

Ringwood Golf Course at sunset – Photographer Craig Aistrophe



Fore!

Ringwood Golf Club newsletter April 2015

GEOFF WALLIS - PRESIDENT

From the President

G'day fellow members,

Our golfing year had a very interrupted start due to weather conditions that certainly were extreme!! From the first week of January nudging 40 degrees to a wild storm that forced course closure for over two weeks, we have finally been able to settle into our competition routine.

R.G.C. has crowned our two champions for 2015 in Sean Hewat and Mei Lee. Congratulations to both of you and also the winners of our other major events run concurrently with the Club Championships.

Thank you to our match committee for making some hard but fair decisions due to weather and for making the necessary adjustments to our syllabus during this time.

I have had confirmation after discussion with course management, that this year ride-on buggies will be allowed on the course (within reasonable weather conditions), however, this has only been allowed on the proviso that we as a club self-police ride-on use and that if we have anyone abuse the privilege they will be once again banned from use for everyone. This, I think, is a fair and reasonable outcome for our members during winter. More detail on what the course requirements will be for ride-on's, will be posted on our notice boards when they come to hand.

I trust that you all had a very enjoyable Easter break and the bunny looked after you.

See you on the course.

Geoff Wallis

Royal Children's Hospital 2015

This year we donated \$700.00 to the RCH appeal from the Club which includes monies raised through our tea and coffee box. Well done everyone.



*"Now let me get this straight,
the Arabs get the oil,
and we have to cut off the ends of our what"*

Ladies@Ringwood

Ringwood ladies pennant teams

This year we are fielding two teams – C and E grade. Although our teams didn't make it to the finals we put up a good fight with our EDR grade ladies being beat on a count-back for the play-off. Well done all.



PlayGolf Clinic Update - 14 April to 12 May 2015

Ringwood Ladies, in conjunction with Golf Victoria, is running a Level 1 golf clinic for five weeks for ladies who have no, or little golfing experience.

Even though we had advertised in the local paper, websites, pro-shop, golf shops and placed flyers wherever possible, we received no enquiries regarding the clinic. We were prepared to cancel, but at the last minute we received applications from fourteen "learners".

Darren Rowland (Dr Golf) ran the first clinic on Tuesday 14 April. Darren is an excellent coach and made the lessons exciting and enjoyable for the ladies. He organised putting exercises, but gave the ladies an understanding on how to handle a putter (not like a driver). Darren will be teaching the ladies the basics of putting, pitching, bunker shots and general golf techniques.

Thanks to Sue Stanley, Dawn Miller, Trish Perry, Maxine and Mick O'Flynn who helped with the first clinic. Without volunteers like them, the clinic would not have been a success. Mick said he even learnt something from the clinic – that's saying something! Actually, I think we all benefitted from the lesson.

Maureen Gossip had a lovely morning tea ready for us when we returned to the club house at 11.00. A gaggle of geese – what's the collective noun for 18 women talking at once?

Thanks goes to Drummond Golf, The House of Golf and Golf Victoria for their generosity in their donations.

We hope to channel the ladies into forming their own social golf group or joining the Kookaburras and eventually gaining enough confidence to join Ringwood Ladies.

Marge Reid



Ladies Guest Day – 26 March 2015

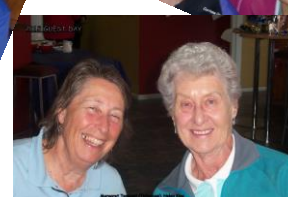
Photographer: Rae Flaherty

Seventy-two 18-hole players and fourteen 9-hole players had an enjoyable day on Thursday 26th. March 2015.

4BBB Stableford was the competition for the 18-hole players, won by Judy McFarlane and her guest Lorraine Lees from Dorset.

The 9-hole individual Stableford competition was won by Denise Rostron.

Once again, Ringwood turned on a great day - even the weather co-operated, as the early rain had disappeared by start of play – as the course was presented in great condition, thanks to the ground staff.



