



The Bad Lie

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NEW HOLES COMPLETED AND READY TO PLAY

The 17th and 18th holes have been fully renovated, featuring new fairway and greens bunkers and new greens. These are now open for play, and the excellent quality of playing surfaces and the overall improved aesthetics make these two excellent holes even more enjoyable.

Feedback has been very positive already and there is still some fine tuning to be carried out. The "Bent" grass on both greens has taken well and the practice putting green should be fully operational by May.

Although the holes may appear harder now, Declan can put that myth to rest after watching Dylan Goers knock his drive on 17 to 8 metres short of the front of the green. If that was not enough, it was then followed by Craig Campbell hitting his drive on the very next hole, the 18th, 351 metres up the middle of the fairway, leaving him a wedge to the green. Both were well set up for birdies. It appears that Dot Campbell and Mary Goers have been feeding the boys something special - or that the holes are not that much more difficult.

The comprehensive renovations program will continue at a steady pace with the course remaining fully playable throughout. To find out which holes are next to be fully renovated, see inside "From the General Manager" ↓



Come out and play the newly renovated 17th (above and left) and 18th holes (below).



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SA PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

The SA PGA Championship will be held at Tanunda Pines Golf Club from May 1 - May 5 with the course being closed for the five days of the event.

Spectators are welcome and there will be no charge to come out and watch the cream of Australia's new golfing talent take on the challenge of the Tanunda Pines layout.

The Saturday following the event will see the course left in the same set up as the last day of the tournament. Members will get a feel for how the course plays as the Professionals play it.

There will also be a free "Demo Day" on the driving range on Saturday, May 6 from 10am until 3pm with Ping, Bridgestone and Taylor Made representatives present to showcase their new equipment for all to try. Come along and see if you can find that elusive club that could turn your game around ↓



Ladies Holden Scramble

Tuesday, July 11

at Tanunda Pines Golf Club

The only Ladies Only Holden Scramble to be held in SA.

Call (08) 8563 1200 for more details





JOIN TANUNDA PINES – \$\$\$ INCENTIVES

Golf clubs across Australia are experiencing a decline in memberships.

Tanunda Pines has had the distinction of increasing its membership since the Seven Under Syndicate took ownership. This is partly due to introducing innovative new membership types and also to continually improving the golf course, facilities and services. However, the club still needs new members to counter natural attrition.

Tanunda Pines needs your help to maintain and grow a solid membership base so that it can continue to be a member-based club with a full range of services.

Please encourage your friends and family to join up and get into this great social game. As well as full memberships, the club offers Just Play & Just Golf memberships for people who have limited time, or who are perhaps more interested in social golf than competition golf,

or who are not sure whether they are ready to embark on full membership. Golf lessons and clinics are also available. Incentives currently offered to members include:

- For every full new member you personally introduce to the club you will receive \$50 on your wallet key.
- For every \$100 you put on your wallet key you will receive another \$10!

WHAT'S ON

- ▶ **Every Tuesday** – 8-9am Ladies 18 hole competition
- ▶ **Every Thursday** – 8-9am Mid Week Men's 18 hole competition
- ▶ **Every Friday** – from 5.30-7.30pm – Footy Tipping Happy Hour & Nibbles
- ▶ **Every Saturday** – 8am-9am & 11am-1pm – Men's & Ladies 18 hole competition NB Times may vary slightly. New players welcome and will receive assistance to get started.

APRIL

- ▶ Saturday April 1 – Crows v Power Teams Event Stableford
- ▶ Saturday April 15 – Easter Trophy Stroke

MAY

- ▶ Mon-Fri, May 1-5 – South Australian PGA Championships
- ▶ Saturday May 6 – FREE "Demo Day" - 10am until 3pm with Ping, Bridgestone and Taylor Made
- ▶ Friday May 12 – Ladies Tanunda Pines Open Day
- ▶ Saturday May 20 – Men's Club Championships Rnd 1 (aside comp)
- ▶ Saturday May 27 – Men's Club Championships Rnd 2 (aside comp)
- ▶ Tuesday May 30 – Ladies Championship Rnd 1

JUNE

- ▶ Sunday June 4 – Men's Club Championship final
- ▶ Wednesday June 7 – Sponsors Golf Day
- ▶ Tuesday June 13 – Cellar Door Managers & Tourism Operators Golf Day
- ▶ Tuesday June 27 – Ladies Club Championship final (aside comp)

JULY

- ▶ Tuesday July 11 – Ladies Holden Scramble

Find out the details of What's On!

