

DRIVE TIME

Latest news from **Burnley Golf Course**



A WORD FROM OUR GREENKEEPER



Well, quite a bit has been happening since our last newsletter.

Reconstruction of the 5th and 8th greens have been completed and both greens are settling in very well. It has been an exciting period over the last few years and to finally have finished reconstruction of all 9 greens and the practice area has been a great achievement.

We have improved drainage to some of our bunkers, namely the 9th short right hand side bunker, otherwise known as "the water hazard!"

We have also just completed green renovations, which are necessary, twice a year to keep greens in tip top shape. Through winter a layer of dead and living stems (called thatch) builds up between the surface grass and the soil. This thatch feels spongy underfoot and prevents water, air and fertilizer penetrating the soil. This problem was prevalent in all of our old greens which is why they were so susceptible to disease and fungus.

Our first process is to core the greens. Coring helps relieve compaction from constant heavy machinery and foot traffic. It also helps water penetrate the soil and improves airflow. After collecting all of the cores, all greens are now fertilised to promote growth and recovery. We then top-dress the greens with sand to fill in all of the holes. A heavy duty purpose-built mat is then dragged over the surface to

spread the sand evenly into the holes. Finally we pray for a little rain!

It's a pretty long day for all involved but so that we cause minimum disruption to our players, we try and complete the process in one day. In case you were wondering, yes I slept like a baby that night!

As you may have noticed, our fairways have taken off and the couch is looking great. This couch program has been a 3 year experiment and I'm really pleased to see that it has paid off. Another major achievement has been the installation of fairway irrigation on holes 1, 2 & 8. We also had to replace the irrigation controller which was an unforeseen major cost when it broke down. The upside is we now have a state of the art irrigation system that can be managed from my kitchen!

Holes 3, 4 & 5 will be completed over the cooler months and once this is complete, Burnley Golf Course will be a fully irrigated 9 hole golf course – quite a different story to a few summers ago!

So to help keep our course looking great, remember to fill in your divots, repair your pitch marks and only hit one ball around... and if you are doing all those things, tell everyone else to do it too!

Cheers,
Chris Angwin
Burnley Golf Course
Head Greenkeeper

PLAYER PROFILE

A quick round with...
Paul Millet

Where do you live?
In south Caulfield
(but my rich friends live over here...)



How long have you been playing golf for? About 12 years, I didn't take it up until I was 71

How long have you been playing at Burnley Golf Course? About 7 years

What brand of Clubs do you use?
I have a mixture of irons and a Srixon driver

What's your favourite club in the bag?
My 3 iron always gets me out of trouble, so I'll say the 3 iron.

What's your career highlight? Having a par on the 6th Hole, it was about a year ago.

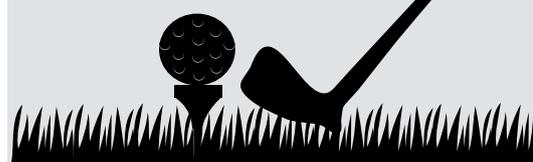
Favourite all time movie? America America

Book you're reading at the moment?
It's an Italian book, translates to "The wedding which is promised"

Favourite music? Definitely classical – without music I probably couldn't live!

If you could invite anyone to dinner for a chat, who would it be? Silvio Berlusconi (Italy's longest-serving post-war Prime Minister, Forbes magazine's 118th richest man in the world and owner of the famous soccer club A.C Milan)

What is your favourite holiday destination? I love Italy



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YOUR GOLF TIP OF THE WEEK!

Ever wondered why most golfers panic when they get into a bunker?

Well, it's because they either rarely get out of them or they hit the ball thin and see it fly across the green, past the pin and into the adjoining suburb! Here are 5 tips that might help.

1. Take your set up so that the ball is forward in your stance.
2. Open the club face so that it faces the sky - as though you could balance a glass of wine on it.
3. Aim your feet and hips to the left of target (for the right-handed golfer) to compensate for the club face, which is pointing to the right of the flag.
4. Take a slightly wider stance than you would for a chip shot (about shoulder width is good) and shuffle your feet into the sand so you're standing on a flat, stable surface.

Now the really important bit.....

5. Make a good follow through, accelerating through the golf ball. If you tend to decelerate and 'quit' on bunker shots, try making a one-third backswing and two-thirds follow through.

If all else fails, book in for a bunker lesson with one of our PGA Golf Pros.

AUTUMN CLINICS....

Our Autumn Clinic series are here! Join us for our four week Beginner or Intermediate clinics available at Burnley Golf Course with our resident Professionals Brent Davis & Graham Hoskins.

Don't have clubs? Doesn't matter, we'll supply everything you need, just wear some comfortable shoes and clothing and we'll take care of the rest! Spots are limited, only 6 students per class!

Graeme's clinics Thursday clinic (Beginner)

Session time: 11.30am - 12.30pm

When: Thursday 17 May - Thursday 7 June

Sunday clinic (Beginner)

Session time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

When: Sunday 20 May - Sunday 10 June

Brent's clinics

Saturday clinic (Beginner)

Session time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

When: Saturday 2 June - Saturday 23 June

Saturday clinic (Intermediate)

Session time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

When: Saturday 2 June - Saturday 23 June



WELCOME BACK BRENT!

The team at Burnley Golf Course would like to welcome back Brent Davis. Brent returns to Burnley as one of our resident PGA professionals offering lessons and golf advice.

Brent Davis is a AAA rated Australian PGA Golf Professional with fifteen years coaching experience. Brent's understanding of the golf swing and its mechanics allows him to offer a full coaching experience for his clients.

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that Bubba Watson, Winner of the 2012 US Masters actually owns the original General Lee 1, the famous 1969 Dodge Charger driven in the Dukes of Hazard? He recently purchased it for a cool US\$110,000!



A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY...

Next time you almost miss your tee-time because of traffic on the MacRoberston bridge, spare a thought for those living in Burnley in the early days when you had to catch the Twickenham Ferry to get across. Maybe they should bring it back! There were two ferries that crossed river, one being the Twickenham ferry. It was replaced by the MacRobertson bridge (1935).

Yarra River, Burnley 1911

