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# PARKLANDER

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This photograph of a socially distant golfer taken back in February was a portend of the coming pandemic. Sadly not even a game of golf on our spacious course passes the test under strict conditions imposed under Victorian Stage 3 restrictions. There is great uncertainty ahead; the only way is through. We don't know how far, for how long or even what's on the other side, but through we must go.



# Parked On The Road Ahead!

The Parklands Future Directions bus has had to pull over to the side of the road but we've still kept the motor running. All the good ideas and enthusiasm that has gone into developing a strategic plan for the years ahead have not been wasted. Our president is working on a proposed mission statement and statement of values based on the written proposals that came out of our last planning day. Bus driver Pete has assured the Parklander that whilst our third planning day has had to be postponed, the bus is still roadworthy and will be back on the road with a full tank of fuel, as soon as conditions allow. So don't throw away your ticket! The more immediate road block to the right looks like a job for George.



## What's To Come?

Good question! Who knows? Nobody knows. What we do know is that there are some things that will no longer happen at our golf club for the foreseeable future. All state, district and club events have been cancelled until further notice. That means for example that Parklands will not host the 2020 Victorian Veterans Sandgreen Championship. There will be no pennant golf, no Cathy Winnell Day, no committee meetings, no working bees and at the time of publication, no golf of any description. In the months ahead the Parklands executive will need to consider a number of issues, how these issues are canvassed within our committee and membership structures, and how we negotiate a future full of uncertainty. As an organisation operating under the auspices of Golf Australia it is important for us to act in accordance with their recommendations. Here is their most recent advice:

### **2 April 2020**

*Many golf clubs around Australia have either re-opened, or are considering doing so, after recent state and territory-specific rulings or directives.*

*Golf Australia, while not wishing to act in a manner contrary to those specific rulings or directives, **remains of the view that golf is a non-essential activity, a view which sits comfortably with the current Federal Government directive and rules to "stay at home" unless absolutely necessary.***

*Of course, Golf Australia is merely recommending that position to all clubs around Australia and ultimately we respect the right of the clubs to act in the way they see fit while complying with all social distancing requirements.*

*Golf Australia has adopted - and will continue to adopt - a prudent position of respecting and heeding Government advice on all matters pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*The recommendation we formulated around course closure was based on the position Prime Minister Scott Morrison has taken and, at all times throughout this issue, Golf Australia has sought to provide the latest Federal and state advice for all golf clubs around the country.*

*That has proved an extremely difficult task given that various state positions have been constantly changing, almost on a daily basis. We apologise for any confusion that has caused, but we are sure you can understand these are unprecedented times in our country and, indeed, for our great game.*

*That so many people are passionate about the sport is a great sign of the game's significance in our community and we are truly sympathetic to those who are desperate to once again walk the fairways, but we as the national governing body feel that in this time of crisis for so many in our community, it is best to be safe.*

*Furthermore, we strongly believe that unity, prudence and safety during this unprecedented crisis is the best way for us to assist with "flattening the curve" of COVID-19's surge through the community and we believe that golf and our industry has a role to play in doing this.*

*Our recommendation to remain closed therefore remains the same - Australia and our **community** come first.*

*We yearn to see full fairways and clubhouses, but not as much as we desire our population to be fully healthy once again. As always, Golf Australia remains on hand to offer clubs advice and support through these troubling times, regardless of whether or not they've chosen to open or close.*

*The most up-to-date information on all Australian golf matters pertaining to the Covid-19 pandemic will be prominent at <https://www.golf.org.au/covid-19> on the Golf Australia website. We implore all golfers to follow the State and Territory guidelines contained within this document.*

*We will endeavour to provide constant and relevant updates as soon as possible in this ever-changing landscape. Above all, please stay safe.*





**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Please understand that this edition of Teeing Off and Out Of The Rough were compiled during a period when the goalposts were moving by the minute! It's instructive to read the following whilst understanding that nothing is certain!

