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Golf Course

The course is ready to go for the summer grass as the winter grass has all but disappeared. Generally, the fairways and surrounds are looking good but it is looking a little bare in places and we know there is plenty of work to do to have the coverage of summer grass we want. As we enter the third year of having our irrigation system in, we look forward to improvement in the coverage of summer grass. The winter grass responded excellently this year so with a positive outlook, patience and hard work, we expect to see an improvement this summer too.

The greens are responding well to the coring and sanding and should be better in the next two weeks. Not that it matters as the scores have been 'over the top' since the work has been done on them and not cut!!

Our volunteers are doing a fantastic job!! SO, before you 'can the course' think about how your comment will assist us to make the course better and how you will contribute to do so!! All helps if we work together, not tear us down!

Caring for our Course Teams

Great to see some tidy ups on different holes especially around the tees I have noticed action. Keep up the good work! The teams' sheet is still on the back of the whiteboard so please jot your name down to participate.

Social Golf

The course continues to be very busy with members and green fee players. Golf has certainly proven its health value over this unusual period of time. Great to see a number of juniors out too.

Nature Impressing Us

David Kranz was delighted and a little shocked as he approached the 8th tee recently. A little friend was waiting to assist him tee up but he declined the assistance.

As you can see nature is always impressive and camouflage is why we don't always see our reptile friends. Please take care this summer.



Coronavirus

Remember:

NO MASK! NO GOLF!

The clubhouse will remain closed **but the bar will operate for take away drinks**. Tables of ten are permitted up to 50 people outside but you must be seated. One person per group is allowed to enter the clubhouse to get the drinks. Once at the table, you must remain at that table, not moving from one table to the next.

**** Visitors please sign in on competition days**

**** All golfers must sign in on non-competition days for COVID 19 tracking purposes.**

Thank you for assisting.

It is very important to read the board and adhere to the very simple items such as:

1. Visitors please sign in. Visitors from Melbourne are NOT permitted to play at this stage.
2. Remain 1.5m apart.
3. Use & handle your own equipment.
4. Wash hands in soap and water before & after the round of golf.
5. Groups of four are permitted.
6. Two to a cart is permitted with the cart being cleaned after use.
7. Enjoy your activity by adhering to these suggestions to stay fit & healthy while not putting others at risk.
8. If you feel unwell or display any flu-like symptoms **Stay Home!! Get tested!!**

Thank you

Any queries, please contact me or for up to date information, go to the **Golf Australia website** or the Federal Government have also created a COVID-19 site.

KEEP IN MIND!!

November is here and that means it is our –

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 23rd November

7:00pm outdoors

At the Golf Club

Upcoming events:

Grab those fixture books as we take on the usual competition days. Contact your captains if unsure.

Women: Debby Barling 0417 982 235

Men: Dennis Murphy 0439 195 462

Projects of the future!!

Upgrading our machinery

Painting of the clubhouse and changerooms

Regenerating plant life around the course

Main cool room upgrade.

Green Coring Working Bee

Essential works on the greens has been carried out by an efficient team of volunteers on Sunday 8th October. Working in their small teams, the fourteen volunteers worked tirelessly to achieve in a day which was thought to be a two to three-day event.

Under the watchful eye of Grounds chairman, Wayne George, and greens advisor, Ayden Roberts, the group cored, cleared and



sanded the eighteen greens. It is much appreciated to have this essential work done. Other volunteers included Ryan Smith, Ross Laycock, Peter Barling, Peter Schilling, Lindsay Brain, Scott Stewart, Nathan McLean, John Peters, Ryan McKenzie, Jake Jess, one other and David Baxter.



While out there, David Kranz & John Peters did a little cleaning up along the rip lines. Ross Laycock tidied up some old branches for

the two to keep busy. Well done lads!! Monday, Bernie Naylor smudged the greens again to finish up. Next move is cutting & dusting then the scarifying of the greens.

Women's Recruiting Campaign

Get Into Golf- clinics for beginner women. Because of COVID-19 restrictions since March very few sports have been allowed to operate, but thankfully golf has been one sport that has been allowed for much of the time. To take advantage of this situation, Lady President Wendy Hewitt and Junior Coordinator Carolyn Morcom decided to run some clinics for beginner ladies. It has been a perfect opportunity to introduce the sport we love (and sometimes hate!) to others, and maybe gaining some prospective new members. During October we offered four weekly clinics on the basics of golf, with 90-minute sessions on Tuesday evening and Sunday morning. We were so thankful to have the support of seven other members who volunteered to help with the coaching and (limited) catering. Thanks to Mary Massey, Sue Sanford, Casey



Phelan, Barb Bell, Kaye Picken, Karen Germano and Leonie Atkin. With such good support this meant that the learners often had 1:1 coaching- each week they learned new skills and also walked some holes to put their new skills into practice. By all accounts the learners have had a great time, enjoying the learning, the beautiful natural environment and the friendliness of our

members. Tony Collier from Golf Australia (who has very successful run junior clinics her in recent years) has also been so helpful with the planning and presentation of the clinics. He also helped us to secure a \$250 grant for running this Get Into Golf women's clinic.

The seventeen women who participated in the program have three months free green fees as part of the Get Into Golf package, so hopefully we will see them out on the course practising their new skills.

An interesting benefit from the clinics has been the impressive scores that many of our helping coaches have had in their own golf in recent weeks. The simple basics of watching contact and a slow swing are working wonders for us all!

What a fabulous effort from our women!! It has been very successful in bringing people out to our course to experience and learn a little about our fantastic game. Under the guidance of President Wendy many women members have put up their hand to assist with the campaign. Congratulations to the women involved!

Annual Tournament Raffle

COVID-19 has destroyed our fundraising calendar this year with no major fundraising events being able to take place. Thus, we have had limited income but now the restrictions have eased a little more we are running a one-off belated Annual Tournament Raffle.

The support of all of our sponsors has been terrific and we thank them for their support.

1st Prize: Werrigar Fuel \$300 Fuel Voucher
2nd Prize: Penny Farming \$250 Town Voucher
3rd Prize: Forty Winks \$220 PuraDOWN Quilt
Tickets \$2 Drawn Friday 4th December

We would appreciate our members support by taking a book of raffle tickets or two and return it to the bar, on a competition day or in the green fees box with your name and amount on the envelope with money & tickets enclosed. There are 3 great prizes and good value so help us out and assist us to sell many, many tickets.

On Thursday 3rd December & Friday 4th December, there is an opportunity to assist sell raffle tickets out the front of Ritchies IGA so keep on eye open for the roster sheet and put your name down at a time suiting you.

Many thanks to all for rallying at this time of year and the income from the raffle will be appreciated.