

BONVILLE'S ON THE GREENS

From The Desk of The GM *By Brad Daymond*

Dear Subscribers,

I am pleased to advise that our bunker reconstruction program is complete with all 52 bunkers now completely rebuilt. The work was carried out 'in-house' and we are very pleased with the result. We recently held a turf expo with over 100 attendees and the general consensus from the attending greenkeepers was that bunkers create the biggest problems at the majority of golf courses. The method of construction used at Bonville was studied and complimented by many as our bunkers now drain extremely well, are not infiltrated by soil or clay, have high quality sand and are consistent.

Slow Play has been a problem of late, especially during the shorter daylight hours. A policy has been developed by the committee and is being implemented by the Course Ranger and the Pro Shop staff. It is imperative for players to understand that whilst we want everyone to enjoy their game at Bonville, we do not want them to do so at the expense of everyone else.

With the colder weather comes dormant grass surfaces which need extra TLC. Players need to take extra care on the greens as they mark easier with the extra thatch covering over Winter. Once everyone in your group has puttied out, please patted down any irregularities in the surface with your putter. This will result in smoother putting surfaces for all.

For those that are part of the 'Facebook phenomenon', I'm pleased to advise that Bonville Golf Resort now has its own Facebook page titled Bonville Golf Resort. The page will be updated daily and currently has upcoming events, photographs, video footage of the golf course & resort and discussion forums to inform you of what is happening here at Bonville. To become a friend of Bonville Golf Resort click the link on our homepage www.bonvillegolf.com.au

We have three major work projects to complete over the Winter months. Firstly the greenstaff will be attending to the condition of the cart paths and washaway areas beside the cart paths. The second project is improving the drainage to those areas which take a long time to recover from heavy rains. This includes the right side of the 13th fairway, the 10th fairway approximately 100 metres from the green, the 1st fairway, the bottom half of the 7th fairway and the bottom half of the 18th hole. The final Winter project will be formalising the dam on the 9th hole approximately 120 metres from the tee. This area constantly holds water and the site will be completed by a dam with suitable plantings to further beautify the hole.

Around the clubhouse there are two projects being completed. The first is the extension of the balcony outside the Men's spa which gives us more options for functions and a larger smoking area. Secondly, we will soon have new timber stairs and carpet in the restaurant which will complete the restaurant refurbishment.

Good luck to those competing in the Bonville Cup and the upcoming Holden Scramble.

Good Golfing, Brad Daymond

From the Kitchen *By Darren Ryan*

G'day Subscribers,

Without doubt the highlight of recent times was the 5th Bonville Legends Lunch (May) with guest speakers Herb Elliot, Russell Mark and John Eales as the events MC. A feature of the event was special guest Mark Bylsma the Australian Long Drive Champion who performed a 'master class' on the terrace lawn prior to the lunch. The menu reflected the current Winter menu in The Flooded Gums Restaurant with 2 stand out dishes including the seared ocean scallops (a personal favourite of mine) and one for the chocoholics - orange and almond mud cake with crème fraiche ice cream.

June has seen the introduction of our new Winter menu which can be viewed by clicking this link www.bonvillegolf.com.au/dining. There have been a few additions and movements to reflect different produce which is now in season. With the fireplace roaring each night over these cooler times, there's no better place than The Flooded Gums.

Kitchen Tip - With a few of the kitchen & food & beverage staff being keen anglers our Winter Tip is 'How to use the whole fish'.

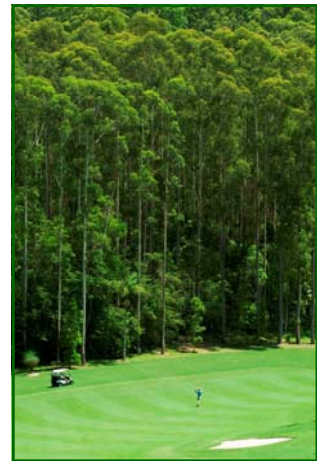
Once you have filleted the fish instead of discarding the fish frame try making a fish stock. Fish stock is the base for some great winter soups (such as chowder, fish broth & consommé) as well as the base for many curries. First and foremost put the fish frame (without the head) into a large stock pot with bay leaf, thyme, parsley, carrot, onion & celery with some water. Bring the liquid to the boil then simmer for 20 minutes before straining. If making fish stock isn't your thing, add the fish frames to your veggie patch as they have very good nutritional value for the soil. Always remember "waste not, want not".