Ladies Club Champions

2015 Club Champion – Mei Lee

R/up Club Champion – Mary Day

B grade Champion – Bev Storey

C grade Champion – Anne Timms

Nett Champion – Pam Happ (after play off between Pam, Sharon Cousins & Gayle Taylor)

Walter & Eliza Hall Institute Charity Day held on March 12th

We raised \$235.00 at the recent charity day event and the winners on the day were:

A grade – Sharon Cousins

B grade – Anne Timms

C grade – Helen Alford

Ringwood 2015 senior pennant teams

Ringwood Gold - (Kel Nagle Division.)

Won 5 of the 6 matches, to be Ladder Leader, resulting in contesting the final against Centenary Park at Amstel on Thursday 23rd. April. Another good season for "Gold", led by Richard Klos and Rob Elsum.

Ringwood Blue – (Bruce Crampton Divn.)

With 2 wins for the season, Blue finished bottom of the ladder in their division. Very disappointing for all concerned.

Best players

Rd. 1	Richard Klos (Gold)	6/4 win
Rd. 2	Graeme Richards (Blue)	8/6 win
Rd. 3	Eric Engelbogen (Gold)	6/5 win
Rd. 4	Maurie Mawer (Blue)	7/6 win
Rd. 5	Peter Ross (Gold)	7/6 win
Rd. 6	Dennis Philipson (Blue)	6/5 win

PLAYER OF SEASON: **Peter Ross. Played 5, won 5**

FINAL: 23rd. April, 2015 at Amstel Park

Centenary Park – 2 wins, 2 halves = 6 pts.

Ringwood Gold – 1 win, 2 halves = 4 pts.

A very tight competition. Matches went to holes 17 and 18 to get results. Many thanks to players and officials for representing our club.

L.J. Flaherty - Co-Ordinator

Handicap Pennant 2015 update

After a successful campaign in 2014 winning Division 4, the Handicap Pennant has moved up to Division 3 for 2015. Interested members put their hand up in November last year and those players commenced a number of practice rounds in early December that continued to Mid March 2015. A significant commitment by those members to prepare themselves for the season representing Ringwood Golf Club.



The squad for 2015 is Allan Beacom, Andrew Austin, Chris Wilson, Darren Walton, David Iggo, Leigh Biggerstaff, Mark Hegarty, Mike Hamilton, Nathan Hamilton, Ralph Grapentin and Stuart Mahoney. Darren Walton is Captain and Mark Hegarty is Vice Captain.

There is a great mix of youth and experience in the squad with three junior members participating, Chris Wilson, Leigh Biggerstaff and Nathan Hamilton. This is Nathan's first year of pennant and Graeme Miller is caddying for him every round when he plays to provide valuable experience, support and assistance, which is greatly appreciated by Nathan and the team.

At the time of writing the team got off to a great start with a 6&1 away win in the first round, followed up by a closely fought loss on the ball at home. This just confirmed that the quality of golf is high and the team will and can rise to the challenge! ☺

Darren Walton

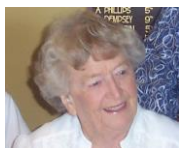
Ruth Stewart

On December 10th 2014, two weeks short of her 94th birthday, Ruth Stewart passed away.

Ruth was a beloved member of Ringwood Golf Club for 33 years, after being a member of Croydon Golf Club for many years. Ruth was an ideal member, always ready to lend a hand, whether it be taking part in the Christmas entertainment, being a model for the many Fashion Parades (see photo taken 1993), supplying cakes for Charity Stalls, or supplying and arranging flowers for the many occasions when the clubhouse needed decorating for special events.

Ruth was a gifted artist, and donated one of her paintings to the ladies of the club on the opening of the upgraded clubhouse facilities, and is now on display in the Ladies' room.

Rest peacefully, Ruth.



Kaye Unwin

Kaye passed away on 4 February 2015 at the age of 70. Her husband Gordon, their two sons and daughter gave a wonderful send off at the Kew Bowls Club. Gordon and Kaye lived in the country for some years before settling in Bairnsdale where they ran a successful B & B.

After coming back to Melbourne she joined Ringwood, taking on the job as Treasurer, organised the "give golf a go" program, helped at Masters events, baked scones when asked and helped out with the ladies Christmas functions. Kaye had agreed to take on the role of Lady President after Pat McLaws but unfortunately due to her illness she never became President and asked Judy Sheehan to step up after working on her for 12 months to be her Vice President.

