



# The Cockey's Cry

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## President's Report to Members by Ron Albany

### STOP PRESS:

After seven years with the Gisborne Golf Club Gareth has decided that he needs a change in career. His time with us will end on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Whilst we can all be disappointed we can understand that these decisions are made from time to time. We appreciate Gareth's efforts over the years and most notably his desire to improve and consolidate our Major Events particularly the Corporate Championship and Pro-Am and in this regard his contribution in these areas will be missed.

On behalf of the Committee and I am sure all you Members we wish Gareth the very best for the future.

In terms of the way forward, I can advise that Monique Mueller will take on the role of 'Acting General Manager' effective immediately and until a replacement is found. We have advertised in My Career, SEEK and Local papers. Any member who may be interested or may know someone who may be interested is encouraged to apply for the position.

### OTHER NEWS

I am sure we all thought that last year was as bad as it could get weather wise but unfortunately not so, the first 5 months of this year has yielded more rainfall than the same period last year this has impacted considerably across the board in terms of participation rates for Competition play, Green Fee Players, Social Groups and Visitors. I believe there are other factors that are impacting patronage and that is the state of the economy and the increasing cost of commodities; fuel, food, utilities and services. All of this is impacting adversely on our finances (refer Treasurer's report). So what are we trying to do about it?

- Membership: We are running for a short period a Joining Fee Special, where the joining fee for new members has been reduced to \$475 from \$750. So if you know of anyone that is interested please encourage them to join.
- Green Fee Players: We are running a "Winter Special", \$25 for 1 player or \$80 for four players (a saving of \$40)

Here are some other matters I would like to inform you of:

### 1. Working bee and Volunteer support:

- Several Working Bees have been scheduled to prepare for our Major upcoming events towards the later part of this year. The dates are as follows:
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Before Gisborne Open
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Before; Melbourne District Vets/Hume Challenge (14<sup>th</sup>), MCC (11<sup>th</sup>), Victorian Corporate Golf Championships (25<sup>th</sup>)

If you are available to assist please enter these dates in your diary and let me or Gareth know.

- We would like to introduce a Gisborne Task Force (GTF). The idea would be to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, Mondays would be a better day but this seems to conflict with most seniors/veterans events and public holidays. The Task Force would mainly focus on activities such as; limb clean-up, path maintenance, drain maintenance, tree and shrub care, project work (i.e. constructing a garden bed behind 5<sup>th</sup> tee), etc. We would be aiming to start around October/November. We would organise a lunch and finish the day with a few beers.

If you are interested in being part of the Task Force please let me know.

### 2. Social Functions:

Several functions have been scheduled for 2011; some have been held, one has been added and the other rescheduled:

- Chinese New Year – This turned out a pleasant surprise, though attendance was a bit low the floor show and food were absolutely fantastic. We thank Emperor Tang from Gisborne in being our partner on the night and for the effort they put into looking after us. It was just great!
- Trivia Night – 17<sup>th</sup> June – For some unknown reason the numbers were very much down this year; under 90 compared to over 120 in the past two years. We all still had a fun night even though some tables could have used a bit more 'grey matter'. The indoor putting competition proved to be a highlight. We had great support from our local industry, who donated prizes for the various raffles, in particular Mitre 10 (Members Graham, Steve & Wayne Patterson, The Sweet Shop (Member John Visentin), Gisborne Cellarbrations, James Wright Golf Supplies, Gisborne Peak Winery, & Formal Wear Express
- Sportsman's Night – 7th October – This is a new event, details will follow, but we expect to have a number of very good speakers. Look out for this it should be fun.
- Spag and Drag – 5<sup>th</sup> November – Has been rescheduled from the 8<sup>th</sup> October. This is a popular national and very funny show.

Put these dates in your diary now so you don't forget, precise details will follow in due course.

