

The Bad Lie

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HOLDEN SCRAMBLE & \$10,000 PRO-AM — A HUGE WEEKEND OF GOLF



**HOLDEN
Scramble**



TANUNDA PINES
GOLF CLUB EST. 1938
BAROSSA VALLEY

PRO-AM

Tanunda Pines Golf Club will have only just got over the excitement of The Vintage Festival Jacob's Creek Classic when a fortnight later, it will host two major golf events: **The Holden Scramble** and the **\$10,000 Tanunda Pines Pro-Am**. Both will be lots of fun and open to everyone with an AGU or WGA handicap.

Holden Scramble – Saturday April 16

The Holden Scramble 2005 is a national event open to both men and women.

Every player in the Holden Scramble will receive six free golf balls. There are special incentive offers from Holden and other sponsors and fantastic event prizes.

Stage 1 is a local event and the only one held in the Barossa - open to members of all local clubs. Stage 2 is the Regional Final, and the 3rd Stage is the Championship Final at Novotel Twin Waters, Noosa, Queensland.

The winning regional teams will be flown to Queensland to play off in the Championship Final with a leading PGA Tour Professional, expenses paid.

The format for the local event is:

- Teams Ambrose Event
- teams of three playing in a group of six – each team marks the other teams card
- All players must have a current AGU/WGA handicap (maximum of 27 for

men and 40 for women)

- The three team members handicaps must total at least 24 and not exceed 81
- Each team is allowed one single figure handicap player.

Entry fee

Entry Fee for the Local Event at Tanunda Pines Golf Club: \$30 per member or \$55 for non-members and includes a light lunch. Entries close Monday April 10.



▲ **Hage Holden is the major sponsor of the local Barossa Holden Scramble at the Tanunda Pines Golf Club.**

\$10,000 Tanunda Pines Pro-Am - Sunday April 17

Part of the SA PGA circuit 2005, the Tanunda Pines Pro-Am on Sunday April 17 has already secured well known professional golfers, Wayne Smith and Mike Harwood, with plenty more to come, attracted by the

\$10,000 purse on offer.

Each team will comprise two professional golfers and two amateur golfers in a four ball, better ball format.

The prizes for amateurs total \$3500. The event is open to both Men with AGU handicaps less than 32 and Women with WGA handicaps less than 36.

Entry Fee

Members of Tanunda Pines Golf Club \$20
Members of AGU Affiliated Golf Clubs \$40
Entries Close 5pm, April 11 2005.
Golf, lunch and wine included 🍷

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▲ **Tanunda Pines Golf Club General Manager Declan McCollam in action.**



WHAT'S ON

- ▶ **Every Tuesday** – 8.30-9.15am Ladies 18 hole competition
- ▶ **Every Wednesday** – 8.30-9.15am Lady "Rookies" 9 hole competition
- ▶ **Every Thursday** – 8-9am Mid Week Men's 18 hole competition
- ▶ **Every Friday** – AFL Live on the Big Screen Footy Tipping & Dinner
- ▶ **Every Saturday** – 11.30am-1pm Men's & Ladies 18 hole Competitions
- ▶ **Every Sunday** – 10-11am Social 9 hole Competition (starts April)

MARCH

- ▶ Thursday March 31 – Vintage Festival Jacob's Creek Open

APRIL

- ▶ Monday April 4 – Ladies Pennants at Tanunda Pines Golf Club
- ▶ Monday April 11 – (7.30am) Last round of the US Masters at Augusta. Live on the Big Screen
- ▶ Saturday April 16 – Holden Scramble - Local Event
- ▶ Sunday April 17 – \$10,000 Tanunda Pines Pro- Am

MAY

- ▶ Friday May 13 – Ladies Tanunda Pines Golf Club Open Day

JUNE

- ▶ Wednesday June 8 – Sponsors Golf Day
- ▶ Saturday & Sunday June 11-12 – Barossa Open Golf Championship at Tanunda
- ▶ Wednesday June 15 – Ladies Jansz Luncheon and Golf Day
- ▶ Monday June 20 – (7.30am) Final Round of the US Open at Pinehurst Live on the Big Screen

CLUB HISTORY

PART FOUR – THE ORIGINAL 9 HOLES

BY NEIL HURST

I was two years old (now 68) when Alf Zander, Billy Schulz, Ed Hage, Mel Bell, Bill Rohrig, Peter Hoffman, Fritz Basedow, Dr Frank Juttner and others built the original nine holes.

