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Foreword



As President, and on behalf of the Ainslie Group, I would like to congratulate the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club on your 25th anniversary. This is a significant achievement from where you started to where we stand together today.

The historical events that have been captured within this book from early inception of planning a golf course in the early 1990's to today is a wonderful achievement. It was all brought together in meticulous detail by the founding members of the golf club and former Ainslie CEO's.

The passion and dedication of so many people before us who had the foresight and vision in building a partnership with the Ainslie Group has been nothing short of a great success story.

We are extremely proud of what has been achieved together over the past 25 years in providing such a magnificent sporting facility that is now recognised as one of the premier golf courses in the region. None of this could have been achieved without the ongoing strong support and commitment from both the Ainslie Group Board, the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Committee and all the wonderful members and volunteers during this time.

While at 25 years old, the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club may be considered still young in comparison to the Ainslie Football Club's history of nearly 95 years old, we are very excited and committed to the golf club continuing to build on its great history for the next 25 years and beyond.

Wayne Rogers
President, Ainslie Group



As we at Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club turn 25, it is the people, the course and its amenities that have combined to make it one of the region's best golfing facilities.

Living near the course for over 20 years, I have seen the course develop from one with trees standing around one metre tall, to one with mature trees that taunt and trouble us, as we play the course.

Many of our members have been with the club for more than 20 years, and a number of our foundation members still play and actively participate in club activities.

We have three life members all of whom continue to be important to the fabric of the club and freely give of their time and experience to those newer in the running of the golf club and to new members, as they join our playing group.

We are fortunate that in this our 25th year, we have more members than ever before and we are continuing to grow. I think this is due to us being a friendly, inclusive and collegiate place to play the game we all love.

My thanks to all of those who have given of their time to help write our 25-year history, in particular the editorial team noted in the credits ably led by Norm Loughton.

These folks have devoted significant time and effort in producing what will be an important document in the life of the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.

Richard Oliver
President, Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club

Introduction

On 6 July 2021, it will be 25 years since the first tee shot in competition was hit at the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.

There were only a couple of hundred members at that time and now the membership has grown to be around 700 in 2021.

Gungahlin Lakes Golf Course was officially opened on Saturday 6 July 1996 and, as the name implies, the course features attractive lakes and ponds with challenging water carries across fairways and to greens. The golf course is set amongst a native garden and natural waterways which has seen an abundant return of native fauna with hundreds of trees planted to provide for carbon offsets.

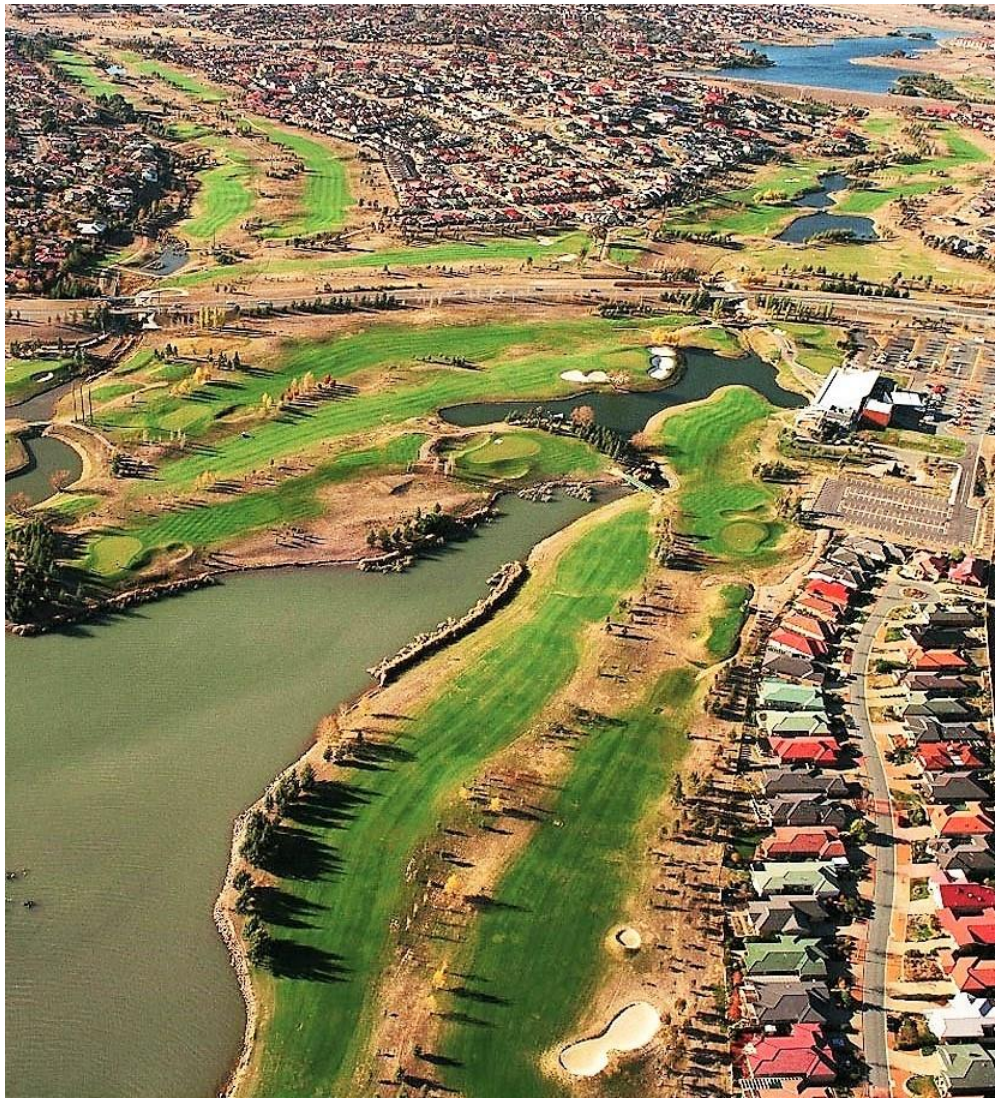
The golf course is an eco-sustainable development using as little water as possible since it is located well below the one in 100-year flood line and having one of the most modern irrigation systems available.

Centrally located on the corner of Gundaroo and Gungahlin Drives in Nicholls in the Australian Capital Territory, Australia, the 6,198 metre, par 72 championship layout has been rated by Golf Australia as one of the most difficult courses in the ACT.

Construction of the course, by designers Jamie Dawson and Ted Parslow, began in 1993. During the construction period, the Ainslie Football and Social Club accepted the opportunity to provide club facilities that are now part of the complex that is the Gungahlin Lakes Golf and Community Club.

This social venue has become an important part of the community scene in the Gungahlin area and is regarded as having some of the best facilities of any golf club in Canberra.

This book looks at the history of the club, how it started, the people involved in the development of the club, and the successes of the club and its members over those 25 years. Please enjoy the book.



Aerial view from 2002

Foundation of a golf club

The town of Gungahlin was part of the original 1957 plan as a future development in the ACT. In 1991, it was officially launched as Canberra's fourth town centre. At the time the population of Gungahlin was just 389 residents.

The ACT government recognised that not all of the land area in Gungahlin would be suitable for development. The area immediately west of Gundaroo Drive was generally degraded pasture. It was below the one in 100-year flood level and thus unsuitable for housing as five creeks or urban flood-ways converged on the site.

The ACT government determined its best use would be as a golf course that could self-manage the water and landscape while offering a recreational and social focal point for the establishing community.

From the Gungahlin Lakes perspective

The following is the recollections of Jim Hourigan, life member of Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club, and a number of other people who were involved at the time.

In November 1993, the ACT government appointed a steering committee and sponsored a public meeting to discuss the proposal for a new golf club in Gungahlin. An interim steering committee, named the Gungahlin Lakes Interim Committee, was formed and consisted of six members; three members representing the proposed club, two members appointed by the government's steering committee and a representative of MBA Land Pty Ltd, the course developer who was also the developer of the adjacent housing estate in Ngunnawal.

The members of the interim committee were Jim Hourigan as chair, together with Phil Hardy and Peter Beams/Paul Allen representing the planned new golf club, Steve Wallace and Brian Cook, who were the ACT government representatives, and Gavin Halling from MBA Land Pty Ltd.

The interim committee met fortnightly to co-ordinate the operations of MBA Land Pty Ltd, the ACT government and the proposed golf club, and to ensure compliance with guidelines set by the ACT government. Phil Hardy's recollection was *'the initial problems were no money, no club house, no members and no sponsors*.'

In December 1994, the interim committee was still battling with impossibilities, so an agreement was reached on the need to include an established party to oversee the proposed operations of a viable golf club.

It was at this time that the Ainslie Football and Social Club (AFSC) expressed their interest in a joint venture at Gungahlin. The involvement of AFSC, although removing the autonomy of running the club as purely a golf club, provided the solution needed to solve the initial problems.

The interim committee then met weekly with the AFSC, MBA Land Pty Ltd and the ACT government representatives to determine common ground for the proposed golf club to continue and to liaise with the progress of construction.

The Gungahlin Community Council was approached to gain support for the proposal and local MLAs were lobbied to ensure the success of the proposal.

After 18 months of discussions and negotiations Jim Hourigan, Phil Hardy and Paul Allen, on behalf of the interim committee, signed a tri-party agreement, in September 1995, with the AFSC and MBA Land Pty Ltd.

Various public meetings were called to promote the proposal to interested people for the formation of a new golf club. A constitution was prepared and membership opened to the public. The Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club committee was formed to create the infrastructure for a new club.

From the Ainslie Group perspective

The following information on the establishment of the golf club project has been provided by Maurice Reilly, AFSC General Manager from 1984 to 1997. In Maurice's words 'it can best be described as a happy collision of interests. It is a real community success story that only a community owned club could make happen.'

Where it began

The story starts with Alan Ray, the AFSC president, and his board in the early 1990s. Alan was keen to see the AFSC board think about the club's long-term future. A strategic plan was developed to include a range of future projects. At the top of the list was the return of Ainslie oval and the establishment of a club in Gungahlin. Other projects included an upstairs renovation of the Ainslie first floor, purchase of holiday apartments and an acquisition of a golf course.

The golf course idea was the brain child of a long-standing AFSC and board member, Harry Perryman, a keen golfer. At the time, no-one envisioned that the board could actually go and seek golf course opportunities. The club was more focussed on the return of Ainslie oval to the club and obtaining a club development site in the proposed Gungahlin town centre. It was thought the Gungahlin project was well in the future as the town centre project had been delayed due to planning and environment issues. The survival of the striped legless lizard actually forced the relocation of the town centre.

What happened next

Noel McCann, the Principal of McCann and Associates, assisted the AFSC board with the lease and planning matters for Ainslie oval and other matters. Bob Winnel, from MBA Land Pty Ltd, was also his client. The board were at loggerheads with the government over lease variation charges and planning issues.

Following a meeting Noel had with AFSC board members, the after-lunch chat turned to the board's aspirations for a club in Gungahlin. Noel paused and said *'how would you like a golf course?'*

How it unfolded

The ACT government sold a large land development to MBA Land Pty Ltd, and as part of its obligations, the developer was to construct a club house and championship golf course around Palmerston and Ngunnawal and return it to the community via the government.

While the golf course construction was nearing completion, MBA Land Pty Ltd was yet to construct the club house. The cost obligation for MBA Land Pty Ltd to build the club house was $1 million, but this was insufficient to produce a properly fitted-out club house. The challenge was to meet everyone's interests; Gungahlin would have a golf course that was community owned as promised by the ACT government, the AFSC needed to bring forward its ambition to build a community club in Gungahlin, and MBA Land Pty Ltd had to meet its obligations to the ACT government by the AFSC taking over the obligation to build the club house at the same or better standard than originally envisaged.



Gavin Halling, from MBA Land Pty Ltd, briefing the ACT government, the press and AFSC representatives at an initial site meeting

After briefing the AFSC Board, there were some initial reservations; namely the club had committed some $3 million on Ainslie oval and other renovations, and golf courses are capital intensive and require high maintenance.

On the surface, the proposal seemed too good to be true in that the ACT government would hand over a championship golf course worth a few million dollars, and the developer would transfer over $1 million to AFSC on the basis it would invest in a club building estimated to cost $4 million.

The Process

Noel McCann then briefed Bob Winnel and the ACT government to see if the proposal could get off the ground.

The ACT government's steering committee invited the AFSC board to meet with Jim Hourigan and the Gungahlin Lakes Interim Committee.



The temporary club house 'the shed' in 1996

At that very first meeting with Jim, it was obvious that his genuine integrity and commitment would make the project happen. He, and indeed the interim committee, had an open and pragmatic approach to the many issues that needed to be aired and solved. Key amongst these issues was who would manage golf and how the golf committee would fit within the Ainslie structure. In the end, it was agreed that the golf committee would be a formal sub-committee of the Ainslie committee with its functions and powers delegated to it by the AFSC board.

The golf committee would advise on all golf matters, including course maintenance and the selection of a golf professional. This arrangement required good communication and trust.

With the interim committee satisfied, the AFSC board needed legal agreements with the ACT government (Leases and Planning), MBA Land Pty Ltd and the bank to proceed. Each body required a lengthy process to reach a sign-off.

It was a complicated set of leases to be executed. Maurice Reilly recalled many long conversations with Bob Winnel *'it was a bit like a Wimbledon five set final with Bob, but we got there in the end'*. Noel McCann played an essential part with the ACT government, MBA Land Pty Ltd and the AFSC.

The Outcome

AFSC engaged Brian Wood of Wood + Day Partnership Architects, to develop a master plan for the club house and in particular, stage one.

While this process was being undertaken it was decided that temporary facilities, for golfers and the community, needed to be constructed. The temporary facilities included change rooms and a bar, housed in a collection of portable buildings that were transported to the site.

Finally, the course was open, and the then ACT Minister for Sport, Bill Stefaniak, hit the first official ball along with Jim Hourigan and the interim committee.

The golf course

Information on the design and construction of the course is attributed to Jamie Dawson.

In the words of the Gungahlin Lakes golf designer and architect, Jamie Dawson *'in autumn 1992, I inspected the new Gungahlin area, 25 kilometres north of my Canberra home, planned as a growth centre for between 1,000 and a ceiling of 80,000 residents. The newly formed Gungahlin Drive overlooked the potential golf course site. The roundabout, a wedge shot away, was the end of the capital city*.'

Jamie, of Margules, Groome and Poyry was asked to prepare a golf course routing plan and provide construction cost estimates to MBA Land Pty Ltd, prior to their successful tender bid to purchase the proposed estate land with the added requirement to construct a golf course.

The view and potential of the proposed site filled Jamie, then a budding golf course architect, with optimism. He had prepared many golf course routing/estate feasibility concepts in the eastern states and overseas, had numerous golf course landscape/vegetation management projects implemented and some minor course re-modelling completed, but was keen to step up to a new course design that became 'in play'.

Tender process and Deed of Agreement obligations

The ACT government wanted to ensure the proposed course was a quality golf course with good fundamentals in both overall design and specification. The Deed of Agreement with MBA Land Pty Ltd required suitable soils and depth to be used across the whole course, a minimum of 100 mega litres of water storage, 6,000 trees to be spread throughout the layout, 25 hectares of irrigated fairways, greens to be an average of 500 square metres per green, and a driving range of at least 280 metres by 120 metres. Practice facilities were also to be provided.

Over 250,000 cubic metres of fill was required to build out the swamp or lowlands that existed on the original site. Nearly half the fill came from the required 100 mega litres of water storage, with the balance from the surrounding housing estate. The course earthworks also had to ensure flood levels did not rise into the proposed adjoining estate.

Design challenges

The master plan design challenge was to achieve a championship standard par 72 course on 70 hectares. Normally this would be relatively easy. However, constraints were placed on the developer, such as the fact that the golf course would be built on land originally recognised as a flood plain. The course was generally flat, with some exceptions, such as areas near the 6th and 11th greens and the 10th, 11th and 12th tees. The developer also had to ensure the golf course did not breach the one in 100-year flood line for the proposed housing estate.



Aerial view of early construction. The intersection at top right is Gungahlin Drive and Lexcen Avenue. Middle bottom is the site of the current club house.

In developing the course, there were a number of core issues that presented some interesting challenges to the designers including:

Boundaries – there are five kilometres of boundaries and two kilometres of main roads adjoining the course so safety considerations needed to be taken into consideration.

Bisecting corridors – Gungahlin Drive divides the course into two zones, and two mandatory public paths cross the course causing further divides.

Service easements – two kilometres of high voltage overhead power lines run through the western side of the course and over four kilometres of existing trunk sewers also cross the course.

Waterways – four kilometres of creeks impacted layout options, but these and the 100 mega litres of constructed water storage lakes also offered strategic opportunity. Water occurs on 14 holes, although strategically critical on only half of these. Offline shots can also be punished by water if short or wide.



The temporary club house, with the chipping and putting greens, in 1996

A deliberate design strategy, taking into account the seven kilometres of boundaries and main road adjoining the course, was to have almost all boundaries on a right-handed golfer's 'hook' side of the golf holes to assist safety outcomes. Only two shots have the boundary on the far more common right-handed golfer's 'slice' side. These are the opening hole drive zone (with a wider offset than usual to allow 'loosening up' drives); and the 9th hole which has boundaries on both sides of the final 200 metres of the corridor.

The original site had only 23 trees, half of which were willows. No remnant eucalypts were removed during the construction phases. The deed specified that 6,000 trees needed to be planted which, as the trees matured, offered better enhancement of visual impact and safety.

Over the past 25 years, tree numbers have been maintained, mainly by removing many of the older poplar varieties, as their roots began to invade the fairways, and replanting other areas to better define the layout of each hole.

Land sale tender success and design engagement

MBA Land Pty Ltd was the successful developer in the estate/course tender. The deed also required engagement of a Society of Australian Golf Course Architects member in the design team. Ted Parslow was engaged as a key team member to meet this compliance. The design team was appointed in January 1993 after a competitive bid.

Ted Parslow supported the earlier master plan routing prepared by Jamie Dawson, including the majority of the indicative siting of bunkers. His recommendation to change holes 10 and 11 from a par 3 then par 4 to the reverse order was supported.

The final master plan and deed compliance report was lodged with the ACT government in February 1993. Although approval took some months, targeted designs and strategies progressed, including integration with stage one of the golf course estate.

Construction

Needless to say, there were many challenges during construction which commenced in 1993 while design features were still being ironed out. During this phase it was fortunate that Jamie Dawson was on site to act as construction supervisor.

One design issue late to be resolved was the successful negotiation with ACTEW to replace the normally shiny lattice towers with the newer thin-profile concrete poles, in a dull olive green, to carry the high voltage wires crossing the course.

A further challenge was that the developer directed that five separate independent course contractor firms be engaged for their specialist skills. This ultimately may not have been to advantage as the contractors often had competing priorities and delays by one often impacted on the program of others.

The first 20 per cent of the course was completed in early 1994 with the completion of holes 4, 5, 8 and 9. At that stage most Canberrans had still not been to Gungahlin and sales in the housing estate was slow. MBA Land Pty Ltd decided to fund a well-advertised Gungahlin Fair in March 1994 next to the course and housing estate. Stalls, rides, display homes and even a large prize for a hole-in-one competition ensured a good turnout. The project was beginning to take shape.

A push to achieve 50 per cent course construction as the next milestone permitted further land sales around mid-1994. After this the developer was keen to see a slowdown in course progress and costs until estate sales rejuvenated the cash flow.

Course completion

In November 1995, a project team and their guests enjoyed a golf day on the first nine holes. The push was then on to complete the laying of topsoil and seed on the second nine holes to ensure reasonable grass coverage by autumn 1996. The full 18-hole course opened on 6 July 1996.

The course construction cost, excluding the club house area, approached $6 million with the earthworks being near to a third of the cost. Despite a protracted construction period, costs finished within three per cent of the pre-tender 1992 master plan estimate nearly four years earlier.



The 14th hole in 1997 looking from the 16th green

Importantly, the original deed did not require for any course paths to be built, no course furniture and most critically only 60 square metres of bunkers which were on the 9th and 18th holes.

In reality this was probably fair as this new course was to be passed by the developer to the ACT government to then ‘gift’ to an organisation or community group. The government wanted to ensure the basics of a good course, but allow the new club to self-fund the finessing of works such as bunkers, paths, and non-tree landscape.

The committees, members and volunteers subsequently obliged and the course flourished.

WindyLoo

In the first couple of years of the club, the toilet facilities on the course were minimal. The only toilet on the course was a hired portable toilet adjacent to the driving range. As member numbers increased, it became obvious more permanent toilet facilities were needed. The problem at the time was that there was no provision for a sewerage discharge line.

Around 1999, the NSW government was establishing composting toilet rest spots along the highways. Curious foundation member, Ken Wark, took a trip to Lake George one Saturday morning to investigate such a facility and found the name of the supply company, Fabranamics from Armidale NSW and their product, the WindyLoo.