### 3. General:

Over the past few weeks I have been asked a number of questions the answers to which are worth sharing:

- Shared Pathway at Main Entrance: Part of the Mulbarton development plans included the construction of a 'shared pathway' from the subdivision across to Daly Street. The construction of this pathway is a cost borne by the developer. The land the pathway is constructed on is council property originally intended for a road. Once the pathway was constructed it was necessary to secure our property against trespassing, hence the construction of the fence. The fence cost around \$9,000 which was not budgeted for as the works were not anticipated this year.
- Tee Signage: We have been looking at replacing the Tee Signs for several years, however the replacement cost (~\$18,000) was considered exorbitant and therefore the notion kept getting postponed. We therefore decided this year to refurbish the existing ones. The first of the refurbished signs has been done and is on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It has come up extremely well and we will now do all of them progressively over the next 12 months. The work is being undertaken by member Keith Fox and we thank him very much for his efforts.

- Ladies Tee Signage: These have been refurbished and refreshed and are now back on the course. We have only done the ones where there is significant separation between the Main board and Ladies Tee.
- Flashing Light 18<sup>th</sup>: We have spent considerable time and money trying to repair this, every time we think we have sorted out the problem something else seems to go wrong. Several members with electrical trade backgrounds have had a go without success. We now believe the problem lies in the main cable from the switch to the light. We have tried to replace the cable without success. To fix the problem we would have to dig up the road, install a duct and rerun new wiring. All this costs money and at the moment we are avoiding spending money on discretionary items. If someone has an alternative idea to solve the problem, the committee is happy to listen.
- Opening of 4<sup>th</sup> Green: This green is coming along fine and has the potential to be opened soon, however we will be cautious and be sure that an early opening will not put too much stress on the green and cause it to regress.

Remember this is your club, use it to the max, bring friends and promote it.

Ron Albany  
President

## Manager's Message to Members by Gareth Scott

### THANK YOU & FAREWELL

Dear Members,

After 7 years employment with Gisborne Golf Club, I have resigned from the position of Secretary/Manager. My last day of employment will be Saturday 20th August. I am now looking forward to taking on a new challenge in my career. It remains to be seen if I'll continue working in the golf industry so I am keeping my options open to opportunities that may arise outside of the industry.

There are too many people to thank individually however I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few.

Firstly, my thanks go to Roy Hodges who gave me the opportunity in 2004 to take on the position of Assistant Manager. I couldn't have asked for a better way to kick start my professional career and I have learnt a great deal along the way. To Paul Treloar, thank you for your continued support, advice and friendship — I truly appreciate it. To James Wright and Mick Bower, thank you in more ways than one. James, remember you can give me a call at any time when you need assistance sending a fax — sending facsimiles are an enormous technological challenge...

To the committee, sub-committees and members of GGC - I appreciate your support over the years and I've enjoyed working and interacting with you all. To the staff at GGC, I wish you all the best for the future. In particular, I thank Monique and James Stewart for your support, contribution and impressive work ethic. I have enjoyed working with both of you.

In looking back, I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience representing the club. It's a great club and I look forward to seeing it prosper into the future.

All the very best to everyone for the future.

Cheers

Gareth Scott

## Finance Report by Allan Trimble

The financial result for the Club during the second half of 2010 were impacted adversely by poor weather conditions and their consequential effect on the course. We expected that the return of the course to its usual superb playing conditions would substantially improve the trading income position this year, but instead the recent results show a reduction in revenue compared to last year, particularly in Green Fees and new members.

Members subscriptions have always been our largest income item. At the end of June income from Members Subscriptions for the current year was the same as for the same period last year and 5% less than budget. Most of the budget difference is the result of the lower level of new Members joining the Club. It is most encouraging to see on-going membership renewals levels to date, but there are always some members who ultimately do not renew their subscriptions so the end result will not be known until later in the year.