During all the time she was ill, Kaye never felt sorry for herself – she always said that although she had pain, others were worse off than her because she had a marvelous husband!

She will be sadly missed by all members of the Club. Rest in peace, Kaye.



2014 Ringwood Charity Golf Day

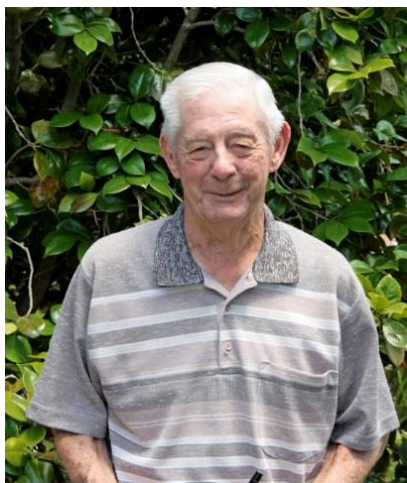
The Ringwood Golf Club 7th Annual Charity Day raised a staggering \$10,000. Barry Dempsey handed over two \$5000 cheques to our two charities, Eastern Palliative Care and Irabina Autism Services.



Hylton's Hero's

Hylton Campbell has retired as the convenor and valued leader of Hylton's Hero's after 18 years.

The prime objective of the group (with ages span ranges from 55 to 87) is to have fun which, under Hylton's guidance, was achieved.



Hylton was the welfare officer of the group, always aware if anyone was sick or events that were special to them. He made sure that a card was signed by everybody and then posted or delivered to that person. He would also sit down and have a talk and a listen if someone was having a hard time with things, offering his support.

Hylton worked for the SEC as a draughtsman for many years and the organisational skills he learnt there has been passed on with his running of this group.

He is fine husband to Shirley and a great father and grandfather to his family group.

Fortunately for us Hylton is staying on with the Hero's which is great as he is a much respected and loved member of the group. A big thank you Hylton from all the Hero's.



Competition prizes

Saturday

First prize: \$40.00 voucher

Runner-up: Option 1: 3 balls;
Option 2: A RGC red, white or champagne glass; or
Option 3: Balls can be accrued in lots of 16 to equal a \$40 voucher.

(Noting that balls already in their possession cannot be exchanged and collected for a voucher this would only relate to any balls won from now. For this to happen the ball winner requests that these be added to a list that is going to be created and once 16 have accrued a voucher will be issued and the list restarted.



Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

First prize: \$40.00 voucher

Runner-up: Option 1: 3 balls; or
Option 2: A RGC red, white or champagne glass

Mondays – Mixed competitions (4BBB/Ambrose)

First prize: \$30.00 voucher each

Runner-up: Option 1: 3 balls; or
Option 2: A RGC red, white or champagne glass



Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected. Enjoy!

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

From elsewhere: To suppe wi the devil you need a long spoon.

Roy Turner

The calm before the storm!

Photographer: Craig Aistrope



And then catastrophe.....



Glenys Harrison – Big White, Canada

During February and March I forfeited eight weeks of lovely summer golf to go snow skiing in Canada. We have been making this annual pilgrimage for fifteen years now and previously I have been a very willing participant. However since I have become so enthusiastic about my golf and my handicap had been coming down very nicely in the weeks prior to our departure I wasn't as keen this year. Also Des and Corinne had planned to join us but their trip was cancelled as Des wasn't well enough at the time.

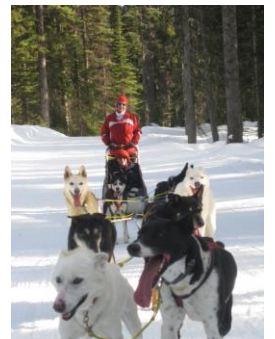
However we had a great time. Everyone in Australia seems to have thought that it would have been a great ski season as we kept on hearing about the terrible storms and blizzards in America and Canada. That was all happening on the East coast. The west coast where the ski resorts are had an exceptionally warm winter so it was not a good snow season. Compared to Australia the skiing was still good but we did participate in other activities that we normally don't have time for.

We stay at Big White which is in British Columbia. The closest town Kelowna is 45mins drive away. There are 18 fabulous golf courses in Kelowna but they are only open from late April to November due to the snow. It is exceptionally difficult finding your ball in the snow. Makes us realize how lucky we are to be able to play all year. So golf is not an option on days not suitable for skiing.

