



Albany Golf Club

AUGUST

6-9 Aug
Men's State Sand Greens
Championships – Northam

Monday 31
Women's Silver Spoon Playoff
at Lakelands

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1
Women's Jubilee Foursomes
Playoff
at Lakelands

Wednesday 2 – Friday 4
Women's Country Week

8, 10, 15 & 17 September
Women's Club Championships

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20
Barnesby Chrysler Jeep
Dodge Golf Days

Friday 25
Auto Club Championship

OCTOBER

Saturday 3
AFL Grand Final

Monday 5 – Thursday 8
Men's Country Week

Sunday 25
Schneider Cup

Thursday 29
Riverview Visit – Women

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Woolly Bush News

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Club has had a busy schedule over the last month or so which included the Albany World of Cars Corporate Day and which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who competed. Congratulations to the winners, Darryl Robinson and Shayne Griskonis, with the best Women's team going to Kerry Steicke and Maureen Mason. The Jaguar Cabling Trophy was run over 4 weeks and culminated in the presentation dinner on Friday 26 June which was well supported by members and a great success.

We also had two members with a Hole in One ... Ron McTaggart on the 8th and Kevin Brown on the 10th. Congratulations to both Ron and Kevin.

I would like to welcome two new members to the Club in Harold and Patricia Simmons and wish them good golfing at the Albany Golf Club.

As President, I would like to once again extend my thanks to all our sponsors for their generous participation. As members, staff or volunteers, you all add value and contribute to making the Albany Golf Club the success it is and one to be proud of. I thank you all for your continued support.

Mike Schuts - President

JUNIORS UPDATE

June saw our Junior numbers drop off a little due to the cooler conditions and other sporting activities. The holiday clinics were well attended with good progress being made by all participants.

We were represented at the Srixon Junior Championships at Wanneroo Golf Club by Cooper Filipowski during the July holidays. Cooper finished mid field in his first big State event and should be congratulated for a great first effort. We will be aiming to have more participants in this event next year.

The girls have been dominating the 6 hole Sunday events with great scores coming in from Lucy Walters, Imojen Gill and Carris Thompson. Ben and Clay Michael have also chipped in with wins.

The 9 Hole boys have been going very well with wins shared between Mitch Trott, Tain Piri and Charlie Walters.

We have also just transitioned into senior ranks Myles and Benedict Jackson who have been playing 18 holes on a Sunday afternoon. Myles has had some great success already with a couple of wins.

Any questions regarding Junior Golf please contact Dan Northcott.

Albany World of Cars Corporate Day



Winners Shayne & Daryl together with the best of the ladies, Kerry and Maureen. The sausage sizzle was a huge success with everyone tucking in!!

KNOW YOUR SPONSORS

RYDE BUILDING COMPANY the Nigel Ryde story

Ryde Building Company is now in its 3rd year as a "Premium" sponsor partner with the Albany Golf Club. We would like to take this opportunity for members to become more acquainted with the sole Director of the Company, Nigel Ryde.

Nigel was born in a town called Pietermaritzburg, South Africa in 1971. Although both parents were from the UK, they moved to South Africa in order for Nigel's father to take up the role of General Manager for the Nestle Group. The family spent some time in South Africa and Kenya before moving to Western Australia seeking a better life for their children. Nigel's father took up a position managing the Denmark Co-op. Although bringing up small children in a small town in a new country presented many challenges, Nigel settled in and on completing school earned an apprenticeship with Ross and Murray Thornton, who were well respected builders in Denmark. From here Nigel never looked back. After achieving his building ticket and a Diploma in Building Science, Nigel branched out on his own at the tender age of 19 and formed "Nigel Ryde Homes." He started building in Mt. Barker and Denmark and eventually formed the Ryde Building Company in Albany in 1996.

A highlight of Nigel's career was being ranked in WA's top 10 Business Leaders in the "40under40" category. In recent years he also won Albany's ACCI's "Business Person of the Year" title and was appointed WA Country Judge for the Master Builders Association, Home of the Year categories.

Nigel has rapidly built his Company to become Albany's biggest home builder, contracting more than 70 new homes due for start or completion this year. He has developed an outstanding and generous reputation within the Great Southern community. Currently Nigel employs 15 full time staff at his new Merrifield Park offices and workshop and indirectly employs hundreds of subcontractors and trades.

Nigel married his childhood sweetheart, Leah, and the family live in their beautiful Little Grove home. Nigel loves fishing, camping, caravanning, boating and anything to do with the great outdoors. He spends a lot of his leisure time with his family travelling around the Great Southern coastal beaches in his Land Cruiser and also enjoys overseas travel.

