



"The sponsorship from Murray Downs Golf & Country Club plays an extremely important role in keeping the community car on the road"

KATE BISHOP

Murray Downs Golf & Country Club are now taking both Category 1 and 2 applications for 2023.

If your community group requires some assistance, please follow the instructions on the ClubGrants website on how to apply: www.clubsns.com.au/clubgrants

FROM THE CEO'S DESK: GREGORY ROBERTS - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AS I write this update for the newsletter, I am reminded that at this time last year we were in lockdown with all venues closed from late August until late September. While we hope lockdowns are a thing of the past, the pandemic still plays havoc with our business in a number of ways but most significantly with the acquisition of staff. We continue to seek qualified staff to join our team and once we are back to our full complement we will be open again at all venues.

Fortunately, golf has been very strong and the Murray Downs Golf and Country Club is busy with plenty of golf and bowls tournaments attracting visitors from near and far to enjoy the facilities. We look forward to hosting more events in the coming months and will keep you posted on the upcoming events.

Shaun O'Bree has joined our team as

the Marketing Manager and has made a number of updates to our social media and promotional materials. Shaun is settling in well and will be a valuable member of the team.

With our commitment to our local community at our heart, the club continues to provide support and funding to over 37 different local community groups and projects. In the past 12 months the club has provided over \$82,000 in cash and in kind support through our ClubGRANTS program and we look forward to continuing to support our local community in the future.

We have a range of great function facilities across the venues. If you are looking to hold a function in the future, please consider one of our venues as the location for your event. Our team will be only too happy to assist.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our venues soon.

Breakfast with a View

at Murray Downs continues to be a hit for Members and Guests with over 1000 covers and counting!

If you haven't tried it yet, take the short trip and enjoy some delicious breakfast overlooking the scenic beauty of the golf course. Every Saturday and Sunday from 8am-11pm.

Bookings are essential so call our friendly staff at reception on (03) 5033 1422 to book your table now.

View our menu here: www.murraydownsgolf.com.au/bistro/

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 5-7 (GOLF)
MURRAY DOWNS WOMEN'S CLASSIC
- OCTOBER 29 (MUSIC)
AARON SCHEMBRI
PLAYING LIVE FROM 7.30PM
- NOVEMBER 12 (MUSIC)
RENDEZVOUS
PLAYING LIVE FROM 7.30PM
- NOVEMBER 27 (GOLF)
RTM CONSTRUCTION
GOLF DAY
- DECEMBER 31 (MUSIC)
PAUL LINES PLAYING LIVE FROM 8.30PM (SPECIAL DINNER)

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POWER SWING

EARLY BIRDIES WIN MURRAY OPEN

Story - *The Guardian* (Nathan Spicer)

Tom Power Horan charged home to claim victory in the 2022 \$50,000 Murray Open at Murray Downs Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, September 7.

Horan, who hails from Melbourne, was three shots behind overnight leader Andre Lautee at five under on Tuesday night but managed to hit six birdies in his first 12 holes on Wednesday, which proved to be the key moment.

Horan told *The Guardian* he was happy with his performance but was nervous about being overrun by defending champion Matthew Miller late in the round on Wednesday afternoon.

"I thought I had to shoot a pretty good score," Horan said.

"Around five to eight under, I predicted, would be a good enough score to get me the win, which was the case.

"I had a look a look at the leaderboard with around five to six holes to go, and I hadn't been playing as well as I'd hoped, which put a bit of pressure on my putting, but it was nice to pull through and get the job done."

Horan, Edward Donoghue and James Marchesani have secured entry to the 2023 New South Wales Open thanks to their performances at the event.

Horan finished 10 under, one shot ahead of second-placed Miller.

It is the second time Murray Downs has hosted an event in the NSW Pro-Am Series.



In an address to the crowd following the presentation, Murray Downs president Col Hedwards said the club was excited to do it all again in 12 months' time.

"Thanks to the PGA for coming along and supporting Murray Downs - we're going to be back here again next year and hope you all come back, which we very much look forward to organising," Hedwards said.

Horan was impressed with the course.

It was the first time he's made it to Murray Downs since the beginning of the pandemic.

"It's great here. This is only my second time playing at Murray Downs and the first since before COVID - but the course and facilities are great, and it's definitely one of the best places to play on the river," he said.

Horan was not the only golfer dazzled with the course, according to Murray Downs chief

executive Gregory Roberts, who said there had been a terrific response from the players.