With the agreement of AFSC and the golf committee, and with the help of a local architect to assist with government permits and site design, Ken led the negotiations with Fabranamics to supply a prefabricated WindyLoo composting toilet. The WindyLoo was operational by the end of 2000. In July 2015, Waterland upgraded the toilet with stainless steel fittings and connected it to the town sewerage.

Windy Kiosk

When the course opened in 1996, a rickety, very old caravan was parked at the site of the halfway house, between the 9th and 10th holes. Mark Brooker, the assistant professional at the time, spent some time in the caravan keeping the passing golfers fed and watered. Mark was renowned for the quality of his bacon and egg rolls, cooked in an old electric frypan. Golfers placed their order after playing the 9th and picked it up after playing the 13th.

The local vandals, who had caused the club so much trouble in the first ten years, had a field day and managed to demolish the caravan within a couple of months. In fact, the 1998 spring edition of 'Splash', the golf club's newsletter, reported that the caravan, serving as an interim halfway house, had been burgled on three occasions during the school holidays.

This led to a more permanent solution with Fabranamics supplying a modified structure, to be known as the Windy Kiosk, which opened in late 2000.



The Windy Kiosk

Development of the course over the years

The golf course had consolidated, although near a decade of drought had taken its toll primarily on the rough and the trees. The deed requirement of 100 mega litres of water storage fed by multiple waterways proved a godsend for the course.

Despite the volume of water storage available, the course was twice down to only two or three weeks of watering and had to hire pumps to extract the last dregs of water from the ponds, before the heavens finally opened. In January 2020, the watering of fairways was ceased as the ponds were largely empty due to no rain.

In 2005, the golf committee decided 18 bunkers would be added to the original three, and where they should be positioned. A local contractor was engaged to build the bunkers with oversight by the committee.

Plantings were also added close to the fairways to penalise off-line drives. Most of these projects were undertaken by Dad's Army, supported by course staff.

Realignment of the 10th fairway

In the original course design, the 10th fairway was straight from tee to green. There were a few trees along the fence line on the left-hand side, and the lake, on the right-hand side, was significantly larger than it is now and encroached the current 10th fairway.

With a straight fairway and few trees, needless to say many golf balls strayed into the yards of residents along the left-hand fence line. After receiving many complaints from the residents, the committee decided to realign the fairway in 2003 to encourage shots away from the houses.

This required some of the lake to be filled in, rock walls added to form the lake edge, and the addition of vegetation and the flat fairway 'wasteland' forward of the 150-metre marker. More trees were planted and the 'out-of-bounds' area adjacent to the left-hand fence line was also established.



Realignment of the 10th fairway in 2003

Beautification works

In late 2006, the course was targeted for a major beautification focus driven by Kevin Grace, the CEO of AFSC at the time. He wanted to lift the club's standing to attract more corporate events and reward members with a better golfing experience. The strategic interest and challenge of the course had never been questioned. It was felt that it lacked the 'polish' of some of its competitors.

The 2007 landscape beautification works involved eight tee upgrades, which included the building of stone walls, laser levelling, installing planter beds, stone bin wells, bench seats and 2,885 linear metres of cart paths. Even though there was some interruption to play during the build, members appreciated the dramatic transformation. The beautification works were designed and managed by the original course architect, Jamie Dawson.

Subtle enhancements to safety were also integrated, as only four tees on the course didn't have a potential boundary interface or building risk on the drive zone. On many of the tees, right-side concrete edges and stonework were strongly aligned in the desired direction of the shot (or even marginally further from the boundary) to aid a safer stance alignment.

In 2008, another three tees were enhanced and a further 1,375 linear metres of cart paths built. Due to the shift to bunkering improvement, only the 16th and 18th tees were completed in the 2009 beautification program ensuring a quality experience over the closing holes. Over the three-year period to mid-2009, the club had invested in 13 tee upgrades and over four and a half kilometres of cart paths.

In 2009-10, MD constructions, a golf shaper company based in Sydney, was engaged to construct 36 bunkers, and adapt any existing ones, to show a unified character throughout the course. This project was also designed and managed by Jamie Dawson.

The strategic golfing and course landscape enhancement works designed and constructed between 2007 and 2010 had provided the 'finishing touches' to much acclaim. Jamie Dawson, commented *'I was thrilled to see the original 1992 visions for the course, largely built out of flat degraded pasture, now achieved after 18 years.'*

10th anniversary President's tree

In July 2006, the club celebrated its 10th anniversary with the traditional 'Birthday Bash'. This annual golf event, celebrating the opening of the club, was followed by a tree planting, with past and current presidents of the golf club and the AFSC sharing the spade work.

The anniversary tree is an Upright English Oak, Quercus robur Fastigiata, and grows in a columnar shape to around 13 metres. It is a strong-wooded, hardy tree which can tolerate a range of conditions including the vagaries of the Canberra climate. The leaves maintain their dark green colour throughout the year until they turn brown in autumn. They often remain on the tree for some time before dropping.



Planting the President's tree – left to right, Ralph Rendell, Ben Hall, Ken Wark, David Lalor and Jim Hourigan



The President's tree in 2020

Floods and drought



2010 floods, the 16th bridge under water



2020 drought, the pond on the 2nd hole is near empty



2010 floods, even the pro shop was flooded



2020 drought, the pond in front of the 2nd tee is empty

Irrigation upgrade

In 2011, the golf club committee paid consultant, Matthew Wilson of Total Irrigation Designers, to examine the existing course irrigation system and provide recommendations and costs for an upgraded irrigation system. The indicative cost for a new system with a single stage implementation, not including a new pump system, was estimated to be between $0.9 million and $1.2 million. The additional estimate for a site project manager was $0.12 million. Matthew Wilson's report was presented to the July 2011 AFSC consultative meeting.

As the AFSC was in a consolidating financial position at the time, the proposal was not approved, nor was the second proposal submitted some 18 months later. A third proposal, that included a funding model for the irrigation upgrade, was approved by the AFSC Board in June 2013.



The new water pumps that were installed

The funding model involved the collection of an additional $2 in competition fees from members, and an increase in fees for social and corporate golfers.

This was on top of the water levy that was paid annually with golf membership renewal. After consultation with members, the funding model was implemented.

The AFSC Board agreed at their August 2013 meeting to proceed to tender for the capital works with a view to appointing a contractor, with work to commence by mid-2014.

The board also agreed to the appointment of Norm Loughton as project manager on a voluntary basis.

The AFSC Board required that the irrigation upgrade must come in under $1 million. After significant negotiation and with some cost savings identified, this requirement was met.

Hard work and perseverance had paid off for President Barry Morgan, Vice President Norm Loughton and the golf committee.

WaterLand Pty Ltd, a locally based company, was awarded the contract after the competitive tender process and work commenced in May 2014.

The entire irrigation system was replaced by a new design that features increased diameter main lines, high pressure Toro sprinklers and a state-of-the-art control system. The fairway sprinklers are designed for a radius of 25 metres compared to 18 metres of the old system.

The Toro control system has features that include remote operation and selective area watering and timing. The contract also included replacement of the water pump system.

Excess rock and soil, produced as a result of the work, were used for various projects including enlarging, and extending forward, the women's tees on the 11th, 16th and 17th holes, a new driving range tee, upgrading two access roads and the construction of the yellow tees.



Waterland hard at work installing the new irrigation system on the 12th fairway

The upgrade was completed on time and on budget in October 2014. Member and social golfer contributions significantly assisted in offsetting the $1 million cost of the project.

This was a significant undertaking by the committee and members to accept more financial responsibility for the operation of the club. Also, it further strengthened the strong bond with the Ainslie Group management.

All members should be proud of their significant contribution towards the implementation of the new irrigation system.

During the construction period, and with Golf Australia approval, one hole was out of play. Members were allowed to walk the hole and receive two stableford points.

Project manager Norm Loughton was on site every day during construction and always asked how members were playing. Some of the replies were *'I'm playing that badly I just wiped the hole that is out of play'* and a woman replied on the 16th hole, *'I hope this hole is out of play for months as I haven't got 2 points on this hole all year.'*

A nearby resident also commented *'my sons have never been so well behaved as they love watching all the work.'*

While competition fees have risen over time, $2 from each competition fee remains quarantined for course improvements and equipment.

These additional funds also provide the committee with greater financial independence and flexibility to prioritise and commission future capital works in consultation with the Ainslie Group.



The upgraded sprinklers in action

What lies ahead for Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club

When the course opened in 1996, the then ACT government ‘gifted’ the course to the AFSC.

As part of the gift, the AFSC paid land rent, which has remained unchanged since that time.

Gungahlin Lakes Golf Course has a challenging course layout with great practice facilities.

It has a spectacular outlook from the clubhouse and represents great value for money compared to other nearby courses.

The central location in Gungahlin, as a fast-growing region of Canberra, has clear potential for further development as a golfing destination for local and interstate visitors as part of a Canberra stay and play package.

With the backing of the Ainslie Group, a firm course foundation, strong member support and a team of dedicated green’s staff, the future of Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club looks assured.

Over time, it is expected to see incremental changes to the course which will only add to the challenging layout.

It will be exciting to see what happens over the next 25 years.



Aerial view of the 18th green and club house



View of 18th green from near the pro shop

The club house

The following information is largely provided by Kevin Grace, the CEO of AFSC from 1997 to 2014.

With the golf course completed and officially opened on 6 July 1996, the golf club was still operating out of a demountable shed. Initially, a shipping container housed the pro-shop, starter's box, golf office and a general storage area.

Access to the course was along a temporary road leading off the then roundabout at the intersection of Gundaroo and Gungahlin Drives.



The construction of the demountable sheds in 1996

The temporary club house

Several ATCO building sheds were subsequently brought on site to establish a temporary club house until the permanent club house was built. The location of the sheds was near the existing motorised cart storage area. The makeshift club house opened just before Christmas in 1996.

The club house, fondly known as 'the shed', was about 200 square metres in area and consisted of a bar, six old poker machines from AFSC and a small kitchen/snack bar which provided heated frozen foods, such as pies and sausage rolls.

There was a separate shed for female and male toilets and another shed which housed the pro shop. All the sheds were linked.

Brian Dobson, the assistant general manager at AFSC at the time, was tasked with managing 'the shed' as well as managing the transition of the club to the permanent building, and subsequently, through the three stages of expansion.



Heather Wark, the first women's captain, officiating at the presentation of the 1997 Women's Open in 'the shed'

The permanent club house

Stage 1

The site works, being undertaken by MBA Land Pty Ltd for the permanent club house, commenced in September 1997. This work was being undertaken in tandem with the architectural planning.

The plan was to have the architecture finalised by the time the site works were completed and have a line of credit approved for financing.

With good management and a lot of hard work by the stakeholders, site works, financing and architectural planning all fell neatly into place.

With improved takings from the poker machines in the ATCO shed, the AFSC board decided to commence building stage 1 in February 1998.



Stage 1 of the permanent club house with the temporary club house to the left in 1998



Stage 1 looking over the lake

Wood + Day Architects was appointed as the architect and Chris Lowe Constructions from Batemans Bay was appointed as the builder. The construction time line was six months.

Stage one of the club house was completed on time and on budget and opened on 4 September 1998.

The facilities provided in stage one included a bar, TAB, member's lounge, poker machine facilities, restaurant and kitchen, outdoor terrace area, pro shop, change rooms, staff amenities, car parking facilities and significant landscaping.

On the opening night the place was packed to the rafters.

Being the only restaurant in Gungahlin at the time, the food business was extremely busy.

The Lakes Restaurant provided a view over the golf course that would be the envy of many restaurants in Canberra. The restaurant was regularly booked out.

Stage 2

Given the enormous success of stage one, it was decided to move quickly to stage two.

Stage two saw the expansion of the restaurant seating area which then allowed for more bar space. Stage two was completed in May 1999.



Stage 2 construction in 1999

Plans were also developed and submitted for the redevelopment of the car park and the development of a BBQ area seating 150 people adjacent to the kitchen.

The plans also included the installation of a larger neon sign on the corner of Gungahlin and Gundaroo Drives.



Stage 2 construction in 1999



Stage 2 completed in 1999

Stage 3

The Gungahlin area continued to grow as a district and the AFSC board was very aware of this.

The growth of the business was being constrained by its trading footprint so it was a good time to get planning underway for stage three.

Plans were progressed. Wood + Day Architects were again engaged with construction by St Hilliers to start in early 2003.

The development would include a larger bar and restaurant, a function area, a new TAB sports bar, outdoor and administration areas and a porte-cochere, the undercover drive through area at the club entrance.

Most significantly, an eight-metre expansion on the lake side of the club house along its full length allowed improvements both upstairs and to the golfing facilities downstairs, including the pro shop, spike bar and kitchen.



Stage 3 construction in 2003



Stage 3 construction in 2003

Construction of the Stage three extension, valued at some $7.5 million, commenced in April 2003 and was completed in December 2003.

The stage three improvements included an expanded Lakes Restaurant with seating for over 300, a coffee shop, a carvery and salad bar (that have since been removed), BBQ areas upstairs and downstairs, an auditorium and function room, an expanded member's lounge providing double the seating, dedicated TAB and an internet and video games area located adjacent to the restaurant.

Downstairs, the major part of the extension included a purpose-built pro shop. The new shop included an office, retail space, a repair shop and golf club storage for members.

The position of the new pro shop also meant a changed design for access to the golf course.

Quality landscaping made for a more inviting and welcoming experience for members and visitors.

A new cart storage area was also built and a new fleet of golf carts was purchased. The practice nets were conveniently relocated between the putting and pitching greens.

The car park was expanded, 140 spaces were added, as was kerb and guttering, and the whole car park sealed.

Part of the design for the downstairs extension was building a large kitchen to cater for both member and corporate functions. The spike bar was doubled and included the installation of electronic scoreboards for golf results.

A number of other televisions were also installed for televising current and popular sporting events.

Importantly, the remodelled spike bar opened out to a large outdoor catering area providing some of the best corporate golf facilities in Canberra.



Stage 3 construction in 2003

The opening

The official opening of the completed club house was conducted on 20 February 2004 by Senator Bob McMullan, the then Member for Fraser, and Jon Stanhope, the ACT Chief Minister at the time.

The opening was held in the club with over 150 guests in attendance.



Jon Stanhope, Bob McMullan and Kevin Grace at the official opening on 20 February 2004

Further improvements

In 2014, the AFSC continued to upgrade and improve its facilities.

The club completed a major refurbishment and extension of Gungahlin's gaming lounge.

This refurbishment saw upgrades to seating, lighting, gaming machine layout and an improvement in the overall ambience of the area.

After several years of development, the aim of the AFSC board is to consolidate and grow the existing business base.

With no multi-million-dollar construction projects on the horizon, the main plan is to grow the 'bottom line' and advance the development of the golf course.



Rainbow over the practice putting green



The club house at sunset



The club house, practice facilities and the 14th hole

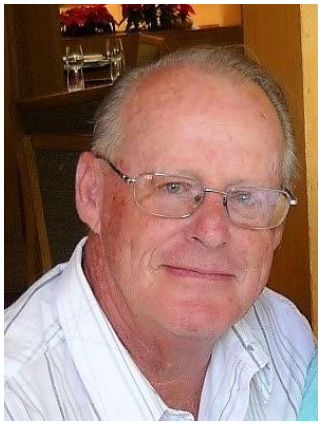
The people

Life members

Life membership of any club is awarded for significant and ongoing voluntary contributions to the club.

At the time of publishing this book (July 2021), the following three people have been awarded life membership by the Gungahlin Lakes' members.

James Hourigan



Known as Jim, it could be said that Jim Hourigan is the father of the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club and without him the club might not be where it is today.

Jim was one of the four attendees at the public meeting called by the ACT Government in November 1993 to form a golf club in Gungahlin. He was subsequently elected to chair the fortnightly meetings of the interim committee.

When a partnership was sought to develop the golf club, it was Jim who negotiated and secured agreement with the AFSC to form the joint venture. Weekly meetings with Ainslie added to his already busy workload.

During this time, Jim approached the Gungahlin Community Council and local MLAs to garner support for the proposed club. He chaired numerous public meetings to promote the proposal to interested people about the formation of a new golf club in Gungahlin.

As if working 30 to 40 hours per week wasn't enough for the three years leading up to the opening of Gungahlin Lakes, and talking about nothing but *'the new golf club'*, Jim became the inaugural president of Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club. He served as president for the first six years. At the same time, Jim served as president of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association for 10 years and was made a life member in 2010. Jim returned to the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Committee as vice-captain in 2012 and men's handicapper in 2013, completing 10 years as a Gungahlin Lakes committee member.

For his exceptional contribution to the vision, development and establishment of the golf club, Jim was made a life member on 14 April 2012. Jim is member number one of Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.

Prior to becoming a foundation member of the club, Jim was on the Belconnen Golf Club committee, now Belconnen Magpies, for seven years from 1983, including two years as treasurer and four years as president.

Outside golf, Jim excelled at Australian Rules football playing as a junior from the age of six with the Turner Football Club, later the Belconnen Football Club. Jim's prowess on the field saw him joining the senior ranks at the tender age of 16. His love of football saw him coaching the under 18's from 1962 for two years, and later as assistant coach of Belconnen teams from 1972. He served on the committee until 1979 and was made a life member of the Belconnen Football Club in 1985. He coached Belconnen junior teams from 1979 to 1986, including five premiership teams.

Ken Wark



Along with Jim Hourigan, Ken is a foundation member of the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.

Ken has served on the committee for a total of 16 years.

He has held the positions of president six times, vice president once, secretary three times, vice-captain three times and has been on the main committee three times.

If that wasn't enough, Ken has been an active member of Dad's Army for many years and is currently the chief organiser.

Even when Dad's Army is not on the course and when he's not playing golf, Ken can often be seen wandering around the course checking out work to be done.

Ken played a significant role in the early development of the club. In 1999, Ken saw an urgent need for permanent conveniences on the course and sought out possible options for a 'halfway' stop.

He was instrumental in negotiations with the AFSC to acquire and install the WindyLoo and Windy Kiosk, both of which became operational at the end of 2000.

In addition, he was responsible for the design and installation of the original course signage.

When it comes to all things technological, Ken is the golf clubs' go-to-man. He has been the administrator for all the golfing systems including Compman, Powergolf and MiClub.

He also drove the implementation of Golf Link at the club, being the first club in the ACT to do so.

Ken also set up the content of the original golf website and managed the content for many years.

For Ken's outstanding contribution to the vision, development and establishment of the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club, he was made a life member on 12 April 2014.

Although Ken had not been a member of a golf club before joining Gungahlin Lakes, he has become a very handy left-handed golfer.

In 2006, Ken won the foursomes championships with Lindsay Warden and in 2015 and 2018 won the net mixed foursomes' championships with his wife Heather.

He has represented Gungahlin Lakes in pennants for many years and was a member of the 2008 winning senior handicap pennant team.

The passion for Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club clearly runs in the family as Ken's wife Heather was the club's first women's captain.

Heather was the women's net club champion in 1999 and was part of the team that won the 2019 Brindabella Shield.

Ken was born and bred in Canberra. In his early sporting life, Ken played first grade cricket in Canberra and also played Australian Rules football for Ainslie.

Norm Loughton



Norm joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1998 and, as he'd only recently taken up golf, spent the first few years at the club honing his golfing skills. However, it wasn't very long before Norm's strong sense of community spirit and commitment to voluntary work kicked in.

One of the first initiatives that Norm undertook, was the preparation and project management of the three-year plan for capital works in consultation with the Gungahlin Lakes committee and Ainslie Group management.

Norm started his heavy lifting in 2010 when he became a committee member and served for nine years as either president or vice-president from 2010 to 2016 and then again in 2018 and 2019.

After joining the committee, Norm drew on his extensive engineering background by managing a number of significant projects. These included the project to repair the rock wall of the pond near the bridge to the 16th green in 2013, the connection of town sewerage to the WindyLoo, the replacement of the eight timber bridges on the course and the construction of an office in the maintenance yard for the course superintendent.

Norm's most significant contribution to the club was his management of the installation of the new replacement irrigation system in 2014. During the five months of installation work Norm was on site daily.

Alongside Tony Fleming and Jim Pocock, Norm also managed the comprehensive safety audits of the golf course which have been undertaken annually since 2012.

His golfing highlight was winning the C grade club championship by 6 strokes in 2012, after being placed in seven other club championships. Persistence pays off.

For his dedication, strong commitment and expertise which he has voluntarily committed to the club, Norm was made a life member of Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club on 3 January 2015.

Norm's career as an electrical and civil engineer stood him in good stead to undertake all his voluntary work at the club.

He worked with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), where he surveyed, designed and constructed marine aids to navigation.

These aids included traditional lighthouses, buoys, light vessels, differential global positioning systems and the international Omega Navigation Facility in Victoria. When the Omega facility was constructed in 1982, the tower was, at the time, the tallest structure in the southern hemisphere at 432 metres. The facility was decommissioned in 2008 and the tower was demolished in 2015.

Norm was at sea for around four months each year and mainly worked on a 100-metre construction vessel which was owned and operated by AMSA crew.

He has circumnavigated Australia many times while working on remote sites. He also worked overseas in the USA including Hawaii, France, Singapore, South Africa and New Zealand.