Thanks to our golfers who have been fronting up to play the game each week. One thing that is important that is beginning to miss THE MARK is the bringing of the correct entry money. Not a big factor you may say but in the current environment it is very important, if everyone brings notes that need changing, that is trouble for the 'cashier' and we have trouble. Not everyone is causing cash problems, but remember how you can make our club a happier club. See what happens next week?

Volunteer workers trip away is early in preparations and your ideas are wanted for discussion. Already some golf clubs have been mentioned and are on the list pinned up at the clubhouse. Consideration must be given to a club that is able to provide lunch/close to an eating place. Halls Gap is one venue that has been mentioned but it would mean breaking our golf with a visit to the hotel for a bite. It is not a flash club house where we could sit around (in fact a poor club house) but a club which is an hour away from Parklands and presents some attractive greens with a mixture of wildlife across their course. The hotel is a 2km drive approximately, they also have an excellent ice-cream shop which most of us are unable to give a miss as we go through the 'village'. Very picturesque place is Halls Gap!

Speaking of volunteers, we now have a very good attendance each week to help do the jobs that are to be readied for the next game of golf. Several larger works are underway and the co-operation of all players is required for these jobs to be completed. Works at the back of the 16<sup>th</sup> sandscrape is currently under preparation to assist with the water flow which washes over the scrape and leaves our scrape in places, bare of sand. The third hole is also a part of this planning. There are drop zones indicating your next move, if you have hit into the works you MUST take your ball to the drop zone. Your understanding of the works being undertaken is expected, and you will still enjoy your golf! Various works will be carried out across the golf course and will require your understanding!

Surprise golf is a good game and we certainly got a surprise when the executive had us playing a 'four stick' stableford game when most of turned up to play the game presented in our fixture book. Apparently, it could happen again so be wary of changes over the next weeks!

As I have written beforehand the weather has been different this season and we are not able to forecast the weather we are going to get. Day by day weather forecasts are probably the way to go. Do we need our umbrella (usually fixed in our gear) sun cream or a wind cheater, do we wear shorts, or do we have our wet weather clothing handy? It is certainly a gamble with what we can prepare for, but most of us just go out and have a hit and count it as another practice round and don't worry about the weather! Or not too much, anyway?

**Rules Of Golf** that should be introduced to golf.

*Rule 9k. 34* – If a tree is between the ball and the hole, and the tree is deemed to be younger than the player, then the ball can be moved without penalty. This is because this is simply a question of timing; when the player was younger, the tree was not there so the player is being penalised because of his age.

*Rule 1. a5* – A sliced ball or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal in distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalised for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

*Rule 2.d. 6.* – A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have travelled had it not hit the tree, and play the ball from there.

Football tipping is under way but we have not got a tipping contest except for the one run by the Spectator. If you have registered with the Spectator, we are hoping the tipping can be then organised to side step it into our tipping contest. We must wait and see how it is going to work! I hope the ladies have entered the competition as it makes for an interesting contest.

With the Coronavirus, the club has had to change several areas of playing the game. I suspect Secretary Bruce will alert you to, no need to hear it from me as well. Just get out and enjoy some exercise whilst this is going on

and take the warnings seriously and we will all come through it safely. Don't travel to anywhere and keep your home within easy reach. The AFL players and staff are going to find the next month very tough to handle (not just their bank accounts) so heed the warnings put out for us all.

Veterans golf is not going ahead either. So, no need for us worry about that, as we will be notified when the all clear is given. Also, the Pennant rounds are not going ahead as I am assured it won't worry to many of our players.

Congratulations to our member James Brown on being crowned the club champion at the Hamilton Golf Club. Well done Brownie, and you kept the lead throughout the duration of the event. A very special win and your Parkland members send their best "good win mate". You have proven yourself a very consistent golfer who it appears doesn't practice too much, but your win tells me otherwise!

