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Golf Course

The course is showing signs of improvement with the couch making ground over the fairways and the greens having being groomed and dusted. It is appreciated that our volunteers are doing well even with harvest in full swing and the Christmas period hitting us. As the summer begins, it is going to be a challenge to make our watering system effective and efficient so we get the benefits it has to offer.

It is planned to scarify the fairways within the next couple of months to open up the ground so water can get into the ground and urea will be put out to encourage the couch to go mad and spread & give us a better cover on the fairways. As we can see the fairways with good cover are great so that is our aim, to have all fairways with good coverage of couch. This will take a few years obviously through consistent maintenance.

Caring for our Course Teams

Keep up the good work on your fairways and tees teams. Whipper snipper those tall weeds, fill in the rabbit scratchings, tidy up and enjoy the company while you put some polish on the course appearance.

Working bees:

It was great to have a working bee to clean up bunkers, plant some trees and tidy up some branches & roots on Sunday 15th November. Small groups of 3-4 well for 2-3 hours, making a difference that is unnoticed by many. We are always open to offers of assistance so please contact the captains or a committee member to jump on board.



Debby & Peter Barling planted some trees with the help of Wendy Hewitt, Peter Schilling tidied up a number of branches & a tree stump while Tim Bryce [pictured], Jake Jess, Lindsay Brain and David Baxter worked on the front 9 bunkers.

Well done gang!! Well done to Karen & Danny Germano on spraying the bunkers while Mary Massey, Kevin Newell & Peter Schilling assist raking the bunkers weekly. Jake Jess is keeping the edges trimmed as well.

A second working bee was held to sand the greens on Sunday 29th November, after they were scarified the Tuesday before. Thanks to Bernie Naylor, Ayden Roberts,

Peter Barling, Ryan Smith, Tim Bryce & Allan Ross for their time & effort.

The greens are responding well to their treatment and growing like wildfire. It all looks good for 2021!!

Juniors Wind-up:

Junior Coordinator, Carolyn Morcom, finished up the Juniors 'MyGolf' Program playing a mini tournament with the families being invited to get involved too. Carolyn and her team of ladies have done a fabulous job and the children participating learnt plenty and had a fun time doing so. Congratulations to Carolyn who has done a quality job on the juniors in a very difficult year.

Women's Coaching Winds Up:

Women's President, Wendy Hewitt, & her team celebrated the last session of their coaching and introduction to golf package mid-November with a small afternoon tea and social drink. It is well deserved and much appreciated by those who attended the sessions.

Fabulous Sponsors Supporting our Club

Robert Smith & Co, Andrew & Gaye Golder, are great supporters of our club and recently showed again their thought & support. Andrew and staff member, David Holland, recently sent in for a grant which was being promoted through the business by a company named **Cortevea**. The grant is to assist local clubs in hard times and Andrew & David promoted the Warracknabeal Golf Club as a likely contender. David with due diligence put forward, in 500 characters, the case for our club. There were only 2 grants up for grabs in Victoria and David has successfully won a grant of \$2500 for the club.

We appreciate CORTEVA providing the opportunity to gain such a valuable grant which will be put to good use in assisting meeting our financial commitment to the irrigation system.

Many thanks to Robert Smith & Co as well as David Holland for composing the application.

We encourage our members to support our sponsors across the board as much as they support us. Shop Local!!



Pictured in the presentation of the cheque is CORTEVA representative, Ben Whykes, Robert Smith & Co owner, Andrew Golder and WGC President, David Baxter.

Derek's Christmas Shopping Done!!

Good member, Derek Picken, went Christmas shopping recently by scoring an eagle in Saturday competition. I believe Kaye, the kids and the grandkids will receive golf balls for Christmas!! Christmas shopping is easy this year Derek!! Congratulations on your great golf and you will put the balls from **sponsors Gary and Marilyn Krahe**, to good use.