Please email info@tanundapines.com.au with your email address if you have not already done so, so that we can let you know what's on in detail. Email is our main form of regular communication with members to advise of special event details, social gathering etc and we would hate you to miss out! If you are not on email, please let us know so that we can make special provision for you.

'SPUTTY' WINS TWILIGHT GOLF

The weekly summer Thursday night social "cross country" 9 hole golf competition - Twilight Golf- and accompanying barbecues, finished on March 2 for the 05-06 season. The \$17 golf competition and member BBQs were very good value and well patronised. A seafood night and a spaghetti night were also held during the season as variations on the usual BBQ theme. It was good to see beginners out on the alternate 9 holes as well.

Peter (Sputty) Giersch won the overall Tanunda Pines Twilight competition with 49 points for the series. (The SA Precept Twilight prize is yet to be drawn). Peter never missed a Twilight game all through the summer and reaped the rewards, taking home more than \$250 worth of Golf Shop items. Well done Sputty! Weekly winners also fared very well, with great prizes thanks to Bridgestone. Playing golf in summer dusk at Tanunda Pines is special, so remember to put Thursday evenings into your diary for Twilight Golf when daylight savings begins next summer!



▲ Peter (Sputty) Giersch

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to the 2006 golfing season.

The new holes are naturally the talk of the club and with the Bent Greens now established and doing well, the planning for the next stage is well underway.

Holes 10,11,14 and 15 are the next holes to be renovated and work will begin in September 2006. All going well we hope to have the holes back in play by early December.

With the SA PGA Championship now only a few weeks away, the grounds staff will be working hard on preparing the course for the event.

Many of you may have noticed the increase in green fee player numbers which is an integral part of the golf club's survival, as is the participation of the members in club events.

Naturally a lot of players have a limited time to play each week due to hectic schedules and family commitments, so we ask that while playing in tournaments you try to maintain

an acceptable pace of play. The complaints received from players that Saturday rounds can take up to five hours is a concern and we will be monitoring this over the next few weeks. Ideally, rounds should be completed in four hours and 15 minutes.

A new tourism sign has been erected on Barossa Valley Way giving us greater exposure to the immediate traffic passing by.

The Novotel Hotel has a new General Manager, Scott Boyes. Scott comes to the Barossa after a considerable stint at the Novotel in Parramatta just outside of Sydney. We welcome Scott and his family to the area and wish him all the best.

We hope to see all of the members using the golf club as a form of recreation and social activity during 2006. Please do not forget, as members, you can also use the clubhouse for private functions.

Good golfing,
Declan



THE 19th HOLE



LEFT: A bunch of the Tuesday ladies after the first round of the season on February 28, some still with their bubbles glasses in hand, setting the appropriate social tone for the year!

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTY TIPPING

Friday Footy tipping commences Thursday, March 30, the usual first week anomaly, and thereafter on Friday nights with a new format for the 2006 AFL Season.

- There will be the usual \$50 entry for the season, plus a
- \$25 Bonus Pay-Out to the person with the most points at the end of rounds 1-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-22. The \$25 payout goes to the person with the most points for the four round period, so even if the person is not in contention for the major season prize they can still have a win.
- For a new twist, we introduce - The \$5 Rider. Each week a person can nominate a game, or as many games as they wish at \$5

per nomination, and pick the points margin they want to for that game. If they are within 10 points either side of the final margin they win \$20.

- Tips must be in by 6:30pm. If you can't make it out to the club you can send your tips by fax to 8563 1211 or via email to info@tanundapines.com.au *Phone tips cannot be taken.*
- Happy Hour drinks and finger food from 5.30 - 7.30pm. There will be no Friday night dinners as such this year, but the bar will be open on Fridays until approximately 7.30pm serving finger food and drinks at Happy Hour prices. There will be two dinner evenings during the season and the dates will be advertised

CELLAR DOOR MANAGERS GOLF DAY

Tuesday, June 13 is the date set for the first Cellar Door Managers & Tourism Operators Golf Day.

The event aims at bringing together managers and staff in a fun, sporting event. The format is an 18 hole, fun, 4 ball Ambrose competition, teeing off at 9am followed by presentations, finger food and wine – of course!

No golf experience is necessary but players will need to bring a set of golf clubs and a baggy. Any old set will do.

Although all the emphasis will be on fun and the golf is not to be taken too seriously, the

winning team's name will be engraved on a perpetual trophy. It is hoped that over a number of years, the event will be come a Barossa tradition.

Members who have cellar doors or work at one, or who are involved in the tourism industry, are encouraged to enter a team from their business.

Spaces will be limited, so it is first in, best dressed. Spectators are welcome and the bar will be open from 10am.

