

Warburton Heirloom Trophy

The Warburton Heirloom trophy was inaugurated by Jack Warburton, one of the originators of the Howlong golf trips. During the first or second trip, when there were only a few participants, some felt they should play for a trophy. Jack and Mary Warburton found the current trophy in an antique shop in Albury or Wodonga and, because of its somewhat similar design to the British Open trophy, thought it would be suitable. It has been awarded every year since and with the ending of the Howlong trips it has carried over to the now annual trips to golf courses around Victoria, including Port Fairy, Rich River and Murray Downs. The competition is normally an 18-hole competition.

Howlong Country Club Trophy

The initial annual Beaumaris Probus Club golf trips were to the Howlong Country Golf Club just over the Murray River in NSW. The Howlong Country Golf Club was an ideal venue situated just under 4 hours' drive from Beaumaris and it had 25 motel units on site within 50 metres of the first tee. For many years, Beaumaris Probus booked out all 25 units and was given very favourable service by the motel managers and the club in general. In recognition of our regular attendance, and to celebrate our 10th year of attendance, the Club presented us with a trophy for competition. It became known as the Howlong Country Golf Cub Trophy and was competed for in a single stableford 18 hole event. Unfortunately, declining number of members wishing to travel to Howlong, resulted in the trip for 2015, after approximately 20 trips, being cancelled with less than 10 units being booked. The trophy has, however, continued to be competed for in the revamped trips to other courses around Victoria.

Bill Gillingham Putting Trophy

As part of the annual golf trips, a putting competition was introduced on the final afternoon. It was open to all attendees, golfers and non-golfers alike and a draw was done to determine opponents of the knock-out match play type competition. Bill Gillingham was a keen member from 2001 until his passing in October 2003. He was a very keen golfer and with his wife Jeanette, a keen attendee at Howlong trips and a good putter. In recognition of his popularity and golfing prowess, the Howlong organisers (Alan Nash) decided to perpetuate his name in the newly instituted trophy for the putting competition. Again, the trophy has been carried over to the current golfing trips.