In recent years, Green Fees income has been at levels of up to 60% of the income from the Members Annual Subscriptions payments and they are therefore a critical element in our income stream. At the end of June, Green Fees income this year was 34% less than last year despite the introduction of special incentives and price reductions. As well, because each year there are those members who for various reasons cannot or do not renew their membership, we look to new members to take their place and to add to our income via the payment of joining fees. At the end of June income from Joining Fees was 66% less than last year so that the subscription income from new members is equally reduced. This year the very substantial declines in revenue from areas including Green Fees and new members compared to last year and our budget for this year means that on present trends we are facing an estimated 7% shortfall in gross income for the year compared to budget. Unless we take sensible offsetting expenditure action the level of shortfall would use most of the budget \$95000 cash reserve the Club has established over recent years and require us to use overdraft facilities to meet Club expenditure early in 2012.

The reductions in Green Fees and new members have also meant that net income from the bar is lower than forecast and last year, and the kitchen is operating at a much increased loss. The fewer players on the course has meant that the day to day operations of the kitchen traded at a loss of \$27,000 for the last 12 months. The bar is similarly affected, but has been offset to a degree by an increased level of income from external functions so that it has made a profit of \$22,000 during the last 12 months.

The reduction in income adversely impacts on the Club's financial strength and is being aggressively addressed. We are constantly pursuing Green Fee players through special incentives and marketing initiatives for social group. Extra attention is being given to ensuring as many members as possible renew their membership, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the Joining Fee special reduction with anyone you know who may be a potential member. We have been expanding our external function operation and the results are encouraging. We plan another major raffle but this time providing prizes which will be attractive to the wider community. We are reviewing the in-house operations with the aim of reducing costs and improving the results. Our overhead expenditure is already a lean operation, but it must now be further reduced in the light of the reduction in income. However, we are reluctant to make changes which adversely impact on the course and playing conditions for members.

We recognize that some of the decisions we shall have to take may not be popular with all our members, but we need to ensure that our ongoing expenditure matches our ongoing income this year and into the future. I welcome any enquiries on the finances of the Club, and ask all members to support the Club as often as possible. Members are the lifeblood of the Club in so many ways, and the financial strength of our Club is ultimately in the hands of each and every member. Your involvement is now even more important to the success of your Club.

Allan Trimble  
Hon Treasurer.

## Course report by James Stewart

- Rainfall to July 15 (2011) – 494mm
- Last Year to July 15 (2010) – 337mm
- Average Rainfall to July 15 for the last 5 years (2006-2010) – 289.2

We are half way through Winter and the course is struggling to cope with the rainfall produced so far this year. Like last year, rainfall figures have been well above average and we are witnessing adverse conditions especially on the fairways. In April, the moisture level in the ground on the fairways was only an inch off the surface. I have provided rainfall figures which are shown above and according to our rainfall records, this year has been our wettest first 7 months in 10 years. The soil structure we have here at Gisborne is very poor and the lateral movement of water through the profile is very slow and in some areas non-existent, hence the reason for the ground being very wet.

The ground staff are in full swing with the removal and general maintenance of pine trees. Areas like the boundary line of the 6th and 11th fairways should see some significant difference to the look of the hole. This will also benefit the turf with some constant air movement. Other areas identified include a number of pine trees in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> plantation, left hand side of the 14th green near the green and also thinning out the tree line down the left and right side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway. Diagrams have been placed on the notice board showing what pines have been identified for removal and the reason why they are being removed. This will see some extended sun light on the turf surfaces in these areas and will significantly improve turf quality going in to and coming out of winter dormancy.

Projects to note:

1. As mentioned above, the tree removal / maintenance program has commenced. All details pertaining to the program are located in the Clubhouse for your reference.
2. Small drainage projects have been conducted near the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> greens and have improved these areas dramatically already.
3. Coring of greens will be conducted on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October with slightly smaller diameter holes than the previous time.
4. Bunkers have been topped up and will take at least a month to settle down so please be patient.