Before Norm took up golf at the tender age of 50 at the Narooma Golf Club, he played cricket in the ACT with Ginninderra and hockey with Central.

Including his voluntary work at the golf club, Norm has spent over 51 years volunteering at various community and sporting clubs.

Members who have played key roles

The following people, listed in alphabetical order, have made a significant contribution to the golf club in either its development and/or to ensure its ongoing success.

The criteria used for the selection of the people in the list was based on them having been a member of either the Gungahlin Lakes Interim Committee and/or the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club's main committee for at least four years, and/or made a voluntary contribution of a similar or greater amount to the golf club.

Paul Allen



Paul was one of the members of the Gungahlin Lakes Interim Committee. With his background in accounting, Paul provided sound financial advice and level headed comment through the early years. He was instrumental in setting up the financial infrastructure for the club and was treasurer of the golf committee for the first two years.

Paul was an accomplished cricketer and golfer. He was the 1998 match play champion and a member of the 1999 Edwards Dunlop Pennant B handicap winning team

Paul became involved in the early days as he and his wife Debbie were about to move to Nicholls.

Gungahlin Lakes was the first club they'd joined. Both were committed members, with Debbie working casually in the early demountable golf shop.

Paul is now a member of Federal Golf Club (as is Debbie) and a partner in Callida Consulting, Canberra.

Murray Batchelor



Murray joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1996 and was the committee treasurer for seven years from 1998 to 2004.

Murray was a handy golfer and aced the 5th hole on 5 September 1998. He also won the match play championship in 2001 and was a member of the winning A reserve pennant team in 2005. Murray retired from golf around 2008 but has been getting the itch to play again.

Murray was born in Taree and completed first class honours with a University Medal in Theoretical Physics at the University of New South Wales in 1983. After a PhD in Mathematics at ANU in 1987, he worked at the Lorentz Institute for Theoretical Physics in Leiden, The Netherlands. Since that time Murray has had an illustrious career in the fields of mathematics and physics serving with distinction both in Australia and abroad. He has also received many accolades and awards in his chosen field. He is currently a Professor of Mathematics at the ANU.

Lorraine Bentley



Lorraine was on the golf committee for six years, starting on the general committee in 2000 and 2001, before returning as secretary in 2005 to 2008. Lorraine won the women's club championship in 2000, 2003 and 2004 and the women's open in 2008.

Lorraine was also a member of both the Brindabella Shield and Bruce Cup pennant teams. On leaving the club, Lorraine moved to northern NSW, and then to Western Australia to be closer to her family, and continues to play golf.

Shaun Calvert



Shaun joined Gungahlin Lakes in the very early days in 1998, after previously being a member at Queanbeyan Golf Club. Although the club was barely established, Shaun said *'it was closer than Queanbeyan when you live in Gungahlin.'*

Shaun is the current golf committee secretary and is in his third year as a committee member.

In Shaun's own words *'after being a member for 20 odd years, it's time to give something back.'*

Shaun's most memorable shot, a hole-in-one at the 5th on 3 February 2016, is according to him, probably the only time he'll see his name on an honour board.

He has won about 20 monthly medals over the years, but the hallowed medal of medals is still an elusive target.

Shaun has enjoyed watching the membership mature, not just getting older. He thinks the members are what makes a good golf club and it's always a pleasure to roll up to the course and see friendly faces.

Being part of a strong and committed committee, is to him, an important feature of what makes the golf club the best course in the district at which to play.

Shaun says that whilst we always dream of lowering that handicap, we sometimes just have to be happy to have a number of memorable shots in any round.

Di Carlos



Whilst Di learned to play golf in the mid 1980's, she took up the sport and joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2001 after finally getting her weekends back from her children's sports.

Di has had two stints on the women's committee covering seven years, three of them as the women's captain. She is currently the vice president, a position she has held for two years. Di is currently in her fifth year on the main committee.

Di also served on the ACT Monaro District Golf Association for a year which provided a great insight into the challenges that golf faces as a sport.

Di had the pleasure of captaining the Brindabella Shield pennant team to their first win in 2019. This was quite an achievement as a Gungahlin Lakes team has been competing for the shield for 22 years.

On a personal note, winning the match play championships in 2018 and 2019 have been her golfing highlights.

Di was born and grew up in Canberra to parents who were also born in Canberra. Di's family has strong ties to early Canberra. In fact, her great grandfather was involved in the founding of the Canberra branch of the Australian Labor Party.

Prior to playing golf, Di played lots of sports including basketball, softball and netball. In her late teens she represented the ACT at state level netball.

Knee surgery in 1999 was the final motivator to give up netball and golf seemed a good replacement.

Leon Carter



Leon was an attendee at the public meeting held at the AFSC in November 1993. With the prospect of a new golf club, Leon became a member at the earliest opportunity.

Leon was on the committee for seven years and was vice president for the period 1999 to 2000. He was the handicapper for many years, keeping records in a lever arch binder in the early years. Leon was also an active member of Dad's Army planting trees, raking green coring's and general maintenance.

Leon's golfing achievements include three B grade championships in 2006, 2007 and 2011, 4BBB stableford champion in 2015 with Mark Green, mixed foursomes' champion (net) with Di Larter in 2009, and two holes-in-one at the 11th and 17th holes. Leon also won the Cooma Open Veteran's Championships in 2004 and 2006.

Kath Carter



Kath, Leon's wife, is also a keen golfer and joined Gungahlin Lakes when it first opened in 1996. Kath was treasurer of the women's committee for the period 2003 to 2006 and again from 2013 to 2019.

Kath's biggest challenge, but one she did brilliantly, was organising the annual women's Christmas celebration, held at the Braidwood Golf Club and previously at Goolabri. The very popular day incorporated a 9-hole team's event followed by lunch. This function also served as the women's presentation day. The highlight of Kath's golfing career was a hole-in-one at the 3rd hole but regrettably she did not register for the competition on that day.

Paul Davis



Paul joined the club in 2010 when he returned to Canberra with the Navy. Urged on by Wendy, who was the club secretary at the time and his wife to be, Paul joined the committee for five years and served as the club's treasurer from 2012 through until 2016.

Paul's golfing highlights whilst at the club included winning the 4BBB match play championship in 2015 with Jason Minns. He has had eagles at the 1st, 2nd and 4th holes. Sadly, an eagle at the par three 3rd has, to date, eluded him. For many years, Paul was the coordinator for Jolly Joker, a fundraising activity for junior golf.

Wendy Davis



Wendy joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2004 and was secretary of the golf club for five years from 2009.

Wendy first picked up a golf club in her early forties. Both the competitive and social aspects of the game were the attraction for Wendy. Among many happy memories, she specifically recalls the thrill of winning the women's foursomes' net championship in 2007 with Moira Richards, the enjoyment of representing the club in pennants and the frequent social get togethers after a day on the course.

She has also had the opportunity to get up close to professional golfers, including Tiger Woods and Greg Norman, as a member of the Gungahlin Lakes team marshalling at the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Australian Opens.

Wendy and Paul married in 2014. After they both retired in 2017, they hit the road as full-time grey nomads, an occupation they maintain to this day.

Halina Dix



Halina's earliest association with Gungahlin Lakes was on 26 January 1998 when she won the second Australia Day Cup, the event having been introduced the previous year. A month later, in March 1998, Halina joined the golf club.

In 1999, Halina joined the women's committee as handicapper and continued in the role until 2002. She then became secretary of the women's committee for three years from 2002 until 2005.

Halina again became the women's handicapper in 2006, after a three-year break. She still retains this position today.

Halina also served on the golf committee in 2003 and 2004, and served for two years on the women's Central Southern Golf Association.

She also managed the Bronze Shield pennant team for a number of years and played in the Brindabella Shield pennant team for several years.

Halina's main golf achievements are the women's club champion in 2005 and 2006, the mixed foursomes scratch champion in 2004 with Trevor Owens and in 2007 with Richard Bance. She was also the women's foursomes scratch champion in 2006 and 2007 with Lorraine Bentley.

She has also scored a hole-in-one at the 11th on 23 May 2001, and more recently scored another hole-in-one at Pambula Merimbula in 2017.

Halina's home club is the Royal Military College where she is a life member, so spreads her playing days between the two clubs.

A month after joining the golf club Halina and her husband moved from the southside of Canberra to Nicholls where they still reside today.

Col Eade



Col joined Gungahlin Lakes around mid-1998 having previously been a member at Fairbairn Golf Club.

He joined the committee in 2000 and was secretary for four years from 2001 until 2004.

One of the most significant activities in which Col was involved during his time on the committee was as a member of the tender evaluation team with Trevor Owens and Ben Hall which ultimately led to the appointment of Murray Blair to the pro shop.

In Col's words *'I'd like to think we must have got something right as Murray is still there in the Pro Shop today'*.

Col left the club towards the end of 2010 and has continued to play in and around Canberra at a number of clubs before moving to Yass in 2015.

Col served over 22 years in uniform with the Royal Australian Air Force, resigning in 1999 to take up a public service position with Defence.

He worked on a number of Air Force, Army, and Navy programs for some 21 years before retiring in October 2020 after more than 43 years continuous service with the Department of Defence.

Col is a keen follower of both the NRL and AFL and a member of both the Canberra Raiders and Hawthorn Football Clubs.

He enjoys fishing, camping and has travelled extensively within Australia and overseas.

Col is now living on acreage in Yass and is a member of the Yass Golf Club.

Lesley Edwards



Lesley joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1996, when her partner Morrie Blaylock retired and they decided to take up golf. As they lived close to the club, it was an obvious decision to be part of the new club.

Lesley was women's captain in 1998 and 2014 to 2016, and on the committee for a total of seven years. She has also been on the women's committee for the best part of 20 years.

Lesley made a point of welcoming new women members to the club to ensure that they had a favourable and friendly introduction. Lesley forged many friendships over the past 25 years, and even though some of the women have since departed the club, those friendships have remained.

Lesley has also been prominent on the golf course with a number of achievements. In 1997, Lesley, along with Fiona Wicks and Cheryl Mercer, were the winners of the 3BBB par event, sponsored by the Sydney Morning Herald, held at Camden Lakeside.

In 2004 she was the women's match play champion, in 2005 the winner of the mixed foursomes scratch championship with Wayne Coles, in 2008 she won the Australia Day Cup, in 2011 was the match play runner up and in 2016 the Mark Brooker Medal winner. Lesley was also part of the Bronze Shield winning pennant teams in 2011 and 2012, and the 2019 Brindabella Shield winning team. She has also won 22 monthly medals.

In 1970, Lesley left her home town of Dubbo for Sydney, then Melbourne and Nowra for work. She moved to Canberra in 1977 where she met her partner Morrie in 1979. From 1981, work took them from Canberra to Perth, Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide, Sydney and finally home to Canberra in 1993. Lesley's working life spanned some 48 years working in real estate, dental and medical care scanning.

Kevin Flanagan



Kevin joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2010 and joined the committee in 2016.

He was very proud to be voted club captain in 2017 and still retains this position today.

Kevin was in the winning B grade scratch pennant team in 2013 and also won the Mark Brooker Medal in the same year.

Kevin was born in Orange, NSW, and was introduced to golf by caddying for his grandfather.

He started playing left-handed when he was around 10 years old with his grandfather's clubs, only because they were lefties.

Kevin switched to right-handed clubs and joined Duntryleague Golf Club as a junior at age 13.

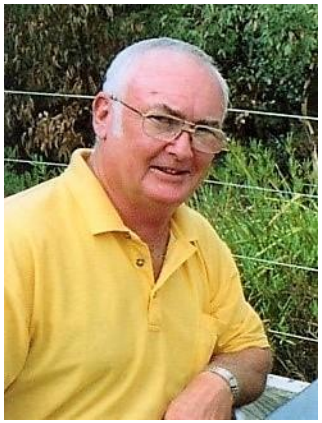
He played hockey in high school and moved to Sydney for work when he was 17.

Kevin never really concentrated on golf until his early 20's playing hockey and baseball as sideline sports.

Kevin relocated to Canberra in 1996 and raised his son as a single dad.

Whilst being involved with hockey and baseball in the ACT, he coached his son with hockey and played in the same baseball team.

Tony Fleming



Tony joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2003. He was on the general committee in 2010, 2012 and 2013. Tony is known as the quiet achiever carrying out the many tasks asked of him without fanfare. Tony has made a significant voluntary contribution to the golf club.

In 2012, together with Norm Loughton, he undertook a comprehensive safety audit of the golf course that produced two reports highlighting over 60 safety hazards, with recommendations on appropriate corrective actions.

These recommendations were subsequently scheduled and implemented. The safety audits have been undertaken on an annual basis since.

Tony prepared a folder called ‘Closeout for Dummies’, although the members who use it call it the ‘Bible'. It provides a detailed and illustrated set of documents used by committee members who are rostered on to close-out golf competitions.

Tony also used his extensive administrative experience in preparing the rosters for close-out. He was instrumental in having ACT Park's padlocks installed on all entry points to the golf course for emergency service vehicle access.

Tony retired from the ACT Ambulance Service in 2017 after 43 years of service as a paramedic and a senior communications officer. Tony said that highlights of his career were receiving the Meritorious Service Award, the Ambulance Service Medal for his work as dispatcher during the 2003 January bushfires, and in 2006 meeting the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Governor-General, Major General Michael Jeffery at Government House. Tony lives with his wife Chan adjacent to the course.

Roy Flowers



Roy, also known as Petal, joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2001 after he and wife Sue moved to Canberra.

Roy was a committee member for five years from 2005 to 2009.

He is also a dedicated member of Dad’s Army.

Roy started playing golf socially in Camden before joining the Anthill Golf Club in Picton and later joining Camden Golf Club where he was a member for 15 years.

Roy is a pretty fit chap and can often be seen parking his bicycle somewhere near the pro shop, after riding from his home in Evatt, and then playing golf.

Roy has won the 4BBB handicap match play three times, with Iain Branks in 2003, Mark Luu in 2013 and Paul Stevens in 2016.

Roy has also won four pennants, with the B handicap team in 2003, the senior handicap team in 2006 and the B scratch teams in 2010 and 2013.

Prior to moving to Canberra, Roy undertook further study and moved from teaching primary school to teaching industrial arts in high school. Roy was a teacher for 31 years. A further 13 years were spent working as a school janitor.

Christine Gainey



Christine joined Gungahlin Lakes when it opened 25 years ago. She remained a member in absence for the three years, 2012-2014, while she and husband Ward were in Adelaide for his work.

Christine was on the committee from 2006 to 2008, and women's captain from 2009 to 2011. She has also been an active member of the women's committee over many years and has organised many dinners for the members.

She represented the club in the national playoffs of the Holden Scramble in December 1999 at Twin Waters, Queensland after winning the district finals at Federal. Sadly, her team did not make the cut for the final day of play.

Christine was a member of the winning pennant Bronze Shield teams in 2004, 2009, 2011 and 2012. She scored a hole-in-one at the 17th hole on 28 March 1999 and she recently came close to an honour board win, being runner up in the lady's match play in 2019.

Christine started golf lessons in early 1970 at HMAS Cerberus, Victoria. She played occasionally for several years before moving to Canberra in the mid 1980's with their teenage children.

Christine had some time away from golf while raising their children, and taught textiles and home economics at various Canberra high schools.

She then returned to study and became a library technician and worked in many special libraries, mainly at CSIRO, for over 20 years.

Ward Gainey



Ward joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1996 and started his committee work as vice president in 2006 and as treasurer from 2007 to 2011. After a three-year stint in Adelaide for work, Ward volunteered to fill in as the secretary for the latter part of 2015.

He then served as secretary from 2016 to 2018, with a small period as vice president in 2018. He has been a valued committee member for nine years.

Ward, along with Ron James, was the creator and coordinator of works for the desolate wasteland on the left of the 17th fairway leading to the green, as well as the bunker in front of the 17th green.

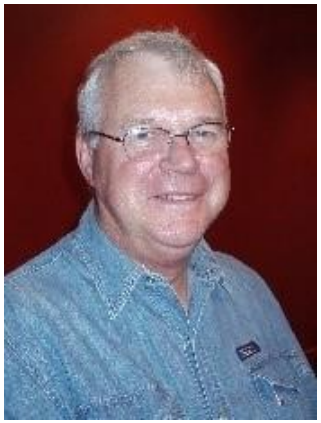
With the approval of the AFSC CEO Kevin Grace, Ward project managed the construction of the rock walls around the tees and on the course.

Following the demise of the committee's original golf cart, Ward negotiated and arranged the purchase of a new committee cart, which is used for work around the course or as a drinks cart for special or corporate events.

Ward started playing golf in 1965, but more seriously in 1969 when he joined the Navy. As a teenager he rowed and cycled. Ward was a schoolteacher in his earlier days before joining the Navy. He became a contractor for Defence after retiring from the Navy.

Ward and his wife Christine have been stalwarts of Gungahlin Lakes since it opened, including regularly volunteering for Jolly Joker, a fundraising activity for junior golf.

Rob Gordon



Rob joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1996 after deciding to retire from competition squash as there were *'too many aches and pains.'*

Rob was on the golf committee for four years from 2007. He was vice president in 2008 and 2009, and president in 2010.

Rob's firm belief is that juniors are the future of any sport and while on the committee, guided a cohort of junior players into a junior club environment.

He instilled in the young players the importance of sportsmanship and of properly and proudly representing the club, especially at junior tournaments.

On joining the club, Rob was most impressed with the camaraderie of members, especially with the support of the lower markers in his early days of competition, and having a few beers in the shed. He had never played competition golf before. Rob claims to be a regular C grader, with an occasional B grade handicap.

Rob was born and raised in Sydney and completed an apprenticeship in Mechanical and Structural Drafting before moving to Perth where he met Barbara and they married in 1972.

Apart from golf and squash, Rob played rugby until moving to Perth where he took up rugby league with the Victoria Park Club.

During this time, he resurrected the club's junior base from having no teams, to now being one of the strongest rugby league junior clubs in Perth.

In 2010, Rob moved to the south coast with his wife and is now a member at the Narooma Golf Club.

Ben Hall



Ben joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1998 and joined the committee in 2001. Ben became president in 2002, a position he held for four years until 2005. Work commitments travelling overseas with the Department of Defence forced him to step down from the committee.

During Ben's presidency, a number of initiatives were introduced. As the AFSC had a vested interest in the club, monthly reports to the AFSC Board on the activities of the committee and club were introduced.

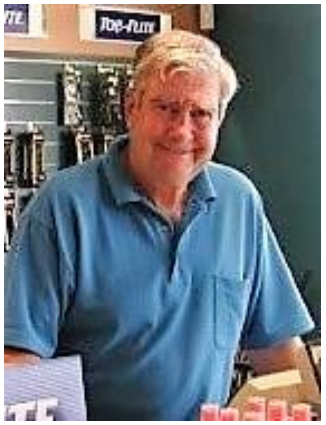
Over a period of 18 months, a 10-year plan to develop and improve the course was prepared and approved by the committee. Each hole was assessed for changes that would create an enhanced golfing experience.

The plan, showing the layout of each hole, suggested improvements, potential costings and work priorities. Work on the plan commenced in 2003 with the realignment of the 10th fairway. During his time as president, Jolly Joker was introduced as a fund raiser for junior golf and Dad's Army commenced, which is still active to this day.

On course, Ben recalls that Gungahlin won the club's first B grade pennant in 1999. One memorable early round of golf for Ben was when he marked the card for Lorraine Bentley who was playing off a 45 handicap at the time. Lorraine had 33 points on the front nine followed by 30 points on the back nine for a total of 63 stableford points. A remarkable game.

Ben left the club in 2010 when his Defence position was posted to Amberley in Queensland. Ben retired in June 2019 after almost 50 years with Defence. He is still playing golf at Ipswich and has started playing lawn bowls with some success, especially in team events with former Gungahlin Lakes' captain, Trevor Owens.

Phil Hardy



Phil was one of the members of the Gungahlin Lakes Interim Committee. He was instrumental in the formation of the club's golfing infrastructure, including administrative documents such as the Objects and Rules, the golf club's constitution.

At the time Phil became involved with the Interim Committee, he had recently retired as a naval commander and was an A grade golfer. He brought with him extensive administrative experience from the Navy and also as a golf administrator.

Phil remembers that shortly after the first competitions were conducted, from a container situated about where the carts are currently stored, *'it rained and rained and rained, so to get to the container was a mud bath.'*

Phil won the inaugural Gungahlin Lakes men's open in May 1997.

Phil left the club in 1996 just before the official opening to take up the position as general manager of Murrumbidgee Country Club.

He turned pro in 1997, and in 2003, returned to Gungahlin Lakes and worked part-time in the pro shop and also as a part-time teaching professional.

In 2007, Phil departed to Harden, to take up the position of general manager at the Harden Golf Club before a stint as CEO of the Canberra Harness Club.

Phil and his wife Wendy retired to the south coast in 2011.