Until next month, Darren Ryan (Lee O'Carroll is currently on Annual Leave)



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Shop Talk *By Matt Dagger*

Mark the 11th July in your calendar and get your team together for this year's Holden Scramble. The Scramble is retaining the four person elimination format that was introduced last year. The other change this year is that each team will need to have at least one Bonville Member to be eligible to win the event. The cost this is \$90.00 per entrant. This includes 6 Callaway Big Bertha Diablo golf balls (worth \$33.00) and post golf nibbles in the clubhouse at the presentation after golf. To book in call us in the Proshop on (02) 6653 4544, or nominate your team the next time you're at the resort. Our thanks must go out to Geoff King Holden for their ongoing sponsorship of this event, now in its 19th year.

We have two fitting days coming up in July, the first being with Callaway on Thursday 8th July between 1pm and 4.30pm. Appointments are essential. This is a great opportunity to try out the latest FT-IZ and Diablo lines, as well as the new Odyssey White Ice putter range. The second day will be a Titleist Fitting Day which will be held on Sunday 25th July between 9.30am and 1.00pm. Once again appointments are essential. Titleist will have the latest range of their 909 range of woods and hybrids, the AP range of irons, Vokey wedges and Scotty Cameron Putters. Both these days are of great benefit if you are looking to update any of the clubs in your bag, as you can take advantage of both companies technical representatives, as well as the advice of our resident teaching professional, Craig Chandler, Head Teaching Professional of the Bonville Academy of Golf.

Speaking of fitting, the next time you are in the Pro Shop why not try out the Titleist ball fitting selection module. I'm sure that when you look in your bag, you will find golf balls of all different brands and types, which makes it very hard to provide any type of consistency in your game. By answering the various questions the Fitting Module asks it will give you a couple of options in the ball should be using. Then it is a matter of trying the suggested balls and filling out the supplied 'evaluation scorecard' to work out the best type of ball for yourself. For more information jump online and visit www.titleist.com.au/ballfitting.

Good golfing until next time, Matt

Marketing Tales *By Damien Tarbox*

Hi Subscribers,

Welcome to the freshness of winter, a time of year that I love and look forward to.

The last weekend in June (Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th) will see the running of the Men's Bonville Cup for 2010. The event is a 2 day competition open to all males with an official AGU handicap, with Division 1 a 36 hole stroke event (0 – 9 handicap) & Division 2 a 36 hole Stableford event (10 – 36 handicap). Entry is \$180 which includes the 2 rounds of competition golf, twin share cart hire & great prizes including overall winners and placings, daily winners, nearest the pins & long drive. There is availability to stay on course for the event with a special accommodation offer of \$105 per person twin share if staying 1 night or \$90 per person if staying 2 nights over the Bonville Cup weekend. This includes accommodation in a resort room overlooking the 1st hole and continental breakfast per person. Call 1300 722 444 to book in for the golf & accommodation or to find out more about the event. The event has a great tradition here at Bonville and sees some great golfing names on the side of the cup including Paul Sheehan who competed at the US Open last weekend.

The Australian Bridal Industry Academy designer of Dreams Awards have been announced for 2009 with Bonville being named as one of the top 3 Resort Reception Venues in the country. The awards are presented in a variety of categories for the wedding industry and saw Bonville improve on its 2008 ranking of Top 5. If you are or you know of someone planning a wedding be sure to call Jasmine Durbidge our Wedding Sales Executive to discuss holding a wedding at 'One of Australia's Best Resort Wedding Reception Venues'.

The end of the month sees the 2010 Northern Region Restaurant & Catering Awards presentation evening, where Bonville are finalists in 4 categories; Restaurant in a Resort, Wedding Caterer of the Year, Event Caterer of the Year and Tourism Restaurant. We have a very proud track record with these awards and currently have 30 'plates' from previous years. Fingers crossed we are able to add to this number in 2010.

For those of you who missed out on the May Legends Lunch please see images below & mark Thursday 2nd September in your diary for the 6th instalment of this premier lunch series.



L to R: 1- John Eales shows his golf driving prowess, 2 - Herb Elliot, John Eales & Russell Mark, 3 - Mark Blysmas - Current Australian Long Drive Champion gives a 'Master Class' on how to drive the ball 300m +.

Horticulture Happenings *by Greg Decent*

Hi Subscribers,

The months of April/May have seen the Gardens team busy with the makeover of the front entrance median strip and car parks, with the eventual outcome being the gardens of the Clubhouse area and the Front Entrance being linked in a common theme. A big thank you to the Gardens team members for a great effort in what has been a difficult project to execute due to the logistics and various other factors of this job, both manmade and otherwise. The whole project is due to be completed in the summer of 2010/11.

The warmer than normal temperatures have seen the Camellias in the Azalea beds flowering slightly earlier than in past years and the Azaleas themselves putting on a very late flush of new growth which will need to be pruned off otherwise the floral display of these plants in spring will be covered by this unproductive new growth. Whether this problem is due to changing weather patterns or an odd event is unclear but I have observed this problem in three of the last five years at Bonville and did not encounter this problem at all in the six year period (1994-99) that I was previously at Bonville. In any event should you see the Gardens team pruning the Azaleas during June, you know the reason for this unusual practice.