James Stewart

Course Superintendent

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

4th: Midweek monthly trophy

6th: Monthly Cup

8th: Ladies interclub. GGC v Koorungal @ Melton Valley

10th: Ladies monthly medal

14th: 4 person ambrose. Mixed and Member/Member

15th: Ladies interclub. GGC v Bacchus Marsh @ Melton Valley

22nd: Ladies interclub. GGC v Koorungal @ Sunshine

29th: Ladies interclub. GGC v Koorungal @ Bacchus Marsh

### SEPTEMBER

1st: Midweek monthly trophy

3rd: Monthly Cup

5th: Ladies interclub. GGC v Koorungal @ Werribee

14th: Ladies Finals Doubles Knockout

17th: Qualifying Rnd W.E.D Robinson Knockout

24th: Rnd 1 W.E.D Robinson Knockout

28th: Trentham Challenge @ Gisborne

### OCTOBER

1st: AFL Grand Final. 4BBB Stableford. 7.30am shotgun start. (No PM Field)

5th: Ladies monthly medal

6th: Midweek monthly trophy

7th: Twilight Nine. Golf only—Hit off 3-5pm

12th: Ladies McGregor Foursomes

15th: Quarter final W.E.D Robinson Knockout

21st: Twilight Nine. Golf only—Hit off 3-5pm

22nd: Semi final W.E.D Robinson Knockout

26th: Bacchus Marsh/Melton Valley/Gisborne Challenge @ Gisborne

29th: Final W.E.D Robinson Knockout

## WHAT'S ON?

### **MAJOR RAFFLE**

The club will be running a major raffle with tickets going on sale from September 1st. Prizes are valued at over \$5,000 and include a holiday to Hamilton Island, Electronics pack (i.e. LCD TV, Nintendo Wii), Power tools, outdoor heater, BBQ & more!. The tickets will be mailed to all members and we will also be focusing on external sales within the community. Posters promoting the raffle will be circulated around the club and in town soon.

### **SPAG & DRAG**

This is a night focused on fun and laughs. Known by many to be a great night, it will be held Saturday 5th November. Stay tuned for further details.

### **SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT**

The Club will be hosting a Sportsman's Night in October. The 7th October will be confirmed shortly. A number of guest speakers will be on hand to keep you entertained and you will also have the chance to bid for some great memorabilia pieces. Stay tuned for further details.

### **VICTORIAN CORPORATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**

This years championship will be held Friday 25th November and we are looking forward to building on the great success of last years event. Former touring Pro Craig Spence will be on-course to hit shots and pass on some handy tips. Craig is also a guest speaker and I'm sure he will have some great golfing stories to tell. Put the date in your diary. Further details will be released soon.

### **2012 PRO AM**

The 2012 Pro Am has been re-scheduled to Friday 24th February. We have received very pleasing news that AAMI will once again come on board as Naming Rights Sponsor. This is the 3rd successive year AAMI has taken out Naming Rights and we thank them very much for their continued support. Well done to Andrew Lindberg for securing the deal.

## Match Committee Report

Although winter golf has kicked in as the temperature falls the fields have been holding up well with an average of about 160-170 players each Saturday combined with good mid-week fields. The golf course has been holding up well in comparison to last year; however please keep an eye on the local rules board for any changes to allow for the winter conditions.

Since the last edition there has been one major board event which was the winter cup. The winner on a count back was Adrian Berliavaz on a count back from Bryce Trotman with 74 points. Well done.

Inner West Pennant commenced July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a sound thrashing by Bacchus Marsh West. Some redemption was made the following week with an all square result against Sunshine at home. I know the team are well focussed for a huge run home to try and make the final. Despite the challenge the team members are enjoying the games and representing their club.

If you are not aware there are further changes to the revised handicap system. These were announced several weeks ago and in summary are as follows:

- The best 10 scores of 20 will be replaced by the best 8 of 20.
- Performance factor changed from .96 to .93
- Handicap limit capped to 4 greater than best exact handicap on a 12 month rolling basis.

These changes were made after a complete review conducted by Golf Australia with the assistance of a representative of the USGA in which the new system has been modelled from. Golf Australia is still committed to the slope system; however it cannot be fully implemented until all courses have been rated. This is not expected to occur until mid-2013. Further details are on Golf Australia's web page.

This week is the first round of the Captains trophy; (board event) which will be the last of the board events until September 17<sup>th</sup> which is the qualifying round of the W.E.D Robertson knockout. This event has been moved this year so as it can be played in favourable course conditions.

