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A MESSAGE TO ALL WHO INTEND TO COME TO THE GOLF CLUB FACILITIES!!

Double Vaccination is a MUST for any person coming onto the grounds of the Warracknabeal Golf Club. Double vaccination and proving you are is important to you and others using the facility and our community.

Please do not be offended by those who need to ask the question, 'May I see your proof of double vaccination please?' It is the Government's rules.

If you need friendship or support, remember you have golfing mates who you can call for a chat or use your IT to make contact.

Please read the posters at the clubhouse & on our social media sites. The Golf Australia website is worth a visit.

RIP

Brian Jackson & Alan Oulton passed on in January and we offer our condolences to both families.

Brian was a past Captain of the club in 2000-01 and assisted around the club in a number of ways. His English humour & accent provided us with entertainment on many occasions.

Alan was a stalwart of the club who always worked quietly away in the background. He was a committee member, an assistant handicapper, fixture booklet compiler & printer and an excellent grounds volunteer. He rarely missed working bees and he will be sadly missed for his contributions to the club.

Golf Course



The course responded well to the rain in January and golfers have enjoyed taking advantage of it. Numbers are good and it is great to have some one on the course nearly every day. We appreciate the support of our members.

Course Maintenance

Our greens are looking great at present as Nigel is spraying & fertilising regularly. The groomers have begun

their program which is done fortnightly & will help as well to keep the greens in good shape.

WANTED: We are looking for volunteers to rake the bunkers as good members Karen, Mary & Danny are taking a break. It is important to have the bunkers in good shape if we want a good lie. They were raked on a Tuesday morning ready to the week's competitions. Also available is the sand at the tees & the little bins at the tees task. This has been done by Ken Henderson & Peter Dean in the past & thanks to Peter Schilling who has filled in the past few months.

Please see Captains or Presidents if you are able to assist. We are keen to have our members keep an eye out for issues around the clubhouse & course so a book will be placed where you collect your scorecard for you to write in any concerns or positive suggestions i.e., 17th fairway very dry around last sprinkler to hole or Greens were great this week.

Thank you for assisting.

Contact Nigel [0407 486 369] or Dennis [0439 195 462] if there are any water issues on course e.g., sprinklers came on at wrong time on Women's Comp Day & the problem was fixed by Nigel immediately.

Course Clean-up

Fantastic effort by 5 members who came out on Monday 31st January cutting and cleaning up a number of trees & branches down.



This was followed up on Sunday at our monthly working bee where all branches & trees were cleaned up. Also, some work around the clubhouse grounds and all the bunkers were tidied up. Caine & Todd Dempsey

tidied up the big tree on left hand side of the fourth fairway.

It is a pleasure to work with such dedicated volunteers who see the work to be done & then volunteer their time to follow through by assisting to get it done. I thank those who were involved in the course clean up.

A number of the Wimmera Vets made positive comments about the course being tidy and looking good.



Golf Subs & Donations

We have implemented our new system relating to memberships and our communication upgrade to members. You should have received an email relating to subs being due on January 1st 2022. If you did & you have responded, thank you very much!!

If you have not received an email, you can either call in at Dianne Marchment & Associates [DMA] in Scott Street or find a renewal form on the board out at the Golf Club and fill in the form & pay.

We appreciate your assistance with the program as it will assist in keeping you informed re newsletters, captain's messages, special events flyers etc.

Ask for help through other members as well.

Golf Cart Sheds

We still have the sheds full and if you are looking to rent a bay then let the President know or a Captain as we have a waiting list. The rent has been set at \$100 for the 2022 season. Alterations & upgrades are moving along nicely thanks to the efforts of Roy Liersch. We will have a working bee to finalise his fantastic work in the next month or two.

Posties Board Event

The annual Posties Match Play Knockout board event for 2021 has been completed. Many thanks to Gary Krahe & Alec Tasic for their sponsorship of this prestigious event. The semi-final stage saw Russell & Sandon Schultz who defeat Darrell MacKay & Kevin Newell 3&1 while Ryan McKenzie & Ryan Smith defeated Danny Kearns & Brenton Cheney 2&1. So, the final stage was set for a great showdown!! It was the father/son combination of Russell & Sandon who had good four ball going as they won convincingly against Ryan & Ryan, 6&5. Well done to all finalists!

Wimmera Veterans

Monday 7th February was Wimmera Veterans Day at our course and it is always a pleasure to have them. We had 45 playing on the day and they had terrific weather to enjoy our lovely bush course.



Tees Program

Nigel and the Grounds Gang have kicked off the 'Tees Program' which is aiming to scarify, fertilise and renovate our tees to have them in good condition.

Nigel and a big thank you to Lindsay Brain, spent 4+ hours scarifying the first 9 tees last Monday with Nigel fertilising them on the following day. One aspect after scarifying and fertilising is to do some maintenance of the sprinkler system on the tees. Any person willing to assist may contact Nigel. Volunteers with knowledge of maintenance on garden sprinklers would be helpful to guide those who are unsure of what to do.

This program most likely would be done on Monday or Tuesday in the next few months.

Monthly Working Bee

It is good fun and a great social outing which usually is rewarding in getting the jobs done. With any luck, an early lunch may be provided – sausage sizzle – after the working bee.

Next is on Sunday 6th March 8:00-11:00am.

Shearwater 'Road to Port Fairy'

The popular event, the Shearwater House 'Road to Port Fairy' Competition has two months to go. There is still time for the leads to change. Beth Preston's lead in the women's section has come under challenge during January's competitions. Beth sits on 53 points just ahead of Karen Germano who has 51, Kaye Picken on 50 and Wendy Hewitt with 49 points. Carolyn Morcom, Leonie Atkin and Vicki Hinkley are all on 45, Mary Massey has 43 points, Julie Bayles is on 40 and Shirley Liersch has 35 points.

Nathan McLean still has a handy lead in the men's section with 52 points. John Jess picked up 15 points during January to sit on 45.5 points. Alan McLean is on 42, Ryan Smith has 40 points, Dennis Murphy has 38 and Danny Kearns is on 37. With outside chances of bridging the gap are Richard Bett and Derek Picken both with 35 points, David Baxter and David Kranz both on 34, Dean Gunn with 32.5 points and John Peters and Stan Ryan who both have 31 points.

Upcoming events

Note: Green Taylor & Partners Sunday March 22nd.

Easter Tournament – 15th – 18th April

More info to come as these important events approach. Any queries about our golf program contact the captains. Both captains & their match committees are gathering information and feedback for our fixtures for 2022-23. If you have any suggestions re our program for the oncoming season, please contact them or a match committee member. Thank you.

Women: Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193

Men: David Kranz 0447 647 480

Men's Captain's Health.

We wish David Kranz a speedy recovery after spending a little time in hospital. Hopefully he will be out soon and back on the course – it will be the best medicine he can have!! To all those others with health problems we do recommend visiting our surrounds, a golf stick or bowl needn't be used to get great healthbenefits from our club.