



THE 19TH ANNUAL
**WILLIAM
BUCKLEY**

GOLF CLASSIC

MOONAH LINKS - OCT 12-13, 2024

Greetings all, and welcome to the
19th William Buckley Classic

Moonah Links, October 12 & 13, 2024

ITINERARY:

Round 1 (“The Ambush”) will begin at 10:30 am Saturday (one-tee start), Open Course. White Tees.

Round 2 (“The Assault”) will begin at 9:50 am Sunday (one-tee start), Legends Course. White Tees.

Presentation at Moonah Links Golf Academy, after golf on Sunday.

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Who was William Buckley?

*"William Buckley was a tall, ungainly man ... and **altogether his looks were not in his favour**; he had a bushy head of black hair, a low forehead with overhanging eyebrows nearly concealing his small eyes, a short snub nose, a face very much marked by smallpox, and was just such a man as one would suppose fit to commit burglary or murder."*

-- George Russell, 1836

Born in Cheshire, England in 1780, William Buckley fought as one of the King's Own Regiment against Napoleon's forces in the Netherlands. He was convicted of receiving stolen cloth in 1802 and was sentenced to transportation to Australia for 14 years. He was among 300 prisoners sent out in 1803 to establish the first settlement on Victoria's Port Phillip near what is now Sorrento.

Buckley and two others escaped in December 1803 with the aim of getting to Sydney. Alas, they went the wrong way and circled Port Phillip Bay. Due to the harsh terrain and lack of food, Buckley's companions decided to return to the settlement and give themselves up. But not the determined Buckley. It was the last time any white man would see of him for 32 years.

A powerful man standing over 6'6", Buckley pressed on along the coast to Breamlea, Torquay, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and beyond. His first permanent resting place was near Mount Defiance where he found an abundance of shellfish, edible vegetation and natural cover. In the winter, Buckley was close to death but was rescued by an Aboriginal tribe.

Fortunately for Buckley, the locals believed that white people were Aborigines who had come back from the dead. They named him Murrangurk and took him in as one of their own. For the next three decades, Buckley travelled extensively throughout the region, mostly around Geelong, Barwon Heads, and the Otway Ranges. On July 7 1835, Buckley wandered into a camp of John Batman's party and reacquainted himself with European society.

He was the first European to walk the bush on both sides of Port Phillip Bay, living off the land and on the run from the law. Given that our determined Bushrangers regularly ingratiate themselves with the locals on our trips and that this tournament is played on courses on both sides of the bay, we think it is fitting that this event is known as The William Buckley Classic.

The Golf

Tee Times: Will be sent by SMS from Golf Genius, and published on the Portal. Please be at the golf course at least half an hour before your tee time.

Carts: Keys will be available from your event host, or via the pro shop.

The Format: 36 holes of 2-ball Ambrose over two days for Stableford points.

The Rules: Since slow play is a potential problem for our gangs, these rules are designed to encourage play in the right spirit and at the right pace.

- **Ambrose:** Each team member tees off, and the team chooses the best tee shot. Teams continue to play their chosen best ball on each shot, and play preferred lies – you may place your ball half a club length (about 50cms) from where the chosen ball lies, no nearer the hole.
- Balls must be placed in the same cut as the chosen ball.
- In the interests of fast play, you are NOT required to mark your spot with a tee from tee to green. Once on the green, however, players should mark their chosen ball so each team member plays from near enough to the exact same position.

Handicapping: Each person will be assigned a handicap based on official handicaps. The handicapper will be governed by a commitment to rewarding good play according to a player's ability. Team handicaps for the Ambrose groupings are calculated from the individual marks, and are relative to the field.

Playoffs: In the event of a tie, a sudden-death playoff will be held. Teams play together as a twosome (taking alternate strokes playing one ball) playing stroke. Teams can determine the order as each member takes their first shot. This order is then continuous and carries over from one hole to the next until the playoff is decided.

Nearest-the-Pin & Longest Drive: Will be contested on both days and, in the interests of team gloating solidarity, any player who wins a LD or NTP wins prizes and glory for his/her entire team.

The Rodeo Rule: This is minimum drives for each team member, and will be enforced. Throughout the weekend, each player will be required to use THREE drives per nine holes.

Scoring with the Golf Genius (GG) App

- Search for Golf Genius in your App Store and download the app prior to play.
- Prior to tee off, open the app and enter the Golf Genius ID (GGID) sent to you via text.
- One player from each pair will record the stroke scores of the other pair into the App after each hole.
- Scorers please take care to enter the correct stroke scores!
- Please use a paper scorecard as backup.
- The Golf Genius App also supplies a live leaderboard which is active up until the 14th hole. Scores will be hidden after the 14th hole to protect the event and preserve suspense for presentation.
- After golf, please check GG App scores with the scorecard.