Good golfing to you all and hope to see you out there.

Paul Treloar

Captain

## Ladies Match News by Jenny O'Connor

Dalhousie Pennant season concluded in May with Division 1 losing to Kilmore in the final held at Seymour Golf Club. Division 2 just missed out on making the finals. Thanks to all players and caddies.

The Gisborne Ladies Open Challenge Bowl was held on 19/4/11 with 27 teams (81 players) competing for the right to hold the bowl for the next 12 months. Eventual winners were Sunshine with 106 points.

Monthly medal winners so far this year are February & March-Adrienne Fievez, April-Robyn Tucker and May-Jenny O'Connor.

The Singles Knockout has been completed and congratulation goes to Mariana Devcic.

Marlene Hodges/Jenny O'Connor won the qualifying round for the 4BBB Royal Women's Hospital and will represent Gisborne at Hidden Valley in July.

Jo Kerr/Lorraine Barrow won the qualifying round for the Doris Chamber Foursomes and will represent Gisborne at Goonawarra in October. Good luck to both teams.

Beaton's Stores in Gisborne have come on board as sponsor kindly donating a golf jumper for the raffle at the Gisborne Open Bowl (Ladies).



## Junior Committee Report by Helen Flentje

Junior Clinics will resume on Wednesdays from 10th August following the school holiday break. In the mean time, to keep swings in the groove Graeme Maddern struck a great deal with the Melton Driving Range and every second Sunday juniors can meet there at 3 pm and hit 100 balls for \$5. Hopefully this can keep their swings going until we recommence on the Course.

Kim Barker has reduced her handicap from 39 to 35 after scoring 43 points to win the Sunday ladies Competition on 28th June. She would have won the previous week with 38 points but there was no Competition due to lack of ladies playing. Not a bad effort for a 13 year old. This week she is attending a Golf Camp at Anglesea.

Helen Flentje

Junior Co-ordinator

## Around the Greens

Contributions to Cockey's Cry are invited from all members of the club for this page. Your anecdotes, jokes (delicate and witty of course), stories would be much appreciated.

### Have you noticed?

With new houses taking shape along the edge of the golf course, some members have taken a keen interest in the developments 'over the fence'. As construction along the 5<sup>th</sup> tee is drawing to a close (and we keenly await the invitation to a housewarming party there), here is a sample of the comments and suggestions that this particular house has given rise to:

- Nice deck out the back! And fancy having such a large swimming pool (about the dam on the 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Stop hammering will you, can't you see we're about to tee off!!! (to builders working on the weekend to make up for bad weather over winter)
- What time do we need to tee off to make it to the 5<sup>th</sup> for the tea and scones service? (Heard in the club house by the timesheet desk – female member)
- Has the bar fridge been installed yet? (Heard in the clubhouse by the timesheet desk – male member)
- Will they have any spare rooms in there? Would be handy after next Presentation Night (heard on the course in the afternoon field after last Presentation Night)
- A portaloos at the fenceline would be handy. (Heard by a number of female members) OR a kiosk serving cold beers in summer (A male member, of course)
- An order could be placed by phone when teeing off on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and the cold tinnies will be waiting at the 5<sup>th</sup> (The recurring theme of yet another male member)

## Rules Refresher with Paul Barlow

### Dropping and redropping the ball.

In almost every round of golf, someone in your group will be faced with a situation of taking relief from a condition by dropping the ball elsewhere from where it has come to rest. It is important to know WHERE to drop and WHEN to redrop the ball.

**FREE RELIEF**, i.e. no penalty involved, is available when your ball is in an abnormal ground condition or your stance or area of swing is affected by the abnormal ground condition. Similarly if your ball is in or on an obstruction or your stance or swing is affected by an immovable obstruction (except in a hazard), free relief is available. An embedded ball and a ball on a wrong putting green also afford free relief.

