

Below is the full list of Australia's Top 100 Public Access courses as published by the 2007 edition of The Golf Course Guide

2007 COURSE	2006
1 BARNBOUGLE DUNES (TAS)	1
2 KENNEDY BAY (WA)	2
3 LAGUNA - TURTLE POINT(QLD)	4
4 JOONDALUP (WA)	5
5 DUNES, THE (VIC)	3
6 MOONAH LINKS - LEGENDS (VIC)	7
7 THIRTEENTH BEACH - BEACH (VIC)	11
8 MOONAH LINKS - OPEN (VIC)	9
9 BROOKWATER (QLD)	6
10 HOPE ISLAND (QLD)	8
11 BARWON HEADS (VIC)	12
12 BONVILLE (NSW)	10
13 SANCTUARY COVE - PINES (QLD)	nr
14 HERITAGE - ST JOHNS (VIC)	nr
15 PORTSEA (VIC)	13
16 CLUB PELICAN (QLD)	18
17 LAKELANDS (QLD)	14
18 COOLUM (QLD)	16
19 VINES - LAKES (WA)	20
20 GLADES (QLD)	15
21 CUT, THE (WA)	21
22 CAPRICORN - NEW (QLD)	24
23 VINTAGE (NSW)	17
24 PACIFIC HARBOUR (QLD)	nr
25 LINKS LADY BAY (SA)	31
26 MEADOW SPRINGS (WA)	30
27 HORSHAM (VIC)	29
28 MURRAY DOWNS (NSW)	22
29 THIRTEENTH BEACH - CREEK (VIC)	23
30 CAPE, THE (VIC)	25
31 PARADISE PALMS (QLD)	19
32 HORIZONS (NSW)	28
33 PACIFIC DUNES (NSW)	33
34 ROBINA WOODS (QLD)	27
35 SORRENTO (VIC)	26
36 TWIN WATERS (QLD)	32

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37 NORTH LAKES (QLD)	34
38 YARRAWONGA - MURRAY (NSW)	35
39 CRANBOURNE (VIC)	36
40 NOOSA SPRINGS (QLD)	39
41 WATERFORD VALLEY (VIC)	nr
42 ARALUEN (WA)	Top 100
43 LONG REEF (NSW)	40
44 CAMDEN LAKESIDE (NSW)	46
45 BONNIE DOON (NSW)	Top 100
46 ALICE SPRINGS (NT)	49
47 NAROOMA (NSW)	42
48 OCEAN SHORES (NSW)	Top 100
49 RANFURLIE (VIC)	Top 100
50 SEATEMPLE Pt Douglas (QLD)	47
Top 100 ANGLESEA	Top 100
Top 100 BELMONT	Top 100
Top 100 BRIBIE ISLAND	Top 100
Top 100 CAPRICORN - OLD	Top 100
Top 100 COBRAM BAROOGA - OLD	Top 100
Top 100 COBRAM BAROOGA - WEST	Top 100
Top 100 COFFS HARBOUR	Top 100
Top 100 COLONIAL	Top 100
Top 100 COOLANGATTA - RIVER	nr
Top 100 COROWA	Top 100
Top 100 CYPRESS LAKES	45
Top 100 EAGLE RIDGE	Top 100
Top 100 FEDERAL	Top 100
Top 100 FLINDERS	Top 100
Top 100 GAINSBOROUGH GREENS	Top 100
Top 100 GOLD CREEK	nr
Top 100 GROWLING FROG	48
Top 100 INDOOROPILLY - EAST	Top 100
Top 100 KEPERRA	Top 100
Top 100 KINGSTON LINKS	Top 100
Top 100 KOORALBYN VALLEY	nr
Top 100 KOORALBYN VALLEY	Top 100
Top 100 LAKES ENTRANCE	Top 100
Top 100 LEONGATHA	Top 100
Top 100 LIVERPOOL	Top 100
Top 100 LONSDALE	Top 100
Top 100 MCCrackEN	nr
Top 100 MILLICENT	Top 100
Top 100 MOLLYMOOK - HILLTOP	Top 100