Alex deserves a mention because he had his dream 'hole in one' on the 13<sup>th</sup> come true. A nicely executed hit that decided it was to be Alex's day. And it was his day! Many of your mates are waiting the same result. . . and still they wait. Good one Alex, well done!

Finally our thoughts are with Jim Eveston who has been experiencing some health issues, hoping you get well soon Jim.

## Out Of The Rough

by Heather Wilkinson

How quickly everything has changed since our last newsletter, golf, if we play, has a whole new format and if anything has become more challenging. No pins to aim for and sharing the one scrape makes for interesting times. I know all our Ladies are very conscious of the protocol set up by our committee surrounding the Corona Virus and as we are an ageing group it is essential, we adhere to it. Thank goodness some players look behind on occasions or I might have been the recipient of a nasty snake bite, thank you Mary McCallum for alerting me to the copper-head laying in front of my buggy. Mary was asked by a fellow golfer if she took a photo, her response was "No way I was too b... busy letting Heather know"

Would love to know what our Vice President said to herself when she found her golf ball nestled right next to a large tree on Monday; didn't ask how she got it out.



No Pennant for this year allows us to concentrate on the championships hopefully, who knows. Also, no Veteran Sandgreen Championships, therefore no large catering tasks.

Prior to all the changes our fields have been excellent and when all this settles down, we hope to see everyone back and enjoying their golf. In the meantime, Ladies stay safe, look after each other and remember we are all only a phone call away for a chat.

## Committee News

A number of issues resolved at the March meeting have by necessity been put on ice until we reach the other side of the Coronavirus pandemic. A new code of conduct for committee members was adopted. Other matters resolved were:

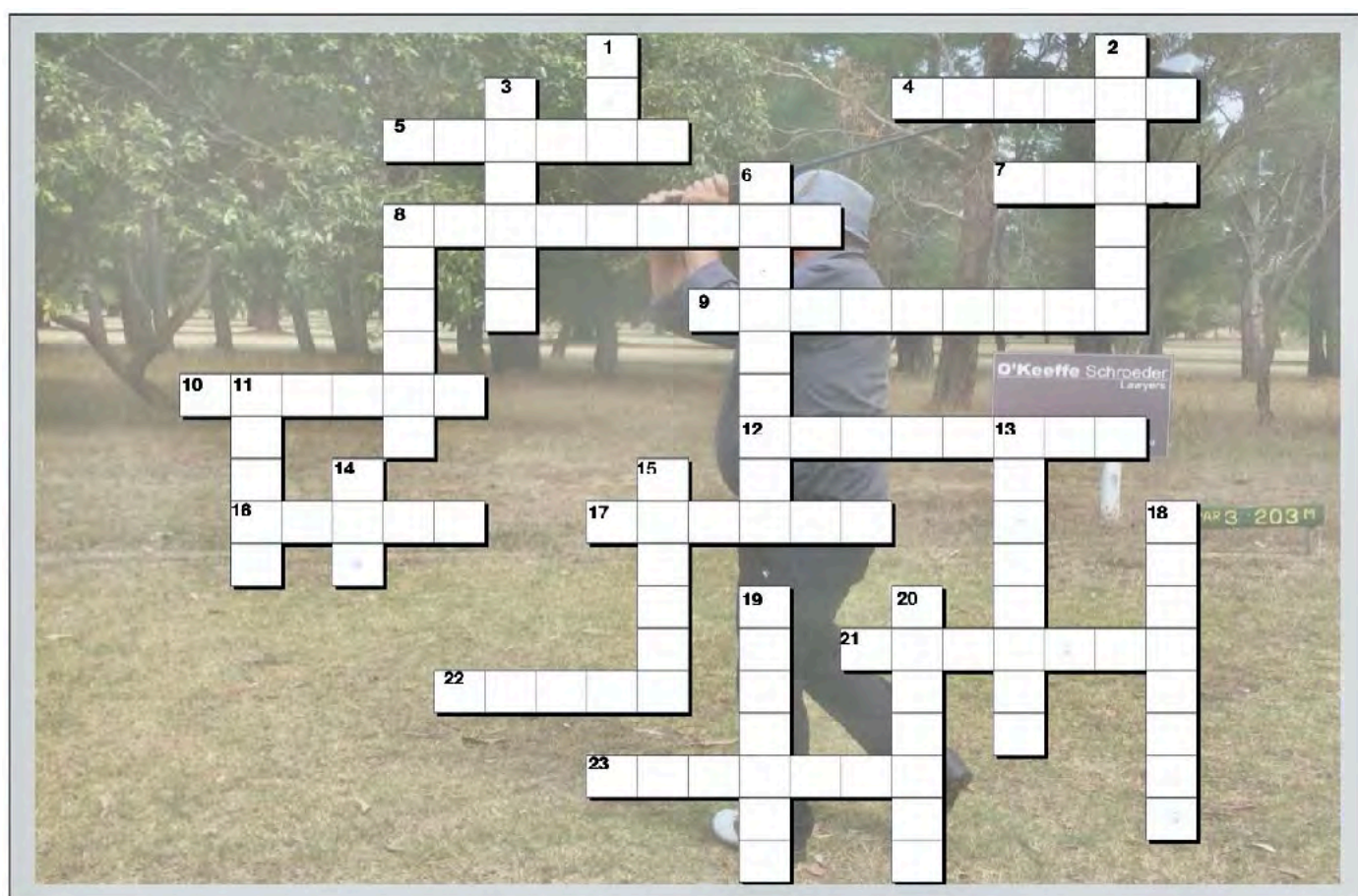
- A working bee to begin work on the 7th and 8th reversal was organised for April 5
- Approval was given to host a Bunnings BBQ on a date to be advised
- The match committee is to draw up principles of ground maintenance
- Agreement to investigate the purchase of a defibrillator for the Clubhouse
- \* Honour boards to be updated
- \* Box ripper attachment for tractor to be purchased
- Application to host 2022 Victorian Sandgreen Championships approved
- Pete and Bronwyn Dwight, Terry Rhook and Don Sharrock have been approved as new members



