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Golf Course

The course is delightful at the moment as the frosty mornings continue followed by beautiful sunshine. The Gerries have their long Johns on and continue to enjoy their 9 holes on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.



Our **O'Connor CASE IH Annual Tournament** will take place from **Thursday 31st August til Sunday 3rd September**. Events are listed below & the usual afternoon tea is provided while food & drinks are available at the bar. Novelty prizes are awarded for Nearest the pins, Straightest Drive & Longest Drive.

Event
<p>Event 1: Men's 18 Holes 4BBB Stableford Event 2: Women's 18 Holes 4BBB Stableford Sponsors: Green Taylor & Partners Tee Off from 11.30am</p>
<p>Women's 18 Hole 4BBB V Par NOLA CLARKE Memorial Golden Putter Sponsors: Brian Clarke - Maree Heenan 10.00am Assembly for 10.30am Shotgun Start</p>
<p>Event 1: Men's 36 Holes 4BBB V Par Hannaford's UPL Golden Putter 7:30am assembly for 8:00 Shotgun start. Sponsors: Hannaford's UPL Seed Cleaning & Emmett's Warracknabeal</p> <p>Event 2: Women's 18 Holes Stableford Event 3: Men's 18 Holes Stableford Tee Off from 11.30am Sponsor: McKenzie Plumbing & Excavation</p>
<p>Event 1: MIXED 18 Holes Pinehurst Sponsors: Drummond Ballarat</p> <p>Event 2: Open for all 18 Holes Stableford Sponsor: Robert Smith & Co Tee Off from 11.30pm Father's Day prizes</p>

The Major Tournament raffle prizes will be Penny's Bulk Haulage \$300 town voucher & Warrack Butchery \$100 voucher & \$100 meat pack. Members books & raffle sheets are out this week.

So, invite your golfing friends & come to enjoy the fun!!

Working Bees

There will be a couple of working bees before the O'Connors IH annual tournament – **SOON!** People may come out any time to tidy the grounds or facilities – contact Nigel, the President or the Captains re the work you wish to do. Branches, pine cones, gardens, windows, rabbit scratchings, etc.

New Tees & Surrounds Mower

The club recently purchased a new mower for the purpose of mowing the tees & greens/clubhouse surrounds. This continues our strategy to invest & upgrade our machinery while we are in a position to do so. This can only be done thanks to the support of generous supporters & sponsors, business advertisers & our dedicated members who raise funds to cover costs. New machinery provides a safer working environment and less costs in maintenance & repairs.

We thank, in this case Emmett's Warracknabeal, for their continued & long-term support. Any person interested in assisting mowing are welcome to approach Fred George or President Ted. We will in-service you & assist your learning so you too can enjoy the satisfaction our volunteers feel.

Wimmera Annual Tournament Program

Nice to have our members joining in the fun at other tournaments and finding the courses in fantastic condition. It is a credit to all the dedicated volunteers to keep our Wimmera course inviting to play.

August Tournaments are:

4th - 6th Minyip, Jeparit;
 11th - 13th Murtoa;
 14th - 20th Moor Park, Apsley, Hopetoun
 26th - 27th Victorian Sandgreen Championships Talbot GC
 ** Please check dates on flyers or the Wimmera Zone website as these here may not be accurate.

Annual General Meeting 2023

Our AGM is held in November but it is always good to alert our members early of the positions which will become available at that time. Current committee members ending their elected 2-year term are able to be re-nominated.

Positions to be available are:

**President, Secretary, Men's Captain,
 House Chair, Grounds Chair, Independent**

Of these positions, there will be 2 definite vacancies. The club will be definitely looking for a President as the present President is stepping away after 4 years at the helm and a House Chair which has not been filled since Peter Barling ended his long association with the committee role. The other position which has been vacant is Vice President.

Please consider all 6 positions plus Vice President & ask a committee member what responsibilities for each role is. Further information will be on the newsletters to come.

Wood Raffle - last one for 2023

Thursday/Friday EARLY AUGUST!! Help appreciated!!

