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Newsletter
South Lakes
Golf Club

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Club Vision Statement...

To be the best Golf Club in the Fleurieu Region through the provision of quality facilities and members services that reflect value for money

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everybody! May 2012 be a good one for you. It's bound to be a good one for South Lakes Golf Club. How could we look forward with anything but confidence as we say goodbye to 2011? Reviewing 2011 it is clear that it will go down in Club history as a very significant year in which we well and truly put behind us the memory of the debilitating drought we endured through three years from mid-2007.

Strolling down our lush, green fairways in summer 2012 should give us all a sense of pride in the way the course and the Club have rebounded after the pessimists were saying South Lakes, with brown and dusty fairways, would never survive the drought.

It is a magnificent testimony to our dedicated grounds staff and our willing team of Dad's Army volunteers. Together they have turned a dustbowl into a golf course that is once again drawing high praise from visiting members from other golf clubs . . . on the Fleurieu and beyond.

As we prepare for the visit to South Lakes of South Australia's Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce for our 45th Birthday celebrations, it is a fact that – far from faltering – South Lakes now stands as the most successful regional golf club in South Australia. Golf SA records show we have more members than any club outside the metropolitan area, while our finances are in good shape compared with many clubs, who are struggling to keep their accounts in the black. Why should we not be confident about what lies ahead?

Looking back at 2011 it truly was a year of achievement in which:

- our storm water recycling project with Alexandrina Council was completed and commissioned, assuring South Lakes of adequate irrigation regardless of the condition of the River Murray
- bunkering around the 15th green was altered
- the club's surrounds mower was replaced at a cost of \$34,000
- a new greens roller was purchased at a cost of \$8000
- buggy storage was increased significantly at a cost of \$8000
- Club debt was reduced by \$23,000
- a Member loyalty program was introduced, offering discounts of up to 20 percent on bar purchases

I have no doubt you all noted the further improvement of the fairways and the new bunker at 15, but maybe some of the less obvious things slipped by unobserved. Each of them has been just as fundamental in enabling your Club to achieve the success it has.

Those of you who participate in Club Tournaments such as Elders May Week and Phil Hoffmann Travel Week will be well aware of the compliments our Club receives from visitors. It happened again over the Christmas-New Year period when participants in the Goolwa Masters took part in this annual fun event.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT.....

This was the 25th year the Hammond, Pavia, Pilkington, Tomlinson and Buttery families have staged the invitational tournament and it was another great success. While a number of South Lakes Members participated, The Masters once again attracted visitors from beyond the South Lakes family onto the course and into the Clubhouse.

In previous years the organisers have made significant donations, reflecting their philosophy of saying 'thankyou' for being able to stage the event and of 'giving back' to the Club. The bridge at the 12th tee and the new big screen television set in the Clubhouse are but two examples of how these funds have been used.

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Masters organisers, this year we will be able to purchase and install a \$3700 sound system in the Clubhouse to provide mood music for diners as well as better sound for those occasions when the dance floor is in use. Once again, it is a step that may not be immediately obvious, but one that will enhance the South Lakes experience for Members and visitors alike and on behalf of the Club I thank those responsible for their generosity.

So now we prepare for our 45th birthday celebrations and the Governor's historic visit to South Lakes for our Bank SA Foundation Day Tournament. Bank SA's generous support will assist significantly in enabling the tournament to be staged in an appropriate manner. Representatives of the Bank will be there on the day as we welcome the Governor – who will play in the tournament – and Mrs Scarce, who will join her husband for the post match celebrations and dinner.

Also attending will be Foundation Life members, Maurie Downer, Brian Wilson and Mel Whitbread. Together with the late Max Liberman the four master-minded the South Lakes project, which involved the redevelopment of 112 hectares of farm land, sand hills, swamps, boxthorns and mosquito breeding grounds into a unique residential holiday resort.

This was the first time in Australia that a golf course had been built to encourage the sale of adjoining residential allotments. So what is now common practice throughout Australia had its origins at South Lakes 45 years ago when the Governor of the day, Sir Edric Bastyan, opened the course by ceremonially hitting the first drive off the first tee. On Sunday 15 January our current Governor will honour the club by repeating the feat and then taking part in the Bank SA Foundation Day Tournament.

