



Geoffrey Wilkins and Jason Glanz presenting a cheque to a very grateful staff member, as part of funds raised in the Gala Day.



Geoffrey and Jason at the Peter Mac Cancer Centre presenting a cheque to a very grateful staff member.



Geoffrey and Jason at the Frankston ICU presenting a cheque to two very grateful staff members.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Its hard to believe we are half way through the year and the financial year has just ended and we are nearly half way through winter. The course is holding up so well considering the very wet start we have had to the year. Up to June we had over 100mill more ain this year compared to last year and the course was very damp to say the least. Since then the rain has stopped and we have seen the course dry out so much and the green playing like I have never seen them.

The 4th fairway is outstanding and draining very well given that the amount of drains are far less than the amount we installed on the 6th this year. I am sure we will add some more laterals as time goes on however the members who were very vocal about the way the drains were installed have all of a sudden become quiet and just perhaps they can see the drains are not running up hill and are actually working. The drains on the 6th have transformed that area and are accredit to the staff and helpers who helped installed both the 4th and 6th drainage.

Our Gala day generated funds to enable us to complete some of the cart paths ways and still donate funds to the three hospitals that helped our departed members. David, Beryl and Gary would all be very happy with the Gala day event and the use of the fund from the day. Jason and myself visited the three Hospitals and presented the cheques to some very grateful staff from the Alfred, Frankston and Peter Mac Hospitals.

In regard to our trading for the year we have suffered a significant loss in revenue due to the very wet period earlier in the trading year. It seemed that it rained every Wed and Sat which reduced the trading for the course, bar and shop. Our finance group worked very hard cutting costs and working with Jason and Trevor to reduce costs. While the final results for the year are a little way off we are confident that we will just about break even for the year.

Looking forward I have asked the committee to start a review that is intended to return the men's course back to a PAR 72. This is one of the direction statements I set our prior to the elections last year and with the change is the handicap system has become an important direction. We have agreed to set up a small group to review what options are available to us keeping any costs involved a major consideration. As time goes on we will keep members informed on any direction that we intend to take in this direction. If anyone has any questions please feel free to talk to me.

Cheers

**Geoffrey D Wilkins**  
President





## FROM THE MANAGERS DESK

Winter is well and truly upon us now, the course is still looking in great shape despite the rain which has already fallen.

We again welcome plenty of new members in the last few months, and it is great to see everyone making them feel welcome and included.

The last 6 months have seen us peg back some of the financial ground lost by last year's wet and wild conditions. The end result has yet to be finalised but we are in a little bit better shape than expected. Let's hope the next financial year brings us more sun and less rain.

Looking ahead we will be trying a few new initiatives, some more social events and trying to reinvigorate the clubhouse (within reason). Some things we will be trialling include, Sunday Dinners after golf (following specific events). Wednesday luncheons (new format) which will be launched at the start of September, and some dynamic social events should all be on the cards.

You will see some new paths being done at the moment. We are trying to keep everyone's feet as dry and out of the slush as possible through the winter. Along with the drainage doing its job, we should see our playing numbers over the next few months maintained, as long as the weather behaves.

Lets see if we can all enjoy the challenge of winter golf around The Bend, with the promise of spring being just a couple of months away.

Like always if you have any suggestions or ideas about ways we can improve the club please feel free to give me a call or come and see me.

**Jason Glanz**  
General Manager



## We Welcome Our New Members

<b>Craig Bourne</b>	<b>Michael Spicer</b>
<b>Jamie Harvie</b>	<b>Andrew Williams</b>
<b>Jesse Cahill</b>	<b>Joseph Fogarty</b>
<b>James Taylor</b>	<b>Aidan Williams</b>
<b>Aiden Ridout</b>	<b>Harry De Vries</b>
<b>Jude Cain</b>	<b>Bill Cain</b>
<b>Matt Roberts</b>	<b>Peter Ashton</b>
<b>Raymond Patten</b>	<b>Damian Dennehy</b>
<b>Russell Wilkes</b>	<b>Matt Bell</b>
<b>Stuart Wilson</b>	<b>Lee Martin</b>
<b>Bevan Hillen</b>	<b>Dominic Parsons</b>
<b>Luke Henderson-Wilson</b>	
<b>Cameron Arbuthnott</b>	

## Golf!

"You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks."

"Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot."

"A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well."

"An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse."

"If your driver is hot, your putter will be ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you are keeping your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up."

"It takes 17 holes to really get warmed up."

"You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time and a two inch branch 90% of the time."

"The only thing you can learn from golf books is that you can't learn anything from golf books, but you have to read an awful lot of golf books to learn it."

"Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink."





### Gary's Chair installed

In the last few weeks we have finished the installation of Gary Atkin's memorial chair on the 11th Tee. Gary used to stand there and look at the course as it was one of his favourite places on the course. His family had the chair built from trees off the family block of land and purchased the plants just installed which will look great when they grow. Last week we saw Alan Bellamy, Rob Reeves and Terry Ryan using the chair to rest after playing the first hole for the day (after all they are getting on these guys). The Chair is another fine addition to our course and a fine memory for a 35 year member.



### Cape Baron Geese

It appears that the Cape Baron geese have made a home on the island again this year. With luck we will see some more baby geese later in the year.

## FROM THE COURSE

As we head into another cold and wet winter we are seeing the benefits of the drainage on the 4th and 6th holes and the new mounds on the right of the 6th. The drainage on the 6th is working incredibly well considering it has only been in the ground for four months. The 4th hole is a lot better now it is in its second year in the ground.

Our main projects at the moment have been the installation of a cart path around the 12th green and a new path from the 16th green to the 17th tee and onto the 17th fairway. This will make access to these areas for carts and pull buggies a dry and smooth experience compared to what we had before.

While we mention cart paths can I remind all members who drive carts to use the paths at all times as we want carts on the course but if we start making too much damage we will have to stop having them on the course when we are wet. Also stay at least 10m from greens and tees.

Going forward we will be starting adding sand to bunkers shortly with the 2nd and 3rd holes getting done first then topping up other as we go along.

Rainfall for the year sits at 548mm compared to the same time last year of 405mm. Last year was the wettest recorded at the club in 16 years. With the rainfall recorded so far the course is holding up pretty well but it has highlighted other very wet areas. Over the coming months we will assess the wet areas then plan the next stage of drainage going forward

Spring will be here before we know it.

Enjoy your golf and I'll see you on the course

**Trevor U'Ren**  
Course Superintendent



## Peter Tate



Peter was born in South Shields England on 3rd September 1948. In 1951 at the age of 3 mum and dad shipped the family to Australia for the princely sum of \$20 quid. After landing in Perth the Tate family moved to a migrant hostel in Woy Woy, from there stints followed in Ballarat and Brooklyn, before settling in Newport. It was here that Peter got his passion for the Footscray Football Club, now the Western Bulldogs. He attended North Williamstown State school, before the family again moved, this time to Boronia in 1960. Peter started his working life as a bank clerk, before moving to a position at Myers where he met a young lady named Heather. They married in 1973 and moved to Frankston, two boys followed Adam and Luke, who have since given Peter and Heather a couple of grandchildren to dote after. Peter and Heather started up a successful cleaning business together, which is still going today. Peter joined Devilbend in 1974 before a game had even been played at the club, and says he is proud of the great friendship he has developed over his years of membership. Back in the early years of the club Peters charter was to keep the troops entertained, so he was in charge of organising and promoting all things social at the club. Peter has been part of the committees of the golf club for about 24 of his 37 years as a member, and was honoured with Life Membership in 1987.