He was a board member of Catalina Golf Club in 2014 and 2015, and president of the club in 2015 and 2016. Phil is still *'trying to play golf just like he used to but sadly, with no success.'*

Mike Hogben



Mike, known as Hoggy, has been a member of the club since 2008.

Wanting to give back to the club that has given him so much, he first joined the golf committee in early 2018 before taking on the role of vice-captain. He is now in his third year in this role.

Taking up golf later in life he had no aspirations of turning professional, but quickly developed a passion for the game, and far more importantly, the friendship and community that the club offers.

Hoggy has been a regular member of either the handicap or B scratch pennant teams for many years, including being part of winning teams in 2013 and 2020.

His other golfing highlights include winning the men's handicap match play championship in 2015, and the first year in which he finally had less than 400 shots in the club championships.

Public descriptions of the golf course mention that there is water in play on 14 holes. Hoggy confidently states that *'we have water in play on 17 holes.'*

The 9th hole is the only hole in which he has never (yet) had a shot end up in a pond or creek. For those that don't know, the only water on the 9th hole is behind the men's tee.

While he loves the game of golf, Hoggy says that it is the time spent with mates that brings him back to the course every week.

Doreen Hourigan



Doreen worked behind the scenes with her husband Jim for the three to four years leading up to Gungahlin Lakes becoming a reality.

While husband Jim attended the meetings, Doreen undertook all the phone contact, arranging meetings and disseminating relevant information to the various parties involved, including MBA Land Pty Ltd, AFSC and the ACT government.

As an early golf member, holding membership badge number 16, Doreen didn't put her feet up.

She immediately became involved in the early infrastructure planning and worked on various committees.

She also assisted in the organisation of the many competitions run by Golf Australia, the ACT Monaro District Golf Association and the district women's Central Southern Golf Association that were held at Gungahlin Lakes.

Doreen was a women's committee member for most of the 20 years she was an active member, serving as secretary for six years.

For every local, state or national competition or special event that has been held at Gungahlin Lakes, Doreen was there assisting in any way she could.

More often than not, Doreen was on the organising group for the event. Doreen is now enjoying the social aspects of the golf club.

Mark Hynes



Mark joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1998, but took some time out when fatherhood got in the way. On re-joining the golf club, he was on the junior committee in 2015, before joining the main committee in 2018.

Mark has been on the greens committee for three years, two years as chair, and is proud to be part of a solid team of volunteers who have achieved great results for the golf club.

Some of Mark's initiatives include major renovations of the fairways, implementation of new turf varieties into the fairways, mainly to try and reduce bird damage, and installation of the bird scarers.

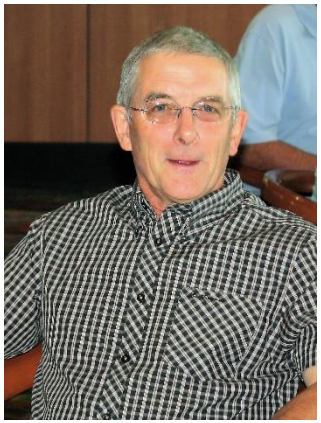
Other projects include the rationalisation of garden beds, a bridge from the 4th green to the men's alternate 5th tee, tree removal, and drop zones on holes 2, 4, 5 and 16.

Over the disastrous summer of 2019-20, Mark assisted to refuel the water pump so that course superintendent Shane Dawson didn't have to drive from his farm in Gundaroo to visit the course every three hours on weekends to refill it.

Mark has made an exceptional contribution to the course by utilising his landscape skills and experience, and also his landscape business equipment and staff. He has also developed a course analysis document that highlights areas of concern on the course for future planning which complements the course management plan.

His ultimate ambition for the golf course is to see it in the top 100 public access golf courses in Australia.

Jim Jackson



Jim joined Gungahlin Lakes a few months after it opened in 1996. Before long he joined the committee and was appointed vice-captain from 2000 to 2003. In 2000, he also joined the committee of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association as the junior development officer and for the next 13 years organised and managed the district's junior program. Highlights include mixing with all of Australia's best juniors at the annual Australian Junior Opens and Interstate Series.

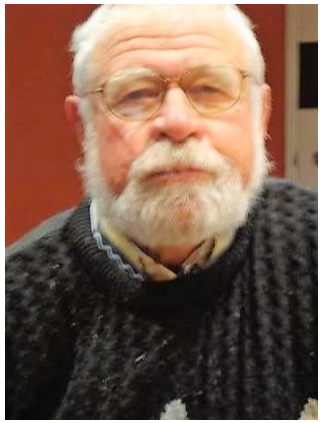
In 2015, he moved from solving district junior problems to adult issues, when he took over as captain of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association. He was also the captain of the ACT Division of the Senior Golfers Society of Australia from 2016 to 2019.

According to Jim, his individual golfing highlights are *'few and far between.'* However, a hole-in-one at the 5th on 29 January 2014, then two holes-in-one in the same round at Capital Golf Club in the annual ACT Veteran's Championships in 2016, are two he'll never forget. Obtaining a single figure handicap, if only for a month in 2019, is another highlight.

Jim was born in the United Kingdom, and at the age of eight, Jim's mother told him he was too short to be the driver of a steam train engine. At the age of 15, he failed to make the Wolverhampton Wanderers Junior football squad, so still disappointed with his achievements, at 18, he headed to London University and completed an honours degree in Geology.

He migrated to Canberra in 1968 and spent the next 35 years working at Geoscience Australia in geological mapping and research. He worked in many desolate parts of the country to assist in Australia's search for minerals and oil. For some of this time, he also helped bring up three daughters. Jim retired just before he turned 55 and replaced geology with golf.

Paul Kringas



Paul joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2000 and served on the committee for five years between 2014 and 2018.

Apart from Paul's committee work, his highlight on the course was having two holes-in-one; at the 17th on 13 April 2003 and the 5th on 23 January 2019. He also won the 4BBB stableford championship in 2006 with Barry Morgan.

Paul began his golf at Duntryleague Golf Course in Orange at the age of 10.

His first win was the Teenagers Golf Competition (handicap boys) in 1965. When he moved to Sydney to attend UNSW in 1968, he was delighted to find that the university had a nine-hole course adjacent to the Australian Golf Course, and that students could play for free.

He played a lot of social golf there and was surprised that so many of his shots found their way onto the Australian's pristine fairways.

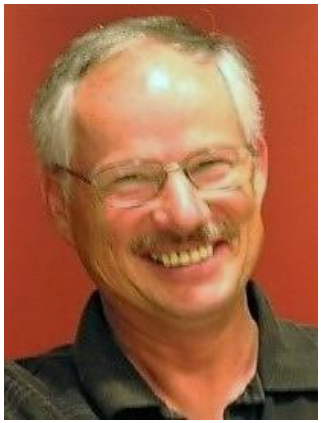
Golf fell into oblivion for Paul while he concentrated on his studies at ANU. He played the odd game at a new Canberra course in Holt in the early 1970's.

He got together with a few others and decided to see if there was any interest in establishing a golf club on the course. The advertisement in the Canberra Times attracted a huge amount of interest, particularly amongst the workers employed on the housing estate nearby, and so Belconnen Golf Club was formed.

Paul served on a number of the committees at Belconnen Golf Club and his golf showed some promise to the extent that he won the club championship in 1978.

Paul retired to Forster Tuncurry in 2019.

Hans Kusche



Hans joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2002, and joined the committee as vice-captain in 2005 before becoming captain from 2006 to 2008.

Hans was a very popular member and everybody knew him, even before he worked for some time in the pro shop.

Hans was a very active member of Dad's Army. Before Dad's Army was formed, Hans installed many of the drip hoses at the base of a lot of the newly planted trees.

He proved very popular at the Dad's Army end of season Murray River golf trips. In an earlier life Hans was a chef, so his culinary skills were put to very good use on the annual Dad's Army trips.

One of Hans's golfing highlights was when he was playing off a handicap of 12. He was playing with golfing partner Norm Loughton when he scored a mere 9 points on the front nine holes. As they walked to the 10th tee, Hans lamented that he *'couldn't hit a drive, reach a green or hole a putt.'*

Norm replied *'all you have to do Hans is to score 27 points on the back nine and you have played to your handicap.'*

With a mixture of birdies and pars, Hans then proceeded to score nine three pointers to record 27 points on the back nine, which put him in a strong countback position. With that amount of ability, it is no surprise that Hans won the B grade club championships in 2010.

Hans moved to Queensland in 2015 and is now a member of the Carbrook Golf Club.

Bodgie Lee



Bodgie joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2000 and was a very active and committed member.

Over the following nine years he gave an enormous amount of voluntary service to the club.

Amongst the many jobs he did was assisting the green's staff with mowing. He would regularly be seen riding around the course cutting the grass.

After he retired in 2005, Bodgie joined Dad's Army.

He was subsequently employed part-time on the green's staff from 2007 until 2009. Even though he worked part-time, he regularly put in full-time hours.

Bodgie was one of the Gungahlin Lakes golf regulars who travelled to Narooma Golf Club each year for the Annual Seahorse Classic.

Bodgie, and partner Laura, moved to Narooma in 2009.

He joined Narooma Golf Club and immediately became involved with their Dad's Army and also relished his position as starter in the Seahorse Classic.

Sadly, Bodgie passed away in March 2019.

Ross and Amanda McLoughlin



Ross joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1997 and served on the committee for four years, firstly as a committee member from 2004 to 2005 and then as vice-captain in 2006 and 2007.

In addition to his committee work, Ross has become the most successful golfer at Gungahlin Lakes. Ross's record includes winning the club championships eight times, runner up five times and won the Mark Brooker Medal three times.

He also won the men's open in 2001, the men's scratch foursomes eight times and the mixed scratched foursomes five times, most notably with wife Amanda in 2009. Ross also holds the yellow course record of 59.

Ross's greatest highlight at the club was discovering romance where he met and married fellow golfer Amanda.

Ross and Amanda now reside on the course with their daughter Jolie, a budding junior golfer. Amanda has also been a very proactive contributor to the junior committee for over two years.

In March 2020, Ross received his 'MyGolf Community Instructor' accreditation. He can now run junior clinic classes to provide the basic instructions and introduction to the game of golf for juniors between the ages of six and ten.

This supports the program being run by the pro shop, who can then target juniors who have a slightly higher skill level.

Barry Morgan OAM



Barry joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1999. He became interested in golf administration at the club whilst filling in as golf manager for Charles and Marion Smith when they went on holidays.

Barry was club president from 2012 to 2015. His highlights as president were overseeing the club's activities for the 2012 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championships, the 2014 Australian Women's Interstate Teams Championships and the 2014 irrigation project.

Barry served as the president of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association from 2016 to 2018, the second Gungahlin Lakes president to do so after Jim Hourigan.

Barry was the manager and captain of the club's first winning senior masters handicap pennant team in 2006.

In the final, with the score tied at 3 all, Barry won his match on the 17th hole at Royal Canberra Golf Club to achieve his biggest thrill in golf.

In 2006, Barry and Paul Kringas won the 4BBB stableford championships. His other golfing highlight was achieving a hole-in-one at the 5th hole on 18 June 2011.

Barry was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2012 for services to the veteran community, in particular the 5th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment Association.

As a teenager, Barry played A grade tennis before moving on to golf after being wounded in Vietnam. He played inter-service golf whilst posted to NSW and Victoria.

Tony Murcutt



Tony has been a member of Gungahlin Lakes since 2000. This was the first time he had joined a golf club after only having played socially before.

He joined the committee in 2016 and became the treasurer in 2017, a position he has held for five years.

Along with being the treasurer, he was also chair of the greens committee for two years in 2017 and 2018, when he developed the course management plan.

In 2019, Tony completed a review of men's pennants. The review looked at the culture and ways of improving team morale. The review resulted in better quality pennant shirts and re-instating giving a golf ball to each pennant player prior to their match. Tony has been actively involved with pennants as a player, manager and selector.

Tony was a member of the team that won the B handicap pennant in 2003 and has represented the club for a number of years in pennant teams.

He was the B grade champion in 2015-16 and 2018 and won the Mark Brooker Medal in 2016. He has also twice won the mixed foursomes scratch championship with Jacqui Baker in 2017 and 2018. His best round off the stick is even par playing off a handicap of 9 (45 points). He is still waiting to get that elusive hole-in-one.

Tony took a number of photos of the course with his drone in 2016 with some of his photos featuring in this book.

Outside of golf, Tony played hockey for many years representing the ACT as a junior and at under 21 level. Tony is happily retired and loves to travel with his partner Sarah, when there are no COVID-19 travel restrictions. He follows most sports, but particularly likes the Raiders, the Bombers and the Brumbies.



Aerial view of the 2nd and 3rd holes taken in 2016



Aerial view of the 17th hole taken in 2016

Richard Oliver



Richard has been a member of Gungahlin Lakes for 23 years and has lived close to the course for all of that time.

He has worked as a member of the committee since 2016, first as a member, then vice president in 2017, and has been president since 2018.

Richard had a hole-in-one at the 3rd hole on 17 December 2005, which he considers was a *'good shot but very lucky.'*

Long before he became involved with the committee, he watched the course and club grow and develop into a very strong contender in the local golfing community and a club with facilities that are the envy of many other clubs.

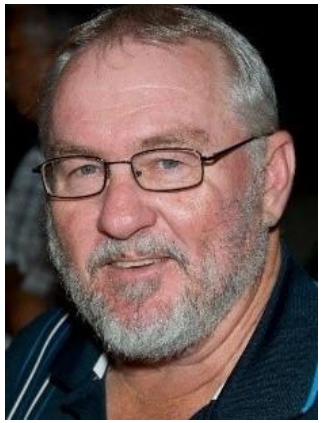
When he and Louise moved into the area, the trees on the golf course were around a metre in height and he could see the club house from where he lives on the 10th.

In his younger days, Richard played Australian Rules football for the Canberra College of Advanced Education, now the University of Canberra. He also played squash for the National Centre Squash Club for many years in the local ACT squash competition.

Richard was a high school teacher in his earlier days, before moving into the Commonwealth Public Service where he worked for around 30 years in six different departments.

He is committed to the club being one that is a great course to play, is friendly and welcoming, is inclusive and one that communicates well with its members.

Trevor Owens



Trevor first played golf at Gungahlin Lakes in 1997 while on a two-week work trip to Canberra.

Clearly, he enjoyed it as he joined the club the following year when posted to Canberra in 1998 with the RAAF.

He joined the committee in 1999 and was elected captain in 2000. He remained in the position for six years until 2005. While on the committee, Trevor was one of the panellists to engage new golf professional Murray Blair in 2003.

Trevor was also involved with the green's committee and in the design of the fairway cut and realignment of the 10th fairway in 2003.

Trevor left Gungahlin Lakes when he was transferred to RAAF Base Amberley (near Ipswich) in late December 2005.

Trevor still plays golf and bowls with quite some success, more recently in team events with former Gungahlin Lakes' president, Ben Hall.

For over thirty years, Trevor has been on many golf and bowls club committees, boards of directors and the organiser of golf tournaments, mostly with Defence.

Trevor served in the permanent RAAF until August 2011 and as an Air Force reservist since then. He plans to retire in November 2021 and stay in Ipswich.

Trevor also regularly travels in his caravan and still rides his OZtrike with the Ulysses Motorcycle Club.

Jim Pocock



Jim joined the Gungahlin Lakes committee in 2010 and served as chair of the green's committee for six years from 2011 until 2016.

Jim was a quiet achiever and as chair of the green's committee, rejuvenated the committee by arranging monthly meetings and a hole-by-hole program to identify and rectify specific course issues.

Jim co-ordinated Dad's Army maintenance activities, and the biennial greens renovations.

Whilst chair of the green's committee, the remaining cart paths and associated drainage works were completed.

Jim also organised the purchase of a chipper/mulcher which contributed to the effective disposal of waste vegetation which is used on garden beds.

Jim worked with Norm Loughton and Tony Fleming on the Work, Health and Safety committee undertaking course safety audits, and co-ordinating the implementation of the recommendations.

Jim's golfing highlight was a hole in one at the 5th hole on 2 April 2005.

Jim initiated and organised the annual Murray River golf trips for Dad's Army volunteers for several years.

Jim loves a game of golf and can arguably lay claim to having played at more golf courses in both Australia and overseas than any member at Gungahlin Lakes.

Jim moved to Medowie in 2016 and is a member of the Pacific Dunes Golf Club, and resides on the course.

Grahame Rees



When Grahame joined Gungahlin Lakes, he undertook extensive voluntary work assisting the greenkeepers with grass cutting and course maintenance.

Grahame is fondly remembered for his work at the Windy Kiosk.

Regardless of inclement weather, he manned the Windy Kiosk on weekends, often on a voluntary basis, and prepared egg and bacon rolls and sausage sandwiches for the passing members.

You simply placed your order as you passed the kiosk on your way to the 10th tee, and when you passed the kiosk after playing the 13th hole, Grahame would have your hot meal ready.

Grahame was a regular player and his golfing highlight was a hole-in-one at the 11th hole on 4 October 2006.

Sadly, while working at the Windy Kiosk on Saturday 12 September 2009, Grahame suffered a fatal heart attack.

A memorial plaque on the rock wall outside the Windy Kiosk, reads:

'Grahame Rees 20/12/1950 – 12/09/2009 The Windy Kiosk and the Driving Range will never be the same without his encouraging words and support'

A memorial Grahame Rees Ambrose event has been held annually since 2010, usually on the second Saturday in September.

Steve and Moira Richards



Steve joined Gungahlin Lakes in its early days, after being a member of Yass Golf Club.

Living near the course, he was very active in the early days, helping out whenever he could, including patrolling the course at night when vandalism was rife.

Steve served on the golf committee for four years from 2001 to 2004. A golfing highlight was managing the winning B grade pennant team in 2003.

Steve started playing golf when he was eight or nine and played most of his junior golf at New Brighton Golf Club near Bankstown. Steve also played grade cricket with Bankstown Cricket Club and was very involved in indoor cricket, playing at representative level for Peakhurst.

Steve's wife Moira is also a keen golfer and joined the committee in 2006. She was also a member of the women's committee for a number of years. Moira won the 2004 Team Shootout with Dave Harry, the 2007 women's handicap foursomes' championship with Wendy Howe, and again in 2008 with Judy Robertson. She was a member of the 2004 Bronze Shield winning pennant team.

Moira was very active in organising many successful social functions including the golf clubs Christmas parties and the 10-year anniversary birthday bash. Moira also put together Christmas hampers and organised food and drinks for men's pennants.

Steve and Moira moved to Narooma in 2015 and are keen golfers at Narooma Golf Club.

Bob Wade



Bob joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2012 and almost immediately joined the committee.

He held the position of captain from 2013 until 2016. During this time Bob ably contributed to the development and review of many of the club's policies.

Bob considers the highlights of his time at the club have been representing the club in senior pennants, and working with Golf Australia in the running of the Women's Senior Amateur Championships in 2012, and also the Women's Interstate Teams Championships in 2014.

Bob is also an active member of Dad's Army.

Bob's early sporting interests were confined to cricket. Prior to moving to Canberra in 1975 he played for Sutherland in the Sydney grade competition, where he was very fortunate to have played with and against some of Australia's very well-known cricketers.

After taking up residence in Canberra he was persuaded by some workmates to have a game of golf. Like many, he was bitten by the bug and joined the Queanbeyan Golf Club.

After several years at Queanbeyan, he moved to Yowani in 1989 where he became more dedicated to the game. Bob represented the club in both A reserve and senior pennants. Bob also won a senior championship and a match play championship. During his time at Yowani, Bob served on the committee and held the positions of vice-captain and captain.

Bob hopes to continue his golf at Gungahlin Lakes for many more years to come.

Janet Warden



Janet joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2001 and joined the golf committee in 2005, at the same time as being the women's vice-captain.

Janet then took on the role of women's captain for three years from 2006 until 2008 and again joined the committee in 2009.

Janet has had the honour of playing in four Bronze Shield winning pennant teams in 2004, 2009, 2011 and 2012, and enjoys the social aspects of the golf club.

Janet hails from Kent in England where she still has strong family ties. She moved to Canberra with her first husband and two daughters in 1973 and combined motherhood with work as a secretary and trainer in the public service until retirement in 2004.

Janet loves sport, playing mainly netball and softball until she took up the game *'she would never play'* in her sixties.

Lindsay Warden



Lindsay joined Gungahlin Lakes in July 1996. He joined the committee in 2007, was vice captain in 2008 and captain in 2009 and 2010 before re-joining the committee as president in 2011.

Yass was the first golf club Lindsay joined in 1991, while still playing cricket with Ginninderra, after his move from Melbourne. Gungahlin Lakes looked *'far too tempting'* which was his reason for joining the golf club. He won two B grade club championships in 1999 and 2002.

David and Fiona Wicks



David and Fiona joined Gungahlin Lakes *'when the club house was a demountable in a dirt car park.'*

They recalled the comradery as being like *'one big happy family.'*

As their family expanded by three, they both wanted to continue golfing, however, it was a bit of an ordeal.

Every weekend they would tag team in the car park or wait at the chipping green with both a pram and clubs, ready for the handover.