### Where to drop.

Firstly determine the nearest point of relief (NPR) that is no nearer the hole (NNH), than where your ball lies, or if the ball can't be found, the point where it last crossed the margin of the condition. The nearest point of relief is where your stance and swing are become free of any interference from the condition/obstruction.

The ball is to be dropped within one club length of where your club rests on the ground at setup for this shot.

The ball may roll a further two club lengths away from where it first strikes the course as long as it is not nearer the hole and your stance and swing remain free of the interference.

### When to REDROP

If the ball

- A. Rolls into & comes to rest in a hazard , or on a putting green or out of bounds.
- B. Rolls to & comes to rest where there is interference from the condition from which relief was taken . IE full relief must be taken . E.g. if dropping off an artificial path , the ball must finish where your stance will not touch any part of the path.
- C. Rolls and comes to rest more than 2 club lengths from where it first struck a part of the course.
- D. Rolls and comes to rest nearer the hole than the NPR or original or estimated position.

If the ball when redropped comes into any of the above positions again, it must be then PLACED as near as possible to where it struck the course when last redropped.

If the ball comes to rest after dropping and then moves it must be played as it lies with no penalty , (unless you caused it to move).

So it is important to examine all your options before dropping. The drop may in fact put you in a worse position and you may be sometimes better off playing the ball as it lies.

**RULES REFRESHER (cont'd)**

**PENALTY** drops (one stroke) occur when taking relief from a **water hazard** and where you declare your ball **unplayable**.

**Where to drop:**

Water hazards .

The reference point is where your ball LAST crossed the margin of the hazard. You may drop within two club lengths of this point if it is a lateral water hazard and the ball may roll a further two club lengths. You may also drop on the other side of the lateral water hazard equidistance from the hole than your original reference point.

Otherwise you keep the reference point between you and the hole and you may go back as far as you like and drop anywhere on that line , or you may drop and play from where you last played a shot.

Unplayable lie .

The reference point is where the ball lies and you may drop within two club lengths of this NNH . Again the ball can roll a further two club lengths. You also have the options as listed above in water hazards ( last paragraph)

The ball is in play after dropping from a water hazard if it is clear of the hazard. It may be that you have to stand in the hazard to play the ball after dropping.

The ball is in play after dropping from an unplayable lie once it comes to rest. There is no provision for it to be clear of trouble and may in fact roll back into the same or similar situation. So in both cases think carefully before dropping as penalties can quickly add up.

**When to redrop.**

- If the ball finishes nearer the hole.
- If the ball rolls into a bunker or onto a putting green or rolls out of bounds.
- If the ball rolls into a hazard.

**Local Rules:**

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They all vary so it is important that one of the first things you do prior to any game of golf is to check the local rules on the scorecard and the noticeboard.

There are several local rules at our club that I would like to bring to your attention and the correct interpretation of them.

**Wire Hoops** are **MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** but please replace after moving.

**Control Ropes and Posts** are **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** and relief is available as above.

- You do not get relief if they are on your line of play , unless they are within two club lengths of the green and you are within two club lengths of the posts or ropes.

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  - You do not get relief if they are on your line of play , unless they are within two club lengths of the green and you are within two club lengths of the posts or ropes.
  - A ball striking Control Ropes and Posts is to be played as it lies.
3. **DEEP WHEEL RUTS** are GUR. Note the "DEEP". Tyre tracks are NOT GUR
4. **SEVERE KANGAROO DAMAGE** in bunkers is GUR . This rule was introduced to prevent players from physical damage by trying to play a ball lying deeply in a kangaroo indentation. **Unless this situation exists it is NOT severe kangaroo damage.**
5. **SOLIDLY EMBEDDED STONES** afford relief. **Read this carefully.** It does NOT cover loose gravel or small stones that can be easily flicked away . It only **covers EMBEDDED STONES that may damage a players clubs or physically harm the player if a stroke is made.** This is your judgement , however there are not many areas of our course where this situation would arise and I would urge all players to think carefully before implementing this local rule.