Seven of the original nine holes remain part of the golf course today, which says something for the "old chaps".

They are the 9th (old 1st), the 12th (old 2nd), 13th (old 3rd) 4th (old 5th), 2nd (old 7th), 3rd (old 8th) and 8th (old 9th).

The current 4th hole is now named after Ed Hage (see scorecard) and the current 3rd hole is now named "Bell's Hell" after Mel Bell, a great stalwart of the club.

Mel used to have trouble with a particular tree which was front and left of the present tee. The old tee was further back, so the tree was in play.

Playing the hole four times in one weekend, he hit the tree every time.

He was Manager at Seppeltsfield winery and on Monday morning he sent workmen to lop it.

Nothing was ever said and the tree has since recovered ↓



▲ The tree on Bell's Hell (3rd hole) some 50-plus years after Mel Bell arranged to have "trimmed" after he hit it four times in one weekend.

BEST CONDITIONS

Players are enjoying the best conditions on the golf course since the club began in 1938 and it will only get better as the program of improvement continues.

Numbers for Saturday summer competitions in February have been consistently higher than past averages which augurs well for the official golf season which commenced in the first week in March.

Many members have been out on the course two and three times per week playing in the mid week or in Thursday Twilight competitions, and/or practising on the range or and/or taking lessons.

A good bunch of "rookies" (beginners) have acquired handicaps and are as keen as mustard, breathing new life into the club.

Handicaps have been falling and there are plenty of smiles back in the clubhouse. Tee sheets have been filling up a week out and members are embracing the spirit of golf ↓

'It is the constant and undying hope for improvement that makes golf so exquisitely worth playing'
~ Bernard Darwin.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Members,

Welcome to season 2005 and what promises to be an exciting year for the Tanunda Pines Golf Club.

The new calendar book is now available from the Golf Shop and it contains all the appropriate Member information and dates for the upcoming season. Several new events have been introduced and we hope to see an ongoing and growing Member participation in these events.

Deb and I have now been in the Barossa for 14 months and would like to thank all the

Members who have helped us since our arrival here and in supporting the transition from the Tanunda Golf Club to the Tanunda Pines Golf Club.

We hope to continue growing the membership base, improving the course and clubhouse facilities and introducing more and exciting new events in 2005-06.

We wish you all a good golfing season in 2005 and hope to see those handicaps come tumbling down.

Regards
Declan McCollam



The Home Loan Centre



Apex Bakery



THE 19th HOLE

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTY TIPPING AND DINNERS ON AGAIN

The AFL season with the game Live on the Big Screen and Footy Tipping & Dinner is set to start Thursday March 24, which is also our last night of Twilight golf and BBQs.

From then on, Footy Tipping, AFL Live on the Big Screen and Dinners will be on **every Friday** night throughout the AFL season.

Aileen Myatt generously volunteered to

run the Footy Tipping competition again. Thanks Aileen!

If you would like join in the fun please register and pay \$50 at the club before March 24.

This year, tippers also have to put in the predicted margin between the two teams of the first game each week.

Please book for dinner by 3pm Fridays to avoid disappointment!



SUNDAY SESSIONS PROVE POPULAR

- ◀ Jamie Blenchynden, left, and Cloudy Davey from PFEA performing live at the very popular Sunday Sessions held twice at the club over summer
- ▼ Enjoying the Sunday Sessions at Tanunda Pines Golf Club were, from left, Kate Blackwell, Alicia Renshaw, Leda Kalleske and Annika Lehmann.



- ▲▲ Abel Gibson, front, and Justin McCarthy take in the sun and good music.
- ▲ Brett Grocke and Tracey Anderson relax on the verandah during the Sunday Session.
- ▼ Tommy and Ella Slape put the sand barrel to good use at the Sunday Sessions.



‘JUST PLAY’ MEMBERSHIPS

The social golf market accounts for 63% of Australia's golf participants and 57% of all rounds played in Australia, highlighting the importance of this growing segment to the whole industry.

Social golfers average 24 rounds per year. (Australian Golf Industry Report 2004). To cater for this segment, Tanunda Pines Golf Club introduced a limited number of "Just Play" memberships in late 2004, and they have been selling well.

The "Just Play" membership is a form of introductory membership and entitles a player access to the golf course six days per week excluding Saturdays and competition times, and includes all other membership benefits other than housing a handicap.