"I spoke to Lisa, our golf pro, who played in the tournament and she told me everyone was just blown away with the course and the layout."

Edwards thanked the people responsible for allowing the course to be in such fine nick.

"A lot goes into making up the three days with the Pro-Am and the final two days of the event. It's great to be able to put on an event like this, and all our staff, especially the greens staff, have done a fantastic job over the three days and the weeks leading up"

Roberts also thanked the NSW Government and Golf NSW for their assistance in helping set up the event.

"I'd just like to thank them for their support - the funds they provided to allow us to host the event have not gone unnoticed," he said.

UPCOMING CELEBRITY GOLF CHALLENGE:

Monday, November 21 - 11am

Enjoy a day with legends of sport whilst helping raise funds for the Black Dog Institute.

Rub shoulders with Gary Buckenara, Jason Dunstall, Mark Maclure, Robert DiPierdomenico and many more famous sporting identities.

Corporate packages are now available which include three people to play 18 holes of golf with a celebrity, tickets to the fundraising dinner and auction, 2 course meal, unlimited drinks, sponsorship and signage options.

To register your interest call the Pro Shop today on 5033 1427.

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CORPORATE PACKAGE \$1200

- 3 entries to play 18 holes of golf with a cart with a celebrity (celebrity randomly drawn, groups of 4 (4 person Ambrose)
- 3 tickets to the Sportsman's fundraising dinner and auction at 7:00pm
- 2 course meal, unlimited beer/wine/soft drink and memorabilia auction
- Sponsorship of hole
- Signage provided by your company.

EXECUTIVE PACKAGE \$2500

- All of the above inclusions PLUS...
- Choose the celebrity you want to play golf with.

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PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE AT MURRAY DOWNS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB.

Congratulations to Andre Lautee.

Andre Lautee who was leading day 1 of the Murray Open Pro-Am and also managed to equal the course record of 64 (-8) which was achieved at last year's Pro-Am by Matthew Millar.



LEMON PEPPER CALAMARI

A top-down view of a plate of lemon pepper calamari. The calamari is golden-brown and piled in the center. To the left is a small white bowl of creamy dipping sauce and a lemon wedge. Above the calamari is a small white bowl of fresh salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, and herbs. The plate is on a wooden surface.

CRISPY CHICKEN BURGER



A close-up photograph of a plate of BBQ Beast Feast. The plate is white and filled with a variety of BBQ items: several ribs, a few wings, and a generous portion of onion rings. The food is coated in a dark, glossy BBQ sauce and garnished with finely chopped green herbs. In the background, a bottle of BBQ sauce is partially visible. A circular logo in the bottom right corner reads "DAILY specials".

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OUR LADIES ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL CLASSIC EVENT

MEN'S' GOLF REPORT.

Since my last report, most of our annual tournaments have been run and won. Going back to June, when we held the annual Golden Putter. The weekend commenced with the Golden Shoe on the Friday, with 140 players taking part in the singles stableford competition. The 2022 Golden shoe winner was Leon Egan, from Horsham with 41 points. The 2022 Golden Putter, consisting of 248 players, was taken out by Malcolm Seton-Stewart and David McFarland with a score 16up (5 & 11) from the 2021 winners Greg Cadd & Brad Arnoldt who finished with the same score +16 (9 & 7).

The 2022 Swan Hill Wholesalers Premier League competition was taken out by team "Sticky Bandits" consisting of Jorgen Leschke, Sarah Clark, Daniel & Brenton Cruickshank, Jackson Quirk, Jonny Hirst, Justin Condell and Andrew Halligan with a score of 139 points over the "Royal Goat Trackers" who finished with 133 points.

We held the first series of WRDGA winter pennant through out July & August, a competition between Murray Downs, Rich River, Barham & Deniliquin clubs, in 3 divisions consisting of 5 players each. Murray Downs took out division 1 over Rich River 3 & 2, Deniliquin won division 2, 3 & 2 from Rich River and Rich River overcame Murray Downs in division 3, 4 & 1.

Over the last weekend in August, we held the very successful 36-hole 2 person Ambrose tournament, with 160 players participating. The 36-hole scratch event was won by Luke Merritt and Andy Graham with scores of 62 & 68 = 130 and the nett winners were Craig Fletcher & James McLean with 125 (61 & 64).