Both have been involved with the golf committees for many years, especially the junior committee when Sam, their youngest, shared a love of golf and is now a single figure golfer.

Fiona was junior co-ordinator from 2012 to 2017 and chaired the junior committee from 2013 to 2019. She re-joined the committee as women's captain in 2020 and still retains this position today.

Over the last few years, Fiona has worked hard, successfully recruiting some new female members.

Dave was on the main committee from 2017 to 2020, junior coordinator in 2018, vice-captain in 2017 and 2018 and handicapper in 2019 and 2020.

From 2012, both have worked tirelessly as volunteers for Jolly Joker and have been running it since 2017.

Even though their residence is backing the 4th hole on Gold Creek Golf Course, they continue to be active members only at Gungahlin Lakes.

Tony Wood



Tony has been a Gungahlin Lakes member for 24 years. He was a long-term member of Dad's Army and was chair of the greens committee from 2008 to 2010.

Tony has extensive experience in the construction industry and is responsible for the design and construction of the bridge on the right-hand side of the 5th hole, ably assisted by former member Alan Mitchell.

Tony also prepared the timbers on the bridge leading to the 1st tee which were skilfully assembled by a group of enthusiastic Dad's Army members. Other significant course projects Tony worked on were the club extensions in 2003, the new outdoor terraces and the pro shop.

On course, Tony was the first member to score two holes-in-one; at the 5th on 1 July 2000 and the 3rd on 14 May 2008.

Originally from Nottingham in England, Tony grew up in an era of coal mining, ration books and no social security. He commenced night school and worked as a cabinet maker and carpenter/joiner before leaving home at age 16. At the age of 26 he migrated to Australia. Tony's early sporting interests included cycling (racing), darts, cricket and squash.

Tony has worked as a construction site manager on a variety of projects in Canberra, interstate and abroad including Bangkok, Fiji, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia.

During his career, major projects he has worked on include the Brewongle stand at the Sydney Cricket Ground, some Olympic facilities in Sydney and Bruce Stadium, Canberra.

Special mentions

The following people, in alphabetical order, have also made significant voluntary contributions to Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club:

Maxx Baxter was captain from 1997 to 1999.

Michael Brice has been on the greens committee for many years and has been instrumental in removing tree species that are detrimental to the course.

Dennis Collins, an arborist, has also been active on the greens committee for several years and has provided expert advice on tree management on the course.

Sue Hanley was the women's captain in 2012 and served on the match committee. She was also, at the time, the most qualified rules official at Gungahlin Lakes and officiated at many major events.

Ron Hickman was a committee member in 2009 and 2010 and co-ordinated the men's pennant teams before becoming club captain in 2012.

Alan James was vice president from 1997 to 1999.

Peter Raiser was on the committee in 2008 before taking on the role of vice-captain in 2009 and 2010.

Abul Rizvi has been a member of the golf committee and initiated the club's Facebook page, and has also been a member of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association.

The Adopt-a-Hole scheme was another way of engaging volunteers to help to maintain the course. David and Hilda Viljoen have been recognised for their incredible work on the 10th hole with a plaque honouring their efforts.

Dave Gabbitas has been similarly recognised for his great efforts on the 14th and 15th holes. Bruce Lovett also maintains the garden beds around the 16th tee.

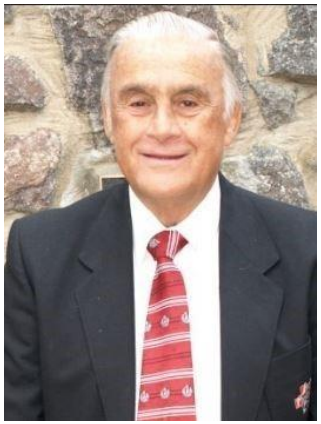
Ainslie Group Board and staff

The Ainslie Group is comprised of the Ainslie Football and Social Club and the Gungahlin Lakes Golf and Community Club (and formerly the Canberra City Bowling Club).

The vision of the Ainslie Group for Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club is to provide the finest public accessible golf course in the ACT, offering a golfing challenge for all standard of golfers. The Ainslie Group has consistently committed financial outlays for significant infrastructure, improvement and beautification of the golf course. They have worked collaboratively with the golf club to achieve the vision with oversight by management, especially during Kevin Grace's period as CEO.

The Ainslie Group and the golf club committee continue to work together for the benefit of the golf membership. The people listed below, in alphabetical order, have played a prominent role in the development of the golf club.

Barry Browning



Barry was primarily responsible for the AFSC partnering with the golf club in establishing and developing the golf course and licenced premises in Gungahlin.

Barry served twenty-two years on the AFSC Board as a director and office bearer including president from 1996 to 1999. Barry was also either the Ainslie Football Club vice president or treasurer from 1963 to 1995.

Barry excelled in Australian Rules football, playing 177 first grade games for Ainslie. He was awarded the Mulrooney Medal for the best and fairest player in the Canberra National Australian Football League in consecutive seasons in 1955 and 1956, as well as winning many other football awards.

Barry was an accomplished sportsman in many fields including cricket, baseball, tennis, volleyball, table tennis and golf, and achieved a hole-in-one in competition at Yowani Golf Club.

Under Barry's presidency, Maurice Reilly, Brian Dobson and Kevin Grace were tasked to implement AFSC Board decisions about the Gungahlin Lakes Club's licenced premises and the golf course. Barry's well-reasoned advocacy at AFSC directors' meetings during his presidency was to position the golf club in the top echelon of golf courses and amenities in Canberra.

Barry was an AFSC visionary for establishing and developing a golf course and licenced premises in the Gungahlin district, which has contributed to the well-being and fellowship of golf club members. Sadly, Barry passed away in April 2021.

Brian Dobson



Brian commenced with the AFSC in 1979 as a casual bar attendant before being trained in all operational areas. He was promoted as duty manager and sub-assistant manager, and in 1986, as assistant secretary manager at AFSC.

This position involved the management of many capital work's projects as the Ainslie site continued to grow and develop.

Brian was the inaugural club manager at Gungahlin Lakes from its first day in 1996 until 2012.

During those 16 years, Brian proved to be a very popular club manager with both the committee and members. He had a friendly, hands-on approach and an excellent ability to manage a range of club duties in a timely and effective manner.

Brian was a keen golfer at Gungahlin Lakes and was always available to promptly attend to any golf related issues.

Stephen Gallacher



Stephen has been the chief financial officer for the Ainslie Group since November 2013. He and Simon Patterson, the current Ainslie Group CEO, meet regularly with the golf president, vice president and treasurer on a range of golf issues.

He is a graduate of the University of Glasgow and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, the world's oldest professional accounting body which shouldn't surprise anyone familiar with Scottish fiscal management.

Stephen's Scottish parents were raised in England and the USA. To this he attributes his global wandering, living and working across the UK prior to moving to Australia in the mid-90s and continuing this trend down under having lived in three states and one territory.

At school Stephen was academically inclined, the politically correct way of saying *'really bad at sports'*, and this academic ability extends even now to his ability to play golf. Despite this obvious handicap he is an avid follower of football, rugby and curling.

When considering what to study at university his father advised him that if he did law, he could only practice in Scotland (English law being different) but if he became an accountant, he could go anywhere in the world. He became an accountant and here he is in Australia.

He reminds his parents of this advice whenever they lament that their son, and more importantly their only two grandchildren, live half-way around the world.

With another hat on, Stephen is heavily involved with the Australian folk music community and is the current president of the National Folk Festival which normally takes place every Easter.

Kevin Grace



Kevin was CEO of the Ainslie Group from 1997 to 2011.

Under his leadership, he presented convincing arguments to the Ainslie Group Board to further develop Gungahlin Lakes.

Between 2006 and 2010 he assisted the golf committee with the implementation of a multi stage construction of the club facilities and the course.

It is fair to say that the golf club would not be where it is today without Kevin's vision for the club.

In 2011, a plaque was installed on the 1st tee by the golf committee in appreciation of Kevin's services to the club.

In May 2011, Kevin received the ACT Government's Chief Minister's Commendation in recognition of his significant contribution to the entire Canberra club industry.

Although Kevin took up golf later in life, he quickly became successful with the game.

His golfing highlights include winning the 2006 C grade net championship after holding a commanding lead at the end of the third round and battling nerves in the final round.

He also won two honour board events; the 4BBB match play championship partnering with Soo Yun Kim-Chittenden in 2010, and the Medal of Medals also in 2010 with a net score of 57.

Richard Hogg



Richard Hogg commenced as the Ainslie Group Chief Executive Officer in 2011. He was supportive of the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Committee at board level and assisted in gaining approval for the 2014 irrigation project.

He was a low handicap golfer and enjoyed the course, before taking up the position of CEO at Yarrawonga and Border Golf Club in 2013.

Judy O'Connor



Judy has looked after golf membership since 2010 and has a close working relationship with the committee and members.

As membership officer, Judy has provided great service to the Gungahlin Lakes committee and members for 11 years with her diligence and support.

Judy is a very keen caravaner, and in 2016 she took six months leave to travel around Australia, which she said was a great experience.

Judy is also a passionate Raiders fan. Before joining the Ainslie Group, Judy worked at the Commonwealth Bank with then bank manager and long-term golf member, Mark Urquhart.

Simon Patterson



Simon has been the CEO of the Ainslie Group since 2013.

He is the principle point of contact for the golf committee. He and Stephen Gallacher, the Ainslie Group CFO, meet regularly with the golf president, vice president and treasurer on a range of golf issues.

He grew up in regional Victoria and relocated to Canberra when he finished at La Trobe University in 1998.

Simon attended Assumption College, Kilmore for six years as a boarder where he played Australian Rules football and continued to play until he retired at 25.

From an early age, Simon was a passionate water skier and more recently he has taken up cross-country mountain biking.

Simon's first job was at the Yarrawonga and Border Golf Club where he was a casual employee.

He spent much of his late teens and early twenties working there whilst he attended university.

Before joining AFSC, Simon worked for the Tuggeranong Vikings and Canberra Labor Clubs.

Simon is married to Mia and has three teenage children. He enjoys the occasional round of golf, however he needs to invest more time in professional lessons.

Maurice Reilly



Maurice was the AFSC general manager from 1984 to 1997 and was Jim Hourigan's main point of contact at AFSC during the development of the club.

Maurice provided professionalism and significant business knowledge to guide Jim, and the Gungahlin Lakes Interim Committee, into the unknown.

Jim commented at the time *'after all, what did the interim committee know about creating a business out of nothing but an idea.'*

Maurice and Jim spoke almost daily and met every week to progress the work and ideas of the interim committee.

Maurice arranged and attended many meetings with ACT government representatives to ensure government regulations were adhered to. He also arranged meetings with local community councils to garner support for the new development.

Through Maurice's local contacts, the interim committee had access to the local TV stations which provided coverage of the planned development of the club.

Maurice also stage managed the opening ceremony at the course with many local dignitaries including Senator Margaret Reid and local MLA, Bill Stefaniak.

Maurice left the club in mid-1997 after 13 years as ASFC general manager and passed the baton to Kevin Grace. Maurice continued his career post AFSC as chief operating officer at North Melbourne Football Club.

Since 2005 he has been the CEO of the National Press Club in Canberra and also a long-serving member of Clubs ACT and president of Clubs Australia.

Ralph Rendell



Ralph was on the Ainslie Group Board for several years and was president from 2005 to 2008. He was awarded AFSC life membership in 2011. Ralph was instrumental in ensuring the substantial infrastructure and beautification works undertaken on the golf course were fully funded.

He represented the Ainslie Group at consultative group meetings with executive members of the golf committee during a period of course development.

Ralph played 155 games for the Ainslie Football Club and won the Mulrooney Medal in 1973.

Ralph joined the golf club in 2003 and is a regular player. Those who have played with Ralph know, if they listen carefully, they get a regular tip. When he is putting inside a metre, and before he putts, you'll hear Ralph say to himself *'inside a metre, straight at the hole'*. This is the only golf tip in this book.

Malcolm Scholes



Malcolm joined the Ainslie Group Board in 2004 and served continually as a director until 2019, serving in the office as vice president from 2007 to 2008 and as president from 2009 until 2016. Malcolm was made a life member of the AFSC in 2017.

Malcolm brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the board. He was astute and decisive in his approach while always conscious of being inclusive and considerate of the views of all directors. He provided a balance between the board's commercial obligations and its constitutional sporting and community objectives. Malcolm was instrumental in ensuring the future success and growth of the Ainslie Group, and in particular the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.

Tony White



Tony has been a member of the golf club since its inception. Tony has represented the Ainslie Board on golf matters since 2008.

Tony's association with the AFSC started with the Ainslie Atoms aged 8.

He represented the ACT at junior and senior levels and his football highlight was as a member of the 1970 Ainslie first grade premiership team.

On retirement from football, Tony joined the Ainslie Football committee and then in 1979 joined the Ainslie Social Club committee/board for six years.

Tony joined the Ainslie Juniors as secretary, then president for the period 1986 to 1991.

On retirement in 2007, Tony rejoined the AFSC Board as a director and was vice president for three years before being made a life member in 2015.

Although Tony's personal golf highlights are, according to him *'very limited'*, he is proud of the progress that has been made with the development of the course.

Tony is very pleased with the productive relationship between the Ainslie Group and the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Committee.



The 18th green, the largest green on the golf course



The club house from the practice putting green

Golf professionals

Greg Shaw

Greg was Gungahlin Lakes first golf professional and held the position for two years until 1998. Before transferring to Canberra, Greg was at the Wagga Wagga Country Club. Greg was a friendly, showman-like character who worked hard to set up the pro shop services at the club. Greg took on Mark Brooker as the club's first trainee.

Kel and Phil Hellier

The Hellier brothers took over as club professionals in June 1998, Kel being the head professional. They also ran a store in Fyshwick. Their initial team included Justin Taylor, now a well-established real estate agent. The Hellier brothers returned to their home town of Newcastle in 2003.

Mark Brooker



Mark Brooker started his PGA traineeship at Gungahlin Lakes in 1998 under the tutelage of PGA head professional Greg Shaw, and graduating in 2000 under head professional Kel Hellier.

Mark was very successful in his traineeship, finishing with a top 10 national playing average for all three years of his traineeship, with a highest finish of 2nd. He was 1st in the 1999 ACT trainee championships, 2nd in the 2000 NSW trainee championships and 2nd in the 2000 Australian trainee championships.

In 2000, Mark was awarded the Henry-Griffitts scholarship for his traineeship academic result. Mark earnt his PGA tour card for the 2001 Australasian tour. He claims that he had the best caddy in the business in life member, Jim Hourigan.

Mark provided professional coaching services at Gungahlin Lakes from 1999 to 2004 and was well regarded amongst members. The Mark Brooker Medal is awarded annually to the most consistent Gungahlin Lakes male and female golfers.

Murray and Lina Blair



Murray commenced as the club professional at Gungahlin Lakes in October 2003.

Prior to this Murray was a PGA Trainee at Royal Canberra from 1992 to 1994, before moving to Malaysia to assist in setting up a golf academy.

Murray was appointed the Malaysian National Golf Team head coach in 1998 and had significant involvement in the Malaysian golf industry for the next few years.

Murray married his wife Lina in 2000 before moving back to Canberra in 2002 to settle and start a family.

Murray then took on a franchise of Carnegie Clark Golf and opened a club fitting operation in Belconnen before commencing at Gungahlin Lakes.

Murray has established himself, and his pro shop, as a one-stop-shop for golfers of all abilities. Murray is committed to providing a full golf service for members and visitors alike.

Murray first played golf at the age of 12 and quickly caught the golf bug. He joined Federal Golf Club as a junior and commenced his first job collecting range balls at the Federal range. He was part of an outstanding cohort of junior golfers at Federal with 11 eventually turning professional.

His wife Lina, supported the golf business by looking after the administration from home, while their two children were still young. Once their children were old enough, she began working part-time at the pro shop.

Lina does not play much golf but her golfing claim to fame was a birdie on the first hole she ever played.

Warren Coulson



Warren commenced at Gungahlin Lakes in October 2008 as a teaching professional.

Prior to learning golf, Warren played rugby league for junior Canberra Raiders teams as well as playing in two Australian Championships for the ACT schoolboys team.

Warren started playing golf at the age of 15 and joined Federal Golf Club. He quickly progressed to having a handicap of one at age 18.

At the age of 17 Warren represented the ACT Junior State Team for golf and the ACT schoolboy's side.

Between the ages of 18 and 21, Warren played amateur golf around Australia and improved his handicap to plus 3. He played in two A grade winning teams for Federal and also won various open events around the district.

Warren then commenced a golf apprenticeship at Federal Golf Club and completed this at age 25. Shortly after, he joined Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.

Warren spent 11 years at the club and developed into an experienced and respected golf coach. In 2014, Warren was appointed the coach of the ACT Junior State side, a position he held until 2019.

Warren left the club in 2019 to pursue a career outside of the golf industry.

Warren will never forget the memories and lifelong friends he made at Gungahlin Lakes and wishes everyone the very best.

If there is one thing Warren has learnt over his golfing career, is *'golf is like life, the harder you work the luckier you get'*.

Gary Dowling



Gary started at Gungahlin Lakes in January 2020, with big shoes to fill, replacing Warren Coulson.

During his first year Gary started the groundwork for a strong junior program at the club and has helped many students improve their games and scores.

A highlight of Gary's first year was completing the Longest Day in Golf, playing a mere 72 holes in one day, as part of a Gungahlin Lakes team that raised over $7,000 for the Cancer Council.

Gary has developed a strong passion for the club in a short time which he hopes to further foster in the years to come.

Gary grew up in Penrith and mainly played cricket and soccer until the age of 15.

That's when the golf bug hit and he started to take a liking to the difficulties and nuances of the game.

Soon after he got his first handicap of 17 at Glenmore Heritage Valley Golf Club, he set about trying to get better and by the age of 18 he was playing off scratch.

Playing mostly team sports growing up, he took a liking to playing and competing in the club's pennant sides and often produced his best results in the format, being twice victorious in Sydney major pennant championships.

After completing a Business degree, Gary decided that his real passion was in golf and decided to complete a PGA Traineeship with the goal of coaching the game at a high level.

He undertook his traineeship at Concord GC in Sydney before finishing his time at the Windsor Golf Club.

Course superintendents

Geoff Hurley

Geoff was the first golf superintendent of Gungahlin Lakes and held the position for eight years until 2004.

As a qualified golf course superintendent, Geoff was employed by Margules, Groom and Poyry in 1993 to work closely with Jamie Dawson in the construction of the golf course.

Geoff worked full-time onsite to coordinate the earth moving equipment of the different contractors, verify in conjunction with Jamie that the works were undertaken in accordance with the plans, and ultimately to assist in greens construction and grassing.

Jamie recalls that Geoff was *'dedicated to the job and was onsite every day during the first year and that probably included Christmas Day and was integral to the successful outcome of the construction of the course.'*

Geoff had previously been involved in the construction of the 18-hole Tura Beach Golf Course and some development at Palm Meadows.

During his eight years as Gungahlin Lakes course superintendent, he had up to seven staff working with him.

In 1996, Shane Dawson, the current course superintendent, joined Geoff's team.

Shane Dawson



Shane joined Gungahlin Lakes in 1996 as a groundsman.

In 1997, he commenced his greenkeeper apprenticeship and was promoted to second-in-charge in 2000, and was appointed course superintendent in 2004.

Shane is a dedicated greenkeeper and has seen the course through extremes of weather over many years.

The consistently good condition of the course over these years is largely his doing.

There's rarely a weekend that Shane is not seen on the course at some stage.

He is extremely respected and popular due to his tremendous commitment to the golf course.

Shane was raised in Thornleigh, Sydney and worked as a brake and clutch specialist.

Shane farms meat sheep on his 207-acre property at Gundaroo.

He met his wife Helene, an electrician, while they were undertaking a welding course at night school. Shane considers that Helene is still the better welder.

Helene is now with the ACT Property Group and no longer on the tools.

They have two teenage daughters and a Border Collie, Louie, who often accompanies Shane around the course.

When Shane is not at the golf course, he plays right back for the Gundaroo Soccer Club, where he is also the president.

Dad's Army

Volunteers are the backbone of most sporting clubs and Gungahlin Lakes is no exception. Apart from the committee members, there are many volunteers who devote most Tuesday or Thursday mornings to repairing and maintaining the golf course. This also occurs on other special occasions such as greens renovations and clearing up after storm damage.

It all started in the very early days when Jim Hourigan and Leon Carter did some work around the course to assist the green's staff. A number of working bees were organised at various times to do particular jobs around the course and members, who were retired, turned up to help. Chaos transformed into order when Dave Lowrey became the first 'leader' of Dad's Army around 2004.



Dad's Army and other helpers taking a lunch break during greens renovation

When Dave found he could not continue due to illness, Sid Scotcher stepped in to carry the flag, and the whip. Dad's Army was developing a big reputation around the club and was becoming an invaluable support for the course superintendent.

Brian Dobson also recognised their efforts by providing lunches mid-year and at Christmas time.