This year I went dog sledding which was fabulous fun. The dogs just love it and are so well cared for. You can't leave water bowls out for dogs when the temperatures are below freezing so they are fed very liquid warm mushy stuff high in protein and in enormous quantities. A different dog is fed first each time so that their human keeper remains the leader of the pack. I think the dogs were smiling as much as I was.



I also do lots of snowshoeing. That is when you attach a modern version of tennis rackets on your boots to enable you to walk on the soft snow without sinking down to your knees. We walk through the forests and it is very beautiful and great exercise. Ten kilometres through the snow is hard work and there are no lifts to take you up the hills.



You can also go out on skidoos, climb up ice walls, or cross country ski. Tubing is great fun (that's sliding down special tracks on big tyre tubes.) But I've found as my friends get older they are all taking a pass on that as the old bones can't cope. Ice skating is another option. They even have walking frames with skis for beginners.



Of course there is always lots of eating and drinking to do at the end of a hard day. We have made friends from many countries and enjoy the cultural differences especially with food options and language. Some Aussie jokes fall flat as they have no idea what we are talking about.

I'm sure many of you have enjoyed summer Canadian and Alaskan holidays but hopefully you now have some idea why I travel so far to such a cold climate during our summer.



JOFFA PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT ON Sean Hewat

Born:	30 th of June, 1976
Place of Birth:	Cape Town, South Africa. Migrated to Australia in 2006.
Siblings:	Two younger brothers (both single figure handicap golfers)
Schooling:	Went to school at Rondebosch Boys High School.
Family:	Married to Anne Maree, two sons - aged 4 and 2, and one daughter – 20 months.
Nickname:	Seano
Employment:	National Safety Supply Chain and Project Manager for Kmart.
First Job:	Serving drinks in corporate boxes at Newlands Cricket Club (SA)
Footy Team (rugby):	Carlton (why??) but really his favourite team is the Stormers
Favourite Band:	Foo Fighters
Joined Ringwood Golf Club:	January 2011.
Golfing achievements:	Ringwood Golf Club Champion 2014 and 2015, Pennant flags with RGC in scratch, 2012 and 2013, Runner up in Match Play Championship 2014 and 4 th in VGL Open Championship 2014.
Favourite Food:	Pork Ribs
Favourite Drink:	A good single malt scotch
Idols when growing up:	Gary Player, Ernie Els and Peter Kirsten
Sean's 3 wishes:	To be a better golfer, his mortgage was paid off and Carlton weren't so sh****t (good luck with that one mate)
Seano's selected dinner party:	Ernie Els, Morgan Freeman, Charlize Theron and Joffa



Some things we don't know about Sean:

He served beers at Buckingham Palace for the Golden Jubilee in 2002.

He's run with the bulls in Pamplona.

He's travelled to 37 different countries.

He's also served as close protection for British Prime Minister (2005).

He's lived on three continents. Our Sean has met the Queen!!

The favourite city that Sean has visited so far is San Francisco.

He worked for Catherine Zeta Jones at the Old Course St Andrew's.

Sean takes his golf glove off after every shot and doesn't wear a glove when hitting his wedges (note to self, if you want to beat Sean, steal his golf glove).

Thanks for your time Sean. Champion golfer, champion fella!

Geoff Wallis

Hole-in-one x 2

Believe it or not we had two hole-in-ones in one week! Steve Ashworth and Steve Hurley (perhaps I should change my name to Steve!) on the 12th hole. Well done guys.

Social@Ringwood

Bogan Bingo

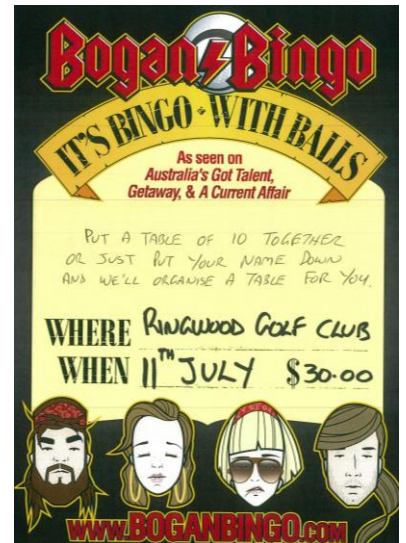
Half game show, half party and more Aussie than a Bali prison! (Read more about it at www.boganbingo.com.)

