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# PARKLANDER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PARKLANDS GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED

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Alex Walter reaches down to remove his ball from the cup after a magnificent shot on the 13th hole. He becomes another member of that most exclusive of clubs; the Parklander Oneders.

# THE ROAD AHEAD

## Where To For Parklands?



## The Road Ahead Is Paved With Good Ideas!

Members gathered at the Clubhouse on Sunday 23 February to plan a way forward for our club. Facilitated by Darren Barber those in attendance generated a multitude of ideas to make Parklands even better. An interesting exercise at the workshop was in identifying the “why?” Why golf? Why Parklands? Why do we even bother playing the game? We all had varying answers to that question but collectively our responses tended to fit into the following: We want to be active. We want to belong. We want to enjoy ourselves. And why Parklands in particular? Our Club is welcoming, inclusive, inexpensive and we have a naturally beautiful course to play on. So the question for non-members is not so much why? But rather, **why not?** We will meet again, but in the meantime all members are encouraged to read the information generated on Sunday and respond to it. The charts and notes remain displayed in the Clubhouse for this purpose. So go ahead and post your idea(s)!

## A Word From Our President

The Volunteerism at our Club has always been a strength and it is one of the pillars that make our Club a success.

The first planning day went very well with great input from many of our members with positive ideas on ways to improve our Club. We established our Clubs purpose- the WHY. We will work towards the WHAT and the HOW.

It was easy to see the passion our members have for their Club.

There are to be two more planning days Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020 and Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. All members are welcome (even if they were unable to attend the first one). These two meetings are to complete the strategic plan. We will continue moving forward with all the good ideas that have been suggested by members, in an orderly way.

My mother always said “Peter, patience is a virtue”





## Teeing Off Edition No. 72 by John Wilkinson

The new season has started and our playing list looks very nice for the year ahead. We have been able to have some new members join our club and welcome to those golfers. Hope your experiences of playing golf at Parklands are happy ones and you enjoy your golf and the mateship from the members. I look forward to playing some golf with you and sharing my golfing experience!

Just a few points of knowledge I will share with you all at this time, and it relates to slow play and the obligations to finish your game in reasonable time. After you have filled out your card and left it at the office, you are then allotted playing partners for the day. The player who has the lowest handicap in your group is therefore the player who should keep your group playing at a reasonable speed. Remember our golf is played 'ready golf' and you should always be ready to play your shot and watch out for the other players in your group, knowing where they are and what they are doing when playing your game. You have three minutes to look for a lost ball and if you are unable to find it, quickly decide what you are going to do about - and do it! Time can be picked up by using your common sense, like when marking your cards when you arrive at the start at the next tee and not when you finish the last hole staying back to fill out your score. Golfers playing behind you are not happy if they are waiting on you not playing along at a good pace. See if you can play the game a little quicker and everyone should be happy. Remember not to stop chatting during your game!

The first Friday evening of the month, members and their families have the opportunity for a get together and a barbecue meal. All members are very welcome to attend. Play your Friday nine holes of golf and then turn up for the 6.30pm barbecue and the cost is a mere \$5 each plus your drinks at bar prices. You go into the draw where the last drawn ticket is the winner of the prize(s) and you can be home by 8 - 8.30pm. Please try and make it as I reckon you will enjoy yourself and the company. These run during the summer months only, so your time is running out quickly! \*Next BBQ is on March 13.

Mentioned in the last copy where Parklands will have their own AFL Football tipping competition. If you are interested, take the time to place your name on the 'list' and the rules will be made known to you and the costs involved and the prize monies etc when all is known re the numbers we have to work with!

Weather conditions have been difficult over the last months and the VW's have had tough job keeping the course area in good shape. I reckon that they have done an excellent job as they provide their time freely to allow the game to go ahead. During the next months there is a lot of work to be done in preparation for the Veterans Championships to be held in August. We will need everybody to help with this venture and I'm sure that it will turn out very well.

Many Parkland golfers have joined the Glenelg Veterans who play at all courses across our district. The following clubs host games: Casterton Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, Heywood March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Portland April 6<sup>th</sup>, and Chalambar (Ararat) April 14<sup>th</sup>.

The VW's are ready to find our next venue for our trip away. Again, the list for nominated venues is on the wall and you should remember that 'we need a feed' so we have to nominate a club which is able to do a meal and serve a drink! Or have a place where we can go for a luncheon? Places that have been mentioned so far have been Halls Gap, Edenhope, Port Fairy, Nhill and Penola - what are your suggestions?