### Quick Questions

**Current Handicap:** 19

**Lowest Handicap:** 11

**Approximate games played at Devilbend:** 2800

**Clubs Used:** Wilsons

**Best Memory:** Mateships, playing golf with his family. Proud of the times particularly through the early years of the club, and how it has been developed.

**Worst Memory:** Angst of keeping the club going , and all the hard work

**Have you been on Committee?** Yes

**Number of Years:** 24

**Position held:** President / Vice President / Captain /Treasurer / Handicapper

**Trophies won/Playing Highlights:** B Grade Champion, Hole in 1 on the old 11th, Foursomes Champships and won the first Monthly Medal ever contested Feb 76'

**Favourite Meal:** Anything Heather cooks

**Favourite Movie:** Paint your Wagon

**Where do you see the club in 10 years?** Clubhouse Improved, Holes 1-18 continue to improve

## LADIES NOT SO SECRET BUSINESS

Well winter is well and truly upon us now, but luckily we have only had to cancel one day of golf so far, although we have had to play in some very strong winds.

We would like to thank all the members and their guests who joined us on our Open day in May. A great day was had by all and we raised over \$800 for the club.

Also thanks to Hastings Solicitor, Jillian Brann for her ongoing sponsorship of this event.

The Ladies have just finished their season of Handicap Matchplay against other clubs in the district. We had thirteen ladies participate this season and all played their best while having to give quite a few shots on many occasions.

With the winter we have had a few Ladies venture away to try to find warmer climates. Yvonne Adkin is currently enjoying the winter in Yeppoon, while Trish Leyden is travelling around Western Australia, and our Lady President Lesley Nock is travelling in the UK. We hope they all enjoy their holidays and come back to us ready to play good golf.

There has also been quite a bit of excitement with two of our Ladies becoming Grandmothers in the last week. Wendy Whitson has a Granddaughter, Peyton Jade, born to her son Davy and his wife Sam, and Susan Naylor has a Grandson, Oscar Thomas, born to her daughter Kirsten and her fiance.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Leanne Gwyther and Jenny Bolger on their victory in both the Scratch and Nett events of our Foursomes Championships, which finished this week.

Until next time, Good Golfing

Di and Jan





## FROM THE CAPTAIN

Hello again to all members.

Summer has gone, and as we are now playing winter golf, I remind all players to keep a regular check on the Local Rules Board so as to keep up with the changes being made as the conditions get colder and damper, eg. Preferred Lies through the Green.

I wish to advise that from May there has been a change to Men's competition handicap limits on the days when Monthly medals and Board events are played. The handicap limit for the Medals and Board events remains at a maximum 27, but for the competition of the day, the maximum handicap has been extended to 36. For any member with a handicap greater than 27, they can use their full handicap for the daily competition, however their score will be revised to a 27 handicap for Medals or Board events, eg. If a member off 32 handicap scores 100 on medal day for a nett 68 in the daily competition, this score will then be amended to a nett 73 for the Medal or Board event.

Golf Australia has announced further changes to the golf handicapping system, these are scheduled to commence on 21 September this year. These changes will comprise:

1. Altering the average of 'Best 10 of 20' scores to 'Best 8 of 20'.
2. Changing the Bonus for Excellence multiplier from 0.96 to 0.93.
3. Introducing an Anchor which will prevent a player's handicap from increasing any more than 4 strokes beyond their best exact handicap from the previous 12 month rolling period.
4. Golf Link will cap the score that goes into a player's handicap record at no more than the following amount over the course rating:
  - 50-women
  - 40-men

The new changes follow a statistical study by Golf Australia of the current system since its introduction in April 2010.

The PDGA Masters Interclub, a handicap matchplay team event for members aged 55 and above is scheduled to commence on Friday 12 August. Could all members wishing to play in this event please put their name on the sheet displayed on the notice board next to the committee room. I need to know numbers to determine how many teams Devilbend should enter by 22 July.

