transition into spring.
• Controlling winter grass as fairways transitioned into active growth.
• Managing broadleaf weed pressure across kikuyu fairways and tees.
• Lower rainfall requiring careful monitoring of soil moisture and irrigation requirements.

Impact:

Regular monitoring, preventative fungicide and insecticide applications, targeted herbicide programs and ongoing turf nutrition helped maintain healthy turf and high-quality playing surfaces throughout the transition into spring.

8. Improvements & Achievements

• High-quality putting surfaces maintained throughout September.
• Greens maintained good colour, density and consistency.
• Preventative disease management program continued to manage Take-All Patch activity.
• Targeted insecticide applications provided preventative pest management on greens.
• Spring weed-control program commenced across couch and kikuyu fairways and tees.
• Revere and Esplanade applications assisted with pre- and post-emergent winter grass control on couch fairways.
• Kamba 750 and Amicide applications assisted with broadleaf weed control on kikuyu fairways.
• Dicamba M applications assisted with weed control on tees.
• Bentrass Hi-K, MP Roots and other soil and plant health applications supported turf health and recovery.
• Course presentation remained consistent as turf transitioned from winter into spring.
• Turf growth and recovery continued to improve with increasing soil temperatures.

9. Plans for Next Month (October)

The focus for October will be to:
• Core and topdress greens.
• Continue preventative disease management as turf growth increases.
• Monitor Take-All Patch activity and respond as required.
• Continue spring nutrition and soil health applications.
• Increase mowing frequencies as required with continued turf growth.
• Monitor soil moisture and adjust irrigation requirements accordingly.
• Continue weed-control programs across fairways and tees.
• Monitor insect activity and maintain preventative pest management.
• Continue preparation of playing surfaces for the increased spring and summer workloads.

10. Summary

September marked the transition from winter into spring at Sale Golf Club, with increasing soil temperatures and turf growth providing improved recovery and overall turf performance. Rainfall for the month totalled 24.5 mm, resulting in drier conditions and requiring continued monitoring of soil moisture and irrigation requirements.

A strong focus was placed on spring weed management, with couch fairways treated with Revere and Esplanade for pre- and post-emergent winter grass control, while kikuyu fairways and tees received targeted herbicide applications for broadleaf weed management.

Greens continued to receive a comprehensive turf health program, including Bentrass Hi-K, MP Roots, Intercept, Tricure, TerraFirm and preventative fungicide and insecticide applications. Take-All Patch remained evident on selected greens and continued monitoring and preventative management will remain important as growing conditions improve.

Overall, the course remained in good condition throughout September, with maintenance practices focused on supporting healthy spring growth, maintaining disease and pest control and improving turf presentation as the course moves into the main growing season.

The focus moving into October will be on coring and topdressing the greens, continuing preventative disease and pest management, managing increasing turf growth, maintaining weed-control programs and supporting strong turf health through the spring period.

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Our Sponsors & Events for the Month of October

Date	Sponsor	Event
Thu 01.10.26	Lakeside Club	Vets 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 03.10.26	Drummond Golf	Men's Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford - **John Hurst Memorial** Women's Monthly Medal Stroke
Mon 05.10.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 06.10.26	Office Choice	Monthly Medal Stroke, 18 & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 07.10.26	Colmac Homes & Cabinet Connections	Stableford
Thu 08.10.26	Lakeside Club Phillipsons	Vets 9 Hole Stableford 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 10.10.26	Glencoe Angus	Men's & Women's Stableford
Mon 12.10.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 13.10.26	Kwik Tip Bins	18 & 9 Hole Stableford; **Silver Spoon Playoff**
Wed 14.10.26	Drummond Golf	Monthly Medal Stroke & Stableford
Thu 15.10.26	Lakeside Club Phillipsons	Vets 9 Hole Stableford 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 17.10.26	Sale & District Garage Doors	Men's 4BBB Stableford Women's Stableford
Mon 19.10.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tue 20.10.26	Lazzaro Bros Cancer Council Day	Stableford Aggregate secret drawn partners & 9 Hole Stableford
Wed 21.10.26	Monacellars	Stableford
Thu 22.10.26	Lakeside Club Phillipsons	Vets 9 Hole Stableford 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 24.10.26	DMG Partners & Tequa Plumbing & Civil	Men's & Women's Par
Mon 26.10.26	Sporting Legends	Medley Stableford
Tues 27.10.26	Sale Golf Club	18 & 9 Hole Par
Wed 28.10.26	Office Choice & Phillipsons	Stableford
Thu 29.10.26	Lakeside Club Phillipsons	Vets 9 Hole Stableford 9 Hole Stableford
Sat 31.10.26	Wellington Real Estate	Men's & Women's 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

John & Rita Wake, out at the club to Celebrate Johns' 80th Birthday with the Vets