Annual Tournament Raffle

A fantastic response to our Annual Tournament Raffle!! It is much appreciated that our members have supported the club and the tournament sponsors by participating in the major raffle and raising necessary funds for the club. Winners are grinnerers:

1st Prize: Werrigar Fuel \$300 Fuel Voucher

Winner: Dennis Murphy

2nd Prize: Penny Farming \$250 Town Voucher

Winner: Jamie Weston

3rd Prize: Forty Winks \$220 PuraDOWN Quilt

Winner: Wendy Laycock

We appreciate all tournament sponsors for their support, members who returned their books & the ticket sellers down the street.

Warracknabeal Golf Club & Anzac Park Trustees Agreement

Late October and through November, our club and Anzac Park Trustees have been working on an agreement between the two identities so as to employ a qualified grounds person between them. Both identities, at present, do not have an employee thus relying heavily on volunteers and limited expertise.

By working together, it is proposed to offer full time employment, splitting the working week to the equivalent of three days at our club & two days at Anzac Park. An agreement, drawn up by Power & Bennett' Gary, has been signed and we look forward to a successful relationship in our venture to provide the best for both our venues and to benefit of the Wimmera-Mallee area. An advertisement has been circulated offering the grounds person position and it closes on Monday 14th December. From the applicants we hope to employ a person who has expertise in this field and a decision will be announced at the appropriate time.

Christmas Celebrations

Fantastic to have work places coming out & celebrating the end of the year with a few holes &/or some bowls. Friday 11th December, we will host our good supporters, O'Connors Warracknabeal 4:30pm onwards and Thursday 24th December, Rural Energy will have their work windup begin with morning golf.

There is plenty of room for any other organisations if they are looking for a beautiful, serene location for the end of year function. COVID-restrictions are still in place but limit us very little with the latest releases.

Coronavirus

Remember:

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.
2. Remain 1.5m apart.
3. Masks used where distancing is not possible outside but must be worn inside unless seated drinking and/or eating.
4. Use & handle your own equipment.
5. Wash hands in soap and water before & after the round of golf.
6. Groups of four are permitted.
7. Two to a cart is permitted with the cart being cleaned after use.
8. Enjoy your activity by adhering to these suggestions to stay fit & healthy while not putting others at risk.
9. 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.

Groundskeeper/Curator

Applications for our position of Groundskeeper/Curator closes Monday 14th December. We hope to appoint a suitable person to this role ASAP and the successful applicant will begin in January. More information will be in January's Newsletter.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY, SAFE NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

We are all know the celebration season is upon us and we wish every member a Merry Christmas with their loved ones and a safe New Year as it rolls in. Enjoy your golf over this period and invite others out to enjoy our beautiful little bush course.

2021 Subscriptions

At our AGM recently, fees were ratified by those in attendance. It was noted that membership fees remain the same. Our only increase has been the cart sheds & hand buggy shed, increasing by \$10 to \$90 & \$30 respectively.

Included in this newsletter is a full list of fees the club will go by for the 2021 year.

Please note an ERROR in the fees

Please note that on the form you are to send back to DMA for your renewal of membership, has last year's fee price on the cart shed & hand buggy shed hire.

Both have increased \$10, now \$90 & \$30 respectively.

We are sorry for this oversight and hope it hasn't caused too much inconvenience.

Annual General Meeting 2020

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 23rd November. It was held according to the COVID-19 restrictions and it was great to have members in attendance.

Committee elections were held for half of the directors.

- Remaining on for the second year of their term are: David Baxter [Pres], Ross Laycock [Secretary], Dennis Murphy [Men's Capt], Wayne George [Grounds], Allan Ross [Independent]
- Elected were: Bernie Naylor [Vice Pres], Peter Barling [House], Women's positions of President, Carolyn Morcom & Captain, Wendy Hewitt, Shirley Liersch [Catering & Bowls]
- Independent, Wayne Gove, did not seek re-election and David Kranz has been elected to his position. Many thanks to Wayne on his contribution to the club as a committee member.
- Dianne Marchment & Associates remain as the club's Treasurer.

