



DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER OF THE **BRIGHT COUNTRY GOLF CLUB**

Edition No. 8

Welcome to the latest edition of Four Putts. I hope not too many of you have had the misfortune to have the odd four putts while golfing at Bright.

In the middle of November, the Club hosted the NEDGA Championships. It was interesting to see how an event of this type was conducted.

Only 29 players teed up on Sunday 16th of November. I for one, wasn't the only Bright golfer who was only aware of the event in the latter stages of registration. Next year's Championships will be played at Mt Beauty, and there will be adequate publicity next year for the event in the Four Putts newsletter. Bright's sole entries were Cameron Wickes and Angus Murrells.

The new Match committee has just held its first meeting, and those members are, Graham Badrock, Tina Cook, Chris O'Shea, John 'OShea, Phil Jessen, Kevin Reed, Mark Stephenson, Berine Wickes and Nick Aloizos

On another subject, 'Dad's Army' held their first working bee at the Club on Thursday 20th of November. Although several of the members were away playing golf at Yarrawonga, Rod Brown and two others began the process of assisting the green keeping staff. If you are able to help out, the next working bee in December, so please see Reddog in the clubhouse and he will show you where the paperwork is.



PRESENTATION DAY.

This year's presentation/Christmas breakup is being held on **Saturday 13th of December**, 10.30 for 11.00am shotgun start. Open all golfers, Stableford. Afternoon tea after the game, and yes, we have all the trophies this year, so please come and support your club.

PLAYER PROFILE



G'day Mark Zwiersen here, you can call me, Zorro. I took up golf in the 80's but have been playing seriously for the past 5 years. I began my golf career with my dad and uncles over the Christmas holidays at the old Bright course.

I grew up in Cranbourne, but it took a long time before I holed out at Bright on the 11th.

In my employment journey, I've done it all. Now I work for NECC and snow clearing during the winter period. My favourite course is over at the Tambo Golf Club. Any course can prove a challenge, but my aim in golf is to score consistently in the 80's.



Hi Fran Bentley. Some close to me call me, 'Sweet little cupcake', but not many people know, I grew up in Gapsted. Over my many years working I mainly was involved in local government.

I began playing at Bright over 7 years ago and my greatest golfing moment was watching Stephen have his 'hole-in-one'. My lowest handicap was 22 and now play off 29.

I love playing at Bright, but on the other end of the scale, Rutherglen Golf Club didn't impress me one bit. My aim in golf is to score on every hole.



November winner of the Men's Monthly Medal was Mark 'Frosty' Frost.

Playing off a 21 handicap, (blue markers), Mark overwhelmed the field finishing with a magnificent, nett 66.

He looks forward to the playoff in next year's competition in December for the 'Medal of Medals'.



Jason Fillippi scored his second hole-in-one in 32 years. His first at Bright.

Playing in the Thursday Men's competition on the 13th of November, using his trusty 9-iron, he achieved every golfer's dream of holing out on the 11th at Bright.

Congratulations from all the members.



Sometimes we find ourselves in unusual locations.

Sometimes, we take our second shot from behind the ladies' tee.

Sometimes, we need to keep our head down.

Sometimes, when all is lost, natural talent can take over and all is soon forgotten.

Sometimes, mobile phones are not necessary, but to catch the moment, they can be invaluable.

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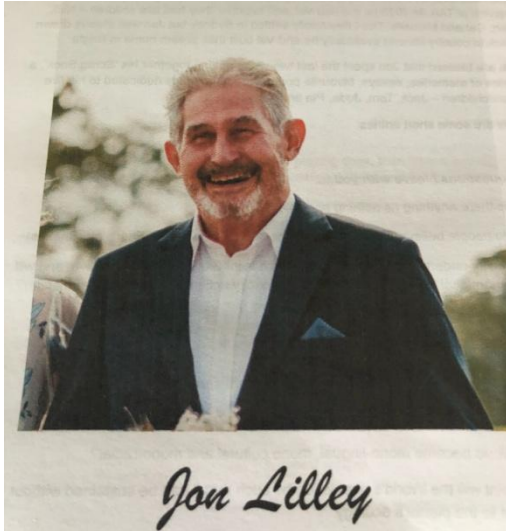
Look closely, there are many of our present golfers on this board, and many others who are no longer with us.



Next time you are wandering aimlessly along the practice fairway, looking for your ball, have a peak at the 200-metre peg.

On Saturday 22nd of November, Mo O'Shea was lining up his second shot after teeing off the 17th tee. After locating his ball, hit his second shot flew 150 metres straight into the 200-metre peg, then his ball retreated 230 mts off in the opposite direction. His ball mark can be seen clearly for all to appreciate.