Subsequent to the March committee meeting the executive (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captains) held an emergency meeting. It was agreed that the Clubhouse be closed until further notice. It was further agreed that future committee meetings be cancelled until further notice. A number of arrangements were put in place to accommodate the continuation of golf at Parklands but recent developments have meant that these arrangements are no longer viable.

## Cryptic Crossword

Here's a cryptic challenge (although some clues are straight forward) for those of you looking to pass the time while you are confined to barracks. Each answer is the **surname** of a Parklands member or members. Don't know how to do a cryptic? Well you have to take your brain for a walk; you're allowed to under current restrictions! Okay, to get you started here's one answer; 9 across: "Battle comes before Liz's Richard". The answer is **WARBURTON**. Why? A "battle" is a *war* and while many of you may not remember, or prefer to forget, actors Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were an item for some time back in the day; so "Liz's Richard" is *Burton*. Therefore *War* before *Burton* becomes *Warburton*. If you still don't get it, this crossword is not for you. Console yourself with trying to figure out who is in the photo. Should the hat not give it away the grip on the club is unmistakable.



### ACROSS

4. These two should be handy with a needle and thread (6)
5. This left-hander isn't straight (6)
7. A 2nd IC and an ex-cricketer (4)
8. Anagram of Kinslowin (9)
9. Battle comes before Liz's Richard (9)
10. The female version of season him (6)
12. Drop a bloke! (8)
16. Sometimes called Straight-iron Bill (5)
17. An uncanny ability to find the fairway after hitting a tree (6)
21. His missed putt is due to oversized grains of granite sand (7)
22. The meditator (5)
23. Put on a colour (7)