Men's Championships

It is fantastic to have the **Warrack Furnishings Scratch** & the **Belle Vue Trading Handicap** men's championships events on the way. After two weeks it is pleasing to see members supporting these events & they are being keenly contested. The beauty at our level of golf is we know many strokes may be caught up so it is not over until that final round is done.

We appreciate the support our sponsors, **Warrack Furnishings [Scratch]** & **Belle Vue Trading [Handicap]**, provide for this prestigious event in the men's calendar. **The format** has changed in that over the first three rounds only the best two will count. This allows for players who cannot be present at one of those three weeks or allows a player to count their best 2 out of 3 rounds.

The final round on D Hill & Son Monthly Medal, Saturday 5th August, is compulsory & those in contention must play that day. Any queries must go to the captain.

Scores at the top so far are:

WARRACK FURNISHINGS MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS		
OPEN [0-10]	SCRATCH	TOTAL
John Jess	77, 86	163
Dean Gunn	81, 81	162
Wayne Gove	87, 85	172
Gary Krahe	85, 87	172
Ross Laycock	88, -	
Matt Richardson	88, 84	172
Intermediate [11-16]		
Richard Bett	87, -	
Russell Schultz	87, 83	170
Brenton Cheney	87, 84	171
David Stewart	88, -	
Nathan McLean	88, 94	182
Daniel Kearns	88, 92	180
Ash Purdue	91, 83	174
Terry Sanders	92, 96	188
David Kranz	110, 98	208
B Grade [17-21]		
Alan McLean	92, -	
David Baxter	98, -	
Dennis Murphy	98, 98	196
John Barbetti	98, 95	193
Dave Trippett	102, 105	207
Wayne George	-, 98	
Wayne Dovaston	-, 104	
Scott Stewart	-, 100	
C Grade [22-54]		
Kym Stepney	96, 95	191
Brian Scott	101, 100	201
Mick Marchment	103, 106	209
Derek Picken	104, 108	212
Stan Ryan	104, 102	206
Darrell McKay	106, 106	212
Brett Allott	107, 107	214
John Peters	108, 107	215
Jamie Weston	115, 116	231

The competition is hot in all grades so the championships are creating plenty of discussion & banter. Make sure you stay involved & enjoy the fun after the round.

The handicap event is always seen as a chance for members to win a prestigious event using a system that allows all players at any level a chance to shine. The club has four categories which allows all men a chance to win.

BELLE VUE TRADING MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS		
OPEN [0-10]	HANDICAP	TOTAL
John Jess	73, 81	154
Dean Gunn	74, 74	148
Wayne Gove	78, 76	154
Gary Krahe	76, 78	154
Ross Laycock	80, -	
Matt Richardson	78, 74	152
Intermediate [11-16]		
Richard Bett	72, -	
Russell Schultz	76, 71	147
Brenton Cheney	74, 71	145
David Stewart	73, -	
Nathan McLean	74, 81	155
Daniel Kearns	73, 77	150
Ash Purdue	80, 71	151
Terry Sanders	76, 80	156
David Kranz	94, 82	176
B Grade [17-21]		
Alan McLean	71, -	
David Baxter	81, -	
Dennis Murphy	78, 79	157
John Barbetti	78, 75	153
Dave Trippett	81, 84	165
Wayne George	-, 77	
Wayne Dovaston	-, 84	
Scott Stewart	-, 81	
C Grade [22-54]		
Kym Stepney	72, 71	143
Brian Scott	75, 74	149
Mick Marchment	80, 83	163
Derek Picken	79, 83	162
Stan Ryan	77, 75	152
Darrell McKay	81, 81	162
Brett Allott	79, 79	158
John Peters	80, 77	157
Jamie Weston	84, 85	169

Upcoming events

Sat 29th July, August 5th Men's Championships

Wed 26th July Women's Doris Chambers Foursomes
Stableford Closed event

Sat 12th Aug Syd Gollop Memorial

Wed 16th Aug Veterans 70yrs+ Judith Marshman Memorial

Women: Carolyn Morcom 0427 982 106

Men: David Kranz 0447 647 480

Fixture Books 2023

Our fixture books are available & we ask members to please read and mark the important dates so it reminds you of our special events and the dates you are rostered on duty. It also assists re tournaments in the area.