Your annual subscription is due on March 1 and should be paid by the end of the month. If you haven't paid your money, speak with Treasurer Tim/Secretary Bruce and either will fix up your membership!

Do you like the new format of our newsletter? Bruce Taylor has put a lot of thought into the new Parklander, and you are invited to contribute. If you have news for the production, an item for sale, give away or perhaps you want a story/funny about a so called friend. Yes, contribute so we can have a good laugh with you. I have had some good feed back about the Parklander, but what do you think?

When you have had success with nearest the pin, longest drive, longest putt, nearest the pin with 2<sup>nd</sup> shot etc **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WRITING YOUR NAME** on the 'board' as you go past to the next

hole or IF you have had a 'ferret' or 'birdie' it is your responsibility to put your name in the box when you get to the clubhouse. Don't yell out you have forgotten just prior to the drawing of a winner!

Do you like the box that has been added to the wall on the veranda with the warning prior to handing your card into the office. Remember to check your card and ensure all details are correct before handing it in.

Les Pye was happy to see the tree removed from behind the 13<sup>th</sup> scrape. It had blown down with the strong winds over the weekend. Les, awhile back drove his ball neatly into the base of the tree where his golf ball finished tucked tightly into a spot impossible for him to get out of. He was forced to take a penalty stroke, which we often hear about, that we don't need to hear anymore.

## Out Of The Rough by Heather Wilkinson

The new season is underway with terrific attendances at the three Mondays already gone; 16 Ladies on two occasions and 19 on the other. Welcome to Rhonda, Kath and Mary Rose who have joined up with Parklands and hopefully will enjoy their Monday competition days and other club days.

Wonderful to see the Ladies supporting Veterans Golf and other club events around the district, although Marie and Heather Wilkinson possibly over did it a bit playing five days out of six! Still much better to do it while we can Marie.

Ladies Club shirts are available from Hip Pocket at \$32.20 including club logo, if you are interested in updating, or you are requiring one please see Heather Hay for the order code. Likewise if you are requiring a name badge, please see Marie for details. These name badges are excellent for those playing pennant or for just playing at other clubs.

The new handicapping system is causing some discussion, however like everything else it will even out in the long run, or so they assure us. Remember to check your GA before each competition so that you play off the right handicap.

Remember Ladies you are encouraged to play on Saturdays as the Committee are hoping this will become a bigger day with more players participating; a wonderful chance to get to know each other.



## Committee News



At the February meeting it was agreed that workers arrange for the replacement of the surface on the second scrape and for the setting up of the donated fuel tank for diesel fuel. Fire extinguishers are to be fitted to tractors and cutting equipment.

- A number of matters were referred to the Match Committee for deliberation, including maximum handicaps under the new World Handicap System, pennant teams and event changes.
- An application to the Greater Grants program for assistance with replacement of our Rough Cutter has been submitted.
- James Keating, David Rendell and Kath Harwich have been approved as new members

- Six members have completed a Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course. Course costs were fully met from Club funds. These members and others currently holding valid RSA's, will be rostered for duty at the Club bar at appropriate times.
- The repair to our internet/phone connection has been completed by Telstra. Thanks Tim!
- A new truckload of Pyramid Hill quarry sand has been delivered.
- The adoption of a local rule regarding relief from tree roots was deferred for consideration at the March meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Monday 16 March at 7 pm. *Should you have an issue that you believe needs to be raised at the Committee level you should approach a committee member.*

## Beware The Grassy Knolls

Should your ball come to rest on the grassy mounds (referred to by some as grass bunkers) on the first, second, twelfth or thirteenth you must play the ball as it lies. According to the rules of golf you may remove loose impediments around your ball but must not move the ball. You may take your ball from the mound and place it on the fairway behind the mound, but that would be a penalty stroke.