GARDENS TIP

If you have Roses in the Garden keep up with the control of Black Spot until the plant is fully dormant. When dormancy is reached the application of a registered Sulphur based fungicide will help control various fungal diseases for the next seasons growth.

Course News *By Chris Neal*

It's been busy times for greens staff preparing for Winter and having numerous projects on the go. Late Autumn and early Winter is one of our most important periods. It's so important to have healthy surfaces in readiness for the cold, wet, shady short days that Winter brings. The weather has been in our favour and greens, tees and fairways are looking good, despite some late season disease, greens still being cut at 3.5mm

A major overhaul of our irrigation system occurred in May. Twelve new state-of-the-art satellites have been installed. All work was done in house. This not only was cost efficient, it gave us first hand knowledge of the new system and its workings which will greatly assist in trouble shooting and possible extensions to the system in the future.

The new Toro VP System has replaced the very tired LTC system that was over 12 years old and becoming a huge liability, with all spare parts superseded and difficult to source, the maintenance costs were out of control. The new system has a 20,000 volt surge protection and a list as long as your arm of other features including the ability to reduce our watering window significantly saving electricity and wear and tear on pumps. There was little disruption to the golf course during installation with our team doing a great job.

In May we held our 3rd annual Turf Industry Trade Show, again it was a huge success with over 100 attendees from all areas of the turf industry (golf, bowls, race courses and councils) attending.

A big thank you to our special guest Gary Dempsey (Course Superintendent NSW Golf Club) and Martin Black (Course Superintendent Castle Hill). It's great to have guys of their standing, knowledge and respect in the turf industry attend this event and share with others. Also a big thank you to Jasmine our Sales Manager. It takes a very patient person to organise over 100 greenkeepers.

We believe it or not, as of this week all 52 bunkers on our golf course have been completely reconstructed. The final two bunkers on the 12th Hole are finished, completing a two and a half year, high labour intensive project. The twelfth was quite a complex job and one that had a lot of discussion over the past 2 years to achieve our desired outcomes, other than the bunkers themselves. The first objective was to make the hole a lot fairer which started way back in November 2008 with the raising of the fairway, when over 1,000 m³ of soil was brought in to raise the landing area for the shorter hitters so you could actually see what you were aiming for. In March this year we rebuilt the green side bunker and moved it about 6 meters to the left, which allowed us to increase the green size by about 120m², providing a much larger target on approach, again making it fairer. This week we have rebuilt the final two bunkers, added an extensive network of drainage to the front of the green trying to eradicate the constant problem of wet soggy lies and to aid in this process we have built quite a large surface drain about 70 metres from the green to try and limit the amount of water that flows into the area at the front of the green. The last part of this project was to try and gain vision of the water located beside the green when making your approach from the fairway. No longer is it a blind hazard and aesthetically it is a vast improvement, with over 500m³ of soil removed to make this possible.

I'm sure that those members that have been here for several years may remember how far we have come in the past few years with bunkers, it wasn't that long ago after heavy rain it was a possibility that bunkers would be out for over a week and take hours to restore, I know the greens staff won't forget that in a hurry.

Next edition of the newsletter I will take you down memory lane with some reminiscing before and after photos.

Lawn Tip

It's a great time to have the mower serviced and blades sharpened. Enjoy the fact that you don't have to be out there mowing the lawn every couple of days.

All the best & happy golfing, Chris

From the Wine Cellar *By Adam Hawke*

In addition to our new winter menu as mentioned by our Sous Chef Darren Ryan, we've introduced some new wines to enjoy with the menu changes. An interesting wine has just landed - "Battle of Bosworth", which takes its label name from the original Battle of Bosworth fought on Bosworth Field near Leicestershire, England in 1485. For the History buffs it was between King Richard the 3rd & Henry Tudor. Tudor was victorious in battle and became Henry 7th – King of England, ending the war of the roses. The vineyard itself is set at the foot hills of the Mount Lofty Ranges, just south of McLaren Vale in South Australia. The Bosworth family use organic methods in viticulture and now produce a wine free from chemicals and fertilisers.

We've listed the Sauvignon Blanc by the bottle and by the glass and the Shiraz by the bottle. The Sauvignon Blanc has a bouquet of spearmint and lime, with this wonderful lively, crisp palate finish making it an excellent accompaniment to any meal or simply by itself. The shiraz is a single vineyard wine and has showings of cherries, liquorice, mocha and spice, which work extremely well with our roasted rack of lamb off the winter menu (one of my favourites).