Winding up a very busy period of golf at Murray Downs, we held the Regional Murray Open/Pro Am in the first week of September. The Pro Am (a modified Ambrose-Irish 4 Ball) was taken out by Will Bayliss (Pro), Josh Legudi, Tim Phillips & Chris Fordham with a score of 113, from Peter Wilson (Pro), Paul Nobes, Geoff Hinton & Neil Selleck on 112 points. The 2022 Murray Open winner is Tom Power-Horan from Melbourne with 2 rounds of -5, to finish at 10 under par, from the 2021 winner Matthew Millar one shot further back. Andre Lautee, equalled the course record of 8 under par on the first day, but couldn't sustain the pressure on the second day, finishing at 8 over, square for the 36 holes.

Upcoming events: "DoingitforJarrod" charity day is scheduled for Sunday September 18, this is a charity day to raise funds and awareness for kids with cancer. Followed by "AGrade" Sheds, Andy Graham day on Sunday October 2nd. The Men's AGM will be held on Monday October 17 and the Men's Championships over the first two weekends in November.

Good Golfing
Mick Kiley, Men's' Captain

WOMEN'S GOLF REPORT.

Since June, Murray Downs ladies have been very fortunate to be able to play golf in numerous sponsored days. We thank these sponsors very much for their contribution to our Club. Their sponsorship enables the ladies to compete for prizes of a much higher value.

Golden Putter: sponsored by Swan Hill Disposals Outdoor Store - this tournament was most successful in June with many visitors returning to compete. Local ladies featured prominently in the winners' lists. Silver Putter results – Winners were Virginia Allen & Marg Crilly, (formerly a Murray Downs Member) - R-Ups – Bev Holt & Lois Coady and two ladies from La Trobe were third. Judi Benbow & Jenny Lynas were very popular winners of the Golden Putter, R-Ups were Rosie Ficarra & Jenny Monahan with two ladies from Mooralla and Hamilton in third place. Congratulations to all these ladies.

Holts Golf Day: this Inaugural Tournament, Ambrose in Pairs, was enjoyed by all the ladies who played - Results – Winners – Barb Cadd & Maree Thurwood. Runners-Up – Michelle Holt & Shelley Wilkins, Third – Carol Wiseman & Judi Lonergan.

LJ Hooker Golf Day: although numbers were down a successful day playing individual stableford. Results – A Grade Winner – Judi Benbow R-Up – Gaye Legudi. B Grade Winner – Jan McLean with Heather Evans R-Up.

Mildura Health Golf Day: we welcomed Robyn Stephenson (who was the caddy) and Cheryl Rix who played, from the company. They were very pleased to have represented Mildura Health for the day. Results - Winners - Lois Carnie & Kristy Gordon with 44 points on a countback from octogenarian's Marie Cruickshank & Sheila Beard 44 pts. Third – Georgina Douglas and Virginia Allen 43 points.

Cameron's Gold Links Golf Day: a cold day greeted the small field of lady golfers for this event which is a hard game 4BBB Par Aggregate. Winners to get their name on the perpetual trophy were– Marie Cruickshank & Sheila Beard. Runners-Up – Judi Benbow & Jenny Lynas and Third placegetters were Marg Moore & Bev Holt.

36 Hole Ambrose 2 day Event: 27th and 28th August saw the 36 hole 2 person Ambrose being played. 150 competitors – visitors and members took to the field – with 13 pair of women. Ladies Results – overall Scratch winners were Janette Tucker & Suzanne Napier, score 159. Overall Net winners – Marg Moore & Eillean Willox 136.5 on a countback from Kerry Gammon & Phasinee Chaiyasit.

NSW Murray Open Qualifying Event: 21 local teams took part in the Pro Am on Monday 5th September - Michelle Holt, Lynne Bishop and Kerry Gammon along with their professional, took out third prize. Well done ladies.

The women are looking forward to the Annual Classic which is scheduled from the 5th to the 7th October. We haven't been able to have this tournament since 2019 because of covid 19 so we look forward to welcoming the many visitors who will be enjoying our beautiful course.

The yearly golfing competitions: which includes Golfer of the Year, the Knock-Outs, Spring Brooch, Putter of the Year, Saturday Star etc etc will culminate at the end of September. Trophies will be presented to the recipients after the Annual Meeting on 19th October.

Mag Kiley, Lady Captain, September, 2022

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