VALE, JON LILLEY



Jon was born in Hay NSW in 1947. He moved to Melbourne aged 16 to attend Xavier College. Bob Davis contacted Jon at the end of 1965 when he had finished school, to talk about the possibility of him going to Geelong. Geelong offered Jon \$3000.00 per year which was half a year's salary to him. He eventually played with St Kilda in 1966, and his last game was in 1971 against Carlton at Moorabbin. One of his teammates was the great Darryl Baldock.

Jon at the age of 19 was selected as an emergency for St Kilda in the 1966 Grand Final. He debuted in round 18 in 1967 and ended up playing 49 games for the Saints.

He began his working career, in aviation and spent 25 years with TAA. In 1975 he married Val and together they had 4 children. The Lilley family settled in Sydney, but eventually they were drawn back to the country and built their dream home in Bright. One of Bright's finest and will be missed by all those who knew him.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The BCGC Captain's Report for October 2025.

The weather has continued in an unpredictable fashion, rainfall has been sparse, temperatures have been mild to cool and there have been more windy conditions to play in. The course is looking decidedly dry and there is summer like run through the fairways.

Player numbers have risen again with an average of 50 to 60 players each Saturday.

The October Monthly Medal was won by Guy Packham with a nett 68. Shaun Paul was runner-up with a nett 70 and Bill Kelty third on a nett 71.

The Club Championships commenced on the 4th of October and over the course of the 3 week's competition, there were 68 players of whom only 25 completed the three rounds. The Championships were closely contested with Ash Laurenson returning a strong 78 gross in the last round to post an aggregate score of 245 gross, 4 shots clear of Cameron Wickes who finished on 249 gross.

B Grade was won by Gavin Hunt with 261 gross, 7 shots clear of Doug Badrock in second place on 268 gross.

C Grade was won by Shaun Paul on 285 gross, with Chris Davey runner up on 297 gross.

A Grade nett winner was Chris Oswin on 229 on C/B from Mark Stephenson also on 229. B Grade winner was Gavin Hunt on 219 with Bill Stonnill runner up on 230. C Grade nett winner was Mick Dunne on 219 with Ross Heydon runner up on 222.

The following Medal winners who have qualified for the Medal of Medals

playoff in December are, Chris Oswin, Graham McElvenny, Nick Aloizos, Guy Packham, Cameron Wood, Paul Duff, Graham Badrock, Stephen Perkins, Minter Barnard, Gavin Hunt and Angus Murrells.

Finally, I acknowledge the passing of George Barber, who had a lifelong involvement with the Bright Country Golf Club. His contribution to the club was broad, he played in a winning club pennant team, was the first course superintendent of the new golf course. He played Findlay Shield regularly, a f-man competition between, Bright, Dederang, Mt Beauty and Myrtleford which was a competition prior to pennant golf and played on local sand scrapes. Both he and Jean supported and promoted junior golfers to local events.

He was a strong advocate for bringing District events to Bright to showcase our course and went onto represent Bright at District level for over 20 years.

This is my last Captain's report, thanks for your support over the years, Nick Aloizos.

LADIES REPORT

Medal of Medals Final. The Wednesday Ladies attempted to play the Medal of Medals in the last week of November but were forced to stop after five holes due to bad weather. The final has been rescheduled for 17th of December.

The finalists are, Tina Cook, Libby Barker, Bernie Wickes, Di Anders, Carol Burgess and Robyn McGrath.

Mt Beauty Bowl 13th of November, Bright was represented by Heather Thompson, Fran Bentley, Robyn McGrath and Robyn Poyner. Results, Runner up B Grade, Fran Bentley, NTP Robyn Poyner and raffle winner, Heather Thompson.

Sally Symonds 4 BBB, 16th of November held at Jubilee Golf Club in Wangaratta, a strong field of 88 players took part including our team from Bright, Robyn McGrath and Robyn Poyner, Di Anders and Carol Burgess, and Heather Thompson and Penny White.

While we didn't bring home the trophies this year, Di Anders hit a fantastic shot on the 17th winning the C Grade second shot on the 17th NTP, congratulations Di.

Upcoming events, Ladies Christmas breakup Wednesday 10th of December, nine holes followed by lunch, \$30.00 per person, contact Robyn McGrath.





The one and only, the late, Karl Schulze hitting his second shot behind the 12th tee. His drive hit the yellow peg in front, then whistled back behind him and almost back into the Ovens River.

Golf rule of the month. Rule 1.2 reads as follows. "All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by: Taking good care of the course-e.g. by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, ball marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course".

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Have a look at this classic image from 1990. Geoff Nation playing the 4th hole as it was originally before it dried up, and the new lake was formed. Not wanting to get his white trousers wet, there was only one option. Drop the pants, hit the ball sideways back onto the fairway, and continue as if nothing happened.