## Looking Back

<p><b>PARKLANDS GOLF CLUB INC.</b> (Cnr. North Boundary Rd. and Hensley Park Rd., Hamilton) Clubhouse phone (055) 72 5729</p>  <p><b>1988</b> <b>15th ANNUAL</b> <b>OPEN TOURNAMENT</b> (Under Auspices of S.W.D.G.A., V.G.A., V.L.G.U.)</p>		<p><b>PROGRAM</b></p>	
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<p>LADIES DAY — Monday, September 26th, 1988 MENS 4BBB DAY — Wednesday, September 28th, 1988 LADIES 4BBB DAY — Thursday, September 29th, 1988 JUNIOR STROKE — Thursday, September 29th, 1988 MENS DAY — Saturday, October 1st, 1988 MIXED DAY — Sunday, October 2nd, 1988</p>		<p><b>MENS 4BBB (Stableford) — Wednesday, September 28th, 1988</b> Start 10.45 a.m. Novelty Events</p> <p>9 18 holes 10 Best 9 in 11 Best 9 out</p> <p><b>\$8.00 PAIR INC. AFTERNOON TEA</b></p>	
<p><b>ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1988</b></p>		<p><b>LADIES 4BBB DAY (Stableford) — Thursday, September 29th, 1988</b> 10.00 a.m. start Novelty Events</p> <p>12 18 holes 13 Best 9 in 14 Best 9 out</p> <p><b>\$8.00 PAIR INC. AFTERNOON TEA</b></p>	
<p>PRESIDENT: Ken Fort (055) 72 1029</p>		<p><b>JUNIOR DAY (Stroke) — Boys and Girls Under-21</b> 12.30 p.m. start Novelty Events</p> <p>15 18 holes Scratch 16 18 holes Handicap</p> <p><b>\$3.00 INC. AFTERNOON TEA</b> (Junior girls' events will be held if enough entries are received.)</p>	
<p>CAPTAIN: Tom Spillman (055) 72 2672</p>		<p><b>MENS DAY — Saturday, October 1st, 1988</b> 8.30 a.m. start Novelty and Team Events</p> <p>17 27 holes Scratch, A grade 18 27 holes Scratch, B grade 19 27 holes Scratch, C grade 20 18 holes Scratch, A grade (p.m.) 21 18 holes Scratch, B grade (p.m.) 22 18 holes Scratch, C grade (p.m.) 23 27 holes Handicap, A grade 24 27 holes Handicap, B grade 25 27 holes Handicap, C grade 26 18 holes Handicap, A grade (p.m.) 27 18 holes Handicap, B grade (p.m.) 28 18 holes Handicap, C grade (p.m.) 29 9 holes Handicap, A grade (a.m.) 30 9 holes Handicap, B grade (a.m.) 31 9 holes Handicap, C grade (a.m.)</p> <p><b>\$10.00 INC. LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA</b></p>	
<p>HON. SECRETARY: Ian Parsons (055) 72 2482 (Home) 72 5051 (Bus.)</p>		<p><b>MIXED DAY (Mixed Canadian) — Sunday, October 2nd, 1988</b> 12.30 p.m. shot gun start Novelty Events</p> <p>32 18 holes Scratch 33 18 holes Handicap 34 Best 9 in 35 Best 9 out 36 Robinsons Sportscentre Perpetual Trophy</p> <p><b>\$8.00 PAIR INC. AFTERNOON TEA</b></p>	

