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Greetings all, and welcome to the 18th William Buckley Classic

13th Beach, October 21 & 22, 2023

ITINERARY:

Group Meeting at 13th Beach – The Faldo Room, Fri Eve.

Round 1 ("The Ambush") will begin at 8:48 am Saturday (one-tee start), Beach Course.

Round 2 ("The Assault") will begin at 8:57 am Sunday (one-tee start), Creek Course.

Presentation at 13th Beach – The Faldo Room, 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 Accommodation

13th Beach Golf Lodges Barwon Heads Road, Barwon Heads VIC 3227 Tel: (03) 5254 2922 www.13thbeachgolf.com

The rooming arrangements are:

Andrew Murray Cam Thompson Chris Moody lan Steer **Brett Murray** Diane Moody Dean Kretschmar Dean Connell Dunamis Lui Peter Kretschmar **Rob Lugton** Kalala Meni Michael Oldfield Luke Haydon Grant Nuttall Shaun Eldridge Jarrad Young Josh Papali

Twin-share Studio

Single Studio

John Brugman	Russell Dent	Tony Sturesteps
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Quad Share

Richard Fellner Mick David Matthew Pitt		
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The Golf

We are in golf carts all the way on the weekend to preserve the mental and physical capacities of all involved. Please be at the golf course at least half an hour before your tee time. Round one groups and tee times at the **Beach Course** on Saturday:

8:48 am	8:57 am	9:06 am
Grant Nuttall	Josh Papali	Dean Kretschmar
	Michael Oldfield	Peter Kretschmar
Jarrad Young	ivitchael Oldrield	Peter Kretschmar
+	+	+
Luke Haydon	Dunamis Lui	Andrew Murray
Shaun Eldridge	Kalala Meni	Brett Murray
9:15 am	9:24 am	9:33 am
Dean Connell	Max Warren	John Brugman
Tony Sturesteps	Sam Marsh	Rob Lugton
+	+	+
Cam Thompson	Lachlan McInnes	Chris Moody
lan Steer	Marcus O'Donohue	Russel Dent
	9:42 am	
	Diane Moody	
	Richard Fellner	
	+	
	Mick David	
	Matthew Pitt	

Round two groups and tee times at Creek Course on Sunday will be seeded, and announced on Saturday evening.

<u>The Format</u>: 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 from tee to green, teams are NOT required to mark with a tee and precisely measure from the chosen ball as they play each shot.
- Putting: Once on the green, Bushrangers 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 and information supplied by the Bushrangers. 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 will be relative to the field.

<u>Playoffs:</u> 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.

<u>Nearest-the-Pin & Longest Drive:</u> 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.

<u>The Rodeo Rule:</u> This is minimum drives for each team member and will be enforced. Each team's individual rodeo requirements will be three drives per player per nine holes.

Scoring with the Golf Genius (GG) App

- Search for Golf Genius in your App Store and download
- Prior to tee off, please enter in the App the Golf Genius ID (GGID) sent via email and 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!
- 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

The Teams

The Murrangurk Masters - Early in his travels, Buckley found a spear by a grave near Torquay that belonged to the respected warrior Murrangurk. Locals believed Buckley to be Murrangurk returned from the dead as a giant white man. The twoplayer format and the name of WBC perpetual trophy reflect the lives of these two men combining under one name and each year the reigning champions will play as The Murrangurk Masters. With the 2022 Champs not defending, Steery is the most recent past champ playing and receives this honour.

Ian Steer (Steery) & Cameron Thompson (Thommo)

Throughout history, there have been just a handful of truly great & iconic pairs. Batman & Robin. Frodo & Sam. The Lone Ranger & Tonto. Jake & Elwood. Bart & Lisa. Bert & Ernie. Mermaid Man & Barnacle Boy. You get the picture. And this WBC Team precisely fits the definition of a "pair". There is two of them, so they are mathematically perfect when it comes to defining two individual units combining to make a slightly shabbier combined version of the individual parts that are arguably slightly less remarkable than the sum of the parts. They are coming off a massive September marching with the Magpie Army and enjoying the spoils of victory from that campaign. Alas, when they refocus from footy to golfing their balls, they are probably just making up the numbers here. Of pairs.

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.

Max Warren (Wazza) & Sam Marsh (Swampy)

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 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 very well over the next 32 years and formed a close friendship with a young Bobby Davis.

Dean Connell (Honeymoon) & Tony Sturesteps (Tripper)

Crafty. Determined. Skilled. Inspirational. Talented. Iconic. Sly. Strategic. Brilliant. Genius. Camaraderie. Witty. Entertaining. Rousing. Teamwork. Glorious. Erudite. Remarkable. These are all words that can be found in the Macquarie English Dictionary. Unfortunately, they have no particular relevance here. Fortunately, the very same dictionary contains many other words, like: inconsistent, scruffy, futile, odd, unpredictable, threeputt, bizarre, uncoordinated, unremarkable and discombobulated. Given their significant lack of serious preparation, team-balance, liver power and conditioning, they will need to produce something very special indeed 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.

Marcus O'Donohue (Doughie) & Lachlan McInnes (Macca)

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 bugger-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 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 lamb.

