

Golf Connect

Board Update

In The Green Room

GA NEWS

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GOLF OPERATIONS

Golf Connect Is Coming

Last year, Golf Australia announced the transition from the GolfLink system to Golf Connect. This change brings exciting updates to how and where golfers will access their handicap information.

How does this affect me?

Golf Connect will provide a new and improved way to view your handicap history and manage your golfing activity in Australia. A new golf.com.au website will launch as your one-stop destination for all things golf. This unified platform will bring together Golf Australia and the PGA of Australia, allowing you to:

- Register for Golf Australia events
- Stay up to date with the latest PGA of Australia Tour results (including how Ash is playing!)
- As part of the transition to GA Connect, all golfers will be allocated a Golf ID. For existing members of clubs, their GOLF Link number will become their Golf ID. The Golf ID will then remain the golfers ID for life, with no changes occurring if a member transfers to another golf club. For new members of clubs, a Golf ID will be allocated to them by the GA Connect platform. A new member may already have a Golf ID allocated from a previous club membership (so they won't need a new one).
- The change from GolfLink to Golf ID may result in your original handicap being altered due to the backdating of competition PCC (Playing Course Conditions) all the way to 1st January 2023 to align with the World Handicapping System. For most golfers, the projected changes are expected to be less than 0.5 up or down.

- New Golf Australia Official App
- New Daily Handicap calculation to include consistency factor.
- Accessing your Golf ID handicap history will continue to be done through golf.com.au, and all existing Golf Link account holders will be required to verify their accounts via email verification.

What's changing at Green Acres?

This significant transition will cause temporary disruptions to daily golf operations:

- From midnight on Sunday 28 September, the GolfLink system will be retired and cease to function.
- From Monday 29 September to Sunday 12 October, no handicapped golf will be available. During this period, Social Golf Only will be offered.
- Handicapped competitions will resume on Monday 13 October.
- Men's October medal will be moved to Saturday 18th October.
- Women's October Medal will be moved to Tuesday 14th October.

Staff have been working on this transition for the best part of 12 months with Golf Australia and MiClub to ensure a smooth transition when the system goes live in mid-October. We will continue to communicate with you leading up to the transfer to Golf Connect via the GA News and posts on the website, which I encourage you all to review. Staff and key stakeholders, "Golf Connect Champions", will assist members with any questions you may have along the journey. Please don't hesitate to seek assistance as we are here to help you.

GOLF OPERATIONS

Founders Cup Final

Tomorrow, we reach the epic conclusion of the 2025 Founders Cup, with the final match featuring the number 3 seed, Blake Edwards, versus the number 4 seed, Chung Dang.

To discover who emerges victorious after the match or to view the draw, click the link [here](#).



L & B Carlyon Bowl - President's Trophy

This Sunday, the L & B Carlyon Bowl will be played in conjunction with the daily competition. The format is Mixed 4BBB Stableford off the daily tee markers and is open to members with full 6-day or 7-day playing rights who have registered on the event page before commencing play.

At present, 22 eligible pairs are entered and eager to etch their names into history as the 2025 Presidents' Trophy champions. If you are eligible and already have your mixed pair booked on the timesheet, you can register [here](#).



Grandfathers' Trophy - Saturday 30th August

Registrations for the Grandfather's Trophy are now open. To be eligible, you are required to be a grandfather, with the winner being the best registered Stableford score. Register in advance of your round by clicking the link [here](#).

GOLF OPERATIONS

Green Acres Classic - Sunday 14th September

The 12:30pm shotgun start booking sheet for this year's Green Acres Classic is due to open 15 days out at 6pm. Book your starting hole and enjoy playing the Gentsomes Ambrose format with your favourite group of members. The afternoon shotgun is strictly for those playing in the Green Acres Classic, and members' accounts will be charged the entry fee.

Gentsomes is a team event played in groups of 4. All players in the team play a tee shot, and then the team decides which tee shot is the best, and all players then play their own ball from that spot. The ball is to be placed within 1 club length from the selected spot, not nearer the hole.

All players then play out the hole with their own ball. Scoring is in Stableford format, and the two best individual Stableford scores are combined to give the team score for that hole. Men score using the men's stroke index; women using the women's stroke index. A minimum of three drives and a maximum of six drives per player must be used and recorded on the scorecard.

For a \$65 entry fee enjoy a day of Gentsomes Ambrose team event followed by a beautifully prepared two course sit down dinner and prize presentations. Prizes for best men's, women's and mixed team score as well as nearest to pins.

