

WARRACKNABEAL GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

1st March 2020

The Course

The course loved the little rain we had and it sparked up the grass beautifully. Hopefully we can get some more rain over the course in the near future to take us through to the new season. The number of players is holding steady which is great and the green fee players are consistent.

Bar Prices

Our prices have risen starting as of 1st February 2020. Thank you to the Bar group for their time and effort in making it a magnificent 19th hole we look forward to.

'Ears to the Ground' Policy

Be aware of our needs and dreams as we use the 'Ears to the Ground' policy. A sheet will be up to see some of these ideas & suggestions and you are welcome to place your ideas in the suggestion box or speak to a committee member. Remember, when you place your idea in the box, a solution in achieving it would be very helpful.

Good Golf Lads!!

Thursday 13th February saw a group of lads challenge one another on the 13th hole. Derek was off in the woods checking the wildlife while the next three enjoyed the result of three good shots. David K hit up to within five foot, rolling past the pin and the words of 'Get inside that' by one member set the challenge. The Men's hot Port Fairy favourite, Captain Dennis, was up and sure enough, he knocked it to within 6 inches. 'Get inside that!' was the challenge set to our young postman who accepted the challenge but just failed as he was inside the first one but not the second. Great to hear our members are enjoying their golf and the company of they play with. Photo courtesy of the Baker who came across from the 12th fairway to check out what and why all the noise and chaos.



Grateful for Donation

Thank you to John Peters who kindly donated money towards the control of the rabbits out on the course. The rabbits have stayed underground breeding through these hot & windy days.

I believe measures have been taken now and the numbers have lessened. With the recent rain encouraging some green pickings elsewhere other than our fairways may assist too. Thanks to our members who use their time in keeping numbers down.

Memberships

Thank you to those who have responded to the notices re 2020 memberships. Keep promoting our sport and our venue in a positive manner to encourage new members.

Cool Room Project

Many thanks to Peter Barling, Richard Bett, Ross Laycock and David Baxter for dismantling the old one on a recent Sunday. Peter, David and Richard continued on Tuesday while vice president, Bernie, stepped in to replace the president on Wednesday to complete putting the structure together. Well done gentlemen!

The project will be completed soon with thanks to Graeme White and Brian Coghill. Peter and Richard will put on the final touches.

Out of Control!!



What is that?

A wallaby! A kangaroo! No!! It is Mary's buggy and sticks which have made a sneaky get-away from her on the tenth green, hiding and camouflaged much to the amusement of her playing partners. Surely you weren't playing that poorly Mary the sticks were hiding on you!!

Sponsorship 2020

A reminder to all sponsors that at some stage in this quarter Match Committee or Committee members may approach you to confirm your generous sponsorship from 2019 to be continued in 2020.

We apologise if you are approached and have already dealt with it but we need to clarify our sponsorship for the fixture booklet.

Volunteers:

There is a sheet on a clipboard in the clubhouse which you may like to put your name down on to join our elite group of volunteers. There are many tasks we as members need to do such as bunkers, sand tubs, bins, mowing of fairways & rough, gardens, maintenance of the fairways & rough and incidental items. Some tasks will mean learning how to use equipment safely and assisting in its maintenance. Please put your name down and we will talk to you regard tasks, time and roster.

Thank you for being an active and proud member of the Warracknabeal Golf Club.

Lindsay's Magpie

Life member, Lindsay Smale, was an avid supporter of the Collingwood Football Club and was deemed appropriate that Lindsay's Patch needed some magpie presence.



Good friend Max Woody donated the art piece and son-in-law Fred George erected it.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol - RSA

Wednesday April 1st we will have a chance to qualify members with an RSA at our club through the Good Sports program. The evening runs from 6pm til around 10pm. We desperately require members to take up this excellent opportunity and the club will subsidise each member 50% of the \$50 fee.