Finally I would like to remind all members of a couple of basic course maintenance practices that we should all follow:

- Repair of any damage to a putting green made by the impact of a golf ball, or when you have completed putting any damage to the green made by golf shoes (eg. spike marks). Also under no circumstances should members intentionally scarify the green, **this includes scratching lines to designate the position of the nearest the pin marker**. This not only damages the green, it also means that the groups following have to putt over this damage when it is in the line of their putt.
- Repair of Divots. With the couch dormant through winter, not only should we be diligent about our own divots, but should also keep a watch for other divots such as those where rain has washed out the sand from the original repair.
- Raking of Bunkers.

Kevin Stokes



## Freeway news

By now all members should be aware that the ABBI group have chosen not to close Loders rd and have built a bypass road that is due to open in the week or so. This of course has meant that our discussions with Abbi about helping us tidy up our carpart has stopped however we remain in contact with them in hope that we will be able to obtain some assistance in development of the course. If we have any success in the future we will inform members.

## FROM THE PROSHOP

### Tip from the Pro

With short shots around the green, get your ball to stop with loft, not spin. Don't try to

create spin – just use the loft of the club to get the ball up in the air and landing softly on the green.

Trajectory is easier to control than spin.

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The Holden Scramble is back for 2011. The event is being held on Friday the 30th of September, so plenty of time to get your team together and organise for the day off work. Playing a modified ambrose in teams of four makes it one of the more social and fun golf competitions for the year. The Holden Scramble is open to anyone with a current Golf Australia handicap which means you may bring a friend who is not a member of Devilbend but has a current handicap. Entry is only \$40 per person, which includes a rolling BBQ lunch that starts from 11am and light snacks after the round, although the full fee of \$160 must be paid in full to obtain the Entry Form. Entry forms will be available in the pro shop from early August.

#### Lesson Availability

Both Jordan and myself are available and offering golf lessons in a range of packages

**Jason:** Tuesday – PM, Wednesday – AM, Thursday – PM, Saturday – AM

**Jordan:** Thursday – AM/PM, Friday – AM/PM, Sunday – AM/PM,

Lesson packages can be catered to your needs, if you are having trouble with you short game, putting, driving or irons we can put together a series of lessons to straighten out that particular aspect of your game. Make an enquiry in the pro shop if this sounds like something that will help improve your golf.

#### Buying Golf Equipment

Any purchase made in the pro shop has a direct benefit to the golf club as all profits are directed straight back to either improvements to the clubhouse or course. So please consider our pro shop first before buying any golf equipment.

Good Golf  
**Jason, and the Proshop Staff**



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## OUR VETERANS

Once again we have the Veterans report for the last 3 months. There have been some magnificent days, and lately some decidedly cool ones.

The current news on Kev Wilson, is that he is recovering slowly, and all are holding our breath for a good recovery. With Alan Shaw, there has been a setback this month, a new tumor has been located in his brain and will have to return to surgery, good luck Al, it worked for Jim Steynes, so hold in there.

### Results for the period April to June were:-

- 04/04/11 – G Beaton 1st/G O'Callaghan r/up
- 11/04/11 – C Milligan 1st/B Robertson r/up
- 18/04/11 – K Laing 1st/T Reid r/up
- 02/05/11 – C Pitcher 1st/C Milligan R/up

### Injury

- 16/05/11 – M Palmer 1st/D Jolley R/up
- 23/05/11 – D Kellett
- 30/05/11 – C Pitcher 1st/D Reid R/up
- 06/06/11 – E Saunders
- 20/06/11 – R Wilson 1st/S Smith R/up
- 27/06/11 – R Wilson

Some weeks we did not have enough players, but we all have a good time. We wish to thank Vanessa and the girls for our snacks on game days.

With reasonable fairways and greens so far, we hope to have another good quarter. Also welcome back to Rob Sims and Clive (Bunnings) Taylor after layoffs for injuries.

Good Golfing

Trevor

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