With an expanding company and a busy work schedule, Nigel is unable play as much golf as he would like but the path has been set for him to become a part of our Club in the years to come and we will welcome that day. Pretty handy golfer too!

WHIZ QUIZ

Try not to peak, but the answers are on the back page.

1. In mm, how wide is the golf hole?
2. On which hole at Augusta (US Masters course) was the Eisenhower Tree (removed Feb. 2014 due to storm damage)?
3. Which female golfer won 3 of the 5 majors in 2014?
4. Who said "Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose?"
5. Who is the current Australian Open golf champion?

SCHNEIDER DIARIES

Commitment people, that's what we're talkin about! New team songs adopted by the Aussie and ROW teams have been well received and heard both sides are now in rehearsals ... ROW is "Well Ah Wud Walk Five Hundred Miles" by the "Commitments" and the Aus team's ... "We Are The Champions" by "Queen" which we all thought as opponents, the band name was very apt!

Slicer Fasolo and Schneids have all but put to bed the new team guidelines in terms of who can play for who and just waiting on Capt's Willo and Mazz to agree, along with Golf Australia and the PGA.

There is talk around the club the Aussie team are now finally in training. Russ Cooper, following impressive scores of late, has decided more gym visits are the go, upping from 7 to 14 times a week being morning and now night. It's obviously paying off I'm told by his best mate, recently driving off the 3rd tee par 4, thru the green, up and onto the ladies 4th tee box! Now that's huge. Another report, however, said he was in fact driving off the men's 4th tee box and just got thru to the ladies? Who do we believe?

Great effort by Babs Madden, Maggy Ross and Pol Ruoss who just came back from their solo 12 weeks intense cycle training in Europe looking fantastic and refreshed specifically arranged as a precursor for this event to bring back that competitive edge and I'm told have most of the Aussie team girls embarking on 100ks training rides weekly.

Glenn Cook flew out to Melbourne last month with another appointment to take bread with the Dalai Lama and got his lucky red Tibetan "pom pom" hat re-blessed. Gayle Kneale, who I played with recently, is not at all happy by just out driving me by 50 metres - she's now joined Coops at Bodycare to improve her upper body strength ... really?

Ryan Western's gone celibate from this month and hasn't touched a thimble of alcohol for weeks now and Sam, fresh back from his Malaysian educational tour, following personal lessons from Yani Tseng to get that hook out of his game he's just about to inherit.

The Willy boys have seconded Jo Cooper, Jill Munday and Linda Naylor to help them get into peak physical shape with 3 on 1 sessions twice a week and Glenda Waugh, Trish Sisman have taken an oath to drink only coffee instead of wine after Tuesday and Thursday morning golf. Hayley reckons she'll need one less bar staff as a result!

Greg Stocks (2hc) after watching the US Open has finally conceded the pin placements are now very fairly positioned for low h/cs and even agreed to assist Mike Lane and grounds committee so it continues to be fair for everyone - ie a metre off the edge.

Geoff Fergie has given his first motivational speech for some years to the Aussie team and very well received. Rob Fagents ... start warming up!

Di Reside has been trying to bribe me all year with all sorts of things including free team shirts and stubbie holders if I considered the ROW team "tanking" on the day but Di shame on you, tho we could do coffee the day before and I really do like those fleecy high waisted nut cracker track pants that were on special. ☺

Speaking of being "barefoot", club fashion guru and longest putt champ, Dave Garood, has been put in charge of both team shirt designs and trim colours this year great ☺

Brian Bowman has finally dropped strokes to come off his outrageously protected 45hc, screaming down to mid 20s at last report, whilst the quiet demeanour of Scrufo Edwards, not usually known for his sledging of anyone in sport, has taken up the invite for the Aus team given that Sticks Brayshaw has defected once again ... but this time to the ROW team or "internationals" as we are soon about to be known!

Anyway, that's all for now.

Max (current Team Capt for the next few years/ROW)



Ray Willison cleaned up the Jaguar Cabling Trophy and was presented with his award by Cameron Bergsma at a special dinner to commemorate the occasion.



Can anyone recognise this Bogan Bingo Boffin!?

SPONSORSHIP & MARKETING NEWS

Really pleased to announce 5 new novelty sponsors coming on board at the Club and my personal thanks to those AGC members who have initiated some of these contacts.

John King at the *Ace Motel* has taken on 2 separate green novelty prizes for Thursday ladies and Wednesday men.

