



JAMBEROO GC MENTOR PROFILE

Hi there, I am Katie, and to say I love golf would be an understatement! Funny enough, that has not always been the case for me. I grew up in a golfing family where my dad, brother, and family friends were golf enthusiasts. Despite my dad's best efforts to get me to play, and have a few rounds, I just never really got into it. Unlike my brother, who did amazing as a club junior, was a regular with lessons, and played in as many junior events as you could think of, I chose to live out my primary and high school sporting career as a competitive horse rider (sporting, mounted games, and jumping).

In 2019 I decided to play golf one weekend with Ryan as something fun to try, and immediately became obsessed. Soon after I decided I would join a club, get a handicap, start practicing, and start competing. I truly believe you are never too old to create or chase your dreams. I also believe there is nothing better in life than the opportunity to give what you are grateful for! I am beyond grateful for my love of the game and all it has taught me in such a short time, and cannot wait to share this passion with others and help new golf enthusiasts just like me find the sparkles, rainbows, and unicorns they may have been looking for.

When I got my handicap it was in the 20's. February 2021 I finally hit a single figure handicap for the first time, I was pretty chipper! But that milestone has passed so onto the next for me. My goals are to get my handicap to 4 or less by the end of summer. To play 10 Jean Derrin women's amateur events in the first half of next year, then to qualify for at least 1 major interstate event by the end of 2022! My biggest goal though would be to get mentally stronger on the course, sometimes I get so busy worrying about results that I forget to do the most important thing out there... have fun doing what I love! My golf coach says you don't play golf to relax ... you relax to play golf. This is definitely something I'm working on every day, I will get there!

To shine some light on what you can expect from me on the golf course, I asked some close friends how they would describe me, this is what I got: full on, overenthusiastic, organised, high achieving, hard-working, loves to dance, loves to eat, animal enthusiast, not normal, dedicated, energetic, super friendly, meticulous, disciplined, needs to relax sometimes, hilarious, good value, loveable, sweet, tenacious, driven, and creative. There are a few in there I disagree with, but for the sake of honesty I thought I would include them all.

When I am not on the course you would likely find me at work. I am a senior marketing manager in health and work to develop marketing campaigns and provide education to help our communities lead healthy lives. I love animals, especially my horse Ruby, dogs Calais and Maloo, and any animal I come in contact with really. I have named the cat at the course Boots too, also a favourite! I love being outdoors hiking, paddle boarding, exploring, learning new sports, being around others, and most importantly I love to create reasons for those around me to smile.

I am grateful for the opportunity to share my love for this great sport with others and for all those I have met who have shared their love with me!

Meet
Katie!

“Fast 5”

Favourite course I have played:
The Australian Golf Course
("The Aussie")

Favourite golfer:
Nelly and Jessica Korda

Favourite food:

I am always eating and love eating, I literally love almost anything if it's food!

Favourite animals: Zebra and Kookaburra

Favourite movie: Seabiscuit



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Hi guys, I am Ryan! A lot of my mates negotiate finding time to play golf while balancing their home life too. I am lucky enough to have a wife who is also my best mate and loves being out on the course with me. You will find us out here almost every day, and while we are each others biggest fans, there is always a little bit of a side competition on the cards!

Golf is special to me, not only because I love it, but because it was a sport I shared and played with my pop during high school. It was a special bonding time for us, and every time I am out on a course we played together I always find a great memory and reason to smile.

Although i played growing up, i had quite some time away from the game. I got my handicap back in 2019 and it was in the 30's! I was pretty excited when i started shooting in the single figures, especially my round at Jamberoo in 2021 where i shot 1 over off the stick ... and this dropped my handicap to 7. My goals for my golf game are pretty simple, keep getting my handicap lower and keep having fun out there,

What can you expect from me on the golf course? Well I'm pretty easy going, I take it as it comes, I don't think too much, and I am pretty relaxed 90% of the time. I am not much into practice drills and spending hours perfecting my skills (although to improve you probably should be). I would much prefer getting out there, playing holes, and having a laugh.

When i'm not on the course I am usually working, I'm currently doing my second apprenticeship as a carpenter (my first was as a mechanic when I left school). I also love fishing, watching the footy, relaxing with some good mates, and good food. Katie says I am on my phone too much, so I guess you could say I like a bit of social media and phone games too. I don't mind a chill afternoon on the couch watching a good movie or a Netflix series.

I love getting out on the course, playing some games, having a laugh, and sharing the fun with as many people as possible!

Meet
Ryan!

“Fast 5”

Favourite course I have played:
Hilltop Mollymook

Favourite golfer:
Rickie Fowler

Favourite food:
Pizza or KFC

Favourite animals:
Tigers

Favourite movie:
Mighty ducks