Other business included:

- Reports were tabled and some directors spoke to their portfolio and those present were able to receive a copy.
- Membership Fees were ratified including a variation in the ordinary membership category for a first-year golfer at the Warracknabeal Golf Club.

General business included a run down on the search for a qualified grounds person/curator and where we are at in the process. Also, information re our future programs were mentioned re new roof, irrigation system and volunteers who are active and positive contributors.

Upcoming events:

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

Women: Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193

Men: Dennis Murphy 0439 195 462

Wimmera Championships



Recently, we had two members do well at the Wimmera Championships held at Stawell. Beth Preston was the B Grade Handicap Champion while Wendy Hewitt was runner-up in the Open Championship afternoon 18 holes.

Well done ladies and those who represented our club at the championships.

End of Season Presentations

As their final duty on Ladies Day, Lady Captain, Debby Barling, and Lady President, Wendy Hewitt, welcomed the ladies to the End of Season presentations.



Debby thanked members for their tremendous support during her two years as Captain. It was huge learning curve and in her first year was particularly appreciative of the help from long time members Mary Massey and Kaye Picken. Debby also gave special mention to the Ladies committee, Wendy Hewitt, Charmaine Wilson, Carolyn Morcom, Karen Germano and Venita Walder for their valued assistance with all golfing events. This includes weekly golf, our special events, our tournament, determining the yearly calendar and seeking out our valued and all-important sponsors.

Together Wendy and Debby thanked members for their support for many tasks beyond golf, all of which help to make the golfing environment more enjoyable and our club sustainable. These tasks include catering, garden working bees, club room maintenance and improvements, raffles, social events, spinning wheel and clinics for women and juniors.

"It has been such a disjointed year with COVID restrictions but it has been great to see ladies out playing golf when and how we can for most of the year. Golf has run smoothly, membership has actually increased, major club events have been run and we've continued to enjoy our golf. We have much to be thankful for." said Lady President, Wendy.

Capt Debby made the overall presentations for the season.

Division 1 Eclectic Score: Leonie Atkin (67)

Division 2 Eclectic Score: Carolyn Morcom (77)

Best 5 Monthly Medal Nett Scores: Wendy Hewitt (367)

Div.1 Pars: Leonie Atkin(84)Div.2 Pars: Carolyn Morcom(23)

Birdies: Leonie Atkin (4); Ferrets: Kaye Picken (4)

WARRACKNABEAL GOLF CLUB

Annual Membership Fees



2021

EFFECTIVE 1st January, 2021 to
31st December, 2021

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Ordinary [May be paid in two instalments]	\$500
Ordinary- 1 st year ever member of WGC [May be paid in two instalments]	\$400
Country Outer Radius - over 40km	\$355
Country Outer Radius - over 100km	\$160
Senior – 70+years of age; last 10 years consecutive membership	\$400
Student (Full Time) [Up to age of 25 years]	\$65
Summer - (Must be a member of another golf club)	\$150
Social	\$ 10
Bowls	\$ 90
Cart/Buggy Shed	\$ 90
Hand Buggy Shed/Locker Room	\$ 30

Green Fees

Bulk Green Fees [6 months from payment date] –
any interested person \$165

Adults 18 Holes \$20; 9 Holes \$10

Attending Secondary School \$10

Attending Primary, SDS School \$Free
(Must be accompanied by an adult)

Daylight Saving Special after 6.00pm \$10

****All players please read notice boards, heat
policy & courtesy information. Thank you.***

**** Grounds staff have right of way***

NEW MEMBERS are eligible for pro-rata fee
after the 31st March. Pro-rata may be granted to
members and past members under “special
circumstances” on written request to the committee.

1st January to 31st March -	full fee
1st April to 30th June -	75% of full fee
1st July to 30th September -	50% of full fee
1st October to 31st December -	25% of full fee