### DOWN

1. A man for all grasses (3)
2. Wear a Truck! (7)
3. Her first name is found in the second part of her home town (6)
6. Son of a duck? (9)
8. All in one shot; a ferret an eagle and a hole in one (6)
11. He lives in Sedgewick Street (5)
13. Runner up in last year's men's championship (8)
14. Bling is her thing
15. Rearrange egg before a stiff drink (6)
18. Rash cured before a stone (8)
19. Mr Dellren is confused (7)
20. On his hands and knees for a good part of his working life (7)



# Monthly Medalists

Back to golf for a moment. Congratulations to the season's monthly medalists. We just squeaked in the twelfth winner before COVID-19 intervened at the close of the 2019/20 season. Impressive scores were evident with all winners' net scores under par. A big shout out to Andrew and his team at Your Regional Butcher who sponsor this event.

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
 BRUCE TAYLOR 60	 BERNIE COOK 63	 MARK MILLER 69
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
 STEVE NATRASS 63	 DALE GRAMBAU 65	 ALLAN HITCHCOCK 67
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
 GEORGE DONALDSON 69	 KELLY HITCHCOCK 69	 GAYE GOGGIN 63
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
 GEORGE DONALDSON 60	 PHIL KOSCH 69	 DAVID RENDELL 66



# Our Sponsors: We Feel Your Pain

As golf junkies it is entirely understandable that all we think about is when we are going to get our next fix of golf. Spare a thought for our sponsors. All are businesses and all are experiencing a considerable downturn in their future prospects.



Some are offering reduced services, others have already closed their doors and are offering online sales only.

Some may not survive. Our desire to swing a golf club seems somewhat trivial when it is stacked up against the very survival of a business enterprise. Sponsorship is a two way street so as Parklands' members we need to ask ourselves how we might support our sponsors. Our January edition listed over thirty Parklands' sponsors. Should there be a way you can lend any of them some support, even in this depressed climate, please consider it. We're all in the same boat and its looking decidedly leaky at the moment!



## T(h)ree Things

### No 1. Marie's Tree

See Heather's Out Of The Rough report.

**No 2. Vince's Tree Part 1.** The large pine trees on the right of the first fairway are an ever present danger for the right hander. The photo at left shows the result of two of Vince's drives on consecutive Saturdays, with both ending up in the tree. Some would call it consistent.

**No 3. Vince's Tree Part 2.** You guessed it. The very next Saturday Vince drove into the same tree. Hat trick! This time however, the old pine spat the ball out. Clearly it was knackered and couldn't take anymore.