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Green Acres

CLASSIC



Sunday, 14 September 2025

Gentsomes Ambrose Mixed Event

12:30pm Shotgun Start
Dinner & Presentation to follow

Bookings open 15 days in advance

Tristan Cross



Golf Operations Manager

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Board Update

Our new Board met for the first time on Tuesday to commence the 2025/26 year. It was a really positive start with four new Board members - Fiona Bunting, Genevieve Moss, Bob Crowley and myself in attendance.

It was pleasing to see all Board members contributing to the discussion and the high degree of enthusiasm displayed. Please see the photo below of all board members.



Back Row from left - Bob Crowley, Steve Poole, Brian Wasley, Chris Bate, John Vidovic

Front Row from left - Phil Kamay, Fiona Bunting, Genevieve Moss, Brent Scott

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Board Update Continued

On Tuesday, good progress was made in a number of key areas. Some of the topics we discussed included:

- Treasurer Steve Poole reported that the club is currently in a strong financial position and ahead of budget after four months of this financial year, primarily due to strong membership. Our club reserves are currently at \$3.7m.
- General Manager Peter Busch reported 17 new members joined the club in July. The second women's five-month program is set to commence in September with 48 participants.
- Our Sub-Committee structure is almost finalised with the introduction of a new Governance and HR Sub-Committee. Full details will be on the website once finalised with the committees and chair as follows:
 - Board – Brian Wasley
 - Executive – Brian Wasley
 - Golf – John Vidovic
 - Course – Chris Bate
 - Marketing and Membership – Brent Scott
 - Women's – Jacqui Moorhead
 - Governance & HR – Bob Crowley
- The Course Enhancement Plan (CEP) will now have a dedicated working group chaired by Captain Chris Bate. An updated report from our designers Michael Clayton, Harley Kruse, and Lukas Michel is due within days after their recent course visit. This report has taken into consideration your member feedback. The report will be evaluated by the new CEP working group and all of the options considered. Once again, working through what needs to be done to improve our course will be thoroughly considered and the time needed will be taken to get the optimal result.
- A new Green Acres Golf Club Foundation has been formed and registered with the Australian Sports Foundation to accept not-for-profit donations. The foundation will be chaired by Simon Marsh with the aim to raise funds for club projects. It is pleasing to note that the inaugural donation will be processed in the coming days. More information will follow over the next month or two.

I look forward to seeing you at the club soon, and as always, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to send me an email.

Brian Wasley



President

CLUBHOUSE OPERATIONS

Pizza & Pasta Night

Join us on Friday, 19th September, for Pizza & Pasta Night, a cosy evening filled with comfort food favourites.

Enjoy a menu featuring freshly made pizzas and hearty pasta dishes, perfect for sharing with friends and family!

Bookings can be made by clicking [here](#).

PIZZA & PASTA NIGHT

MENU

TO SHARE

CURRY PUFFS – Sweet potato puffs, tomato relish (5 pcs) – 15

CALAMARI – Semolina crusted, rocket leaves, chipotle – 18

SARDINES – Grilled brioche, crumbed sardines, parmesan custard – 18

ARANCINI – Pumpkin and parmesan, white bean puree (5pcs) – 15

BOCCONCINI – Roquette leaves, tomatoes, torn basil, olive oil, balsamic – 16

PASTA

POTATO GNOCCHI – Pumpkin puree, salted pinenuts, Meredith goats' feta, fried sage – 28

LINGUINE – Mussels, pippies, squid, shrimp, white wine, cherry tomato, parsley, garlic, parmesan – 34

PENNE – Tomato sugo, basil oil, bacon, chargrilled eggplant, baby spinach, parmesan, capers, olives – 26

VEAL TORTELLINI – Medley of mushrooms, white wine, garlic, cream, parmesan, truffle oil – 26