TEAM FORM GUIDE

The Sullivan Bay Ginger Bread Men

Buckley and two other convicts escaped from the camp at Sullivan Bay near Sorrento on December 27, 1803. The others turned back after a few days, but Buckley pressed ahead and stayed on the run for the next 32 years.

Richard Fellner (Quigley) & Cam Dunn (Sparkie)

At a glance, this team has all the functionality, power, pizzazz and charm of a Japanese Toilet. But when you look under the bonnet and peer beyond the bells and whistles, you'll note that their resemblance is closer to its interior than its exterior: streaky, formless and treading water. Expect it all to "hit the fan" before they even tee-off on Saturday, and for their chances to swirl in both an anti-clockwise AND a clockwise direction, while maintaining a downward flush as the weekend progresses. Get the plunger ready.

The Corio Bay Fugitives

Buckley and his two fellow escapees reached the waterfront on Corio Bay at what is now Geelong a few days after escaping. He came to know this area well over the next 32 years and formed a close friendship with a young Bobby Davis.

Shawn Blackmore (The Sheep) & Wesley Hatch (L'Escape)

Crafty. Determined. Skilled. Talented. Sly. Strategic. Brilliant. Witty. Entertaining. These are words that can be found in the Macquarie English Dictionary. Unfortunately, they have no relevance here. Fortunately, the same dictionary contains many other words, like: scruffy, futile, odd, unpredictable, three-putt, uncoordinated, unremarkable and discombobulated. Given their significant lack of serious preparation, team-balance and liver power, they will need to produce something very special to contend here this week. Long shots at best.

The Swan Island Hackers

Buckley and his two fellow escapees reached Swan Island at Queenscliff on New Year's Day 1804. It was here that the other two chose to return to Sorrento, but Buckley refused to give up and made the momentous decision to press on alone.

Brian McLaughlin (Big Mac) & Alan Herbert (Sherbet)

A pair of first-timers for this event, this sophisticated combo somewhat diverge philosophically, with one of them reportedly committing to an obsessive practice regime, while the other believes that golfing brilliance comes from within and has staunchly adhered to a tried & tested pre-event routine of keeping all golfing time to an absolute minimum. Despite this conflict of paradigms within the team, they remain a massive chance here this week – just not at golf. Short odds to miss the cut in an event with no cut.

The Point Lonsdale Caveman

After parting ways with his companions, Buckley moved on to Pt. Lonsdale where he is thought to have sheltered in a cave for a short time. Buckley's Cave is still a popular destination for local history buffs and Bushrangers on the lam.

Pete Jensen (Pyjamas) & Shaun Condron (Dom)

Aesop's timeless fable "The Tortoise and the Hare" is the classic lesson in "Slow and steady wins the race." At this year's WBC, this team somehow has the magical balance of both the tortoise AND the hare: Fast-starting, energetic, and confident, yet also methodical, steady and crafty. Unfortunately, the team will most probably use none of these skill sets this weekend and will likely be found napping under a tree until well after the other teams have made their way home and put out the cat for the night. No hope.

The Torquay Hookers

Buckley camped on the banks of Spring Creek during his coastal march in 1804. It was here he picked up the spear from the grave of Murrangurk that later would be his saviour.

Dean Connell (Honeymoon) & Tony Sturesteps (Tripper)

This Jekyll and Hyde combo are capable of serving up anything worthy of Palmer and Nicklaus right through to something more resembling Laurel and Hardy. Their golfing ability is not in question as they can whack the pill all over the park. The trick for them is somehow harnessing their rabid commitment to the *social aspects* of the weekend and sometimes over-indulging in the good times and powerful camaraderie on offer. They certainly have their priorities right and are a good chance to winkle their way into contention. 50/50 chance to finish somewhere in the field.

The Mount Defiance Alliance

At Mount Defiance, just past Lorne, Buckley found a cave with fresh water and food nearby and made it his first permanent home, living there through the autumn of 1804.

Michael Holt (Captain Raymond) & Simon Alston (Rex)

First start for this combination in a field of this quality and there are huge question marks over whether they will handle the step-up in class. Alas, these novices will not have a clue what has hit them. They will back themselves and come out swinging early on but expect to find them gasping for air by Saturday arvo and wondering what the heck has happened by Saturday night. They will likely both be requiring some serious medical and/or mental and/or emotional attention after the front nine on Sunday, and by the finish they will have been completely overwhelmed by the majesty of the William Buckley Classic. No chance.

The Indented Heads

It was at Indented Head in 1835 that Buckley, after 32 years in the wilderness, walked into the camp of John Batman's exploration party. Standing 6' 6", dressed in possum skins and carrying a spear, a 5-iron and a putter, he made quite an impression.

