

# IAN WATSON BALFOUR



Ian Balfour, like many champions commenced his golfing life as a junior in the 1960's. He immediately showed promise winning the 'B' Grade Championship at Woorayl Golf Club in 1971. It was only 2 years later that this early promise he showed in 1971, came to fruition. In 1973 he won his first Club Championship at Woorayl Golf Club. He showed this was no 'fluke' when he followed with a second title the following year. In the following 35 years he has won the Club Championship a further 21 times making a total of 23 Club Singles titles at Woorayl Golf Club. In addition to his achievements at Woorayl Golf Club he has won a further 19 Club Singles Championships at Korumburra Golf Club. He has also won 5 Fourball Championships at Woorayl Golf Club & 10 Fourball Championships & 2 Foursomes Championships at Korumburra Golf Club. Ian also served on the Woorayl Golf Club committee for 9 years, including 2 years at Vice President; 2 years as Treasurer; 2 years as Vice Captain & 3 years on General Committee. In addition to his personal achievements, he has represented both Woorayl & Korumburra Golf Clubs in the local pennant competition, where he has always been regarded as a very fierce competitor.

At South Gippsland District level he has won a total of 13 District Titles, including 2 District Singles Championships; 4 Fourball Championships; 4 Foursomes Championships & 3 Mixed Foursomes Championships. He represented South Gippsland District Golf Association at Country Week for just over 30 years, captaining the team on many, many occasions.

When a person such as Ian Balfour has achieved the success he has, it certainly cannot be considered as a 'fluke' that he has had as much success as he has had, and obvious enjoyment from this great game.

In recognition of his outstanding service to South Gippsland he has been elevated to 'Life Member' status and this was recognised at a presentation on Sunday at the Fourball Championships at Lang Lang Golf Club on Sunday 11th September 2016