## **Gisborne's Pennant Teams**

Gisborne Golf Club fields a number of pennant teams, from the very very serious to the slightly more light-hearted variety. Here is an introduction to the pennant teams – we hope that one of them would interest you and encourage you to take contact to the Team Manager and register your interest for the future either as a player or a caddie (phone numbers in the Syllabus).

### **Men's Pennant**

**Who:** Team of 7 male golfers. Usually need a handicap of around 4 or lower to get on the team. There are try-outs before the season starts to determine the core team and the emergencies.

**What:** Scratch match play

**Where:** Round Robin contest at Metropolitan Melbourne Clubs. Gisborne is currently in Division 3, which for the 2012 season also includes Cheltenham, Cranbourne, Eastwood, Green Acres, Latrobe, Long Island and Royal Melbourne.

**When:** Sundays, March to May

**Team Manager:** Richard Murray

**Catchcry:** Let's win, but if we cannot win, let's enjoy the attempt!

### **Colt's Pennant**

**Who:** Team of 5 male golfers under 24 years. There are practice rounds at the participating clubs before the season starts to determine the core team. Be prepared for early starts.

**What:** Scratch match play

**Where:** Round Robin contest at Metropolitan Melbourne Clubs. Gisborne is now in Division 3, which for the 2012 season also includes Eastwood, Heidelberg, Huntingdale, Kew, Rosanna, Sandhurst and Spring Valley.

**When:** Sundays, March to May

**Team Manager:** Graeme Maddern

**Catchcry:** The early bird catches the worm!

### **Women's Golf Dalhousie Pennant**

**Who:** Team of 5 female golfers; two teams entered in 2011.

**What:** Handicap match play

**Where:** Div 1 at Broadford, Gisborne, Hidden Valley, Kilmore, Seymour and Trentham.  
Div 2 at Gisborne, Kilmore, Lancefield, Seymour, Trentham, and Woodend.

**When:** Mondays, April to May

**Team Manager:** Jenny O'Conner

**Catchcry:** Let them eat cake!

## **Gisborne's Pennant Teams (cont'd)**

### **Interclub Ladies' Pennant**

Who: Team of 5 women, minimum handicap of 18. To learn the ropes; often played with caddies.  
 What: Handicap match play  
 Where: Bacchus Marsh Gisborne, Koorungal, Melton Valley, Sunshine, and Werribee Park  
 When: Mondays (August to September)?  
 Team Manager: Jenny O'Connor  
 Catchcry: Never too old to learn!

### **Inner West Pennant**

Who: Team of 10 players, 8 male, 2 female.  
 Handicap ranges of 5 – 10 (2 men), 11-15 (2 men), 16 -20 (2 men), 21+ (2 men), 10+ (2 ladies)  
 What: Scratch match play for men within the handicap ranges, handicap match play for women  
 Where: Participating Clubs in 2011 are Bacchus Marsh, Bacchus Marsh West, Gisborne, Melton Valley, RAFF Laverton and Sunshine.  
 When: Sundays, July to August  
 Team Manager: Paul Treloar  
 Catchcry: The winter hard-ballers!

### **North West Pennant**

Who: Team of 12 male players, 9 seniors, 3 juniors  
 What: Scratch match play within handicap ranges  
 Where: Played in a north and south section with finals between those. The other clubs in the pennant are Altona Lakes, Goonawarra, Koorungal, Northern, RAAF Laverton, Riverside, Sanctuary Lakes, Sunshine and Tullamarine.  
 When: Sundays, Summer  
 Team Manager: Neville "Nifty" Bottams  
 Catchcry: Lots of Royce Harts!

### **North West Senior Pennant**

Who: Team of 8 males (55 years plus). 2 off handicap 9 or less, 4 off handicap 10-14, 4 off handicap 15 or more  
 What: Scratch match play within the handicap ranges  
 Where: Apart from Gisborne, the following clubs participate: Koorungal (two teams), Medway, Melton Valley, Northern, Sanctuary Lakes, and Werribee Park  
 When: Fridays (March – May)  
 Team Manager: Tom Stotten  
 Catchcry: Senior Service on the ball!

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