



# Morwell Golf Club Newsletter

For the information of our members

## GIPPSLAND JUNIOR TOURNAMENT EDITION

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The inaugural Gippsland Junior Tournament was held over two days at Morwell GC on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Yallourn GC on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The idea for this an event was suggested in May 2024 by Paul Buchanan. His original estimate was that we could expect 30 – 50 players. Both clubs thought this would be well worth the effort especially if it promoted golf at grass-roots level within the Gippsland region. Thanks to the hard work put in by Paul Buchanan, Frank Tabone, Alan Bishop and many others, a healthy number of sponsors came on board to support the event.

Volunteers were recruited from both clubs. Working With Children Checks were completed and cards issued. Volunteer duties were defined and bright yellow polo tops, with sponsor names printed on them, were ordered.

Sponsor banners and signs were made up, water fountains (courtesy Gippsland Water) were erected, Powerade drinks (courtesy Coca Cola) and gift bags were handed out at player registration. Titleist supplied the practice balls for the driving range and gift bags.

Our skilled chefs cooked sausages and hamburgers to feed the players, spectators and volunteers, and LFK On The Move (coffee van) was on-site with food and COFFEE.

The response to this tournament from junior players exceeded all expectation with 70 players registering - their handicaps ranging from +2 to 54. Players came from Gippsland, Melbourne, Bendigo, Ballarat Bairnsdale and Orbost.

It was great to see so many talented young players, many of whom we will no doubt see on our screens in the future. A big thank you must go to all the parents, grandparents and friends for their support.

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Thank you to all our sponsors without whom this event would not have been possible. Thank you to Golf West Gippsland for their generous contribution to and a major “silent” sponsor. (These sponsors do not appear on the poster below).



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## DAY 2 – DRONE VIDEO FOOTAGE and PICTURES

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The drone video footage was sent to us by Rongrit Sangsinlert, the father of Starr and Tiarra who participated in the Girls 18-hole Championship. His email to Nikki Te Paa is as follows:

Dear Nikki,

It was a pleasure to meet you at Yallourn Golf Club on Friday when our 2 daughters joined the Gippsland Junior Golf Championship 2025 which they really enjoyed and they would like to join again next year.

Please find below the drone video I prepared, you are welcome to share this video. If you have any feedback or ideas regarding the video, this will be greatly appreciated.

If helpful, next year, I will be happy to volunteer my time and support to prepare another drone video and I will include more footage of both golf clubs, staff, volunteers and competitors.

Here is the link to the video

<https://youtu.be/t0988bWYccY?si=2s1lwGTn2jHQW2DQ>

Thank you for this opportunity and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Kind regards,  
Rit and Oddie

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**The following is an email received from Vinko Kovacevic:**

Hi Frank, Allan, Paul and members/volunteers of both Morwell and Yallourn Golf Clubs,

I would like to provide you with some feedback from the experience of some of the families who attend your inaugural wonderful event on the 23-23 of January 2025, as could not get around to the many supporters and volunteers of the event.

Firstly, the courses at both clubs were set up fantastic and the juniors were challenged across both days, ensuring their skills where tested and allowed them to play and encourage the juniors to play their best golf.

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The volunteers (there were many more than I have ever seen at any events even at some professional events) across both clubs were absolutely fantastic and nothing seemed to be difficult for anyone the juniors or the parents talked too, which was great and well recognised by all that attended.

The reception was very welcoming the registration gifts where something I have not **seen before, a sleeve of Titleist balls! WOW.... Not to mention markers...**

The refreshments for the juniors across both days allowed for the juniors to increase their protein intake to close out the game and fill up after the 18 holes. I and other parents where happy to pay the very small fee for that added protein! Which was very much welcomed!

Having discussed with the other parents, we were all in amazement with the wonderful prizes and gifts the event where able to secure via sponsorships (please share this with your sponsors) across the local area. You all should be proud of the work you have put in to secure these prizes as Juniors are always chasing trophies, where the parents are chasing vouchers to help with cost of travel and equipment across one of the most expensive games to play!

You all should be proud of the work you have done and the outcomes of the inaugural event, as I have noted please look into the 54-hole World ranking event as I feel you have something special and can capitalise on the fantastic efforts of Jan 2025.

I wish you all the very best and would be more than happy to help in any way I can to build up the Gippsland Championship and maybe additional events throughout 2025 to support the Juniors, build the game and work on growing the great efforts of you all noted above in January 2025.

Again Congratulations, well done and you all should be very proud of your efforts and outcome of the 2025 Gippsland Junior Championship.

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Regards

Vinko Kovacevic (Father of Anton Kovacevic)

## **AWARDS**

### **PeeWee division**

- 3rd Place Riley Talyor
- 2nd Place Evan Vitale
- 1st Place Nathan McGrath



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## Stableford Division 9 Hole

- 3rd Place Evie O'Connell
- 2nd Place Sam Vary
- 1st Place Aurora Snowdon



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## Stableford Boys Division

- 3rd Place Jack Thomas
- 2nd Place Hunter Bishoff
- 1st Place Hudson Brown



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## Championship Winners

### Girls Nett Championship

- 3rd Place Tiarra Sangsinlert
- 2nd Place Maddison Kelly
- **1st Place Rebecca Boers-Overall Girls Nett Winner score 139 total**



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## Boys Nett Championship

- Championship
  - 3rd Place Rourke Hannath
  - 2nd Place Arlen Peavey
  - **1st Place Cooper Underwood-Overall Boys Nett Winner score 136 total**



## B Grade

- 3rd Place Murry Jones
- 2nd Place Hunter Bishoff
- 1st Place Fletcher McLennan

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## Girls Stroke Gross Championship

- 3rd Place Starr Sangsinlert
- 2nd Place Dora Lewei Zheng
- **1st Place Vivian Zhai - Overall Girls Stroke Play Winner score 162 total**



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## Boys Stroke Gross Championship

- 3rd Place Hugo Wortley
- 2nd Place Lenny White
- **1st Place Rehan Pervaiz Overall Boys Stroke Play Winner score 140 total**



## B Grade

- 3rd Place Lachlan McGrath
- 2nd Place Ben Boers
- 1st Place Tyler Elliott

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Winner of the Master of the Amateurs entry into Qualifier



Girls Winner - Vivian Zhai

Boys Winner - Rehan Pervaiz

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## *PeeWee* **CHAMPION**



## *9 Hole Stableford* **CHAMPION**



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Stableford  
**CHAMPION**



***Your Club.... My Club....Our Club***  
*Please look after it.*