PIZZA

MARGHERITA – Tomato sugo, mozzarella, basil leaves – 22

PORK SAUSAGE – Fennel, rosemary potato, parmesan sauce – 26

PEPPERONI – Calabrese salami, tomato sugo, chili flakes, olives, parmesan – 25

MUSHROOM – Forest mushroom ragout, parmesan sauce, caramelized onion – 25

TANDOORI CHICKEN – Tandoori chicken, cucumber yogurt, coriander, shallots – 26

SWEETS

BOMBOLONE – Italian fried donuts, Nutella filling, cinnamon sugar – 15

AFFOGATO – Vanilla ice cream, espresso – 15

ZABAGLIONE – Zabaglione custard, Marsala, sponge finger biscuits – 15

CHEESE TRIO – Brie, tasty, blue, crackers, dried apricots – 22

Friday 19th September – Book now via the website

IN THE GREEN ROOM

With Scott McKinnon

In this edition of In The Green Room, we sat down with Scott McKinnon, our new Assistant Superintendent, to get to know him a little better. Scott has recently joined the team and brings with him a strong background in golf and turf management, along with a genuine passion for the game and life on the course. We asked him a few questions to learn more about his journey, his interests, and what excites him most about being part of Green Acres!

How did you first get into golf (or the golf industry)?

It's a pretty long story.....

Got my first set of junior golf clubs at 5 years old from Mum and Dad, and didn't really play that much until I was 11 years old (2005), and that's when the golf addiction really started. I played religiously every weekend, even playing junior footy on a Saturday morning and golf in the afternoon at my home club in the small country town of Casterton in Southwest Victoria. Fast forward a few years (2008), and I was lucky enough to be accepted into the Southwest Academy of Sport for golf, which was based in Warrnambool. Like many kids, I dreamed of becoming a professional golfer. Unfortunately, I wasn't good enough. So decided that the next best thing if I couldn't play golf for a living was to work on a golf course. I did some work experience at Warrnambool Golf Club in 2010 and while still attending school later that year, I was lucky enough to start a school-based apprenticeship at Hamilton Golf Club, which involved 2 days at the golf club and 3 at school.

While visiting Melbourne for Golf Vic's Country week in 2011, I was put onto a job ad for a greenkeeping apprenticeship at Commonwealth Golf Club by the course manager at Penola Golf Club (South Australia), and was the successful applicant. I then had to move to Melbourne at 17, which understandably, Mum was very upset about. I then worked at Commonwealth for 6.5 years, then made the move to Woodlands for another 6.5 years, and am now lucky enough to be at Green Acres as the Assistant Superintendent.



IN THE GREEN ROOM

What attracted you to join the team at Green Acres?

I was really excited for the opportunity to take on the role as Assistant Superintendent at a highly regarded club, Green Acres has a great reputation, and it felt like the perfect place to grow in my career while being part of a workplace that takes pride in the course as well as the club.

What skills or experiences from your previous roles are helping you most here?

My previous roles have really helped me at Green Acres, especially with organisation, problem solving, and working well with a team. On the turf side, being mechanically minded has been a big help with diagnoses and fixing issues with machinery. Being able to manage and repair irrigation systems, diagnose problems if they occur, and set up for the day's play for a wide range of conditions.

From everyday member and guest play to major golf tournaments, some of the tournaments I've worked at include the Australian Amateur at Commonwealth and Woodlands, the Australian Masters at Royal Melbourne and the World Cup of Golf at Royal Melbourne and Metropolitan.

I've always placed a strong focus on attention to detail and the '1%' improvements, which I think make a real difference in presenting the course to a high standard.

If you weren't working in golf, what do you think you'd be doing?

I'd either be an Arborist or have my own farm.

I really enjoy working with chainsaws and tree work but I'm afraid of heights so I don't think I would be a really good tree climber. But the most appealing career for me after growing up in South West Vic and South East SA would be cattle farming, hopefully one day I can convince my wife to let me buy some acreage and have a few animals!



What's one thing about you that people might be surprised to learn?

I was a scratch golfer, but I haven't played much golf over the last few years. I have a very strong passion for motorcycles or anything with an engine and wheels! I was lucky enough that Mum and Dad owned 20 acres growing up, so when I wasn't hitting golf balls in the paddock, I was riding motorbikes and driving old cars, paddock bombs as we liked to call them! I could drive a manual car at 10 years old, even if I could barely see over the steering wheel! I'm hoping to get my hands on an old car or motorcycle to restore so if anyone has one, they would like to sell I can pass on my details!

IN THE GREEN ROOM



Who is your dream playing partner?

Growing up in the era that I did, it has to be Tiger Woods! He has to be one of the greatest and most dominant golfers ever. I don't think we will ever see another golfer like him, but Scottie Scheffler is giving it a good crack at the moment!

Dream golf course to play?