## Around The Grounds

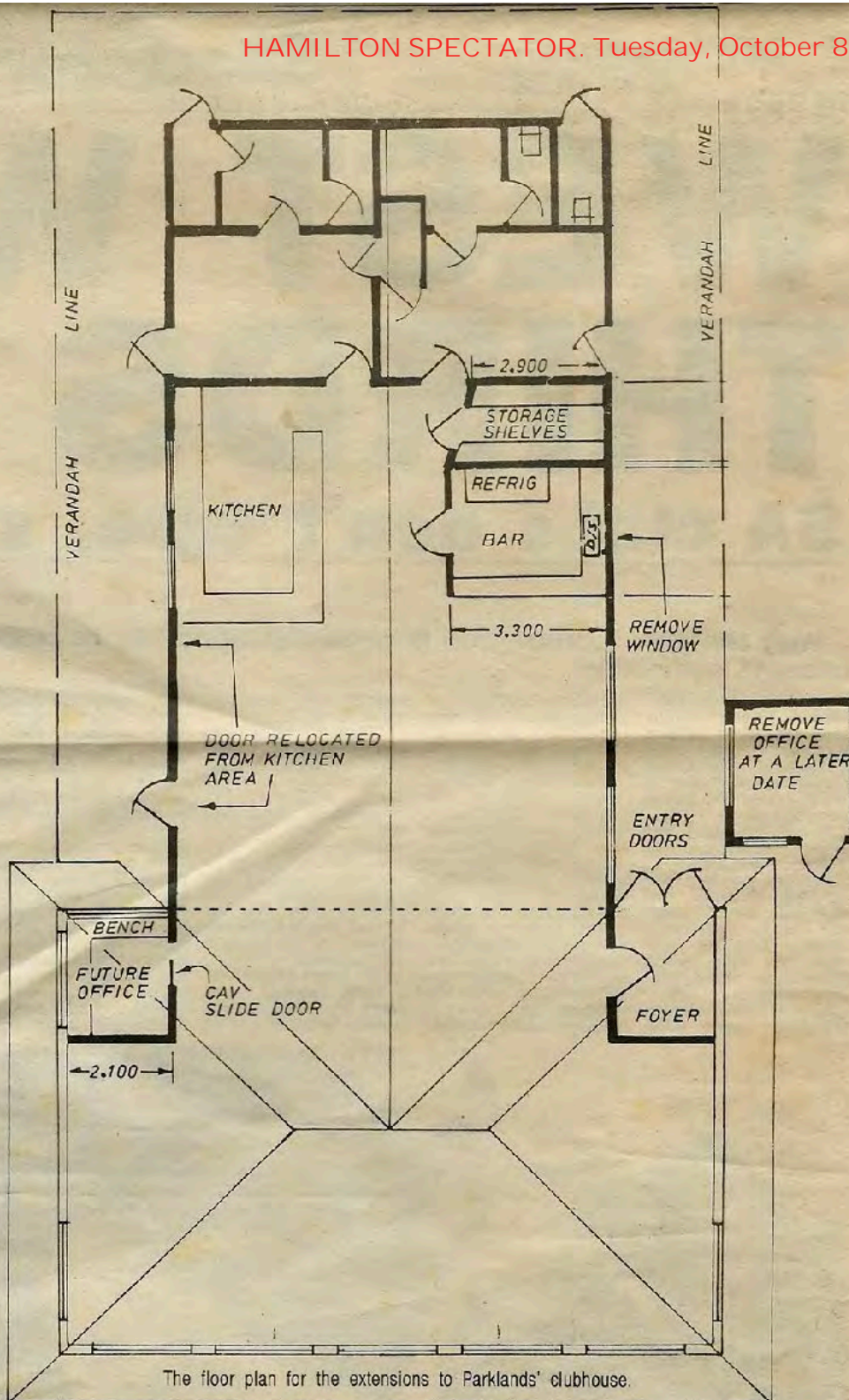
The volunteer workers have been busy attending to a number of maintenance and improvement items around the Parklands course. Rod Schwarz will be pleased to see that his long ago donated fuel tank has been set in position; needs a paint job and the appropriate plumbing and she's a goer. Considerable work has gone into rejuvenating the grass around selected scrapes thanks to Les, Alex, Bernie, Stewie and others. A donation of three bags of fertiliser from Mal Hawker was much appreciated. All scrapes have been edged. Peter has organised the attachment of fire extinguishers to all mobile fuel operated machinery with the support of Westvic Fire Services.





# Looking Back

HAMILTON SPECTATOR. Tuesday, October 8, 1991



## Parklands on the move

Parklands Golf Club is set to double the size of its existing clubhouse.

Extensions to the clubhouse are expected to commence within the next few weeks.

Parklands club assistant secretary, Mr Ken Port, says the extensions, costing about \$28,000, will give members far greater comfort and room.

"There will be a new

bar and office all under the one roof," he said.

"At present the bar and kitchen are all in one which makes it a hopeless situation.

"It will greatly enlarge the function area, which will make it far easier for the ladies when catering."

Mr Port said the club was now waiting for the planning permit application to be passed before starting the renovations.

He said he did not envisage any problems gaining the planning permit.

The club is also hopeful of gaining

approval from the Department of Conservation to commence work on adding a further nine holes to the existing nine-hole course.

"If everything goes to plan it will be a really good 18-hole course when it's finished."