# New World Handicap System

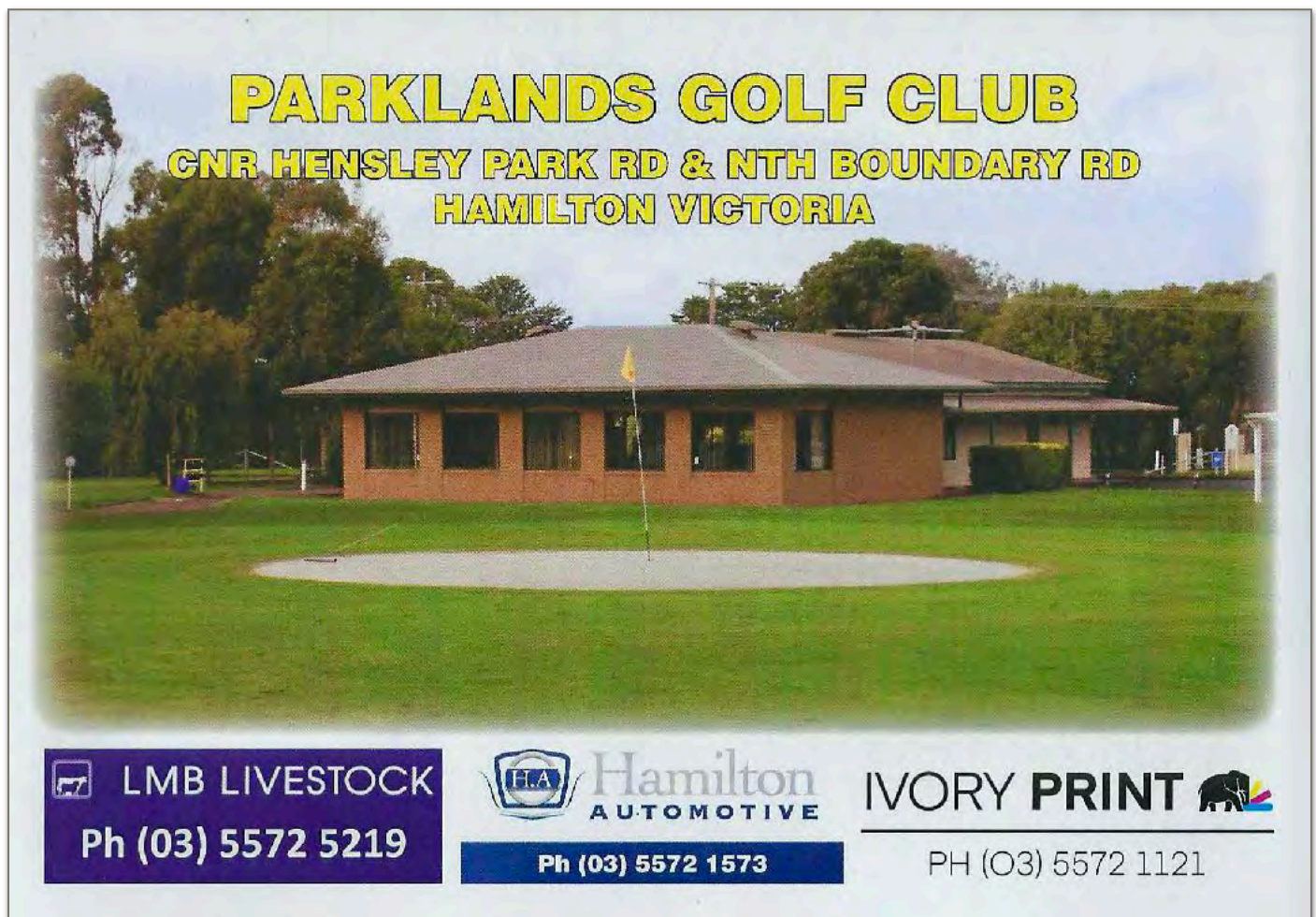
Under the new handicap system the maximum Golf Australia handicap for both men and women is now 54. On the daily look-up chart at Parklands this translates to a daily handicap of 50 for our course. For all individual club events the maximum GA handicap of 54 for men and women will apply. For all team competitions, tournaments and Club championships the maximum handicap for men will be 36 and 45 for women. For non-Golfink (no-handicap) visiting players participating in team competitions and tournament events, the maximum handicap allocated by the match committee cannot exceed 32 for women or 27 for men.

## Vale Bill Taylor

Family and friends of long time Parklands golfer, Bill Taylor will gather at the Clubhouse on Friday March 6 at 2.20 pm. Whilst this will be a sobering occasion, as we say goodbye to one of Hamilton's true gentlemen, it is also an opportunity to celebrate a wonderful life, fully lived. Many of our members have recollections of Bill, after his playing days were over, waiting by the ninth tee to chat with players as they passed through. Often he took over scrape duties too! How appropriate that we should say our final goodbye at the course he loved.

## A Word From Our Sponsors

New scorecards have been printed thanks to the support of our valued sponsors, **LMB Livestock**, **Hamilton Automotive** and **Ivory Print**.



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In addition to the above we welcome to our sponsors list **The Tree Fella From Mooralla** and **Creative Gardening**. Big thanks to Stuart McAdam and Robbie Cunningham. We look forward to a long association that is mutually beneficial.



**Creative Gardening**  
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# Memberships Now Due

All Club memberships become payable on the 1st March each year. Fees must be paid before March 31. Should your payment be outstanding beyond that date, you are no longer a member! You can make payment in three ways. By cheque, by cash or online. Those using online payments MUST put their name in the transaction description. Banking details for Parklands Golf Club are as follows:



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## For Sale

Jim Eveston is offering up his Parmaker golf cart to any Parklander willing to donate \$100 to the Club. Contact the secretary on 0458 877 335 or any Committee member to express your interest.



Sunday 1 March ..... Membership fees now due  
 Friday 6 March ..... Bill Taylor's funeral\*  
 Saturday 7 March ..... Your Regional Butcher Day (formerly The Monthly Medal)  
 Friday 13 March ..... Members BBQ 6.30 pm. All welcome  
 Monday 16 March ..... Committee Meeting at Clubhouse 7.00 pm  
 Sunday 22 March ..... The Road Ahead. Session Two @ Clubhouse 2 pm  
 Tuesday 31 March ..... Last day for payment of membership fees

\* Note that the Summertime Golfers who normally hit off at 12.30 pm will be hitting off at 10.00 am on this day due to Bill's funeral.