John Brugman (JB) & Rob Lugton (Luggo)

You've heard of Superman, Batman, The Tin Man, Aquaman, The Amazing Spiderman, Ironman and The Marlborough Man - all formidable opponents. However, the cast of super villains vying for the WBC have a big task in front of them this week, because to win the title they will have to get past these two Super-Freaks! This dynamic duo leave all other super-hero combinations in their wake. These guys look primed to take all before them and obliterate the field here. Even though one is a past champion, they have been spuriously overlooked in the betting ring and are grossly over the odds. With crazy value like this on offer, it is time to refinance your mortgage, call your bookie immediately and bet the farm!

The Barwon Heads Sir Robins - On his first day marching alone, Buckley happened upon a group of Wathaurong people camped peacefully by the Barwon River. Fearing for his life, he silently crossed the river at the heads and bravely ran away.

Chris Moody (Fluffy) & Russell Dent (Rusty)

This couple of flighty stallions are very experienced SGA Tour and SGA Championships golfers. They will certainly have a good time between rounds and must be given half a chance of getting amongst the action on the leaderboard on Sunday arvo if they get their games going. This hardhitting combo are a pair of golfing superstars who are famous for their majestic, sartorial splendour and earth-shattering metrosexual refinement. They raise the entire tone of this event and give the field here a finishing polish and touch of class that it so richly deserves. A big chance to be thereabouts when the whips are cracking on the home straight. **The Bream Creek Freaks** - Buckley cruised past 13th Beach and crossed Bream Creek the next day. Later he returned and it was here he built a substantial hut and lived for many years on the abundant supplies of food, including the fish he trapped in the creek.

Mick David (Mikey D) & Matthew Pitt (Pw Jones)

Completely impossible to draw a line through the form of this rag-tag pair of golfing megastars. With too many BRG titles between them to count, history is on their side even if their recent form is sketchy. They could just as easily rip this field apart or disappear into oblivion. They clearly both have the kahunas, skills, wit, golfing insanity, bravado, experience, waistlines, putting finesse and liver power to go all the way here, so they must be considered a massive chance. Again. If they have not accidentally hit the self-destruct button on Saturday night, expect a barnstorming finish on Sunday for another incredible victory.

The Aireys Inlet Slicers - As his situation became more wretched as he trekked alone, Buckley found clear water at Aireys Inlet and much-needed food. He built his first dwelling near here, a primitive hut of which Maslow would have been proud.

Peter Kretschmar (PK) & Dean Kretschmar (DK)

Not really known at all for their experience nor any sort of success in Bushranger Golf Major Championships, this pair will be looking to make a name for themselves here this week. Of course, they already share one name, but we are more considering 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 Torquay Hookers** - Buckley camped on the banks of Spring Creek at Torquay 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.

Richard Fellner (Quigley) & Diane Moody (Bonnie)

The "Bonnie and Clyde" pairing of the weekend... if you're referring to the Welsh singer Bonnie Tyler, and Clint Eastwood's sidekick Clyde the Orangutan. This duo will be "Holding out for a Hero" all weekend, and seemingly going "Every Which Way But Loose", or "Any Which Way They Can". If they can find a way to understand what each other is saying (the official Bushranger Aussie-to-American-English translator-unit is in the shop), then they may come flying home at the finish. Albeit on the wrong side of the car, on the opposite side of the road, and on completely the wrong track, with an orangutan on the running board toting a machine gun. Expect their weekend to end in a "Heartache".

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 for several months through the autumn of 1804. As winter set in, he began to struggle and decided to make the long trek back to Sorrento.

Michael Oldfield (Tubular) & Josh Papali (Prop)

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 them to find them gasping for air by Saturday arvo and wondering what the heck has happened by Saturday night. If this correspondent is correct, they will both be requiring some serious medical/mental/emotional attention after the front nine on Sunday and by the finish they will have been completely overwhelmed by the intoxicating adventure of the magnificent WBC. **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 driver, 5-iron, wedge and a putter, he made quite an impression.

Andrew Murray (A-Muzz) & Brett Murray (B-Muzz)

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 overindulging in the good times and powerful camaraderie on offer. They certainly have their priorities right and are a good chance to winkle themselves into contention. They may just have the perfect mix of wily experience and youthful enthusiasm to get the job done here. A big 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.

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 for some ripping corroborees.

Grant Nuttall (G-banga) & Jarrad Young (Jazza)

May well bring new meaning to the term well-oiled machine. One is certainly a golfing machine, and both present a very strong case for being well-oiled. Are more than likely to combine their engineering talents here this weekend into some sort of outrageous exhibition of world-class machine-oiling with a little bit of golf served on the side. Both are rumoured to be thoroughly under-golfed and over-oiled of late but don't be surprised if they bob up at the finish. **The Pointless Impossibles** - 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.

Dunamis Lui (Dee Elle) & Kalala Meni (Kay Em)

This sophisticated combo do somewhat diverge philosophically with one of them totally 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. With as much (or more) experience, perspicacity and equanimity than the rest of the field combined, they have the ability to produce the goods when required. A huge contender.

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 back in a not-so-straight line towards Melbourne, via Corio Bay, near Geelong, before settling in a cave near Airey's Inlet.

Luke Haydon (Haydo) & Shaun Eldridge (Shauno)

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.

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.

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