Two Governors playing key roles like that represent a rare moment for any golf club, but Members may be surprised to learn that South Lakes also has a link with the first Governor of SA – Rear Admiral Sir John Hindmarsh.

The original land purchase for our Club included the old white stone house across the road from the 14th tee, which was originally built as his hunting lodge.

Bank SA Foundation Day should get the year off to a grand start. I hope to see you there.

Stephen Middleton
PRESIDENT

CAPTAIN GARRY'S REPORT

Last month was Tony Bedford's last report before he stepped down as Club Captain for the last two years. This being my first for 2012, so to each and every one of you a happy new year and may the golf gods be kind to you this year and if they aren't - see your PGA Professional.

Tony, thank you for your wonderful efforts over many years hence we are seeing the benefits of a great golf course. To Malcolm Hart and Roger Phillips, who also came through hard times with the lack of water, which put pressure on the work you try to achieve each year around the golf course, we thank you both for sticking to the task.

Stephen Middleton's efforts, along with the committee, have given the club a great future with a water system almost fool proof. I'm lucky to be the guy in the right spot at the right time. Now is the time to put the finishing touches to the course, so over the next twelve months you will start to appreciate the efforts of our ground staff and the Tuesday soldiers of Dad's Army.

GRANDKIDS DAY



Big thanks to Jeff Trimmer for his assistance in giving our children and grandchildren the chance to learn more about the game we all love. Peter Cutting and David Sieben for cooking a great sausage sizzle, Richard Wood and Brian Fitzgerald for sponsoring the day and the lovely Jules



for her help. Dear Santa can you come to our golf club this year with some new golf tricks. He travelled a long way to give the kids a bag of lollies, the exploding golf ball and a nice eight iron to the 5th green was something to see.



2012 SPONSORS

This year we will see a new arrangement with our men's sponsors for Wednesday and Saturday competitions. Lucas Bradley, Russel Hewes and Tony Bedford worked tirelessly to have new and old sponsors give generous trophies each competition day, so please make the effort to support the sponsor by coming back at 5.15pm to collect your trophy.

Good on you all who stay back and the morning players who come back to have a drink, a laugh and enjoy the fellowship at presentation time together.

CAPTAIN GARRY'S REPORT CONT.....

25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOLWA MASTER TOURNAMENT

To the Masters Group, once again you have shown us what golf should be about fun - laughter, meeting new people and having a good celebration after the event. Well done to all the tournament winners.

The rest of us are also winners in having the Masters Group and their families be part of our golf club. Your wonderful donation will be put to very good use on our new sound system.

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATIONS

Members and visitors danced the night away well past the final count down into 2012. A big thanks to Lorraine Phillips, Helen Hosie, Bob and Gail Pritchard, Big Al, Steve, Mandy, the bar staff, Tim and Joy for a great evening.

The President's choice of band 'Lounge Suite' was once again spot on - well done and thank you Stephen.

FOUNDATION DAY

The numbers are filling fast so don't miss out on a great day.

The Governor and his wife will be in attendance along with a number of our founding members.

Forty five years is a long time and many changes have happened to the course over that time, a big thanks to those wonderful founding members who gave us what we have today: a great, great golf club.

PRO SHOP

Well done Roger and David winning the State foursomes final.

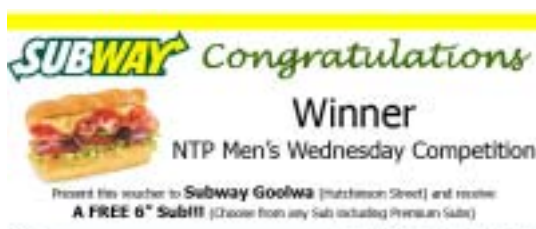
We are fortunate to have two guys who can teach us a thing or two about the great game. So if your game needs refining or you need new equipment talk to Roger, Penny or David they will not only put you on the right track, but they will back up the service on anything you purchase.