Guiseppe at *Cosis Café* has taken up the coveted NAGA award with "extra strong coffees" needed for the winner.

Anthony Probert from *Southcoast/Fairdinkum Sheds* as the Wednesday men's longest putt sponsor on the 18th.

Darren Lloyd's new business venture- *Albany Pet Holidays* is on board as sponsor of the Wednesday Lucky Card Draw "Free Golf Game" and I am in the process of hopefully attaining a new sponsor for the Saturday Men/Ladies competition Lucky Card Draw and I should know shortly.

Greg Leeder Homes has come on board as our Saturday Mens/Ladies Card Sponsor, T-Box Sponsor and also as a Corporate sponsorship commitment for 2 years. Greg's trustee is of course Club member, Kev Draper, who will draw the card each week.

Great news also is **Craig Anning and Jason Loveridge** have res-signed their company, *Elders Great Southern Insurance* for yet another year supporting Men's Wednesday golf and even upped their contributions with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Think this is either the 8th or 9th year so a fantastic involvement from *Elders Great Southern*".

World of Cars – Dale, Robyn, Malcolm and Pat Adamson have once again contributed to the Club with a new 3 year directional signage deal for the 10th tee area to the rear side of the putting greens. We really do get fantastic support from these guys.

The AGC has many great people and businesses on board that support us so it is important that we as members endeavour to give our sponsors an opportunity to at least quote and don't forget to mention if you do business with a "supporter" to thank them as an AGC member.

As a loyalty branding promotion, many businesses in town are now displaying our new "**AGC Supporter**" sticker on their shop fronts. Eventually I will get around to placing these on every business that is a current major/premium sponsor of our club so members can see which businesses we are aligned with and can support. This was in fact Davida's idea that I have run with and hopefully members will support this initiative when visiting local businesses. Talk to me if an "**AGC Supporter**" sticker is required on your business.

Max Loveridge (Chair of Marketing/Sponsorship/Membership)

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Congratulations to the men's Wednesday and Saturday 18-Hole competition winners in the past month. Ray Willison was the winner of the \$1000 for a golfing holiday in Bali sponsored by Jaguar Cabling. Wednesday winners have included Michael Brazier, John Ciprian, Murray Adams and Alan Clancy. Evan Hobley and Bede Harold (with a combined age of about 180!) won the Aggregate Stableford event on Wednesday 15th. Saturday winners included Ray Willison, Neville Meyers, Richard Bushell (reputedly the best 21 handicapper in the club and also the winner of the July monthly mug), John Durack and Richard Sounness.

Particularly for Social Plus members but also others wanting to play 9-Holes competitively, with more pressure perhaps than during a practise round on your own, there are 9-Hole competitions for men on Monday and Wednesday mornings. No experience necessary and you can book online or call the Pro Shop to get a starting time (which is roughly between 7.30 and 8.00 am). It is a great way to meet people and to start playing competitive golf. Winners, and those with scores of 18 or more, even get their name in the paper.

I recently watched someone trying to play from the lateral hazard (between the red markers and the boundary fence) on the 12th fairway. Consequently, a reminder that if you choose to play your ball from this lateral hazard, instead of taking a drop back onto the fairway with a 1-Stoke penalty, that Rule 13-4 applies. This states in part that before making a stroke at a ball that is in a hazard (whether a bunker or a water hazard) the player must not:

- Test the condition of the hazard or any similar hazard.*
- Touch the ground in the hazard or water in the water hazard with his hand or a club: or*
- Touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.*

In other words, grounding your club or removing loose impediments in the lateral hazard before your stroke, the same as in a bunker, is not kosher! The penalty is two (2) strokes in Stroke Play, loss of hole in Match Play.

Please repair your divots on the fairways and your pug marks on the green. There is also no loss of face if you repair someone else's divot or pug mark and we thank you for doing so.

Graham Wilcox
Captain

WOMEN'S GOLF

Our Annual Heritage Day was once again a great success and some members really got into the spirit of the occasion by dressing up for the event. Our popular winner for the day was Ellen Wauters ... congratulations Ellen and a big thank you to Anne and Ray George for once again sponsoring this annual event.

Congratulations to Sue Skirrow and Gayle Kneale, winners of our Jubilee Foursomes, who will now represent AGC at the playoff on 1 September at Lakelands prior to Countryweek

Albany Green and Albany Gold played each other at Pennants on 14 July and the result was a tie. This now makes Gold 4th on the ladder ahead of Riverview and Green. Hopefully we are making a late run for the flag!