Take a moment to appreciate the beautiful roses beside the 9th green.

These wonderful plants are carefully pruned, fertilized and manicured by one of our members, Guy Packham. As they say, 'take a moment and smell the roses.'



On Saturday 15th of November on the 11th green, this was how close Dennis Pangrazio came to having a hole-in-one.

John Forbes in the background, almost broke into an Irish Jig.

'Panga' did indeed manage to put the putt in for a birdie and was complimented politely by the 'Duffer' who placed his cap onto the grass to show how close it was.

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH



This month's Club sponsor is, Gordon Gibson Nominees, based in Wangaratta.

For all your pumping, irrigation and water supply needs, give them a call, it's better than trying to do these things by yourself. It could just save your business and your marriage.

ANCHORING THE CLUB—UNDERSTANDING RULE 14-1b

The USGA and The R&A, golf's governing bodies, have adopted changes to Rule 14-1 of the Rules of Golf that prohibit anchoring the club in making a stroke. The new Rule will go into effect on January 1, 2016, in accordance with the regular four-year cycle for changes to the Rules of Golf.

WHAT CHANGES?

The new entry — **Rule 14-1b**—prohibits strokes made with the club or a hand gripping the club held directly against the player's body or with a forearm held against the body to establish an anchor point that indirectly anchors the club.



WHAT THE RULE SAYS

In making a stroke, the player must not anchor the club, either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point."

NOTE 1:

The club is anchored "directly" when the player intentionally holds the club or a gripping hand in contact with any part of his body, except that the player may hold the club or a gripping hand against a hand or forearm.

NOTE 2:

An "anchor point" exists when the player intentionally holds a forearm in contact with any part of his body to establish a gripping hand as a stable point around which the other hand may swing the club.

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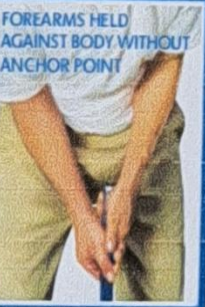
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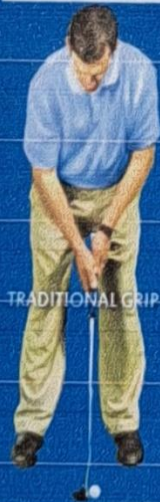
MID-LENGTH PUTTER NOT ANCHORED



GRIP RESTING AGAINST FOREARM



FOREARMS HELD AGAINST BODY WITHOUT ANCHOR POINT



TRADITIONAL GRIP



ONE OR BOTH ELBOWS BRACED AGAINST BODY

PROHIBITED



MID-LENGTH PUTTER ANCHORED AGAINST STOMACH



ANCHORED LONG PUTTER



ANCHOR POINT CREATED BY FOREARM

Penalty
Anchoring the club in making a stroke brings a two-stroke penalty in stroke play and loss of hole in match play (as with any other breach of Rule 14-1).

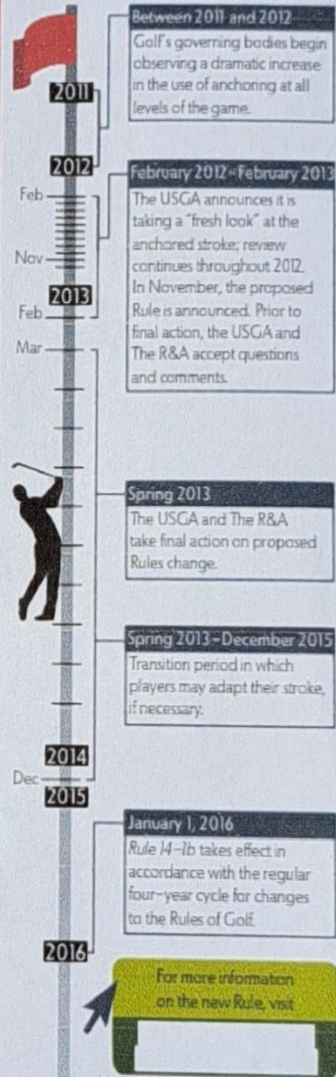


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THIS IS NOT AN EQUIPMENT RULE

Conforming mid-length and long putters remain permissible provided they are not anchored.

REVIEW AND TIMETABLE



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23rd GREAT ALPINE GOLF CLASSIC - 2026

3 DAY EVENT



Day 1 * Monday March 16th at Wangaratta Golf Club & Myrtleford Golf Club.

Day 2 * Tuesday March 17th at Wangaratta Golf Club & Bright Golf Club.

Day 3 * Thursday March 19th at Bright Golf Club & Myrtleford Golf Club.