Jason Beeston (Bee-Sting) & Kodi Beeston (Been-Stung)

This pair will be looking to make a name for themselves here this week. Of course, they already share a surname, but we are more referring to an analogous name that may or may not be associated with winning the WBC. As they tackle this step-up in class, they will need to pace themselves to ensure that they have enough in the tank at the business end of the weekend, both on and off the golf course. A wildcard in the deck and not the biggest roughies here this week, they will certainly be backing themselves, even if no one else does. Could surprise.

The Coonewarre Revivors

It was near the banks of Lake Coonewarre, a short walk north of the 13th Beach Golf Links, that two local women found the weak and starving Buckley. They thought he was the 'white ghost' of Murrangurk and nursed him back to health.

Andre Krogh (Sunny) & James De Villiers (AB)

This rampaging combination are making their first start at this event but have plenty of form to recommend their chances. They probably won't have too much trouble handling the step-up in class here and they certainly know the way to the finishing post. They are both known to enjoy the challenges of a wet track and will be certain to be carrying sufficient liquid self-medications in their golf cart to see out the journey. They may very well have the attributes required to vault into contention here, but history is against them as debutantes have traditionally struggled to make a big impression in a star-studded field of this scale. Looks underdone.

The Point Addis Bashers

During his life among the Wathaurong tribe, Buckley travelled and lived along much of the Surf Coast. They moved with the seasons for meetings and ceremonies with other tribes and Point Addis was a regular haunt.

Ian Steer (Steery) & Cameron Thompson (Thommo)

Two of the nicest fellas and least-imposing competitors to ever tee it up at this event, these two gentlemen of the fairways raise the entire tone of this event with their good sportsmanship, laissez-faire couture, charming repartee and dashing move-star charm. Spend a bit of time with them and you will certainly forget there is a competition going on anywhere nearby. And so will they. A huge chance to win the best clubman awards at this event, but hardly any chance of contending in the WBC itself. Top blokes. No hopes.

The Otway Rangers

During his 32 years roaming around the Surf Coast, Buckley rambled and ranged for 1000s of miles including crossing the Otway ranges many times and travelling as far west as Lake Corangamite and as far north as Ballark.

Rob Robinson (Robbo) & John Brugman (Johnny B Goode)

Better known for their non-Major SGA experience than their BRG Major Championship inexperience, this bag of mixed nuts is like the humble postmen – neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays them from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. Unfortunately, like all postmen, this pair also doesn't deliver on Sundays, which is a real problem here. They may look the goods on Saturday, but they are short odds to "Go Postal" down the stretch on day two. Will be sure to go out with guns blazing.

The Pointless Impossible

Buckley roamed all around the west coast of Victoria including the aptly named Point Impossible between Breamlea & Torquay where he made camp and took shelter as he pondered how to survive in this completely foreign and harsh land that seemed so unforgiving to him.

Fraser Gough (Dr F-Tard) and Rob Lugton (Luggo)

They say to succeed in golf, you must make great decisions. And to make great decisions, you must have the capacity to clearly discern the probability of manifold outcomes from a diverse range of often uncontrollable variables. Given that these two are the biggest pair of uncontrollable variables in the field here, this team has close to buggery-all chance of success. Both of them have somehow managed to make an equally rash choice of teammate for this event. Before any shots have been fired, they are both already off to a pretty average start before even arriving at the course. Could implode.

The Port Jackson Labourers

In 1803 Buckley and five other convicts escaped their labour camp near Sorrento, and headed in a not-so-direct route towards Port Jackson in Sydney. They made it to the Yawong Hills (Bendigo) before running out of food. Dehydrated, ill and likely “hangry”, Buckley retreated in a not-so-straight line towards Melbourne, via Corio Bay, before settling in a cave near Airey’s Inlet.

Jeremy O’Sullivan (Jezza) & Nathan O’Sullivan (Nate)

The author Justin Sewell once said about teamwork: “A few harmless flakes working together can unleash an avalanche of destruction.” Unfortunately, the only thing this pair has in common with snowflakes is that they know how to fall. And melt. In truth, this pair may (or may not) just have the perfect mix of wily experience, youthful enthusiasm and overall flakiness to get the job done here. So they may (or may not) be a chance to surprise and perhaps exceed expectations, which should be achievable as the expectations bar was set pretty low for them to begin with. They certainly under-promise and may (or may not) over-deliver. Bet the farm on them. (Just not your own farm).