For newcomers to the sport, the "Just Play" membership is a good way to get into golf before obtaining a handicap or playing in regular competitions!



LADIES' GOLF 2005

Golf has been traditionally a male dominated sport with female golfers making up only 20-22% of the total golf population. South Australia has the lowest percentage of female golfers of any state.

Generally, lady golfers don't get into golf until after the age of 35, but Tanunda Pines Golf Club has a number of new lady members in their 20s and early 30s.

Lady members at Tanunda Pines Golf Club make up 25% of all members - higher than the national average and growing. More than 60% of our lady members hold WGU handicaps, with the remainder either "Just Play" golfers or beginners.

The club provides a range of competition times to suit working women and mums at home that range from social fun to slightly more competitive fun. (See Ladies golf competitions under What's On - Page 2).

The Tuesday Ladies also have lots of interesting seasonal competitions to become involved with, such as the Eclectic, Gobblers, Birdies, and an Overall Season Competition. They also have a Pennants team (the men don't).

Ladies without a handicap and beginners will be warmly welcomed to all competitions, or to play socially, when they will be helped if required (more clinics to be scheduled in winter).

Mark in your diaries The Ladies Jansz Luncheon and Golf Day on Wednesday June 15 - a perfect day to bring your friends along and introduce them to golf. GO GIRLS ↓



▲ **Kerry Morrison, one of the young, up and coming lady golfers at Tanunda Pines Golf Club.**
Photo courtesy *The Herald*.



▲ **The Denley Team, winners of the 1st of Summer Cup, sponsored by the Newstead family, are from left, Peter Denley, Geoff Edwards, David Newstead, John Denley and Peter Stewart.**

1ST OF SUMMER CUP

The 1st of Summer Cup is an Ambrose event sponsored by the Newstead family and held on the first Friday of Summer each year. The 2004 event was played in perfect conditions, was hotly contested and lots of fun. Will it be your team that wrests the cup from The Denley Team in 2005 ↓



▲ **From left, Carolyn and John Hongell, Aileen Myatt, Sally Othams and Bernie Myatt enjoy friendly rivalry before teeing up for the 1st of Summer Cup.**

STAR PERFORMERS

- ✦ 05/03 Leif Haugen B Grade winner +6
- ✦ 26/02 Kate Blackwell Ladies winner 48
- ✦ 26/02 Neville O'Brien B Grade winner 44
- ✦ 12/02 Kerry Morrison Ladies winner 40
- ✦ 22/02 Deb Bambrook Ladies winner 41
- ✦ 22/02 Bay Both Ladies runner up 40
- ✦ 19/02 Craig Campbell A Grade winner 69 Nett
- ✦ 19/02 Deb Ahrens Ladies winner 68 Nett
- ✦ 17/02 Matthew Schulz Winner Mid Week Mens +5
- ✦ 17/02 Brian Ronan Runner up Mid Week Mens +5
- ✦ 15/02 Phyllis Homburg Ladies winner 41
- ✦ 15/02 Carolyn Hongell ladies runner up 41
- ✦ 15/02 Deb Ahrens Ladies 3rd 40
- ✦ 01/02 Deb Bambrook Ladies winner 46
- ✦ 01/02 Carolyn Hongell Ladies runner up 42
- ✦ 29/01 John Kleinig - A grade winner 67 Nett

- ✦ 29/01 Mick Ahrens - B Grade winner 67 Nett
- ✦ 29/01 Mark Jamieson - B Grade runner up 67 Nett
- ✦ 29/01 Brian Andrew s- B Grade 3rd 68 Nett
- ✦ 15/01 Alex Coutie A grade winner +5
- ✦ 15/01 Deb Ahrens Ladies winner +5
- ✦ 08/01 Lachlan Mackenzie A grade winner 68 Nett
- ✦ 14/12 Robyn Sullivan Ladies winner 40
- ✦ 04/12 Shane George B Grade winner 41
- ✦ 07/12 Fiona Sheppard Ladies winner 40
- ✦ 04/12 Peter Denley A Grade winner 43
- ✦ 27/11 Ian Hongell C Grade winner +4
- ✦ 23/11 Carolyn Hongell Ladies winner 41

Eagles Nest

- ✦ 12/02 Eagle Robyn Sullivan 2nd hole
- ✦ 15/02 Eagle Richard Langford 15th hole

THE LAWS OF GOLF

Law 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

Law 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former ↓