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COMING EVENTS: Mark these dates in your diary
Monday, 13 March – Adelaide Cup Holiday - Ambrose
Friday, 17 March – St Patrick's Day
Saturday, 18 March – Poker Tournament in Clubhouse
Sunday, 19 March – Irish Golf Day golf competition
Monday, 17 April – PGA Pro Am

CHAMPIONS FOR 2017



The finals of the Men's Champions in all grades were held on Sunday 21 February in very windy conditions. In A grade, the shoot out between

the big guns, Daryl Morgan and Darren Bilney over 36 holes saw an interesting tussle with Daryl just keeping ahead of Darren after the first eighteen, and in the afternoon gradually edged his way forward finishing on the 15th hole with a score of 5/3. Congratulations Daryl on your third consecutive Champion title.

In A Reserve, two good friends were pitted against each other. Due to his opponents being unable to play their quarter and semi-final matches, Kevin Cook received a walkover into the final against Jim Leane. This match was played over 18 holes and Kevin held control over the matching winning 5/4. Congratulations Kevin on your success.



In B grade, two of the younger members of the club battled it out for the Championship title. Ben Walther who won his match on the 19th in his semi-final, held it together in the grand final to defeat Jason Mann with a score of 5/4.

Congratulations Ben on winning your first championship and no doubt will see your name in future years.

In C grade, another up and coming junior player, Parker Smith, a product of the St Martins Junior Golf Academy and the Golf SE Junior Squad and Brad Von Duve, a steady player battled it out with Brad being the victor on the 15th hole winning 4/2. Congratulations Brad for your first Championship title.



The Junior Club Championship was determined over the two qualifying rounds and this year's champion is Josh Knowles. Josh produced two excellent scores on the Saturday and Sunday with a gross score of 158, resulting in nett 140. Congratulations Josh on two fine rounds.

There were 68 players who participated in the qualifying rounds of the Club Championships and Captain, Adrian Ballintyne thanks those players for their interest and participation in this event.

BEN ACES 8

Four weeks ago, pro shop assistant, Ben Robinson fired an eight iron off the 8th tee. His ball landed behind the pin and with back spin, rolled about 1.5 metres back into the hole. Congratulations Ben - not a bad achievement to score your first hole in one at the age of 19!!

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday, 14 March

Members have been advised of the Special General Meeting to be held in the clubhouse on **Tuesday, 14 March at 7.30pm**. The reason for this meeting is for the Committee to share information and seek approval regarding the replacement of the roof of the clubhouse which has deteriorated over the years.

Members will be asked to vote on the motion: - *“The Mount Gambier Golf Club Inc to allocate up to \$50,000 from the Investment Account for the replacement of the whole roof and associated costs”*.

Apologies can be phoned through to the office 87257739 or emailed to attamura@mtgambiergc.com.au.

AN IRISH WEEKEND AT THE CLUB



St Patrick's Day falls on Friday, 17 March this year and the club will be holding the usual Friday night meals and lucky member's draw. This evening will have an Irish theme to it including Irish Stew as well as other meals available. Make up a table, wear green if you like and reserve your booking by phoning the club on 87257739. You never know, someone may even perform a jig or two!

On Sunday, 19 March, the Irish theme will follow through and members are encouraged to dress up in your best Irish clobber, make up a team – men, ladies or mixed to play in an Ambrose competition. Names can be entered through the pro shop. Come along and make it a fun day.

PGA PRO AM – Easter Monday, 17 April

We can now confirm that on Easter Monday the club will be hosting its first Pro-Am in 10 years. This will be the first event on the South Australian Pro Am circuit for 2017 so we hope to attract a strong level of players. Craig has been working hard for several months to bring this event to Mount Gambier and has acquired sponsorships to complement this event.

Members are encouraged to play in the morning field, cost is \$50 per person which includes lunch. The corporate field will play in the afternoon with a golf professional. See the pro shop for time sheet.

The Pro Am Raffle has a Scotty Cameron Putter valued at \$589 as 1st prize, a spot in the corporate field for 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes, and 1 dozen Pro V1 golf balls for 5th and 6th prizes. Tickets are \$5 each and are available now.

NEW CARPET IN SPRIG BAR

As informed in the last newsletter, money raised from the major raffle - last year has been allocated to the replacement of carpet in the Sprig Bar. Over the last week, the old carpet has been removed, skirtings attached and new carpet laid. Thanks to the Committee members who have assisted Derek Hazel from Solomons in this project.