To finish off, welcome to Jamie Kilpatrick - your new vice-captain. I'm sure that you will find Jamie only too willing to help around the club and course. I have played a round or two with Jamie over the last twelve months and have found he loves the game and has passion for our Golf Club.

From time to time we both will make some mistakes but be assured we will try and give you the best experience playing golf at South Lakes and I know Margo and Jan have experience to call upon along with all the previous club captains.

NTP VOUCHERS & AWARDS

Please don't forget to pick up your vouchers for nearest to the pin winners on Wednesday & Saturday! Thanks to the sponsors for these prizes! Subway Goolwa, Goolwa Central Meats, Sandfly Wood Oven Pizzas & Bombora Café.





CAPTAIN MARGO'S REPORT



The weather this past December was very conducive to playing golf apart from 1 competition day when the heavens opened up and drowned us all! This resulted in our fields averaging 53 per competition which is 15% higher than last December.

Our Christmas Fun Day was once again a very happy occasion with 58 ladies enjoying an Hawaiian Ambrose, most of whom were decked out in hula skirts, shirts etc. The team of Gill Young, Ilona Malins, Anne Rix and Di McMahon took out the dress up stakes. They looked spectacular with palm trees and coconuts attached to their golf bikes!! Thank you to Helen Taylor, Marlene Fiebiger and Marianne Gregg for manning the all important drinks and goodies stations! Thanks also to Tim & Joy in the Birdie Bistro for a beautiful lunch which we all enjoyed. Our long drive specialist provided some great shots for the ladies off the 1st tee – thanks Jeff T.



Ladies Christmas Fun Day photos, from left, Anne Rix with some permanent shade! Ros Clements, Sue Tomlinson, Cathy Stevens & Judy Hamilton, very Hawaiian. Ladies President, Helen Taylor with Committee Member Marlene Fiebiger.

Our players were asked to donate non-perishable food to St Vinnies which is collected by Joe Ryan, who also doubles as our resident comedian. Special thanks must go to Heather Ward who donated a beautiful gourmet gift basket which was raffled off and raised just over \$200. It really is quite emotional to hear Joe speak of the unseen hardship that exists in Goolwa and Joe was once again overwhelmed by the donations. So well done ladies, your generosity epitomizes the Christmas spirit.

It is a pleasure to welcome some new lady members to regular competition. It is also very pleasing to see our newer players who have progressed from the Try Golf ranks, not only playing regularly, but are now starting to reduce their handicaps and appear in the winner's circle!

I do hope everyone enjoyed Christmas with their family and friends. People say as we get older time passes more quickly, but I believe it is because the older we get the more fun we have!!

On behalf of Women's President Helen Taylor, myself and the Women's Sub-Committee I wish you all a very happy, prosperous and most importantly a healthy 2012.

Thank you to our treasured monthly sponsors and, as always, be kind to each other out there.

Good golfing to you all.

Margo Trimmer

FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Congratulations to **Gordon Kittleson & Terry Farman** for their Hole in Ones at the 15th Hole last month. After not having an ace at the Club for over 7 months, poor Gordon only held onto the mug for three days!!

Congratulations also to **Roger Stephens and David Botten** on winning the SA Professional Golfer's 4 Ball Match Play Knockout Tournament in December at Royal Adelaide. Great to see that all members are in good hands when it comes to receiving tips and lessons from these guys.

Our Christmas Gourmet Golf was well attended with 53 playing in the competition and 80 for dinner. Members created gourmet salads to accompany the ham & turkey slices cooked by Tim Gammon. This was followed with mince pies and Christmas cake prepared by my mum and Jillian Lowry. A most sumptuous feast. Some great scores were returned with Chris Brooks (24pts) and Ian Warner (22pts) receiving the Di Ledo vouchers provided by **Paul Goode**. We also provided free raffle prizes with the **Williams twins (Cyril and Stuart)** generously donating 3 crayfish to bolster the prizes. Georgie, Tim and I would like to thank the members who 'chipped in' to buy us Christmas presents in recognition of the out of hours work we do for Gourmet Golf. This is much appreciated.