What I'm drinking

'By Farr Chardonnay', produced by Gary Farr, Geelong, VIC. Try it with the new ravioli entrée. It's the creamy palate from this wine that works extraordinarily well with the mozzarella and gruyere. The toasted oak, hazelnut and cashew complement the sage and burnt butter with a clean citrus finish that cuts through the richness of this dish cleansing the palate, willing you to enjoy more of the sumptuous ravioli.

Quote of the Month

"If your heart is warm with happiness, you'll need a glass – if sorrow chills your heart have two".

Hannu Lehmusvuori – A Finish photographer & wine lover.

News straight from the Vineyard

We have just received a few cases of the 'Wine of the Year'. 'The Cigar' 2008 vintage from Yalumba. 'The Cigar' scored 95/100 to claim this highly prestigious title in the 'Big Red Wine Book' 2010/2011 edition. Yalumba Coonawarra Estate 'The Menzies' vineyard is in the heart of the Coonawarra terra rossa country in South Australia. 'The Cigar' is Yalumba's newest wine released from the 'Menzies' Vineyard. This wine is named after the cigar-shaped strip of rich red terra rossa soil. This wine has 'cornered the holy trinity of quality' as stated by the authors of the book, so come on in and try this award winning wine with us in The Flooded Gums Restaurant. May I suggest matching this with the Black Angus eye fillet off the new Winter menu.

Good Drinking, Adam Hawke

Golf Academy News *By Craig Chandler*

Hi All,

Chucky's *Perfect Golf Tours* are now open for business.

This year we have the Ladies trip in July to Byron Bay, which is already full.

Japan 2010 is in October and there are only 4 spots left available for that one. This trip is setting up to be an absolute life time memory.

In 2011 we are heading to Europe. If you would like to be a part of any of these fantastic tours please call me ASAP to register your interest.

At the Academy our players are consistently improving. We are seeing some excellent results lately and it all comes from the Academy's commitment to progressive improvement. You cannot improve your swing from just one lesson. To install longer lasting swing memory you need to be patient, practice and trust. So why not book a series of lessons, and let me improve your golf now, so that we all can enjoy golf and life.

There is a new series of clinics starting Saturday 19th of June. There are two times 9.30am and 3.30 pm. Six spots will be available for each time and it is available to Members and Guests at \$15 Per Person.

The Ladies clinic on Thursday is proving to be popular with Division 1 at 9.00am and Div 2+ at 9.45am. The Academy is also looking for more Juniors to take part in the Starters Program which at the moment is on Tuesdays at 3.45pm but we would also like to start a new time, so anyone that would like to send their kids or grand kids along are more than welcome. We currently have 3 Junior Programs available. Starters, Juniors and Elite.

Golf Tip

This Editions Tip is - The more you understand how the club WORKS, means the less WORK you have to do.

Good Golfing, Craig

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Medley Single Stableford	3 Medley Single Stableford + AGG
4 Medley Single Stableford	5	6 Ladies Calvin Klein Day	7 Men's 2 person Ambrose	8	9 Medley Single Stableford	10 Men's Medal Day Ladies Stroke Day
11 Medley Single Stableford + AGG HOLDEN SCRAMBLE	12	13 Single Stableford 4 th Rd Curran Wallace Trophy	14 Men's Single Stableford	15	16 Men's Tiger Tee	17 Medley Single Stableford + 2BBB Cock of the Walk Qualifying
18 Medley Single Stableford + 2BBB	19	20 Ladies Monthly Medal 5 th Rd WGNWSW	21 Men's Single Stableford + AGG	22	23 Medley Single Stableford	24 Medley Single Stableford + 2BBB
25 Medley Single Stableford	26	27 Ladies Single Stableford	28 Men's Single Stableford	29	30 Medley Single Stableford	31 Medley Single Stableford Men's Handicap Match Play Qualifying

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Medley Single Stableford + AGG	2	3 Ladies Calvin Klein Day	4 Men's Single Stableford + AGG	5	6 Medley Single Stableford	7 Medley Single Vs Par + 2BBB 1 st Rd – Cock of the Walk
8 Medley Single Stableford	9	10 Ladies Single Stableford 5 th Rd Curran Wallace Trophy	11 Men's Single Stableford + 2BBB	12	13 Medley Single Stableford	14 Men's Medal Rd + Ladies Single Stroke
15 Medley Single Stableford + AGG	16	17 Ladies Monthly Medal 6 th Rd WGNWSW	18 Men's Single Stableford + 6's	19	20 Men's Tiger Tee	21 Medley Single Stableford + 2BBB 2 nd Rd – Cock of the Walk
22 Medley Single Stableford + AGG Pacific Golfer Best Ball Challenge	23	24 Ladies Foursomes Championships	25 Men's Single Stableford + 2BBB	26	27 Medley Single Stableford	28 Medley Single Stableford Men's Handicap Match Play Rd 1
29 Medley Single Stableford	30	31 Ladies Single Stableford 1 st Rd Presidents Plate				