Our club has many activities which requires the bar to be available to them and to serve alcohol you must have an RSA. Revenue for the club is vital and our aim is to have our bar available to our members & visitors when needed. Please contact House Chairman, Peter Barling, to put your name in. **Peter's number is 0407 982 233.** We ask you do this in the next week please so we have an idea of numbers.

Bar Volunteers needed:

Golfers, we require bar volunteers urgently for Thursdays & some for Saturdays. The volunteers will need an RSA [Responsible Serving of Alcohol] certificate and the intention is to run an RSA course for people willing to build our pool of bar attendants. We need a certain number of participants to run a course or we combine with other organisations to get the numbers.

We need to provide opportunity to have the bar open at the necessary times to bring in finance to the club.

'Working with Children' certificates:

Our club is gaining momentum with juniors and we need members to assist in a small way. To have children participating at our club we require members to have 'Working with Children' certificates. This helps simply by walking with a small group, helping a coach re setting up equipment, etc.

A family member may help you to apply online or we can assist you to gain these certificates.

Shearwater 'Road to Port Fairy':

The Shearwater House "Road to Port Fairy" Competition has one month to go. The Women's section has narrowed to race between new leader Debby Barling on 98 and Vicki Hinkley on 97. Mary Massey on 89 will need to lift her game during March and hope the leaders don't play if she is to take out the event.

Dennis Murphy on 89 has a comfortable lead over Peter Barling on 70 in the Men's section. He only has to turn up during March to hold on to the trophy. The extra points available in March will have no bearing on the result. Even if Peter wins all six he will not be able to bridge the gap.

Women's section:

Debby Barling 98, Vicki Hinkley 97, Mary Massey 89, Karen Germano 73, Carolyn Morcom 70, Leonie Atkin 64, Wendy Hewitt 64, Charmaine Wilson 64, Kaye Picken 60.

Men's section: Dennis Murphy 89, Peter Barling 70, David Kranz 63, Richard Bett 61, Dean Gunn 55, Mick Cheney 54, David Baxter 54, Nathan McLean 53, Gary Krahe 51, Peter Schilling 49.

Working Bees: These will begin again in March and will return to a consistent Sunday [9:00-11:00] after each Monthly Medal; Monday [8:00-10:00] 1st & 3rd week of the month. You may contact Dennis Murphy re Sunday and David Baxter re Monday.

The March date will be shifted to the 15th-16th due to the long weekend being the Monthly Medal weekend.

Upcoming events: Check your fixtures booklet.

22nd March

Green Taylor Golf Day

10th – 13th April

Easter Tournament

Junior Co-ordinator Role 2020

1. Promote junior golf through a variety of organisations using varied media.
2. Co-ordinate and implement the after school 'MyGolf' junior program.
3. Complete the online 'MyGolf' Community Instruction course.
4. Has a current Working with Children Check.
5. Co-ordinate and implement a WGC junior program in Spring [March, April, May].
6. Liaise with the GOLF AUSTRALIA representative, Tony Collier. ('My Golf' program, junior tournaments etc)
7. Liaise with the schools and any community group which assists juniors.
8. Be accountable to the Committee and report to the Committee at least four times a year with a review at the end of the twelve months.
9. Manage the junior golf budget.
10. Improve and maintain the junior golf resources and equipment.
11. Promote 'Working with Children' checks with the members.
12. Assist with any program or event which may involve juniors.
13. Proposed benefit to the co-ordinator in the first year will be a full membership of the Warracknabeal Golf Club.

All enquiries re this 12month position to:

Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193 / David Baxter 0409 603 922
There is a full membership on offer for the appointed person as it is a vital area of the club.

LATE PRESS RELEASE!!

We have been fortunate enough to have gained a grant through the **Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal** [FRRR] group in the program of Tackling Tough Times. This grant will be used to replace our clubhouse roof & guttering and upgrade our insulation and any small alterations required to the roof to make it safe and durable.