December Foodland Golf competitions sponsored by Goolwa Foodland were mixed, with 2 rounds being played off the back 9 holes. The prize winners for the month were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Woman Winner</u>	<u>Women Runner-Up</u>	<u>Man Winner</u>	<u>Man Runner-Up</u>	<u>Gemtree Wine Winners</u>
2 Dec	Pam Peacock	Cheryl Chapman	John Taylor	Ian Warner	Margaret Roberts
9 Dec	Gail Pritchard	Kath Sargent	Bob Ashworth	Rob Fiebiger	Gail Pritchard & Bob Ashworth
16 Dec	Glenise Furze	Barbara Dawkins	Michael Taylor	Luke Giddings	Pam Peacock & John Hudson
23 Dec	Tina Hayward	Glenise Furze	Terry Silcox	Rob Motteram	Carolyn Hart & Richard Wood
30 Dec	Jan Heggaton	Tina Hayward	Paul Goode	Michael Taylor	Gail Pritchard & Don Mills

The **Datacord/Sharp Open Stableford Tournament** on 3,4 & 5 February 2012 is starting to slowly fill now that Christmas is over and people begin looking for things to do in the New Year. Remember that the second round of the Championship is on the Sunday with a shot gun start, so only the first 144 nominations for the Championships will be able to play in both rounds of this event. Accordingly, preference for entry will be given to those who enter to play on Saturday & Sunday.

As part of your affiliation fees that we pay to Golf Australia, you are covered under the Golf Australia Player's Personal Liability Insurance Policy. There is no excess under this schedule, so if you damage somebody's car for example, you can make a claim to cover the repair at no cost to you. The Club's liability insurance policy for such damage attracts an excess of \$1,000, so it is advantageous for us to make the claim under the member's cover. The problem here is that I need to know who actually caused the damage to make a claim. If one of our neighbours tells me that they have sustained some damage to their property a few days after the incident and nobody has taken ownership of this mishap, I cannot make a claim under the Personal Liability Insurance Policy. Ergo, if you break or hit anything with a golf ball, please own up to the mistake. You will not have to pay!

FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER CONT.....

Padlocks – are fitted to the boundary fence gates around the course to stop trespassers just wandering in at points other than the main gate. All of these padlocks are keyed to the same key, which members can obtain for a \$10 deposit. The problem is that you need to lock the padlock behind you if you open it after entry or egress otherwise the purpose of the padlocks is defeated. I have just had to replace another padlock, which has gone missing because someone has obviously left it in the open position. These are not cheap, so please do the right thing. Indeed, the new one installed at the gate near the Army Holiday Homes is on 'capture key'. That prevents you from withdrawing your key until the padlock is re-locked.

YEARS AGO

TEN YEARS AGO

The Secretaries and Managers Association of Australia and New Zealand is no more! To better reflect the function of Golf Club Managers in today's society, a name change has been agreed - Golf Management Australia. Accordingly, the Management Committee has approved a change of Secretary to the title of General Manager.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

There was a complaint lodged regarding damage to a property in Jumbuk Rd and a risk to children from wayward Tee shots from the 14th Tee.

Course Superintendent asked to make recommendations as to what to do about bad areas e.g. between 8th green & 9th Tee and where to drive buggies!

Recommended that Members be given priority on time sheets next year during the Christmas Holiday Period, and that guests names can only be entered on time sheet not earlier than the Thursday before the competition.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

It was suggested that the Club have a regular Monthly Dinner/Dance. First Saturday of each month. Committee Members are to wear their Committee badges on the weekend!

Members of S.A.G.A. visited SLGC and gave the course a new rating of 69.2.

Catering staff to be approached regarding concern of long delays between ordering and receiving meals.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Concern was expressed by the Committee regarding dress of players both on the course and in the Club house, also course etiquette.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare notices detailing these points for display to Green Fee players.

Don't chase your losses. Walk away. Gamble Responsibly.

