



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members, Upcoming Events

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Monthly Medal Eclectic & Putting	2 Stableford Eclectic Round 1	3 Easter Front 9 Hole Stableford	4 Easter Stableford Stableford
5 Easter W/C Stableford	6 Easter Back 9 Hole Stableford	7	8 Stableford	9 Par Quarterly Medal	10	11 Eclectic Monthly Medal Monthly Medal Eclectic & Putting Silver Spoon R2
12 W/C Par	13	14	15 Par	16 Stableford Black Tee	17	18 Wally Bourke 2 Person Ambrose Men & Mixed Only 1 Player under 10.0 GA
19 W/C Stableford	20	21	22 Stableford	23 Stableford	24	25 Anzac Day Stableford Stableford
26 W/C Stableford	27	28	29 3 Person Ambrose 1 Hcp under 20 Min 4 drives each	30 Par		

Important Things Happening in April

Easter Friday 2 Person Ambrose

April 12th Monthly Medal

April 19th Wally Bourke Memorial

On Saturday the 11th of April (Medal Day) we will have an ACE SOCIETY MEMBER'S DAY. All members will get a FREE entry. Ben will be on the 5th hole to explain how it all works to our club members as they come through.

Please note, our "Local Rules" have been revised and came into play from Saturday 28th April. They will be in the Proshop, posted on A frames and can be found in the One Golf App.

The main changes are that the Preferred Lies have been removed, and no longer in play. The newer bunkers are not yet in play and the surrounding areas of the bunkers & those bunkers will all be treated as GUR till further notice. Some have drop zones, and if none provided then just treated as GUR, relief can be taken, nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. The existing bunkers are now back in play, and the lift, rake and place has also been removed. So, if a bunker is not marked GUR you must play it as it lies.

Just an update on a couple of course issues.

We commenced a trial of using spray grass to help cover large areas of bare ground at a significant reduction in cost to the club over present methods. It is a mix of fescue and couch. The fescue is to aid the couch to establish. Please try and avoid disturbing the areas that have been sprayed. If successful we will be able to plan more activities like this in the future.

The second issue is some sprinklers have been moved or even turned off at valve boxes by someone other than ground staff. While this may have been done with best intentions it interfered with the intended purpose for what it was placed to do. In one case grass was lost due to not knowing watering was not happening during high temperature periods because of valves being closed.

All members please remember that course equipment can only be managed by the ground staff.

If you see anything you believe is an issue, please contact our curator Michael 0409357896 or Greg on 0417430415



Presidents Report

This month has been very time consuming with a lot of effort spent on the financial side of the club. We are tracking quite nicely but with any business there are always some peaks and troughs along the way. Our treasurer, Graeme, is a fantastic worker for our club and is able to keep a careful note of the incomings and outgoings and, thankfully, we are heading in the right direction.

We have had some great celebrations at the club with the Bacchus Marsh Football Club recently holding its golf day at BMGC. It was awesome to see our former president Tom team with Bilo, Gavin and Brad to win the major prize. Tonight, Bacchus Marsh Cricket Club is holding its presentation night at BMGC. It is great to see the local community using our facility.

Our Bacchus Marsh Golf Club Open was held today and, although the weather was damp and miserable in the morning, we had an excellent field. The afternoon weather was much better and the players were very complementary of the course condition, the greens being a real talking point. To organise an event involving 150 people is a massive undertaking and I congratulate the Match Committee and Brodie for their efforts. Thank you to the volunteers for their help in the past few weeks in assisting the ground staff to get the course ready. Mostly, I want to thank Michael, Mitch and Jacob for the extra time and effort that they have put into the course preparation. The course looked amazing. To Michael and Margot Dunne, a massive thank you for your help in running the BBQ. Michael stayed all day and with the help of Kevin Elliot and Chris Gillard, a most successful result for the club occurred.

Today, Darryl Stephenson unleashed his baby - the cameras on the 5th hole. Thanks to Darryl for all his help with this new venture. I can't wait to one day collect a prize on the hole.

It is pleasing to see so many positive vibes coming from the club at the moment –may they continue.



Ladies Report – April 2026

I hope all our members have had an opportunity to get out on the course these past few weeks, the weather and the course have been magnificent!

Recent results for the ladies: -

March 2026 Wednesday Medal:

A Grade: Wendy Lewis (22) Nett 68 (Medal) Runner Up: Kate Thompson (21) Nett 69

B Grade: Bianca Gordon (36) Nett 65 Runner Up: Wendy Hopkins (35) Nett 72

March 2026 Saturday Medal:

Winner: Dianne Barnett (22) Nett 65 (Medal) Runner Up: Kate Thompson (21) Nett 73

You will note Bianca's great score of nett 65 above for our Wednesday medal day which, unbelievably, happened to be her first competitive round. We require new members to play 8 competitive rounds before they are eligible to win a board event like our monthly medal. She did however win B Grade daily competition, which was a great result, and she promptly lost 10 strokes off her handicap! Well done Bianca!

Ladies 2026 Foursomes Championship

Our Foursomes Championship was completed last Wednesday with Janette Bellman and Kate Thompson taking out the trifecta! The girls won the Gross and Nett in both Round 1 & 2

Round 2 and consequently won the Gross and Nett overall for the Championship. Their nett scores were 75 and 68 respectively which, given the tough format of alternate shots was a great result. Congratulations Janette and Kate!

We are currently running our Ladies 'Get into Golf' clinics with 9 ladies participating. The feedback to date has been very positive and we look forward to the follow up 5 for \$5 sessions with them which provides lots of hands-on guidance out on the course.

April Syllabus

☐ Don't forget the April Medal Day is on Saturday 11th April this year (after Easter)

Good Golfing Everybody!

Wendy Lewis

Ladies Vice-Captain

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Dear Club/Member,

*A reminder to all members to check the notice board outside the Golf shop for updates on local rules before you go on the course to play.

a) Players need to check in no later than 15 mins before their hit off time. Failure to do so may result in the player losing their tee time

b) Please have the courtesy to ring the pro shop and let them know if you are not going to play.

It is unacceptable to just let a friend know. The pro shop staff need to know, and it is the players responsibility to let them know.

Regards
Match Committee

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