\$10.00 per person includes green fees, food & wine. RSVP June 5. Tee off from 9.30am

JOHN HONGELL WINS WATCH WORTH \$3000

By playing in most of the weekly competitions and entering each time, John Hongell, pictured, increased his chances of winning the year's draw prize. The effort paid off and John won a \$3000 Tiger Wood's Tag Heuer watch. Well done John





AMATEUR COURSE RECORD

Dylan Goers set a new Amateur Course Record on Saturday, March 4, shooting a 1 under par score of 71. Dylan was 4 under the card after 9 holes with birdies on 1,4,5 & 8. Unfortunately, bogies on 11, 13 and 16 undid some of the great play from the front nine.

Dylan has started the 2006 season with some solid practice after going out to a five handicap in 2005. His superb round on March 4 has seen his handicap come back down to 4 and could slip down to 3 after another great round of 72 (40 Points) on Saturday, March 11.

Dylan has a goal of getting down to scratch this year and will be working with Declan on improving a few aspects of his game. Well done Dylan, practice does have its rewards!



▲ PGA Golf Teaching professional Declan McCollam instructing during a Saturday morning Golf Clinic.

SATURDAY MORNING CLINICS

Declan is conducting Golf Clinics on Saturday mornings from 9am until 10am.

The cost is \$10 per head and bookings are essential as numbers cannot exceed 10 per session.

So if you are looking at making 2006 the year to turn your game around, then now is the time to sharpen up those skills and take advantage of this great offer.

To book in, call the club on 08 8563 1200 or email dmcollam@tanundapines.com.au

STAR PERFORMERS

Star performers are those with great scores relative to others on the day. Generally scores of 40 or better stableford pts, +1 or better for Par events and 67 or better for stroke events, will rate qualification for "star performers".

- ✦ 8/12/05 Ross Heinze Mid Week Men winner 43 pts
- ✦ 3/01/06 Robyn Sullivan Tues Ladies winner 40pts
- ✦ 7/01/06 Peter Giersch Overall & C Grade Sat Men's winner 42pts
- ✦ 7/01/06 Peter Schultz A Grade Sat Men's winner 42pts
- ✦ 12/01/06 Jamie Blechynden Mid Week Men's winner 40pts
- ✦ 14/01/06 Brett Grocke Overall & Sat Men's A Grade winner 42pts
- ✦ 19/01/06 Ian Hongell Mid Week Men's winner 40pts
- ✦ 19/01/06 Kerry Morrison Sat Overall & Ladies Winner 39pts
- ✦ 31/01/06 Faith Blackwell Tues Ladies Winner +6
- ✦ 02/02/06 Sam Fechner Men's Mid Week Winner +4
- ✦ 04/02/06 Fred Kath Sat Men's Overall & A Grade winner 65nett
- ✦ 11/02/06 Brett Grocke Sat Overall & A Grade Men's winner +5
- ✦ 11/02/06 Peter Stacey Sat Men's A Grade runner up +5
- ✦ 11/02/06 John Harris Sat Men's C Grade winner +5
- ✦ 11/02/06 Amanda McGillivray Sat Ladies winner +1
- ✦ 14/02/06 Jo Skevington Tues Ladies +5
- ✦ 18/02/06 Jim Gooden Sat Men's Overall & C Grade winner 63nett
- ✦ 18/02/06 Mark Jamieson Sat Men's B Grade winner 65nett
- ✦ 21/02/06 Cheryl Hoey Tues Ladies winner 41 pts
- ✦ 21/02/06 John Denley Sat Men's Overall & C Grade winner 42 pts
- ✦ 28/02/06 Dylan Goers Sat Overall & Men's A Grade winner nett 66
- ✦ 19/03/06 Johnny Fechner Overall & Men's C Grade winner nett 67

Holes in One

- ✦ 19/01/06 Lester Hein – Hole in One on the 16th
- ✦ 26/01/06 Jamie Blechynden – Hole in One on the 6th



GOLF SHOP

The Golf Shop has a new range of **Pure Wool, Club Logo Pullovers in V Neck** for the upcoming winter season in three colours - Navy, Camel and Black. A ladies' range will arrive in April with great new fashion colours available.

In addition, a **new range of Adidas footwear** has just arrived. Both men's and ladies' models are available and we recommend that if you are due for a new pair of shoes to give this range a try. The new Adiprene inner sole is one of the most technological advances in golf shoe comfort to be introduced in many years. The **Ping G5 range** is also in and we have the full range of drivers and irons to demo. If you purchase a custom-fitted Ping set in the next two months we will throw in a Ping Bag, valued at \$265, at no charge!