MEMBER'S DISCOUNT CARD OFFERS

BUSINESS NAME	DISCOUNT OFFER ON PRESENTATION OF SLGC MEMBERS CARD
A1 Apparel Promotional Clothing	Promotional clothing, retail and wholesale clothing. Buy 10 Garments and get one free. www.a1apparel.com.au
About You Nails & Beauty Goolwa	Reward scheme - 5% Members Discount.
Artworx Gallery & Gifts, GOOLWA	10% off Jewellery & Giftware
Ballast Stone Estate Wines, CURRENCY CREEK	Free bottle from the Stonemason Range with any wine purchase. 1 bottle per member on presentation of your handbook. Current vintages only. Cellar Door Sales.
Brock Harcourts, GOOLWA	Special Rates for South Lakes Members.
Caffe' de Carlo	10% discount off normal price.
Coorong Clothing, GOOLWA	20% off full price merchandise, not for 'on sale' items or use with any other discounts.
Crowies Paints, VICTOR HARBOR	(formerly Crowhurst Decorator Centre) 10% discount on paint & accessories
Elders Real Estate, GOOLWA	Special Rates for South Lakes Members
F.i.t. Health & Fitness, GOOLWA	50% off start up fees (save over \$50), get fit & play better Golf. Concession rates & low impact classes available
Flowerworx, GOOLWA	10% Members discount
Goolwa Fish Café, GOOLWA	10% Discount
Goolwa Landscape & Hire	Variety of pre-set discounts on selected items of yard stock.
Goolwa Natural Health Centre	10% discount off any 1 hour aromatherapy or 1 hour therapeutic Massage.
Goolwa Network Video	Two free weekly videos with any overnight hire.
Goolwa Riverport Motel	10% discount on accommodation and restaurant (food only)
Goolwa Tanks & Irrigation	Special rates for South Lakes Members.
Goolwa Time & Jewellery	10% discount on any purchases, of watches, clocks, gold or silver jewellery, excluding repairs and vouchers.
Goolwa@Home (formerly Goolwa Trading Post)	10% off new furniture only (RRP). Not applicable to specials & discounted stock.
Ibis Siding	5% discount off normal price.
In 2 Shoes. GOOLWA	5% discount to valid members. Not applicable to specials, items already discounted or lay bys.
Peninsula Décor, GOOLWA	\$15 discount on purchase of any security door.
Red Eye Creative, GOOLWA	10% discount on any copying, laminating or artwork.
River Dolls of Goolwa	Free lollipop for any sales over \$20 and two-for-one entry to the Doll Museum
Seaside Casuals, GOOLWA & VICTOR HARBOR	10%off full price merchandise , not for 'on sale' items.
Serene Secrets, GOOLWA	10% off
South Coast Lawnmower Service	Free Pick Up & Delivery on Repairs
Southy's Wood Fired Pizza's	Spend \$15 or more & receive a free garlic bread & 1.25L Schweppes drink.
Your Finishing Touch, GOOLWA	10% discount to South Lakes Golf Club Members.
Wisteria Blue, GOOLWA	10% discount to South Lakes Golf Club Members.



What's On At South Lakes Golf Club January 2012



SOUTH LAKES GOLF CLUB INC

SUNDAY	1 JAN	12.01am		HAPPY NEW YEAR AND BEST WISHES FOR 2011
TUESDAY	3 JAN	8.00am	20	ELLIOT GARDENS GOLF GROUP
		8.30am	12	ELLIOT GARDENS WOMEN
SATURDAY	7 JAN		100??	SUZIE'S 50 TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
SUNDAY	8 JAN	8.00am	16	HALLETT COVE GC
		8.30am	16	WAGS GC
		9.00am	20	API GC
MONDAY	17 JAN	8.30am	100	McLAREN VALE VETS
SHOT GUN START COURSE CLOSED UNTIL 1.00pm				
TUESDAY	10 JAN	8.00am	20	ELLIOT GARDENS GOLF GROUP
		8.30am	12	ELLIOT GARDENS WOMEN
THURSDAY	12 JAN	8.00am	5	1ST ROUND CLUB JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
1ST TEE CLOSED UNTIL 8.30AM				
FRIDAY	13 JAN	8.00am	5	2ND ROUND CLUB JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
1ST TEE CLOSED UNTIL 8.30AM				
SATURDAY	14 JAN	6.30pm	100	WEDDING RECEPTION
SUNDAY	15 JAN	7.00am	12	KAYCEE GOLF GROUP
		1.30pm	100+	CLUB EVENT – 45TH FOUNDATION DAY GOLF
SHOT GUN START - COURSE FREE BY 1.00PM				
TUESDAY	17 JAN	8.00am	20	ELLIOT GARDENS GOLF
		3.00pm	60	GOURMET GOLF
SHOT GUN START – 1ST TEE CLOSED FROM 12.30PM				
SATURDAY	21 JAN	2.30pm	15	SINCLAIR GOLF GROUP (8 Carts)
SUNDAY	29 JAN	8.30am	16	AVOCA GC
TUESDAY	24 JAN	8.00am	20	ELLIOT GARDENS GOLF GROUP