The Cascades Gatekeepers

In 1842, after having returned to western culture, and moving to Hobart, Buckley landed a primo gig as the gatekeeper for the Cascades Female Factory, a workhouse for women convicts. Yeah, baby! Many gates, doors, cells, flaps, traps, entrances and exits were allegedly gatekept (or ungatekept) that year.

Michael O’Sullivan (Sully) & Rob Fuleky (The Fluke)

This pair will be brimming with misplaced confidence having won this event in 2022...before going full “Buckley walkabout” for two years, and completely forgetting to defend their championship in 2023. It’s been speculated that they spent their WBC “Gap Years” rigorously honing their skills and redoubling their efforts in order to dominate the 2024 field. It’s also been speculated that the first speculation was all bollocks, and that the pair is simply not that organised. Or skilled. Or dominant. It really is to their credit that they have shown up here at all, as it could be humiliating for them this year and get a little awkward for everyone. Place your money on any other team.

Don't miss these upcoming SGA events & trips:

 <p>The logo for Queenstown Golf Week features a stylized mountain range with a golf ball on top of the highest peak. Below the mountains, the text 'SGA' is in a small circle, and 'QUEENSTOWN GOLF WEEK' is written in a bold, sans-serif font.</p>	<p>2024 SGA Queenstown Golf Week Queenstown, New Zealand Nov 25-30</p>
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 <p>The logo for Vietnam Golf Week features a stylized wave or mountain shape above the text 'VIETNAM GOLF WEEK'. The 'SGA' logo is positioned above the wave.</p>	<p>2025 SGA Vietnam Golf Week Da Nang, Vietnam March 2-8, 2025</p>
 <p>The logo for Mission Hills Masters Hainan Island 2025 features a stylized mountain range above the text 'MISSION HILLS MASTERS HAINAN ISLAND 2025'.</p>	<p>2025 Mission Hills Masters Hainan Island March 9-15, 2025</p>
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Conditions of Play

- All players, in entering, have agreed that they have read and accept the terms & conditions of entry and conditions of play.
- Local rules are on the back of the scorecard and are in play.
- Giving and/or asking for advice from anyone other than your partner is not permitted. Information on rules, or matters of public information, such as the position of a hazard or flagstick, is not advice. The penalty for giving or asking for advice is two strokes.
- After your round, please check your scores carefully before signing and submitting your card. One player from each group must enter players' scores for each hole into the Golf Genius app. **Please submit cards promptly to event delegates after play.**
- **Golf distance measuring devices** are allowed.
- If you are in doubt regarding a rule, check the Rules of Golf and/or with your fellow competitors on your situation. If you require a ruling, contact SGA or the pro shop.

Rules to note

17.1d: Relief for Ball in Penalty Area (Water Hazards)

Yellow stakes: When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a yellow penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has two options, each for one penalty stroke:

- (a)** The player may take stroke-and-distance relief by playing the original ball or another ball from a relief area based on where the previous stroke was made.
- (b)** The player may take back-on-the-line relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in a relief area based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through-point of entry. The point of entry is a point on the course chosen by the player that is on the reference line through the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the yellow penalty area. There is no limit on how far back on the line the reference point may be. The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and may be in any area of the course, except the same penalty area. In choosing this reference point, the player should indicate the point by using an object (such as a tee).

For Red Stakes/Lateral Water Hazard:

When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a red penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has three options, each for one penalty stroke:

- (a)** The player may take stroke-and-distance relief.
- (b)** The player may take back-on-the-line relief.
- (c)** The player may take lateral relief (red penalty area only). The reference point for taking lateral relief is point of entry, which is the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area. The relief area is two club-lengths from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and may be in any area of the course, except the same penalty area. Drop a ball outside the water hazard within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard.

18.2b: Ball Lost or Out of Bounds / Not Found Within 3 Minutes: If a ball is lost or out of bounds, and the player/team has NOT already played a provisional, the player may implement **Model Local Rule E-5 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball OOB)**. This option allows the player/team to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway of the hole being played that is not nearer the hole. The player/team gets **two penalty strokes** when using this relief option. This means that the relief is comparable to what could have been achieved if the player had taken stroke-and-distance relief. This Local Rule cannot be used for an unplayable ball, or for a ball that is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area.

18.3: Provisional Ball: If a ball may be lost or out of bounds, to save time the player may play another ball provisionally in accordance with Rule 14.6. The player must inform their marker or a fellow competitor that they intend to play a provisional ball, and must play it before they or the partner goes forward to search for the original ball.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD

2023

The Indented Heads
Andrew Murray
Brett Murray

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Michael Mileo
Michael Van Raay

2020

The Barwon Heads Sir Robins
Ian Steer
Geoffrey Steer

2014

The Bream Creek Freaks
Nick Mouhtaropoulos
Paul Himarios

2008

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