2007 COURSE	2006
Top 100 MT BROUGHTON	Top 100
Top 100 PALM MEADOWS	Top 100
Top 100 PORT FAIRY	44
Top 100 RICH RIVER - EAST	Top 100
Top 100 RIVERSIDE OAKS	Top 100
Top 100 ROSEBUD - NORTH	41
Top 100 ROSEBUD - SOUTH	Top 100
Top 100 ROYAL HOBART	Top 100
Top 100 ROYAL PINES	Top 100
Top 100 SANCTUARY COVE - PALMS	Top 100
Top 100 SECRET HARBOUR	43
Top 100 SHEPPARTON	38
Top 100 ST MICHAEL'S	50
Top 100 TALLWOODS	nr
Top 100 TASMANIA	Top 100
Top 100 TOCUMWAL - CAPTAINS	Top 100
Top 100 TOCUMWAL - PRESIDENTS	37
Top 100 TURA BEACH	Top 100
Top 100 VINES - ELLENBROOK	Top 100
Top 100 WARRANBOOL	Top 100
Top 100 YOWANI	Top 100



# social club corner



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For this edition, I met a great guy by the name of Richard "Quigley" Fellner for a quick latte in Albert Park. Richard is originally from the US of A and like all guys from America he learned his golf in the College system. I think he was a member of Alpha, Falfa, Yell Fa – or something like that! Although he did admit that he probably learnt more about cards, girls and partying than anything else in his college years, but he also found a passion for the game of golf.

Richard and his mate Matt "P.w. Jones" Pitt have been striving to build a business (Fore!) that runs corporate and charity golf days. They also have a social club called Bushranger Golf. Like most of us, they hope one day to be paid for being on the links most days – and wouldn't we all (except maybe our editor Garry Kennedy who is living a blessed golfing life already!)

## Social Club - Bushranger Golf (Ned Kelly would be proud!)

### Why the name?

It is an Australian tradition among some social golfers to suffer memory lapses when relaying recent good form to the handicapper. In reality, there is a bushranger at every social golf event - someone who wants to win at all costs and is prepared to sell his soul to pick up that coveted gift voucher, dozen balls or shiny silver tankard!

The boys at Bushranger Golf have a mission to outwit, outsmart and outdrink every bushranger that they come across.

They do it by running fun social events, where everybody has a laugh and the hackers who play to the best of their wide ranging abilities are the ones who walk away with the prizes!

### When was the club established?

It started in 2004 among a group of friends and is now a growing on-line club that is open to all social golfers who enjoy having a hit and a laugh!

If you want to join Bushranger Golf you can just log on to www.bushrangergolf.com.au and fill in the electronic application and you're in. \* It's so simple even I (Freddo) did it and it didn't hurt a bit – well, not yet anyway!

### How did it start?

The founder of the club was Matt Pitt who invented a tournament called The Bushranger Cup so all his unorganised golfing friends would finally get organised and attend. Apparently the trophy was so impressive that the Bushrangers have kept coming back ever since. Last year, his new found Yankee friend Richard joined Matt and started Bushranger Golf, which is an official social group and event management business.

### How many members do you have?

From the original 18 at the first event there are now over 100 registered "Bushrangers" who take to the links in their body armour. Although I hear that the outfits can get quite hot in summer, it has apparently largely reduced the requirement for members to yell out "fore" during a round!

### Do you have fees or charges?

There is no joining fee at all and the club is currently looking to be set up through Golf Access to allocate official handicaps to their members (which will cost \$99 per year per member).

### When do you play?

The boys say that they get out whenever the event has been cleared via the War Department (wives and significant others). As most of the events are weekenders, some of the guys require a leave pass to make it to the first tee!

### What prizes do you have?

There are some magnificent custom-designed Bushranger trophies that look like Ned Kelly having a swing at the old white pill. We also have other prizes such as various grades of alcohol, Bushranger branded golf balls and any other items we can lay our hands on.



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## What courses are you playing in 2006?

This year the club is playing at Growling Frog, Corowa, Eagle Ridge, Moonah Links, 13th Beach, Yarra Bend and possibly Barnbougale Dunes (Tassie).

## What competitions do you play?

The majority of games are Ambrose (the social golfer's game of choice), with some occasional stableford events thrown in. The Bushranger Cup has the most profound and complex format in all of social club golf. It combines strokeplay, 2-ball and 4-ball Ambrose over a total of 72 holes of play. Apparently Matt and Richard had to borrow one of the super computers from NASA just to work out last year's results!

## Do you have handicaps for players?

As advised, Bushranger Golf is looking to go to the Golf Access system for handicapping shortly. Currently players without real handicaps are assigned a social club handicap calculated by height, shoe size and something else!