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BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR FROM THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE GOOD GOLFING IN 2011!!

The Christmas Picnic day at Ashbourne was attended by 55 players on a pleasant day. The 9-hole Ambrose was followed by a very enjoyable and sociable picnic/BBQ.

Brian Wilson again donated 2 bottles of Scotch and the lucky winners were Harry Bryce and Ian Morris.

THE SOUTHERN GROUP AGM will be held on Monday 19th March 2012 at South Lakes Golf Club after the game to be played on that day. Nominations are invited for the positions of four committee members and should be submitted by Monday 27th February 2012.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS of \$10.00 are due on 1st January. If not paid by 31st March a renewal fee of \$5.00 will payable. The committee will not be as tolerant as they were last year.

COIN. Although we ask each issue that you not put coins in your green fee envelopes there is always some coin. In November there was \$37 in coin – including one envelope with 4 x 20 cent coins. Please put notes only in envelopes with your name and club marked on the front.

Next game is at Willunga Golf Club on Monday 16th January 2012 at 9.00am. Please report by 8.30am for a 9.00am shotgun start.

- Cost is \$15.00 each (\$5.00 for Willunga club members)
- Golf carts can be hired for \$25.00. No charge for own carts.
- Please contact the Booking on 0435 653 218 **prior to 5.00pm on the Friday before the game** to book and to request playing partners.

New Members To South Lakes Golf Club

MEN

BRIAN HAREWOOD (SOCIAL)
ANDREW NEWMAN (7 DAY SPECIAL)
PATRICK WALSH (7 DAY SPECIAL)
JOHN KENNETT (7 DAY SPECIAL)
HARRY MCKENDRY (FULL)
FRAZER HAYWARD (JUNIOR)
NATHAN GRIFFITHS (JUNIOR)
TOM MCPEAKE (JUNIOR)
CAMERON STEELE (JUNIOR)

WOMEN

TRISH CALLAGHAN (7 DAY SPECIAL)
GAIL KENNETT (7 DAY SPECIAL)
PAM WICKHAM (5 DAY)

Please make them welcome

COMING EVENTS



BANK SA FOUNDATION GOLF DAY

On Sunday the 15th January.

Shot Gun Start 1.30pm

Special Guest: His Excellency, The Governor of SA, Rear Admiral KEVIN SCARCE.

Proudly sponsored by BANK SA
"Proud to be a Local"

Pictured left 45 Years ago His Excellency the then Governor of SA, Sir Edric Bastyan hitting off from the first tee.

Put your name down in the Starter's Box.



South Lakes Golf Club

Presents.....

The 2012 Datacord Open Golf Tournament

3, 4 & 5 FEBRUARY 2012

*Stableford and Novelty
Events for Men and Women*

Excellent Trophies

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*Entries Close 25th January, 2012
Post with appropriate entry fees to:-*

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DATACORD OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

February 3, 4 & 5th 2012

Stableford & Novelty Events for Men & Women.

Incorporates Foodland Golf on Friday.

Entry forms available from the Clubhouse or visit our Website www.southlakesgolf.com.au

Get your entry forms in for this popular tournament.



PICTURE PAGE

Goolwa Masters



Geoff Hodge (left) & Pam Peacock (right) are all smiles and very trendy in their Green Goolwa Masters Jackets signifying their Championship status for 2011.

New Years Eve