# Golfing Terminology

A helpful member has sent in some suggestions regarding the use of well known people's names as replacement terminology for the many happenings during a round of golf. Two printable examples are as follows:

**A Cuban:** a putt that stops on the rim of the cup (needs one more revolution)

**A Gerry Adams:** playing a provisional

The rest were a bit "out there" so we've added some that are more respectable and have a decidedly local flavour.

**A Graeme Torney:** a drive that hits a tree and ends up in the middle of the fairway

**A Barry Oldaker:** a putt that misses the hole due to an imperfection in the putting surface

**A Vince O'Brien:** any repeat performance of a previous wayward drive

**A Steve Natrass:** a forcefully hit golf shot that arrives at its destination via a long circuitous route

**A Rhonda Taylor:** losing multiple shots off your handicap after playing an exceptional round early in your career. Also known as a *David Rendell*

**A Lorraine Ardley:** an extended backswing

**A Bill Evans:** an iron shot that travels in a straight line; really straight like a laser beam

**A Les Pye:** using a driver on your second or third shot; even the fourth shot if you are really desperate!

**A Cocky Stewart:** reversing your grip and using the back of the club to negotiate a tough lie in the rough

Additional terminology commonly used at Parklands includes, but is not restricted to, the following:

**Reverse Ferret:** a chip shot that hits the flagsticks and ricochets off the scrape

**Unethical Rescue:** using your putter to get out of the bunker on the 9th  
**Kitty Litterer:** a golfer who leaves a thick layer of sand at the end of their completed scrape to ensure a ball that misses doesn't proceed far past the cup

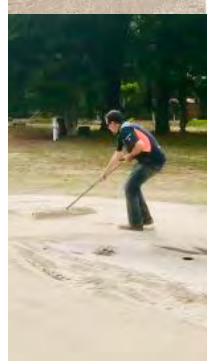
**Cusher:** closely related to the Kitty Litterer. This golfer leaves prominent ridges along the side of their scrape to ensure that the ball is redirected back on track

**Check-In Round:** a round of golf you play where the only time you see your playing partners is when you check-in on the tee and at the flag.

**Take the Mill Rd:** take an alternative route to the scrape that does not include the fairway

**Take the Digby Rd:** take an alternative route to the clubhouse that does not include any fairways

**Left-handers' Hole:** any hole on which a left-hander hits a good shot





# He's A Parklander!

James Brown started his impressive career as a golfer of some note right here at Parklands. He would accompany his dad David, nicknamed Tractor (what else!) to Saturday golf. The pair were often referred to as the “tractor and the ride-on mower.” It wasn't long before James' talent became evident and in his early teens was taken in by the South West Sports Academy based in Warrnambool. It was here that the raw talent was refined. Over the years James has been a key member of winning Parklands' pennant teams including a victory just last year at Port Fairy. In 2013 he was runner-up in the Victorian Sandgreen Championships at Beechworth. Two years later he took the title of Victorian Sandgreen Champion at Quarry Hill. James has won the Parklands championship multiple times and in taking out this year's Hamilton Golf Club Men's Championship has become the first player to have won championships at both clubs. Sand or grass; doesn't matter! A champion is a champion. Through all this James has kept his feet firmly on the ground and is an unassuming committed clubman at Parklands. We are lucky to have him. All Parklanders are proud to have such a talented player as a long-time member of our Club, and we celebrate his many successes. We offer our hearty congratulations on your most recent achievement James; it will surely not be your last.



Another pennant flag at Port Fairy last year: L to R: Tim Spillman, James Brown, Dale Grambau, Dion McFarlane, Rod Schwarz, Ron Oakley, Matt Anderson



James celebrates five in a row for Parklands Golf Club's Pennant Team in 2015.  
L to R: Tim Spillman, Chris Morey, Rod Schwarz, Dion McFarlane, James, Dale Grambau



Hamilton Golf Club Men's Champion 2020  
Photo courtesy Hamilton Spectator