In 2007, Sid passed the baton to Tony Wood. Tony had just retired and was wondering what to do with himself, so he took on the Dad's Army leaders' role, a role he was used to after many years managing tradesmen.

Jim Pocock followed Tony, and then Ken Wark took over when Jim moved north in 2016.

Dad's Army has always been represented on the greens committee which assists in identifying their work plan.



Dad's Army laying artificial turf on the 2nd bridge to avoid slip hazards on frosty mornings

Dad's Army has had many members over the years.

The following list may not be complete but it illustrates how many members help out rain or shine, and voluntarily worked to assist maintain the course:

Leon Carter, Bob Coffey, Don Chaplin, Rod Duncan, Greg Ewers, Roy Flowers, Dave Gabbitas, Ward Gainey, Neville Gathercole (his wife Bev regularly provided morning tea for many years), Jim Hourigan, Jacob Jones, Ray Joyner, Hans Kusche, Bodgie Lee, Norm Loughton, Dave Lowrey, Earle Maher, Alan Mitchell, Gary Norton, Richard Oliver, Jim Pocock, Grahame Rees, Neil Richardson, Mike Riley, Doug Rodda, Paul Rudkin, Sid Scotcher, Michael Simpson, Paul Stevens, Stephen Thearle, Grant Verco, Bob Wade, Ken Wark, Barry Webb and Tony Wood.



Dad's Army, always hard at work, putting in the 150 metre wooden markers



Overlooking the club house from the back of the 16th green



This photo was on the golf cards for many years

Sponsors

The following major sponsors are appreciated by all Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club members.

Terry Pulford Smash Repairs was an early sponsor for Gungahlin Lakes and sponsored the monthly medal. Aristocrat Leisure and the Smith's Snack Food Company assisted with sponsorship in the first few years. Smith's Crisps sponsored the men's open for several years.

Bret Loughton



Bret Loughton, of Crowther's Real Estate, has sponsored both Splash, the golf club's monthly newsletter, and the monthly medal since 2015.

Bret offers an incentive for any member to enter a draw to have their annual golf fees paid, by having him appraise their home. Lucky winners have included Jenny Whittaker, Leslie Edwards, Leon Carter and Nicole Maher.

Bret is a former member of the golf club and his golfing highlights include winning the medal of medals in 2006 and holing a 10-metre eagle putt on the 16th hole.

Brett and Scott Amey



WaterLand Pty Ltd, following the successful implementation of the replacement irrigation system in 2014, sponsors the annual club championships. Adam Woodward was the initial sponsor with Brett and Scott Amey.

Following Adam's retirement Brett and Scott have continued the sponsorship since acquiring the business.

Andrew Ciaccia

Andrew Ciaccia paid for the bench seat that is installed behind the men's tee on the 14th hole and tells the story about how the bench seat came to be in this particular spot.

There were three groups of players waiting to tee off on the 14th hole and in one of the groups was Norm Loughton, the then president of the golf committee. As there were a few older blokes standing around waiting to tee off, I made a tongue in cheek remark to Norm something along the lines of:

'You would think that the club could fund a few more bench seats around the course so we can sit down while waiting. I am even happy to pay for my own.'

After we finished our rounds and while I was sitting in the spike bar, Norm approached me and asked if I was serious about funding a bench seat. At first, I said *'no, not really'* but he convinced me I should so I told him to get a price and we would go from there, and the rest, as they say, is history.



The bench seat donated by Andrew Ciaccia being put to good use

Golf achievements

Men's golf

In the first full year of opening, there were around 220 male members. This number now sits at over 600 male members. Gungahlin Lakes can hold its head high with a number of major achievements.

Pennants

The local pennant competition is run by the ACT Monaro District Golf Association, which covers areas including the ACT, Southern Tablelands, the Monaro and Queanbeyan districts and the Australian alpine region.

It didn't take long for Gungahlin Lakes to join the pennant competition and in the 1998 season, the club fielded its first two men's teams; one in the Spalding Cup (A grade) and one in the Edwards Dunlop (B grade handicap).

The club quickly enjoyed the spoils of success in the 1999 season, with the B grade handicap winning the club's first pennant. This was followed with another win in B grade handicap in 2003.

As the club grew, more men's pennant teams were entered in the competition and in 2005, there was a third success, this time in A reserve.

Not to be outdone by the young guns of the club, the senior handicap pennant team won in 2006 and again in 2008.

The ACT Monaro District Golf Association introduced a B grade scratch competition in 2005 and the club assembled very strong scratch teams over the following years. The club won the 2010 and 2013 B scratch pennants.

The most recent success was the 2020 handicap team which won by the narrowest of margins with the win being secured on the last hole played. This brings the total to eight pennants won by the men over the past 25 years

From humble beginnings there are now typically six men's pennant teams competing every season across Division 1 (previously A grade), Division 2 (previously A reserve), B grade scratch, handicap (previously B grade handicap), senior scratch and senior handicap. For a club that is 25 years old, Gungahlin Lakes is a force to be reckoned with on the local pennant scene.

Our top pennant team in Division 1 has been competitive in most years and made the final in 2010. They have also made the semi-finals twice in 2008 and 2014.

These were outstanding efforts considering the strength of other teams in the district.



The first A grade pennant team to make the semi-finals in 2008
Back row: Joe Marumo, Matt Sturgeon, John Blyton, Ross McLoughlin, Will Hogan, Jason Farrell
Front row: Robert Smith (Manager), Steve Boden, Nick Cochrane, Richard Bance

Men's Pennant Winning Teams

1999 Edwards Dunlop Pennant Winners – B Handicap



Back row: Jim Jackson, Ivan Majdandzic, Andrew Shipard, Steve Busfield,
Middle row: Geoff Clark, Peter Concannon
Front row: Rick Bowen, Paul Allen, Adrien Baldwin (Manager), Dave Collie

2003 B Handicap Winners



Back row: Terry McClymont, James Rogerson, Steve Richards, Greg Gill,
Steve Busfield, Jamie Smith
Front Row: Iain Branks, Ross Kelly, Tony Murcutt, John Price
Absent: Roy Flowers, Robert Smith

2005 A Reserve Winners



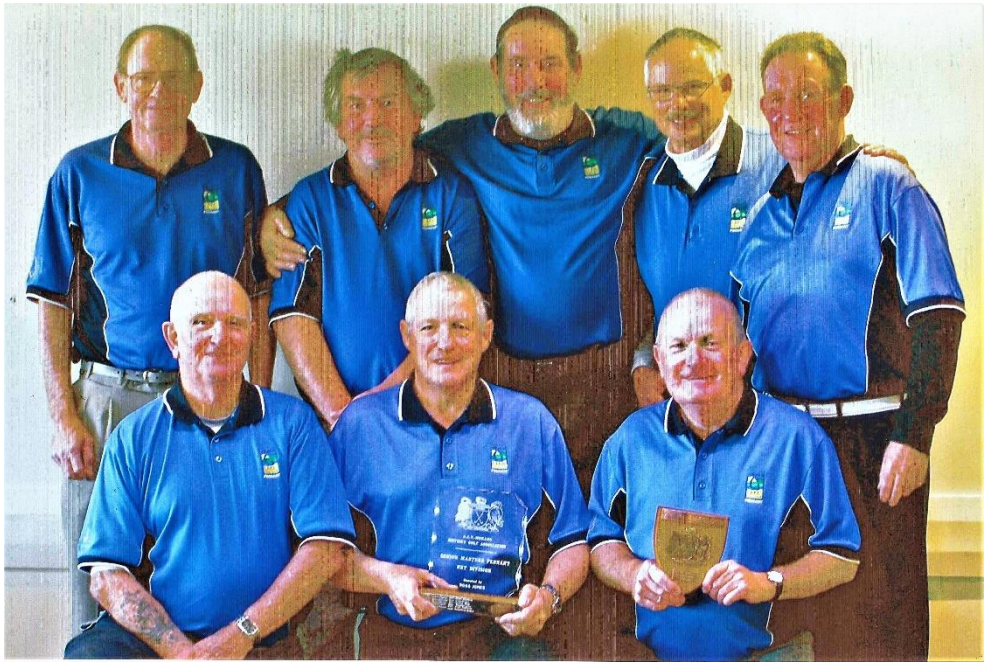
Back row: Nick Cochrane, Brian James, Derek Taylor,
Les Molloy (Co-Captain), Murray Schroder (Co-Captain), Murray Batchelor,
Kan Billington, Ivan Majdandzic
Front row: Doug Ward, Brad Gordon, Wayne Coles (Manager)

2006 Senior Handicap Winners



Back row: Norm Sutton, Dave Gabbitas, Barry Morgan (Manager and Captain),
Paul Rudkin, Terry Matthews, Hans Kusche
Front row: Allan Booth, Alan Mitchell, Lance Sutherland, Leon Carter, Harry Jess,
Roy Flowers

2008 Senior Handicap Winners



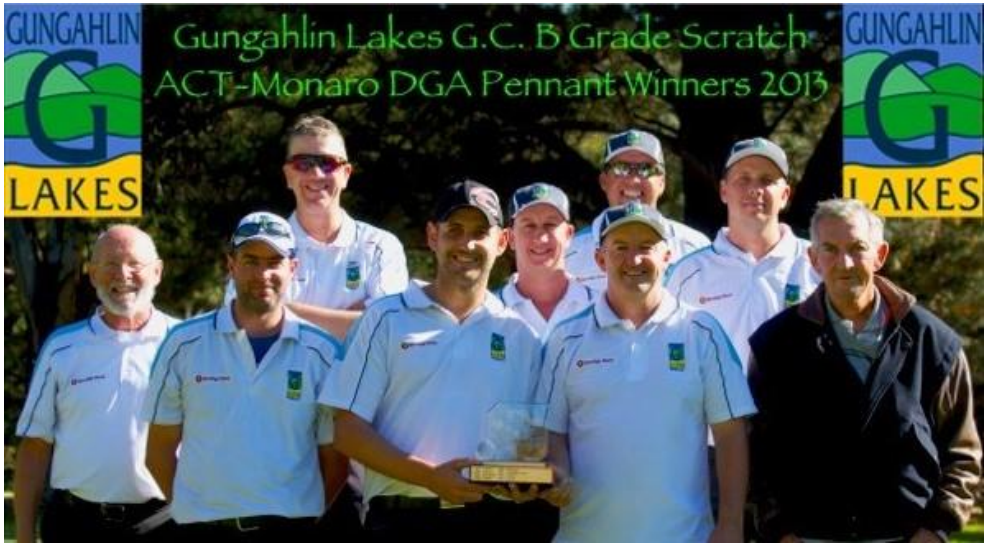
Back row: Dave Gabbitas, Steve Whiting, Tony Wood, Hans Kusche, Rick Bowen
Front row: Harry Jess, Allan Booth, Leon Carter
Absent: Ken Wark, Tony Giddings, Paul Rudkin, Neil Richardson

2010 B Scratch Winners



Back row: Jason Bush, Michael Robertson, Kent Donally, Devraj Mitra, Adam Bentley
Front row: Greg Gill, Jay Dawson, Troy Dooley, Steve Whiting, Roy Flowers

2013 B Scratch Winners



Roy Flowers (Captain), Dean Loughton, Dave Harry, Chris Bourke, Jason Minns, Craig Farrell, Kevin Flanagan, Mike Hogben, Steve Whiting (Manager)

2020 Handicap Winners



Mike Hogben, Jay Dawson (Manager), Mark Hynes, Michael Dalton (Captain), Alastair Winton, Darryl Ward, Wayne Bennett, Sam Wicks, Craig Marshall
Absent: Jason Glennon

Successes

There have been a number of individuals who have achieved great golfing success.

Five Gungahlin Lakes members have won the Gungahlin Lakes Open; Phil Hardy in 1997, Dick Walsh in 1999, Ross McLoughlin in 2001, Will Hogan in 2008 and Chris Dunstone in 2018.

Ross McLoughlin is the most successful golfer at Gungahlin Lakes. Ross's record includes winning the club championships eight times in 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2018. He was also the runner up five times in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014.

Ross won the Mark Brooker Medal in 2001, 2003 and 2008. He has also been a stalwart of the men's A grade pennant team for many years and has represented the ACT on numerous occasions. Ross also holds the yellow course record of 59.

Jake Davies commenced as a junior and quickly became an elite golfer winning the club championships in 2016, 2017 and 2020 and the Mark Brooker Medal in 2014, 2015 and 2017. Jake represented the ACT and won the NSW country golf championships at Goulburn in 2017.

Nick Cochrane was also a junior golfer, winning the club championships while still a junior in 2005 before posting victories again in 2011 and 2014.

John Blyton won the first club championships in 1997 and repeated the victory again in 1998.

Other elite junior golfers who won the club championships were Jason Farrell in 2007, Will Hogan in 2008 and 2009, Nathan Willett in 2010 and 2015-16, and James Hynes in 2019.

It is reported there have been two albatrosses recorded at Gungahlin Lakes in a competition. Murray Widdeson in 2009 and Mark Whybrow in 2013. Both were on the 13th hole.

Charity events

Gungahlin Lakes continues to support a number of charity events.

Over the years the club has supported Legacy, Multiple Sclerosis, Breast Cancer (pink day) and more recently Neuroendocrine Cancer in support of a member's wife who has this disease.

In December 2020, golf professional Gary Dowling along with members Michael Dalton, Ben Ernst and Caleb Te Moananui played 72 holes in one day in support of the Cancer Council and raised over $7,000.



Members getting into the spirit of pink day in support of breast cancer awareness

Jacob Jones



Jacob showed an interest in learning to play golf at the age of 13 when he was assisting with the collection of the flags every Friday evening. He started practising on the driving range and persevered for two years developing his skills and getting an understanding of the basic fundamentals of the game under the guidance of his granddad, Neville Gathercole.

When Jacob turned 15, he was invited to play with the Greater Canberra Club Special Olympics for the intellectually disabled and soon showed that he was very competitive at this level of the game, winning the Club's Best Player Award in his first year.

Jacob has successfully represented the ACT in the Special Olympics for the past nine years at NSW regional and Sydney inter-club challenge games, state titles and national titles competing against the best players in Australia.

Jacob has remained very competitive in open division one and two during the past nine years winning gold and silver medals at these major events.

Jacob has had the opportunity, support and encouragement from the Greater Canberra Club Special Olympics to develop his game and continues to represent Special Olympics ACT at the highest levels of the game.

At the age of 18 Jacob became a playing member of Gungahlin Lakes competing in the mid-week and weekend competitions taking his game to a new level.

Jacob is now very competitive, often bettering his handicap, and has won a number of mid-week and weekend competitions.

Playing main stream golf competitions and having the interaction, support and encouragement from all the golf members has developed Jacob's golf and the young man he is today.

Jacob has had over 12 year's involvement with the club, with many years as a volunteer, including, assisting with collection of the course flags for 10 years, working with the Dad's Army team for three years, picking up driving range balls for the pro shop for four years, work experience in the club kitchen and work experience in the pro shop.

Some of his achievements have included:

2011 – Greater Canberra Club Special Olympics – Golf Player of the Year Award

2014 – Australian National Titles Melbourne – Open Division 2 Silver Medals

2017 – Gungahlin Lakes first mid-week Monthly Medal

2018 – Australian National Titles Adelaide – Flag Bearer for ACT Special Olympics

2018 – First recorded eagle ever scored at a Special Olympics National Title

2018 – Gungahlin Lakes Achievement Award in recognition of his golfing achievements

2018-19 – Greater Canberra Club Special Olympics – Sportsman of the year nominated and winner across all Special Olympics sports in the ACT

2019 – Macau Invitational Masters Hong Kong – Silver Medal

Women's golf

Female members at Gungahlin Lakes have been a very active part of the club since its foundation in 1996.

When the club first opened there were four female members and by the end of the first year there were 15 female members.

In 2021, there are now over 70 female members across the six categories of membership. The female membership is not large, mainly due to the difficulty of the course.

There have been many women come and go over the years but there are still a few that have stayed the course for the past 25 years.

From the first women's captain, Heather Wark, to the present captain, Fiona Wicks, the golf club has been served by some dedicated women.

The women have been very fortunate to have equal playing rights with the men since the opening of the club. This is a credit to the committee at the time, under Jim Hourigan's presidency, as it was only in March 2019 that national guidelines were introduced for Australian golf clubs to eliminate gender discrimination at golf clubs.

Women's golf in the district is part of the Central Southern Golf Association. Every club in the district has open days and many of the women have had success in these events.

Gungahlin Lakes holds an annual open day with players coming from across the district. The women's open days are generously supported by a number of the male members, acting as starters, spotters and scorers.

Visitors who play in these open days are always amazed at the support the women receive from the men, which the women appreciate.

Pennants

Women's pennants have been a major part of women's golf. The first team was formed in 1999 playing in the Brindabella Shield, a handicap competition played on Sundays. After 20 years of trying, the team won the shield in 2019 for the first time.

The Bronze Shield is also a handicap competition played on Fridays and the women's teams have achieved great success over the years winning the shield in 2004, 2009, 2011 and 2012. This brings the total to five pennants won by the women over the past 25 years.

The Bruce Cup is a scratch pennant competition played on Sundays. The women did not have enough low markers to field a Bruce Cup team until 2012. Within four years, in 2016, the team made the finals only to be defeated by Queanbeyan who had won the cup for 31 years running. For a small club with only two women playing off single figures at the time, it was quite an achievement to make the finals.



The 2016 Bruce Cup team that made the final in 2016, Eleanor Bance, Belinda Stirling, Jenny Whittaker, Jacqui Baker and Adele Douglas.

Women's Pennant Winning Teams

2004 Bronze Shield Winners



Moira Richards, Bev Booth, Judy Frost, Annette Richardson, Christine Gainey, Sue Hanley, Dawn Gasper, Halina Dix (Manager)
Absent: Janet Warden, Ann Dewes, Di Larter

2009 Bronze Shield Winners



Tracey Cody, Janet Warden, Roslyn Hayes, Christine Gainey, Annette Richardson (Captain), Sue Hanley, Dianne Larter, Jan Hutka
Absent: Wendy Howe, Ann Dewes

2011 Bronze Shield Winners



Ros Hayes, Jan Hutka, Janet Warden, Di Larter, Jan Joyner, Lois Smith
Absent: Sue Hanley, Lesley Edwards, Christine Gainey

2012 Bronze Shield Winners



Back Row: Annette Richardson, Helen Rizvi, Lois Smith, Lesley Edwards
Front Row: Janet Warden, Di Larter, Jan Hutka, Christine Gainey, Sue Hanley

2019 Brindabella Shield Winners



Joanne Kim, Heather Wark, Di Carlos, Nicole Maher, Sue Collins, Lesley Edwards
Absent: Lee Ryan, Leanne Guymer

Successes

The very first success for a Gungahlin Lakes women's team was winning the state final of the 3BBB Par Event at Camden Lakeside in 1997.

There have been two players who have gained a great deal of success at the elite level. Lainie Thorn, who was an early member, won the 1997 and 1998 women's open. She was also the women's club champion in 1998. Lainie also won a number of local championships and is now a member of the Devonport Country Club, and winning golf championships in north west Tasmania.

Adele Douglas joined Gungahlin Lakes in 2013 and quickly made her mark as a scratch golfer and the number one player in the Bruce Cup pennant team. Adele won the women's open in 2014 and 2017, and won the women's club championship in 2015-16, 2016 and 2017. She played in a number of national amateur events during her time in Canberra. Adele has since moved to Bonville with her partner, Daniel Dosen, who is the Bonville golf professional. Adele continues to pursue a career in golf.

Other notable successes include Tanya Rutley who won four club championships between 2009 and 2012. Tanya also won the women's open in 2009.

Belinda Stirling won the 2015 women's open and won the club championships in 2015 and 2018.



The winning 3BBB team of Fiona Wicks, Cheryl Mercer and Lesley Edwards in 1997

Junior Golf

Juniors have been at Gungahlin Lakes since it opened in 1996 and many have achieved great success.

The juniors have received great support from many dedicated and committed members who have played prominent roles in the success of the juniors and growing the junior base.

Junior golfers have been supported for over 16 years from funds raised through Jolly Joker.

Jolly Joker is a card game with the aim of selecting the Joker to win the jackpot. Golf club members volunteer on a rostered basis to sell tickets and run the card game at the Gungahlin Lakes Golf and Community Club. The support of the volunteers has been invaluable over the years and has allowed the golf club to provide significant support to our juniors.

The funds from Jolly Joker are used for junior golf activities including coaching sessions, equipment and costs that help juniors participate in pennants and district and interstate competitions. For a number of years funds for junior golf were also raised by selling Entertainment books.

Pennants

Gungahlin Lakes has fielded junior pennant teams since it opened, with a two-year break in 2002 and 2003. Teams were entered in the Encourage junior pennant, a handicap-based competition, and the junior scratch pennant competition. Junior teams consist of both boys and girls.

Though relatively low in numbers, the juniors have achieved tremendous success for the club with wins in the 2005 and 2009 Encourage junior pennants, the 2010 junior scratch pennant, the 2011 Encourage junior pennant and the 2015 junior pennant, as a combined team with Yowani. This brings the total to five pennants won by the juniors over the past 25 years.