We have decided to ask 9 hole players on Thursday to book in on the website. We will monitor this and try not to have all new players playing in the one group. It would be beneficial for new golfers to play with more experienced ones so they get to know more about golf etiquette and pace of play. If you are unfamiliar with the online booking system you can still book by phoning the Pro Shop or asking shop staff to assist you.

Some of you have attended Open days held at Boxwood Hill, Green Range and Cranbrook over the past weeks with some success by our members. Coming up are Kendenup, Jerramungup, Kojonup, Mt Barker and Gnowangerup. Whilst I realise this is a lot of travelling it would be nice to see members continue to support these smaller clubs and make the effort to attend at least a couple of them.

Women's Countryweek commences the first week in September and it's great to see that we have a good number of our members attending. Good luck to all of you!

Condolences to the families of Audrey Old, Marshall Crossley (husband of Life-Member, Val) and Bob Jackson (husband to Jan Jackson) who all passed away recently. Thank you to Tess and all who helped with catering etc at the respective wakes.

Marilyn Smith
Women's Captain

Tip from the Pro.....



TIP FROM THE PRO

Rules.... Relief from Immovable Obstructions – Rule 24-2b

Except when the ball is in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard, a player may take relief from interference by an immovable obstruction as follows:

Through the green: If the ball lies through the green (*through the green is the whole area of the course except: The teeing ground and the putting green of the hole being played, and all hazards on the course*) the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the immovable obstruction and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

Question.. The Note to the Definition of “Nearest Point of Relief” provides that the player should determine this point by using “the club with which he would have made his next stroke if the condition were not there to simulate the address position, direction of play and swing for such stroke” May the player use any club, address position, direction of play or swing in determining the nearest point of relief?

Answer.. No. in determining the nearest point of relief accurately it is recommended that the player use the club, address position, direction of play and swing (right or left handed) that he would have used had the obstruction or condition not been there. For example, the player has interference from an immovable obstruction and, were it not for the obstruction, he would have used a right handed stroke with a 4 iron to play the ball from its original position towards the green. To determine the nearest point of relief accurately, he should use a right handed stroke with a 4 iron and the direction of play should be towards the green.

Ian Redmond

COURSE UPDATE

Hi Members,

This is the first article for what will become a regular feature in the Woolly Bush. I intend to keep all members up to date on some of the main activities being undertaken through the workings of the Course Committee. The Course Committee consists of Narelle Caddy, Ron McTaggart, Steve Opalinski, Jason Fleming, Ian Redmond and myself as Chair.

Most of you will be aware that the Club has been looking at replacing the shed used for the storage and maintenance of all the equipment that Jason and his team use to maintain our course. At present, we are looking at two options – replacing the current shed or adding a new workshop shed on to the end of the present shed. While replacing the complete shed is the preferred option, we need to keep the other option on the table while funding sources are still being pursued. To that extent, the Club has recently submitted an application to the WA Dept. of Sport and Recreation for funding support for replacing the shed. The evaluation process will take some months and a final outcome will probably not be known until November. There is no guarantee that the outcome will be in our favour. The Course Committee will monitor the process and keep everyone informed of the outcome.

At its June meeting, the Management Committee approved the installation of an outside toilet at the southern end of the course next to the 15th tee. When informed of our intentions to install the toilet, the City of Albany advised the Club that this location was in fact not part of the Club’s leased area. To change the lease area is a protracted process and could take up to 12 months. The Management Committee has since decided to locate the toilet to the right of the 4th green within the current leased area. The City has been informed of the new location and has sought further details of the toilet and septic system. Sven Tobiassen has put this information package together and it has been submitted to the City. Thanks Sven for all your help in taking this forward.

Jason and his team continue to keep our great course in excellent condition and we greatly appreciate their efforts. We can all play a part in supporting them by filling in divots and repairing plug marks on the greens. We also don’t need to mark nearest the pin locations by scratching an arrow on the green!

Thanks also to my fellow Monday morning workers for their efforts in keeping the grass down between the fairways.

Happy golfing to all.

Mike Lane
Chair, Course Committee



Heritage Day

Winner; Ellen Wauters presented here with her trophy by sponsors Ann and Ray George. Some of the ladies got into the spirit and dressed for the occasion!



HOUSEKEEPING

Please return empty glasses to the bar.

During presentations, should you win a good score or novelty award, please stand up when your name is called. This enables the Match committee to spot you quickly and deliver your award to you.

Thank you.

Answers:

1. 108mm • 2. 17th • 3. Inbee Park (Korea) • 4. Winston Churchill • 5. Jorden Speith