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TOURNAMENT FEATURES:

- * Daily Medley (All Genders) Stableford Competition.
- * Daily Trophies for all Divisions.
- * Daily Nearest the Pins.
- * Aggregate Medley (all Genders) Trophies for all Divisions.
- * MiScore is available at all Clubs – for all individual subscribers.

ENTRY: Three day Entry: \$140 per player.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

* **ENTRIES OPEN: MONDAY JANUARY 12th, 2026** at 9.00am online at www.myrtlefordgolf.com.au Confirmation by return email within 48 hours. Check your junk mail if not received.

Entry without payment will not be accepted.

* **ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13th, 2026** or earlier if event limit of 180 players is reached.

December 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Veteran's Stableford competition.	2	3 Ladies Summer Cup Round 1 Stableford	4 Men's Stableford competition.	5 Ladies 9-hole competition.	6 Open all golfers, Medal of Medals, stroke round 1 of Summer Cup	7
8 Veteran's Closing Day Stableford competition.	9	10 Ladies Summer Cup round 2 Stableford competition.	11 Men's Stableford competition.	12 Ladies 9-hole competition.	13 Presentation Day, Stableford shot gun start 10.30 for 11.00	14
15	16	17 Ladies Summer Cup round 3 Stableford competition.	18 Men's Stableford competition.	19	20 Open all golfers, 4 person Ambrose 9.30 for 10.00 shotgun start	21
22	23	24 No competition.	25 Christmas Day, no competition.	26	27 Open all golfers Stableford competition.	28
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Wonderful to see the Bright Ladies flying the flag over at Mt Beauty.



Melbourne Football Club.

Visited the Golf Club on 26th of November for a training morning, then 20 players played in the afternoon.

VETERAN'S REPORT

As Summer has arrived the weekly Monday competition continues with some great scores being recorded. As we head into the final week of our program for 2025 the competition is heading up for the Les Hooper Perpetual Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the player with the best average score over ten rounds throughout the year. Our closing day is Monday 8th of December. We will be running Stableford competitions on December 15 and 22 if anyone over the age of 50 would like to join us.

Our 2026 year kicks off on Monday January 5th, 8.30am for a 9.00am hit off.

The NEDVGA November event was held at Myrtleford, it was also the second round of the Championships. Five players from Bright represented the club in a field of 154.

Nick Moschis (21) scored 33 pts, and came in 3rd place in the C Grade Championships for 2025.

The last NEDVGA event for the year will be held on December 15 at the Wangaratta Golf Club and is a two person Ambrose.

Two players from Bright, Robert Taylor and aNick Moschis competed in the Victorian Veteran Golfer's Association (VVGA) held at Belvoir Park in November. Congratulations to Nick Moschis- Runner up in the C Grade State Championship.

Feel free to talk the Ray Borschmann, Robert Taylor or Heather Thompson if you have reached the magic age of 55 and would like to join the NEDVGA. The joining fee is \$15.00. Joining fees are now due and payable. We will be kicking off 2026 with round 1 of the NEDVGA Championships being played at Mansfield on January 19, followed by round 2 being played at Bright on February 23.

Friday golf, we are always happy to welcome anyone who wants to play 9-holes, it's an Open event. Our last day of play for 2025 is set for December 12.

Chicken Run, 9-hole competition.

The chicken run is set to return on Wednesday January 7, hit off time will be from 4-6 pm.

MATCH COMMITTEE NEWS

At the November Match Committee meeting the following issues were discussed.

1. The program for 2026 has been completed and will shortly be published.
2. When playing in a two-person Ambrose competition, players should play in a group of 4, failure to play under this rule will not be eligible to win any prizes, e.g. Winners, ball winners or NTPs. If you are in a group, of two, the only option will to play in the last group as a six.
3. After careful consideration, it was agreed that, **“relief from tree roots is now an option if a player finds themselves in that position, that hitting their ball could cause injury. The ball must be dropped no nearer the hole, at the nearest point of relief”**. This will be on the Local Rules board shortly.
4. It was agreed that, the new season of the Wednesday Chicken 9-hole competition will commence on 7th of January and run until the end of March, 4-6pm.
5. Men's 18 hole handicaps will be capped at 36, and for the ladies 18 hole handicaps will be capped at 45.
6. Friday 9-hole competition commencing Jan. 9, players can tee off from 7-11am, and results will be completed by 1pm. This will only apply to January.
7. Men and Ladies are welcome to consider playing Sunday Pennant next year, please contact Heather Thompson if you are interested.



With thanks, and in no particular order for this month's newsletter, Fran Bentley, Heather Thompson, Bernie Wickes, John O'Shea, Mark Zwiarsen , Reddog Ruddock, Rod Brown, Steve Grogan and Graham Badrock (editor).