Junior Pennant Winning Teams

2005 Encourage Shield Winners – Juniors



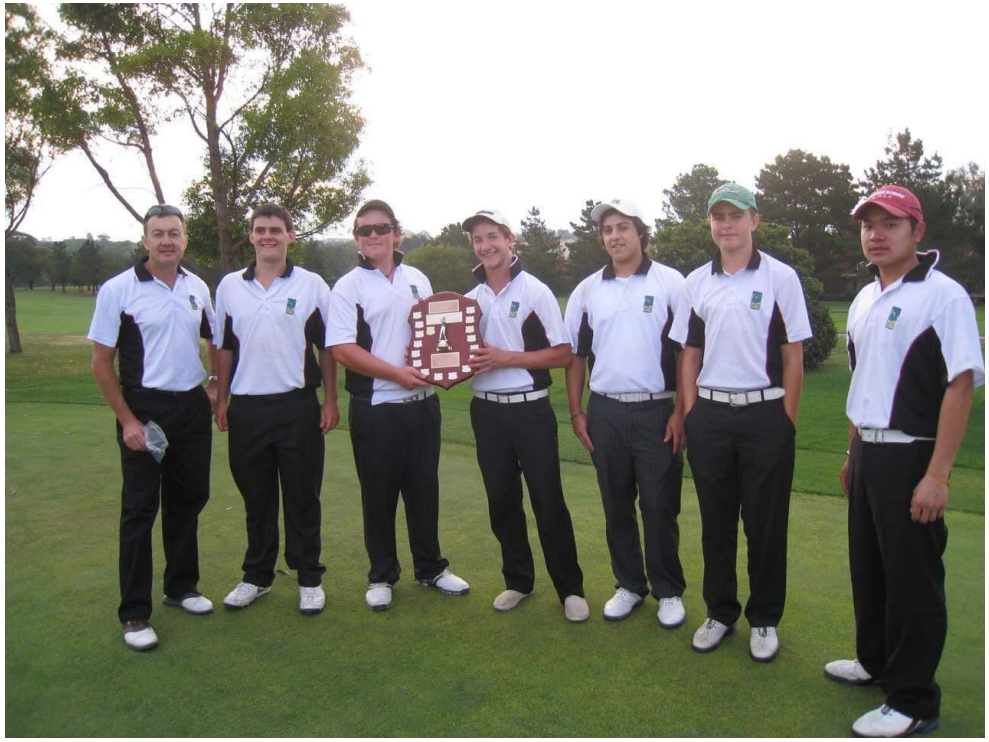
Back row: T. Owens (Club Captain), J. Glover, M. Sanchana, R. Matthew (Manager), N. George, J. Sykes
Middle row: J. Poidevin, J. Farrell, N. Owens
Front row: R. Oxley, H. Turner (Reserve)

2009 Encourage Shield Winners – Juniors



Zac Oxley, Bruce Perry (Manager), Ben Hogan, Sean Crilley, Scott Ritchie, Jaryd Larter, Jordan Flanagan, Brady Scholes, Ric Matthews (Assistant Manager), Mitchell Perry

2010 Junior Scratch Winners



Neale Turner (Manager), Peter Schroder, Nathan Willett, Sean Crilley, Scott Ritchie, Haydn Turner, Asxay Luangkhamdeng
Absent: Ben Hogan

2011 Encourage Shield Winners – Juniors



Back row: Luke Powell, Lindsay Warden (Manager), Jordan Sinclair, Jaryd Larter
Front row: Callum Williams, Duane Coles, Charelle Leefe, Eleanor Bance

2015 Junior Winners



Combined Gungahlin Lakes/Yowani Team:
Michael Nguyen, Zac Barton-Browne, James Hynes, Callum Williams,
McKinley Miller, Levi Brideson, Silka Soloman

Junior girls

The first junior girl of note was Cherona Lacey who became the first women's club champion in 1997.

Other junior girls to have success are Eleanor Bance, who was a member of the winning Encourage junior pennant team in 2011 and was the club championship nett winner in 2015-16.

Hope Cohen won the women's club championship in 2013 and 2014 and also played in the 2013 NSW women's pro-am, partnered with professional Mardi Lunn.

Meg Farrell was the women's match play champion in 2016.

Maddi Hood was the net club champion in 2019.

Charelle Leefe was a member of the winning Encourage junior pennant team in 2011 and was winner of the junior challenge trophy in the 2011 women's open.



Some of our young junior golfers

Junior boys

Over the years there have been many boys achieve results at the elite junior level representing the ACT at the Australian Junior Boy's Open and the Interstate Series run by Golf Australia. These events are held over a 10-day period, normally around Easter each year.

The following boys were members of the ACT Boys' team: Nick Cochrane (2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007), Jason Farrell (2007), Will Hogan (2007 and 2008), Kris Hellier (2007), Steve Boden (2008), Nathan Willet (2009), Sean Crilley (2010), Jake Davies (2015), James Hynes (2019 and 2020), Aaron Liu (2020) and Michael Nguyen (2020). The 2020 event did not go ahead due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Some notable highlights in these events included: Nick Cochrane, playing as the number one ACT golfer, beating the NSW number one golfer in 2004. Nick also finished 18th overall in the Junior Boys Open in 2005. Will Hogan won five of his seven matches in 2008 to help the ACT achieve its highest overall placing of 3rd. Nathan Willet, in 2009, playing at number one for the ACT, beat the Queensland number one, Cameron Smith, who is now on the USPGA Tour.

Other junior successes include Nick Cochrane, who was club champion in 2005, 2011 and 2014. Jason Farrell who was club champion in 2007 and was also the match play champion in the same year.

Will Hogan won the Mark Brooker Medal in 2006, was the club champion in 2008 and 2009, and was winner of the Gungahlin Lakes Open in 2008.

James Hynes was a member of the 2015 winning junior pennant team, was the junior club champion in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and was also the club champion in 2019.

Nick Owens won the Mark Brooker Medal in 2004 and 2005, and was the match play champion in 2006.

Nathan Willet was club champion in 2010 and again in 2015-16, and was A grade champion in 2016.



The 12th hole in Autumn



Autumn on the 1st hole



A typical winter's golf morning



Sunset overlooking the 14th hole

Major events

Gungahlin Lakes has hosted many national, state and local championships, and other events over the past 25 years. Many charity and corporate events have also been held at the golf club. Following these events, Gungahlin Lakes received high praise for the outstanding presentation of the course and the professional manner in which the events were conducted. Without the hard work of the committed and dedicated green's staff and the many Gungahlin Lakes volunteers, these events would not have been the success that they were.

Some of the events hosted include:

2000 NSW Regional Championships

2000 PGA Trainees Pro Am

2000 Trainee Championships

2000 – 2005 – Annual Pro-Am event as part of the district's week of Pro-Am events. The 2005 event saw around 90 amateur starters but a lack of sponsorship resulted in the event ceasing after 2005.

2002 NSW Golf Association Amateur

2002 ACT Monaro DGA vs Illawarra DGA Match

2004 Australian Boy's Amateur Championship. This was won by Jason Day, who later turned professional and become the World Number 1 golfer.

2004 Australian Junior Interstate Teams Matchplay Championships

2004 WGNSW Autumn Meeting – this also included a Foursomes event. The event finished under car headlights on the 9th and 18th holes

2004 School Sport Australia Golf Championships

2007 School Sport Australia Golf Championships

2008 National Police Championships

2008 Australasian Fire Brigade Golf Championships

2012 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championships

2014 Australian Women's Amateur Foursomes Championships

2014 Australian Women's Interstate Teams Championships. This was won by Western Australia. Several of the women in this event have since turned professional including Minjee Lee (WA), Sue Oh (Vic), Hannah Green (WA) and Hira Naveed (WA).



The winning Western Australian Team in 2014

2015 School Sport Australia Golf Championships

2018 NSW Men's and Women's Amateur Championships – This event was co-hosted with Royal Canberra. The winners were Gian-Marco Petrozzi from England and Ina Yoon from South Korea. Both have since turned professional.

In this event, Stephanie Kyriacou from NSW shot the women's amateur course record of 70. She has since turned professional.



2004 Australian Boys Amateur Championships



2007 School Sport Australia Golf Championships



2004 Australian Boys Amateur Championships

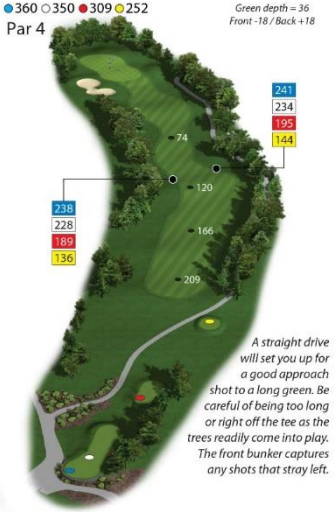


2015 School Sport Australia Golf Championships

Course Guide



1 Par 4 — 360 ○ 350 ● 309 ○ 252 — Green depth = 36 / Front -18 / Back +18



A straight drive will set you up for a good approach shot to a long green. Be careful of being too long or right off the tee as the trees readily come into play. The front bunker captures any shots that stray left.

2 Par 4 — 304 ○ 265 ● 255 ○ 176 — Green depth = 28 / Front -14/ Back +14



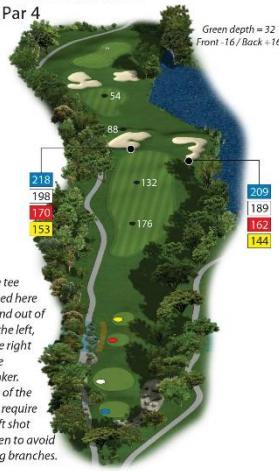
A dogleg right with water on both sides. A shot into the right side bunker leaves a sand shot that can run off the green. Land your approach softly on the green to avoid running into the large, deep grass bunker on the left.

3 Par 3 — 190 ○ 157 ● 138 ○ 134 — Green depth = 34 / Front -17 / Back +17



A shot right of the front bunker can see the ball kick into the pond. The left bunker and trussed grass provide challenging shots to hold the green. Don't be long - there is a hidden bunker right and over the green runs into the water.

10 Par 4 — 322 ○ 304 ● 278 ○ 260 — Green depth = 32 / Front -16 / Back +16



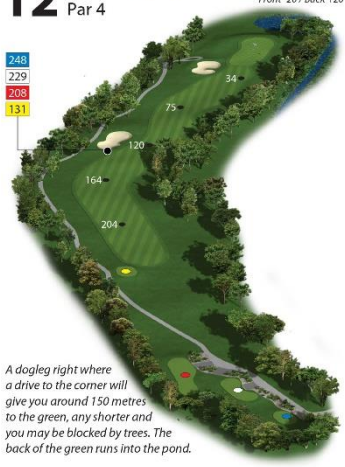
An accurate tee shot is needed here with trees and out of bounds on the left, water on the right and a centre fairway bunker. The left side of the fairway will require a right to left shot into the green to avoid overhanging branches.

11 Par 3 — 192 ○ 166 ● 155 ○ 145 — Green depth = 36 / Front -20 / Back +20



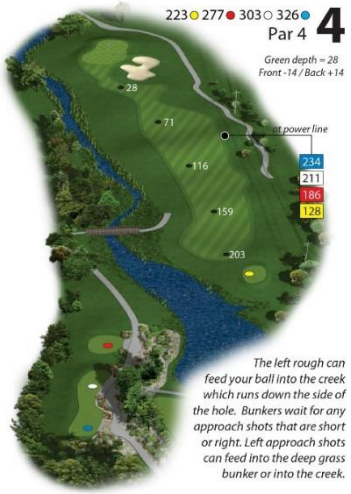
A long Par 3 over a creek onto a large two-tiered green. Avoid the green side bunker on the left, with the grass bunker on the right a popular bailout. A par will be well earned if the pin is at the back.

12 Par 4 — 385 ○ 365 ● 345 ○ 263 — Green depth = 40 / Front -20 / Back +20



A dogleg right where a drive to the corner will give you around 150 metres to the green, any shorter and you may be blocked by trees. The back of the green runs into the pond.

4
223 ○ 277 ● 303 ○ 326 ●
Par 4



The left rough can feed your ball into the creek which runs down the side of the hole. Bunkers wait for any approach shots that are short or right. Left approach shots can feed into the deep grass bunker or into the creek.

5
● 165 ○ 146 ● 126 ○ 81
Par 3



Wind plays a large part where a short shot can catch the creek. A right shot can be blown into a grass bunker or onto the slope that feeds into the creek. The left side bunker is frequently visited.

6
● 493 ○ 469 ● 439 ○ 377
Par 5



The right rough pushes errant shots towards the creek making accurate shot making a must. Large green side bunkers and grass bowls readily capture any ball that falls even slightly short, left or right.

7
● 417 ○ 390 ● 366 ○ 299
Par 4



This long par 4 requires a straight drive to avoid the bunkers on the left and the right slope which feeds into the pond. Your approach shot can take advantage of the slope on the left to run onto the green.

8
● 503 ○ 465 ● 454 ○ 377
Par 5



Drive down the middle to avoid the bunkers on the left and the rough on the right which push your ball into the trees. The narrow green, which slopes from right to left, is protected by bunkers on both sides.

9
● 314 ○ 299 ● 279 ○ 216
Par 4



This is the easiest rated hole on the course but can punish the complacent. Avoid the trees as well as the hidden fairway bunker on the right and you will have an easy approach shot to the green.

13
● 454 ○ 425 ● 408 ○ 346
Par 5



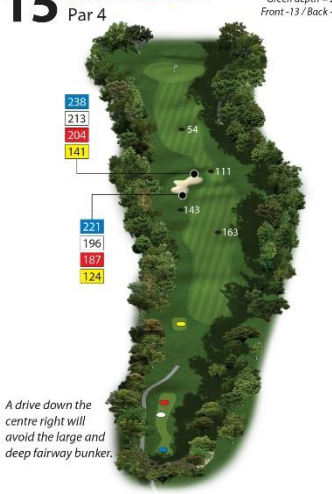
Be wary of the pond that curves from the bridge back towards the 12th green. Past the pond the right trees can block your approach shot to the two-tiered green.

14
● 276 ○ 259 ● 259 ○ 80(Par 3)
Par 4



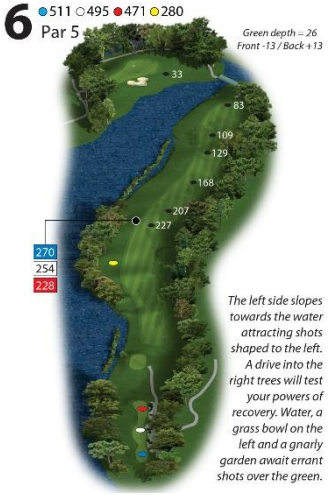
A short par 4 where a drive too far left brings in out-of-bounds or trees that can block your approach shot. The front bunker catches anything short, and the right slope will kick the ball away from the green.

15
● 355 ○ 330 ● 321 ○ 258
Par 4



A drive down the centre right will avoid the large and deep fairway bunker.

16
● 511 ○ 495 ● 471 ○ 280
Par 5



The left side slopes towards the water attracting shots shaped to the left. A drive into the right trees will test your powers of recovery. Water, a grass bowl on the left and a gnarly garden await errant shots over the green.

17
● 135 ○ 135 ● 119 ○ 104
Par 3



Wind direction can vary widely on this short par 3 ensuring any shot that is not hit 'just right' will be captured by the bunkers that surround the green.

18
● 417 ○ 391 ● 349 ○ 282
Par 4



A drive too far right will feed down into gardens and a pond. Water and bunkers wait over the back and on the right. Rated the hardest hole on the course, it is a finishing hole that can make or break your round.


1st hole


2nd hole


3rd hole


4th hole


5th hole


6th hole


7th hole


8th hole


9th hole


10th hole


11th hole


12th hole


13th hole


14th hole


15th hole


16th hole


17th hole


18th hole

Honour Board – Club Champions

Year	Men	Women	A Grade Men	B Grade Men	C Grade Men	Women (Nett)	Junior	Senior
1997	J. Blyton	C. Lacey	W. Coles	J. Ward	G. Guymer	-	-	-
1998	J. Blyton	L. Thorn	W. Kamal	I. MacAulay	N. Pellow	L. Bentley	-	-
1999	R. McLoughlin	K. Culnane	T. O'Donnell	L. Warden	A. Powell	H. Wark	-	-
2000	J. Rek	L. Bentley	M. Goodwin	W. Gabbitas	R. Hamilton	R. Haslem	-	-
2001	R. McLoughlin	D. Martin	J. Rek	R. Hamilton	P. Purdy	R. Haslem	-	-
2002	J. Le-Fevre	D. Martin	R. McLoughlin	L. Warden	B. Bond	C. Lacey	-	-
2003	R. McLoughlin	L. Bentley	J. Rek	R. Bowen	D. Signorini	J. Whittaker	-	-
2004	R. Hamilton	L. Bentley	T. O'Donnell	J. Bush	G. Virtue	J. Robertson	-	-
2005	N. Cochrane	H. Dix	R. McLoughlin	D. Harry	T. McClymont	J. Baker	-	-
2006	R. McLoughlin	H. Dix	T. O'Donnell	L. Carter	C. Stallard	J. Whittaker	-	-
2007	J. Farrell	D. Phillips	N. Cochrane	L. Carter	C. Shepherdson	J. Hutka	-	-
2008	W. Hogan	T. Cody	R. McLoughlin	R. Bowen	D. Loughton	L. Bentley	W. Hogan	-
2009	W. Hogan	T. Rutley	R. Bance	B. Hogan	R. Kennedy	C. McEwen	N. Willett	-
2010	N. Willett	T. Rutley	T. Dare	H. Kusche	S. Sykes	T. Parker	B. Hogan	-
2011	N. Cochrane	T. Rutley	R. McLoughlin	L. Carter	D. Collins	L. Bentley	B. Hogan	-
2012	R. McLoughlin	T. Rutley	N. Cochrane	D. Callaghan	N. Loughton	L. Bentley	C. Williams	-
2013	R. McLoughlin	H. Cohen	N. Price	R. Bowen	N. Sloane	T. Rutley	J. Trinder	-
2014	N. Cochrane	H. Cohen	R. McLoughlin	D. Boyce	T. McClymont	M. Wilder	C. Williams	-
2015	R. McLoughlin	B. Stirling	A. Hayes	W. Bennett	B. Halliday	C. Chan	J. Davies	-
2015-16	N. Willett	A. Douglas	G. Macauley	T. Murcutt	S. Wicks	E. Bance	Z. Barton-Browne	A. Rizvi
2016	J. Davies	A. Douglas	N. Willett	M. Nguyen	T. Nguyen	J. Baker	M. Nguyen	S. Dunstone
2017	J. Davies	A. Douglas	D. McGibbon	R. Bowen	G. Callaghan	C. Chan	J. Hynes	B. Werner
2018	R. McLoughlin	B. Stirling	C. Te Moananui	T. Murcutt	G. Callaghan	J. Turner	J. Hynes	B. James
2019	J. Hynes	J. Whittaker	D. McGibbon	G. Gill	G. Zolotic	M. Hood	J. Hynes	L. Molloy
2020	J. Davies	J. Jenista	C. Te Moananui	T. Hourigan	G. Zolotic	J. Baker	K. Smith	L. Molloy

Note: Where there are no names the event or award was not played or presented.

