



# The YELLOW JACKET



From the very first tour in BTB1 2009 at Nelson Bay, a very special prize awaited the overnight leader in the double-edged Bum Cup. The much celebrated and at times despised, Yellow Jacket.

Quite simply, in the same vein as the Tour de France, whoever leads after round 1 of the double-edged Bum Cup is presented with the yellow jacket, which they must wear through a designated day/night before the second round commences.

As the wearer of the yellow jacket, the overnight leader receives free drinks from fellow tour mates in celebration of their mighty golfing achievement. This of course can be a double-edged sword.

On the one hand you receive free drinks from your tour mates, thus saving you a lot of money. On the other, there are those sinister elements who may be just off the overnight leader's score and plotting to win the Mum's Bum Cup themselves. These individuals have been known to try and 'fill up' the yellow jacket wearer, thus rendering him helpless to find his best golf on day two due to a large hangover. It has worked many times too!

Very few overnight leaders go on to win the Mum's Bum Cup, no matter how big their lead is. In fact, at the time of writing (BTB17 2025), there had only been two ever to do so – Lonhro Leba in BTB4 & Crouching Glyn in BTB11. Leba was in bed by 6pm & while Glyn handed over the wearing to #30 Manscaper Nads who had achieved a hole in one... sort of! (That's a whole other story...).

Over the years – with the advent of responsible service laws and a somewhat aging membership – the yellow jacket rules have been altered to offer the wearer different options as to what they can do if they are in fact the overnight leader on tour.

The rules of the Yellow Jacket are on the following pages. All in all, it is about having fun. Not reckless abandon. The yellow jacket is about enhancing the tour, not ruining it.



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| 2009 BTB1  | #6 Plumber Dave                     |
| 2010 BTB2  | #6 Plumber Dave                     |
| 2011 BTB3  | #31 Mustard Keen Matt               |
| 2012 BTB 4 | #42 Lonhro Leba                     |
| 2013 BTB5  | <i>*No overnight leader – 1 Rnd</i> |
| 2014 BTB6  | #52 Nukem Lukem                     |
| 2015 BTB7  | #10 Mickaby McKenna                 |
| 2016 BTB8  | #10 Mickaby McKenna                 |
| 2017 BTB9  | #55 Divastating Dave                |
| 2018 BTB10 | #4 Robbo's Pocket Rocket            |
| 2019 BTB11 | #9 Crouching Glyn                   |
| 2020 BTB12 | <i>*Not Played - Covid</i>          |
| 2021 BTB13 | #24 Gearyous Stuff                  |
| 2022 BTB14 | #78 Ontrend Wes                     |
| 2023 BTB15 | #2 Might & Power Mat                |
| 2024 BTB16 | #76 Strength & Johner               |

*\*Overnight leader in the Mum's Bum Cup*



# The YELLOW JACKET RULES

The Yellow Jacket is one of the great traditions of the Be The Ball Tour. It recognises the excellent golf play of the leader after round 1. It also provides a monetary saving for them as drinks are purchased for them whenever wearing the overnight leader jacket. More than anything though it is another fun aspect of the tour, and as such, should be treated as such.

However, in moving with the times, we have had to alter the rules in line with what is acceptable with regard to safety and proper social behaviour. To this end, the rules below are attached to the giving and wearing of the esteemed yellow jacket.

**#1** The Yellow Jacket must be worn at all designated times by the overnight leader once announced as leader of the Mum's Bum Cup.

**#2** Any member who buys the overnight leader a drink, is also handcuffed to drinking that exact same drink with the yellow jacket wearer. This helps curtail devious concoctions such as pints of Guinness with oysters in them (it has happened!) or drinks like double Long Island iced-teas. All members should ensure they endeavour to buy the yellow jacket wearer a drink as celebration for their feat.

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**#4** Only beer can be served until 5pm on the rest day Saturday to the Yellow Jacket wearer (or whatever other designated time should the yellow jacket be worn on a different day or night). After 5pm, spirits, shots and cocktails can be offered to the yellow jacket wearer. Remember, the buyer must also have one of the exact same drinks they purchased for the yellow jacket wearer.

**#5** The yellow jacket wearer's team captain (or Craig's Carnival or designate) can call drinks at any time he believes the yellow jacket wearer has become too intoxicated and/or is a danger to himself or others. The yellow jacket should be removed from the wearer immediately, and the player involved accompanied back to a safe place such as our accommodation or similar.

**#6** Should the overnight leader choose not to partake in the free drinks, he may do any of the following to avoid wearing the yellow jacket:

- Take a **5-stroke penalty** and thus start the championship second round 5 strokes less than he ended with after his first-round score. If his lead is greater than 5 strokes, the penalty moves from 5 shots to being tied with whoever was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place after the first round.
- Take a **monetary fine of \$150**. This money will be added to the Saturday morning waiters' vests drinking money allocated for that season.

*\* The initial rules for the Yellow Jacket were coordinated by member #40 Welsh Wizard Jono after BTB5. They have been altered over the years to adjust to more modern times with regard to safe drinking laws in particular.*