When: Saturday 11 July 2015

Where: Ringwood Golf Club

Cost: \$30.00 a head

Register to join in the fun by getting your name down on the whiteboard in the clubroom. Bring the family, bring friends bring anyone you like.



Ringwood Golf Trip Away 2015 - Numurkah 23, 24 and 25 October.

There are only 58 spots available with only eight motorised carts (these will go to the needy first). We will also be running a Punters Club at \$20 per person with a lawn bowls competition on Friday Night.

Cost:

Golfers: Shared rooms: \$ 240.00 per person
Single room: \$290.00 per person

Non Golfers: \$190 per person.

Carts: \$35 per cart (only 8 available on each day)

ALL MONEY TO BE PAID BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Basin Theatre Group – May 2015

Bob Bramble is a member of the Basin Theatre Group and is currently directing a play by Simon Williams, 'Nobody's Perfect'.

To find out more about this upcoming production visit www.thebasin.org.au.

THE BASIN THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS

written by
SIMON WILLIAMS

NOBODY'S PERFECT

directed by **BOB BRAMBLE**

SEASON TWO 2015

In this madcap comedy, a dull statistician and single father, Leonard, living with his sexy teenage daughter, Dee Dee, and his mischievous old father Gus, dreams about becoming a novelist. He submits his novel to a feminist publishing house under the pseudonym of a woman and, to his surprise, his book is selected for publication. The editor, Harriet, wants to meet the author who she thinks is an elderly woman, his aunt, and he must go to great lengths to keep up the charade. In his bringing this imaginary aunt to life, his daughter and father see an opportunity for extortion and he finds himself caught in a growing web of lies and confusion. Worst of all... he realises that he is falling in love with the very person he is trying to deceive!

The Basin Theatre is located in Doongalla Road, The Basin
Melways Map 66 Ref. A6

Ticket Prices:
Adults: \$25
Groups of 10 or more on the same evening: \$20
Included in your ticket:
Programme & Sherry on arrival,
tea/coffee and biscuits at interval,
supper with cast after the show.

Performance Dates

Thursday	May-21	May-28	Jun-04
Friday	May-15	May-22	May-29
Saturday	May-16	May-23	May-30
Sunday	May-17 (m)	May-24 (m)	May-31 (m)

Online at WWW.THEBASINTHEATRE.ORG.AU
or telephone 1300 784 668 (7PM TO 9PM only)

All performances 8pm, except matinees (m) at 2pm

Rule 28 - Ball Unplayable

Definitions

All defined terms are in *italics* and are listed alphabetically in the Definitions section - see pages 2235.

The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable.

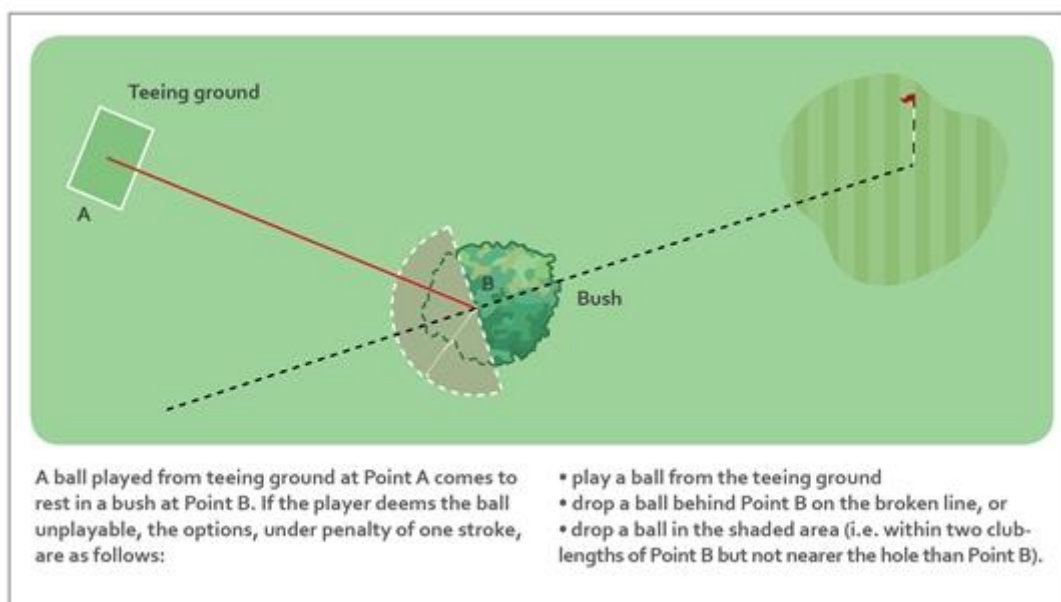
If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, under penalty of one stroke:

- Proceed under the stroke and distance provision of Rule 27-1 by playing a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or
- Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
- Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

If the unplayable ball is in a bunker, the player may proceed under Clause a, b or c. If he elects to proceed under Clause b or c, a ball must be dropped in the bunker.

When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or substitute a ball.

When deemed necessary and in the interests of fair play, the RGC Match Committee may, and has on occasion, declared a Temporary Local Rule that bunkers are to be treated as GUR (e.g. when filled with water) – in which case a ball may be dropped at the nearest point of relief out of the bunker. This temporary local rule is not in contravention of Rule 28 as the bunkers in that case are GUR.



Juniors@Ringwood

Pictures and stories by Robert Shaw

The juniors have been busy since the last newsletter - we will start with the break up day at Marysville.

The Junior Pennant side had a friendly match play competition with the Yarrambat juniors, this was for a perpetual cup which Ringwood won on the day - congratulations boys.

The caddies also played a friendly match play competition with the parents and the rest of the support crew had a Stableford game.

Approximately 50 people played on the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A barbeque meal was enjoyed after the match.

One of our senior members Michael Bourke came up as a spectator he enjoyed the day.

The juniors have progressed into the senior pennant sides and are doing well.

Leigh Biggerstaff, Chris Wilson and Nathan Hamilton are competing in the Handicap Pennant side and Nick Walton is competing in the Scratch side.

This is great to see the progression from the junior to senior sides.

NFR interview

Three of our junior members were interviewed by an American group called NFR. This group places young

golfers in colleges in America and has them coached in the skills of golf. A number of American top players have gone through the college golf system.

Our members are Nick Walton, Daniel Jelinek and Daisuke Nakajima. At this stage Nick has been placed a college and is leaving for America in August. This is a great opportunity and I expect Nick is thrilled to bits

Congratulations Nick!!!!

Interschool competition.

On the 25th of March Nathan Hamilton and Steven Collins participated in an Interschool Golf Challenge at Yarra Yarra.

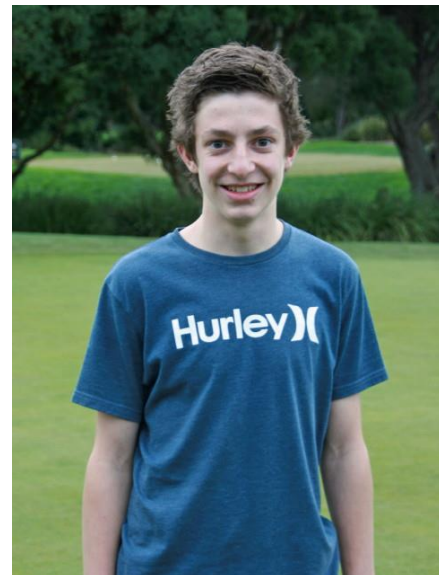
Nathan and Steve won the section they were entered in well done boys.

Settlers Run Junior Tournament.

On Wednesday 8th of April Daisuke Nakajima entered the Settlers Run Tournament and won the event. The format for the game was Stableford which is an enjoyable game.

Daisuke has also won the junior section of our Club Championship back to back well done.

Rob Shaw



Nathan Hamilton



Daisuke Nakajima

A day at the beach!

A day at the beach in China is so very relaxing! Where are the toilets? Where do they park their cars? Do they have lifeguards? How do they get a tan? I swear never to complain about crowded beaches again.



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Let me know and I will make sure your story and pictures get into the next edition of Fore!

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