Honour Board – Foursomes Champions

Year	Foursomes Champions Men's Scratch	Foursomes Champions Men's Handicap	Foursomes Champions Women Scratch	Foursomes Champions Women's Handicap	Mixed Foursomes Champions Scratch	Mixed Foursomes Champions Handicap
1997	-	-	-		-	-
1998	J. Blyton, W. Coles	B. Clark, S Ward	-	-	-	-
1999	R. McLoughlin, J. Le-Fevre	K. Rowe, E. Maher	-	-	-	-
2000	R. McLoughlin, J. Le-Fevre	B. Elliott, L. Calvert	-	-	D. Martin, G. Martin	-
2001	J. Blyton, W. Coles	M. Carey, A. Vitler	-	-	L. Bentley, P. Majdandzic	-
2002	J. Le-Fevre, R. McLoughlin	L. Warden, A. Booth	-	-	D. Martin, G. Martin	-
2003	R. McLoughlin, J. Le-Fevre	K. Cullen, K. Koppman	-	-	R. McLoughlin, J. Baker	-
2004	R. Hamilton, N. Cochrane	H. Kusche, R. Bowen	-	-	T. Owens, H. Dix	-
2005	R. McLoughlin, T. O'Donnell	A. Scott, M. Roddam	-	-	W. Coles, L. Edwards	-
2006	N. Cochrane, M. Sturgeon	K. Wark, L. Warden	L. Bentley, H. Dix	M. James, P. Reading	J. Marumo, S. Bom Park	-
2007	T. O'Donnell, M. Sturgeon	B. Gordon, S. Busfield	L. Bentley, H. Dix	W. Howe, M. Richards	R. Bance, H. Dix	J. Hutka, S. Whiting
2008	W. Hogan, S. Boden	P. Kringas, G. Ely	S. Hanley, D. Phillips	J. Robertson, M. Richards	M. Sturgeon, J. Whittaker	P. Smith, L. Smith
2009	J. Le-Fevre, R. McLoughlin	P. Walker, R. Browne	A. Richardson, T. Rutley	J. Baker, A. Majdandzic	R. McLoughlin, A. McLoughlin	D. Larter, L. Carter
2010	J. Le-Fevre, R. McLoughlin	D. Cramsie, R. Stedman	D. Crilley, A. Majdandzic	J. Robertson, L. Bentley	J. Whittaker, M. Sturgeon	S. Hanley, K. Billington
2011	N. Cochrane, N. Willett	P. Walker, M. White	S. Hanley, D. Phillips	L. Smith, R. Hayes	R. McLoughlin, S. Hanley	J. Rogerson, L. Bentley
2012	J. Le-Fevre, R. McLoughlin	N. Willett, G. Willett	J. Whittaker, L. Bentley	J. Crooks, H. Sharp	R. McLoughlin, L. Bentley	N. Price, J. Baker
2013	N. Cochrane, G. Macauley	R. McLoughlin, J. Le-Fevre	S. Hanley, D. Phillips	L. Bentley, J. Jenista	J. Whittaker, J. Le-Fevre	M. Wilder, A. Gutierrez
2014	N. Cochrane, G. Macauley	T. McClymont, J. Dawson	S. Hanley, J. Whittaker	H. Viljoen, J. Hutka	R. McLoughlin, J. Baker	P. Smith, L. Smith
2015	A. Hayes, N. Price	P. Aranguiz, K. Flanagan	S. Hanley, J. Whittaker	J. Joyner,L. Smith	R. Bance, B. Stirling	K. Wark, H. Wark
2016	-	-	B. Stirling, A. Douglas	J. Crooks, H. Sharp	J. Whittaker, J. Le-Fevre	J. Warden, N. Willett
2017	-	-	-	-	J. Baker, T. Murcutt	J. Hutka, G. Ely
2018	-	-	J. Jenista, B. Stirling	J. Turner, F. Wicks	J. Baker, T. Murcutt	K. Wark, H. Wark
2019	-	-	J. Kim, S. Y. Kim	M. Farrell, N, Maher	J. Whittaker, J. Le-Fevre	J. Kim, D. Wicks
2020	-	-	J. Jenista, D, Carlos	J. Whittaker, S. Collins	J. Whittaker, J. Le-Fevre	J. Stack, M. Hynes

Note: Where there are no names the event or award was not played or presented.

Honour Board – Medal and Matchplay Champions

Year	Mark Brooker Medal Winners		Medal of Medal Winners		Matchplay Handicap Champions		4BBB Matchplay Champions
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
1997	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998	-	-	-	-	P. Allen	-	-
1999	-	-	-	-	I. Majdandzic	M. James	-
2000	-	-	C. Raftery	R. Haslam	T. Owen	L. Bentley	R. Hamilton, M. Edwards
2001	R. McLoughlin	-	J. Gaudry	S. Smith	M. Batchelor	L. Bentley	K. Hoy, W. Hoy
2002	B. Bond	-	G. Zolotic	R. Haslam	J. Price	D. Martin	K. Rowe, J. Pritchard
2003	R. McLoughlin	-	N. Owens	M. James	L. Molloy	M. Clark	I. Branks, R. Flowers
2004	N. Owens	-	P. Bilcich	L. Bentley	I. Branks	L. Edwards	I. Majdandzic, R. Bowen
2005	N. Owens	-	T. Shibutare	M. James	D. Harry	T. Cody	J. Sykes, J. Poidevin
2006	W. Hogan	-	B. Loughton	J. Whittaker	N. Owens	J. Whittaker	D. Phillips, T. Calvert
2007	-	S. Hanley	R. Dawson	L. Bentley	J. Farrell	R. Hayes	C. Farrell, J. Farrell
2008	R. McLoughlin	-	W. Hogan	L. Bentley	R. McLoughlin	L. Smith	D. McFarlane, M. Crilley
2009	B. Hogan	-	M. Sturgeon	D. Crilley	N. Zolotic	J. Robertson	L. Coyle, M. Bell
2010	-	D. Crilley	K. Grace	C. Chan	M. Sturgeon	J. Robertson	S. Y. Kim-Chittenden, K. Grace
2011	D. Collins	D. Crilley	S. Morgan	T. Rutley	R. Hickman	H. Sharpe	D. Collins, A. Gutierrez
2012	B. Brown	S. Hanley	D. McKinnon	J. Warden	D. Easterby	D. Phillips	-
2013	K. Flanagan	J. Whittaker	D. Harry	J. Baker	A. Liso	L. Guymer	R. Flowers, M. Luu
2014	J. Davies	B. Stirling	S. Ritchie	A. Douglas	A. Liso	L. Guymer	J. Bush, C. Deschamps
2015	J. Davies	A. Douglas	I. Davidson	B. Stirling	M. Hogben	J. Whittaker	P. Davis, J. Minns
2016	T. Murcutt	L. Edwards	K. Billington	B. Stirling	S. Eriksen	M. Farrell	R. Flowers, P. Stevens
2017	J. Davies	A. Douglas	R. Maxwell	C. Chan	C. Farrell	L. Smith	-
2018	J. McCormack	E. Lee	J. Dawson	F. Wicks	R. Bowen	D. Carlos	-
2019	A. Gutierrez	J. Kim	A. Julius	J. Kim	J. Purcell	D. Carlos	-
2020	G. Zolotic	J. Kim	N. Turner	T. Le	-	S. Y. Kim	-

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Honour Board – Other Event Champions

	Gungahlin Lakes Amateur Open Champions		4BBB Stableford Champions	Team Shootout Champions	Gungahlin Lakes Course Records	
Year	**Men**	**Women**				
1997	P. Hardy	L. Thorn	-	-	**Professional Men**	
1998	J. Ricks (Federal)	L. Thorn	L. Calvert, B. Elliott	-	7 April 2001	R. Schmidt (66)
1999	D. Walsh	L. Smyth (Federal)	W. Penny, P. Frankcom	L. Bentley, A. Bentley	13 February 2002	C. Carmichael (66)
2000	A. Simpson (Yass)	C. DeCosta (Queanbeyan)	I. Branks, J. Blyton	P. Connellan, R. Hardy	12 February 2003	C. Campbell (65)
2001	R. McLoughlin	M. Asbury (Narooma)	J. Rankine, A. Flaherty	V. Duranti, S. Whiting	11 February 2004	C. Campbell (65)
2002	A. Simpson (The Lakes)	M. Asbury (Narooma)	D. Collie, J. Pritchard	V. Price, D. Harry		
2003	D. Calvert (Gold Creek)	L. Wylie (Royal Canberra)	B. Elliott, L. Calvert	R. McLoughlin, R. Bowen	**Professional Women**	
2004	M. Smith (Royal Canberra)	L. Wylie (Royal Canberra)	D. Ward, W. Penny	D. Harry, M. Richards	11 October 2000	G. Rae (70)
2005	C. Hartas (Royal Canberra)	R. Matheson (Queanbeyan)	P. Birse, T. Calvert	G. Gill, S. Whiting		
2006	S. Tuionetoa (Gold Creek)	C. Taylor (Royal Canberra)	B. Morgan, P. Kringas	G. Zolotic, I. Majdandzic	**Amateur Men**	
2007	K. Orr (Belconnen)	N. Moon (Federal)	J. Jackson, T Wood	R. McLoughlin, A. Brown	12 December 2000	W. Coles (69)
2008	W. Hogan	L. Bentley	N. Sutton, S. Hanley	G. Gill, S. Whiting	5 May 2001	R. McLoughlin (69)
2009	M. Miller (Queanbeyan)	T. Rutley	R. Etchells, R. Carters	J. Bush, D. McFarlane	20 April 2002	A. McKenzie (65)
2010	S. Seaton (Delegate)	N. Moon (Federal)	K. Flanagan, A. Gutierrez	D. Loughton, A Rizvi		
2011	A. Haughie (Pennant Hills)	N. Moon (Federal)	N. Armour, I. Lekhac	C. Raftery, J. Price	**Amateur Women**	
2012	I. Gibson (Yowani)	Y. Wathelet (Belconnen)	J. Dawson, P. Frankcom	M. Sturgeon, T. McClymont	16 March 2000	L. Smyth (75)
2013	C. Whitehead (Gold Creek)	J. McManus (Murrumbidgee)	D. Collins, B. Hallam	J. Price, C. Raftery	17 March 2001	M. Asbury (74)
2014	C. Haines (The Lakes)	A. Douglas	T. McClymont, J. Dawson	-	23 March 2002	M. Asbury (72)
2015	J. Reid (Royal Canberra)	B. Stirling	M. Green, L. Carter	A. Douglas, B. Stirling	17 November 2010	S. Donohue (72)
2016	J. Ayre (Royal Canberra)	L. Smyth (Royal Canberra)	B. Maroney, S. Eriksen	-	30 January 2018	S. Kyriacou (70)
2017	J. Shields (Young)	A. Douglas	-	-		
2018	C. Dunstone	P. Jeffrey (Queanbeyan)	-	-		
2019	H Bolton (Royal Canberra)	D. Rodgers (Queanbeyan)	-	-		
2020	-	-	-	-		

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Holes-in-one

Date	Name
16-Mar-1997	M. James (11th)
20-Dec-1997	C. Jobson (3rd)
10-Apr-1998	B. Monie (11th)
6-Jun-1998	J. Rek (5th)
13-Jun-1998	P. Connellan (3rd)
13-Jun-1998	M. Brice (17th)
5-Sep-1998	M. Batchelor (5th)
21-Feb-1999	C. Baker (3rd)
28-Mar-1999	C. Gainey (17th)
15-Jan-2000	T. Graham (5th)
1-Jul-2000	T. Wood (5th)
2-Dec-2000	R. Dembowski (5th)
3-Jan-2001	D. Walsh (11th)
18-Mar-2001	C. Shepherdson (5th)
23-May-2001	H. Dix (11th)
29-Jul-2001	N. Armour (11th)
13-Oct-2001	D. Ward (17th)
2-Feb-2002	T. Matthews (17th)
6-Mar-2002	I. Paterson (17th)
11-May-2002	L. Carter (17th)
26-Jul-2002	M. Jopling (3rd)
5-Jan-2003	G. Martin (17th)
13-Apr-2003	P. Kringas (17th)
18-Apr-2003	B. Little (3rd)
9-Jun-2004	T. Allison (11th)
17-Oct-2004	P. Bilcich (3rd)
31-Oct-2004	K. Billington (17th)
2-Apr-2005	J. Pocock (5th)
2-Apr-2005	I. Branks (17th)
9-Apr-2005	P. Job (17th)
29-Oct-2005	J. Karjalainen (17th)
17-Dec-2005	R. Oliver (3rd)
12-Feb-2006	D. Loughton (5th)
13-May-2006	G. O'Neill (3rd)
4-Oct-2006	G. Rees (11th)
16-Dec-2006	S. Collins (11th)
17-Mar-2007	B. Woods (3rd)
25-Mar-2007	M. Klose (5th)
8-Jul-2007	M. Blewitt (17th)
5-Aug-2007	E. Lavado (17th)
19-Aug-2007	J. Franklin (17th)
3-Nov-2007	R. McLoughlin (5th)
17-Feb-2008	H. Van Deyk (17th)
21-Mar-2008	S. Boden (17th)
2-Apr-2008	D. Lowrey (17th)
10-May-2008	R. Dawson (17th)
14-May-2008	T. Wood (3rd)
16-Aug-2008	S. Ritchie (11th)
12-Oct-2008	J. Marumo (5th)
29-Nov-2008	D. Barratt (5th)
18-Feb-2009	B. Coffey (17th)
18-Feb-2009	B. Clarke (17th)
29-Apr-2009	W. Hogan (17th)
8-Aug-2009	R. Bowen (17th)
8-Aug-2009	N. Sutton (11th)
17-Oct-2009	D. Gallagher (17th)
25-Oct-2009	P. Walker (11th)
27-Dec-2009	T. Calvert (17th)
20-Mar-2010	A. Majdandzic (3rd)
22-May-2010	H. Viljoen (5th)
19-Sep-2010	L. Warden (11th)
30-Oct-2010	G. O'Connor (11th)
22-Jan-2011	M. Borg (17th)
22-Apr-2011	P. Harry (11th)
4-Jun-2011	D. Felding (11th)
18-Jun-2011	B. Morgan (5th)
31-Aug-2011	W. Sauer (11th)
30-May-2012	J. Franklin (17th)
16-Jun-2012	T. Savage (17th)
24-Jun-2012	J. Deakin (5th)
12-Sep-2012	M. Simpson (11th)
11-Nov-2012	R. Docker (17th)
28-Jan-2013	P. Callow (5th)
3-Mar-2013	M. Whybrow (5th)
23-Mar-2013	S. Dooley (17th)
7-Apr-2013	D. Roas (11th)
1-May-2013	L. Carter (11th)
8-May-2013	M. Blair (17th)
2-Sep-2013	T. Wood (5th)
15-Sep-2013	K. Pepper (17th)
12-Oct-2013	A. Sell (17th)
22-Nov-2013	B. Tynan (17th)
11-Jan-2014	R. Bowen (17th)
29-Jan-2014	J. Jackson (5th)
12-Jul-2014	G. Rhind (3rd)
29-Oct-2014	J. Jepson (17th)
8-Jul-2015	M. Urquhart (17th)
12-Aug-2015	R. Bowen (11th)
16-Sep-2015	S. Hanley (3rd)
3-Feb-2016	S. Calvert (5th)
6-Feb-2016	G. Ely (5th)
23-Mar-2016	J. Smith (11th)
30-Mar-2016	A. Douglas (5th)
12-Oct-2016	S. Broadhead (5th)
18-Dec-2016	T. Farley (17th)
12-Feb-2017	S. Dunstone (17th)
18-Feb-2017	N. Richards (3rd)
1-Dec-2017	M. Price (3rd) yellow tee
13-Dec-2017	G. Norton (5th)
28-Feb-2018	A. Douglas (17th)
27-Sept-2018	B. Jeffrey (17th)
23-Jan-2019	P. Kringas (5th)
3-Mar-2019	J. McCormack (11th)
13-Apr-2019	T. Marion (11th)
27-Apr-2019	P. Hegarty (3rd)
18-May-19	S. Farrell (14th) yellow tee
5-Jun-2019	J. Jenista (17th)
5-Jun-2019	A. Booth (17th)
21-Jul-2019	A. Andreatta (17th)
27-Oct-19	M. Szabo (11th)
8-Feb-2020	A. Mitchell (17th)
15-Feb-2020	B. Woods (17th)
26-Aug-2020	B. Stewart (5th)
8-Sep-2020	B. Frazer (5th)
16-Sep-2020	B. Frazer (11th)
19-Dec-2020	T. Thatcher (17th)
23-Jan-2021	S. Sykes (11th)
27-Jan-2021	J. Jepson (5th)
8-May-2021	K. Koppman (5th)

Since the club opened in July 1996, there have been (as at 31 May 2021), 119 holes-in-one. 16 on the 3rd, 29 on the 5th, 26 on the 11th, 1 on the 14th (yellow tee) and 47 on the 17th.

Golf Committee Office Bearers

Year	Presidents	Vice Presidents	Secretaries	Treasurers	Captains – Men	Captains – Women	Vice Captains
1996	J. Hourigan	-	D. Bahnsen	P. Allen	P. Hardy	-	-
1997	J. Hourigan	A. James	D. Bahnsen	P. Allen	M. Baxter	H. Wark	S. Page
1998	J. Hourigan	A. James	K. Wark	M. Batchelor	M. Baxter	L. Edwards	W. Coles
1999	J. Hourigan	A. James	K. Wark	M. Batchelor	M. Baxter	L. Canney	W. Coles
2000	J. Hourigan	L. Carter	K. Wark	M. Batchelor	T. Owens	T. Graham	J. Jackson
2001	J. Hourigan	L. Carter	C. Eade	M. Batchelor	T. Owens	T. Graham/ M. James	J. Jackson
2002	B. Hall	D. Ward	C. Eade	M. Batchelor	T. Owens	M. James	J. Jackson
2003	B. Hall	D. Ward	C. Eade	M. Batchelor	T. Owens	N. Scamp	J. Jackson
2004	B. Hall	G. Ryan	C. Eade	M. Batchelor	T. Owens	N. Scamp	L. Molloy
2005	B. Hall	K. Wark	L. Bentley	G. O'Connor	T. Owens	M. James	H. Kusche
2006	K. Wark	W. Gainey	L. Bentley	G. O'Connor	H. Kusche	J. Warden	R. McLoughlin
2007	K. Wark	S. Scotcher	L. Bentley	W. Gainey	H. Kusche	J. Warden	R. McLoughlin
2008	K. Wark	R. Gordon	L. Bentley	W. Gainey	H. Kusche	J. Warden	L. Warden
2009	K. Wark	R. Gordon	W. Howe	W. Gainey	L. Warden	C. Gainey	P. Raiser
2010	R. Gordon	N. Loughton	W. Howe	W. Gainey	L. Warden/ W. Gainey	C. Gainey	P. Raiser
2011	L. Warden/N. Loughton	N. Loughton	W. Howe	W. Gainey	S. Whiting	C. Gainey	A. Bentley
2012	B. Morgan	N. Loughton	W. Howe	P. Davis	R. Hickman	S. Hanley	J. Hourigan
2013	B. Morgan	N. Loughton	W. Howe	P. Davis	D. Taylor/B. Wade	J. Hutka	B. Wade/K. Wark
2014	B. Morgan	N. Loughton	T. Banister	P. Davis	B. Wade	L. Edwards	K. Wark
2015	B. Morgan	N. Loughton	T. Banister/W. Gainey	P. Davis	B. Wade	L. Edwards	K. Wark
2016	K. Wark	N. Loughton	W. Gainey	P. Davis	B. Wade	L. Edwards	S. Dunstone
2017	K. Wark	R. Oliver	W. Gainey	T. Murcutt	K. Flanagan	D. Carlos	D. Wicks
2018	R. Oliver	N. Loughton/W. Gainey	W. Gainey/B. Avery	T. Murcutt	K. Flanagan	D. Carlos	D. Wicks
2019	R. Oliver	N. Loughton	S. Calvert	T. Murcutt	K. Flanagan	D. Carlos	M. Hogben
2020	R. Oliver	D. Carlos	S. Calvert	T. Murcutt	K. Flanagan	F. Wicks	M. Hogben
2021	R. Oliver	D. Carlos	S. Calvert	T. Murcutt	K. Flanagan	F. Wicks	M. Hogben

Members with more than 20 year's membership

There are currently 119 Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club members that have 20 or more year's membership. These members have shown their continued loyalty, commitment and support, both on and off the course, to the club.

N. Amoyen	G. Ely	M. Jepson *	G. Norton	P. Smith
B. Arthur	C. Farrell	P. Job	J. O'Brien	T. Smith
J. Baker	R. Flowers	K. Koppman	G. O'Neill *	C. Stallard
P. Birse	J. Franklin	D. Larter	R. Oliver	P. Stevens
A. Booth	D. Gabbitas	M. Lawrence	P. Osborne	S. Sykes
R. Bowen	C. Gainey	J. Le-Fevre	L. Osmond	G. Taylor
M. Brice	W. Gainey	M. Lidden	T. Payne *	S. Taylor
G. Callaghan	D. Gallagher *	R. Lim	B. Perry	T. Thatcher
S. Calvert	I. Giles	D. Loughton	M. Porreca	M. Thomson
L. Cannon	G. Gill	N. Loughton	J. Price	K. Wallace
D. Carlos	M. Green *	B. Lovett	M. Price	D. Walsh *
K. Carter	J. Greenup	E. Maher *	P. Purdy	J. Warden
L. Carter	G. Guymer	P. Marion	C. Raftery	H. Wark
B. Christiansen *	L. Guymer	T. Marion	A. Richardson	K. Wark
B. Clarke	B. Hallam	C. Marshall	N. Richardson	J. Wheeler
A. Cochrane	R. Hickman	G. Martin	M. Riley	T. Wheeler
D. Collins	M. Holgate	T. McClymont	A. Rizvi	T. White
K. Cox *	D. Hourigan *	M. McCoy	D. Rodda	J. Whittaker
D. Craft	J. Hourigan	R. McLoughlin	P. Rudkin	D. Wicks
H. Dalton	M. Hynes	E. Meeuwissen	P. Rudnev	F. Wicks
I. Davison *	J. Jackson	L. Molloy	M. Sangil	T. Wood
H. Dix	J. Jeffrey	B. Morgan	M. Schroeder	S. Woodman
D. Easterby	B. Jepsen	M. Moullakis	S. Scotcher	G. Zolotic
L. Edwards	J. Jepson	T. Murcutt	B. Simmons	

* not current playing members