Tough question! There are so many great courses around, I guess it has to be the home of golf. I was lucky enough to visit St Andrews in 2018 and walk through the course, but never got to play. There is just so much history there. Cape Kidnappers and Royal County Down are well up there too!



What's your favourite hole at Green Acres?

12 is my favourite. It's a nice dog leg par 4 guarded by bunkers, so you must hit a good tee shot with a slightly blind approach shot, and the green is right next to the Yarra. You must miss it in the right spot, as it could be a challenging up and down.

I do have a favourite spot on the golf course, and that's the back of the 9th tee overlooking the 8th green. You get such a good view of the property from here!



Fast 5!

- 1.Parma or Parmi? Even though I'm South Australian and they are strong believers of the Parmi, it's a Parma.
- 2.Favourite movie? Fast and Furious, not the latest ones though, they've gone rogue.
- 3.Footy team? Collingwood!
- 4.Cats or dogs? That's an easy one, Dogs! (Bella the border collie)
- 5.Who is your hero? I had 2 when I was younger, Tiger Woods and Chad Reed. (Australian motocross legend)

FOOTY TIPPING

One round to go!

After a long season of tipping, it all comes down to the last round and we couldn't ask for a more thrilling finish. Robert Kenway has been the benchmark all year, holding top spot for most of the season. But in a stunning late charge, Adrian Pacor has surged from nowhere to draw level, setting up an epic decider in the final round!

Will Robert's consistency carry him to the crown, will Adrian's late momentum see him snatch victory at the death, or will it be someone else who swoops in to steal the win?

The 2025 Green Acres Footy Tipping title is on a knife's edge and the final round promises fireworks. See the top 5 leaders below!

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| 1 | Robert Kenway | 149 |
| 1 | Adrian Pacor | 149 |
| 3 | Jenny G Smith | 148 |
| 4 | Tom the Tipper | 147 |
| 5 | Jizzza | 146 |

Nathan Rees

















Membership & Comms

WOMEN'S GOLF



Yarra Courses Interclub



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|  Nicky Smith | 1 Hole | Fiona Wu  |
|  Jacqui Moorhead | 3&2 | Aymee Bush  |
|  Jenny Woollard | 4&3 | Lynda Russel  |
|  Carol Coghlan | 5&4 | Rhonda O'Malley  |
|  Elizabeth Henderson | 5&3 | Emma Fitzsimon  |
|  Natalie Martin | 4&3 | Kelsey Montgomery  |
|  Karen O'Donoghue | 3&1 | Kerri Pukk  |

Monthly Medal

Congratulations to Deb Guilmartin on yet another fantastic Monthly Medal win, carding a steady round of 75.

Well played, Deb!



Women's Sub Committee



GOLF CENTRE

Father's Day Gift Pack

Struggling to think of the perfect gift for Father's Day? Why not give the gift that dad really wants, some golf gear!

We have put together a pack of 1 x FJ/Ping Green Acres logo polo, 1 x Green Acres logo beanie/cap, 1 x Green Acres logo glove, all for \$149. Save up to \$45!



GOLF CENTRE

Ping Fitting Day

PING is returning to Green Acres for another Fitting Day on Friday, 29 August, giving members the chance to get professionally fitted for the latest equipment, including the impressive G440 range.

Whether you're after more distance, better accuracy or just curious about what the right fit could do for your game, this is a great opportunity to test the full lineup with expert guidance.

To book, click [here](#).



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Ash, Alana & Brian

Golf Centre Team



MVP GOLF TOURS

We're heading to Perth!

Bookings are now open for the West Coast Golf Tour: Perth!

Join us for an unforgettable golfing getaway featuring world-class courses, stunning coastal scenery, and plenty of fun off the fairways.

Click the link below to explore the full itinerary, pricing, and all the details — spots are limited, so don't miss out!

[View tour details and book now!](#)



The graphic features a dark blue shield logo with a white golf ball and tee on the left. On the right, there are two circular images: the top one shows a sandy beach meeting turquoise water with white surf, and the bottom one shows a lush green golf course with sand traps. The text 'West Coast Golf Tour' is written in a large, elegant script font. Below it, a paragraph describes the coastal getaway in Perth, Western Australia. At the bottom, three icons (golf flag, house, and information) are used to categorize the tour details.

West Coast Golf Tour

Treat yourself to a coastal getaway in sunny Perth, Western Australia. With its stunning beaches, Mediterranean climate, spectacular golf courses, it's the perfect mix of relaxation and play.

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