## Do you have sponsors?

We are sponsored by bwired ([www.bwired.com.au](http://www.bwired.com.au)) who are a website technology company (you just have to log on to the club's website [www.bushrangergolf.com.au](http://www.bushrangergolf.com.au) to see how well set up they are!) We also get some help from Pitt-Bull Media ([www.pittbullmedia.com.au](http://www.pittbullmedia.com.au)) with web content and maintenance. Finally, our mighty trophies are designed and built by Focal Point Garden Designs.

## Who is your best player?

On the course it's a toss up between Crotman Crocko Diddio, Doomsday Wall and Boo the Enigmatron. Off the course, it's gotta be Hungry, Hungry Willo who is a master at Texas Hold 'Em, Acey Deucey and any other game of chance! The best value player is the resident entertainer and raconteur Mickey Dee (see what's in my Bag) who brings a touch of class to this sometimes shabby group.



## Who is your worst player?

Every member of this group is capable on his day of putting in a shocker, but the Shabby Lieutenant takes top honours here, not for being the worst, but just for just being the shabbiest!

## What's a couple of your funniest club moments?

The most memorable moments from Bushranger Golf have unfortunately been lost in history forever. This is mainly due to the fact that most players tee it up in a cloudy haze of recovery (they simply forgo sleeping as it's overrated and head straight to the 1st tee from the bar!)

The battle-beaten brain cells of most of the club's members has caused most of the records to be a little bit blurred!

Apparently there was a recorded incident at their last visit to Cobram Barooga when "Arbeige" chased a Frisbee across the driving range around midnight and slammed into a concrete, reinforced sand refilling drum. That wasn't too funny but watching him trying to smuggle cans of bourbon and a carton of gaspers into the ambulance was hilarious!

# what's in my bag?

With special Bushranger golf guest Mickey Dee

## Handicap

Do we have to start with the difficult questions?

## Driver

Wilson Deep Red, 10.5 Degree (it looks like a Clown's Foot!)

## Fairway woods

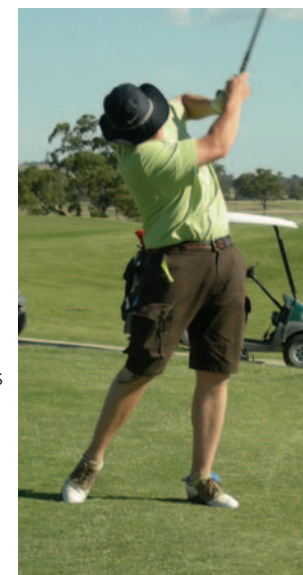
Wilson Deep Red

## Driving Iron

A cut down 2-iron that my Grand Dad made for Walter Hagen – luckily Grand Dad didn't know Walter so he gave it to me instead

## Irons

Set of Nike TW Mark IV pro blades that I won from a bloke named Tiger something in a game of Texas Hold 'Em. You'd think the son of a Green Beret wouldn't have cried over a game of cards would you!



## Putter

Zebra Mallet with Auto-Yip correction and another one I forgot to return to the Hut at our local Mini Golf course. This is a beauty as you can use it either right or left handed, which will be real handy when I learn to putt left handed.

## Bag

Cobra two-tone black Comfort Master 3000 series II with White Trim, GT Stripes, Cup Holders and Fluffy Dice

## Golf Balls

Bushranger Logo Balls, always!

## Accessories

You can never be too prepared for what awaits you on the golf course. So, like a good boy scout, I am always prepared. I have a Pitch Mark repairer, the rules of golf, ball warmer, spare gloves, dry socks, rain gear, shorts, beanie, odour-eaters, shoe horn, cow bell, fog horn, talcum powder, baby oil, deck of cards, Sherpa, stubby holders, bottle opener, iPod, 100 unbreakable tees, a slab of bourbon and coke, a dozen golf balls, 5 pairs of sunglasses, 4 band-aids, 3 ball markers, 2 Bushranger golf hats and the good old "kitchen sink", just in case!

## Freddo's off to Adelaide!

I'm just about to take some leave and head to Adelaide for a week. When people ask why I am taking the kids (Jack and Amy), all I can say is they have been very, very bad and deserve it! My 10 year old (Jack) also said that he wanted to know what it would have been like when his Grand Pa (Bazza) was a boy! I guess Adelaide will help kill two birds with one stone! See you next edition, Freddo 🏌️

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