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Golf Course

The course is looking & playing great at this time of the year as we prepare for our O'Connors Annual Tournament. All aspects are being tendered to so be alert and help out with our biggest event of the year. Catering, bar, box duties are ways our members may assist with.



Our O'Connor CASE IH Annual Tournament takes place: **Thursday 31st August until 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 now so pick your books up ASAP.

Invite your golfing friends & come to enjoy the fun!!

MEMBERS!!

PLEASE contact our Captains, catering group [Kaye Picken & Mary Massey] or bar group [Mick Marchment] re assisting with our tournament.

We would like everyone to enjoy their time over the tournament by being able to mingle, play or socialise and not be tied down every day to the work involved in running a tournament.

Remember the major raffle is huge with Penny Bulk Haulage & Warrack Butchery supporting us with fabulous prizes. Contact Debby Barling who is the coordinator.

Bank details: National Bank Warracknabeal Golf Club
 BSB: 083 952 Account: 507 639 161

Working Bees

There will be a couple of working bees before the O'Connors IH annual tournament – **SOON!** Many thanks to the garden group as they have tidied up areas such as the first & tenth tee gardens. Also last Sunday a group tidied the fairway rough of pinecones, larger sticks & branches along with mowing rough & whipper snipping areas near greens which come into play. **People may come out any time to tidy the grounds or facilities**, there are still areas such as the fourteenth corner & pinecones along the south side of the sixth fairway – contact Nigel or the Captains re the work you wish to do.

Wood Raffle –

The Club is very grateful to all those people who purchased a ticket or two over the time we held the raffles in 2023. Shirley Liersch & her ticket sellers have done very well to support the club raising much needed funds to assist cover club costs. Thank you all.

Syd Gollop Memorial

The Syd Gollop Memorial was played last Saturday and was won by club stalwart, Gary Krahe, with 37 points on a count back from golf newcomer Brett Allott. Gary is pictured with well known & life member, Mick Marchment. Mick has sponsored the annual event since Syd Gollop passed a number of years ago. Syd was a fantastic golfer & well renowned around the Wimmera.



Men's Championships

The **Warrack Furnishings Scratch** & the **Belle Vue Trading Handicap** men's championships events have been played & won. As usual there is plenty of interest in who the best golfers are in each section and the social interaction these events generate, in & out of the club, is fabulous.

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 scores at the top so are:

WARRACK FURNISHINGS MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS		
OPEN [0-10]	SCRATCH	TOTAL
John Jess	77, 79, 82	238
Dean Gunn	81, 81, 80	242
Gary Krahe	85, 79, 85	249
Wayne Gove	85, 83, 89	257
Matt Richardson	88, 84, 95	267
Intermediate [11-16]		
Ash Purdue	83, 90, 83	256
Brenton Cheney	87, 84, 86	257
Russell Schultz	87, 83, 91	261
David Stewart	88, 87, 91	266
Daniel Kearns	88, 92, 92	272
Terry Sanders	92, 96, 92	280
David Kranz	98, 99, 84	281
B Grade [17-21]		
Dave Trippett	102, 87, 94	283
Wayne George	98, 90, 99	287
Dennis Murphy	98, 99, 94	291
John Barbetti	98, 95, 105	298
C Grade [22-54]		
Kym Stepney	96, 95, 98	289
Brian Scott	101, 100, 103	304
Mick Marchment	103, 106, 103	312
Derek Picken	104, 105, 103	312
Stan Ryan	104, 102, 107	313
John Peters	108, 105, 104	317
Brett Allott	107, 105, 112	324
Jamie Weston	115, 103, 109	327

The competition was keen and thoroughly enjoyed as members loved the competition & intensity of the final day. Each grade was of interest & the course played long & challenging over the four rounds.

Many thanks to **Warrack Furnishings** for their sponsorship as John Jess was declared Club **Open Scratch Champion** with Dean Gunn playing very consistently to challenge John. **Intermediate** saw a change in the leader board as Ash Purdue played well to clinch a thriller by one stroke over Brenton Cheney who had steady scores throughout. In **B Grade** Dave Trippett displayed that practise does help as he came from behind to claim the win by 4 strokes over Wayne George. **C Grade** saw golf newcomer Kym Stepney play very well over the four rounds, winning from veteran golfer & long-time member, Brian Scott. Congratulations to all Scratch winners.

Warrack Furnishings Scratch winners:

John Jess, Ash Purdue, Dave Trippett, Kym Stepney



The Belle Vue Traders Handicap results were of interest as Gary Krahe & Brenton Cheney won the Open & Intermediate respectively. This indicates they were very competitive in their section. Dave Trippett & Kym Stepney won the handicap as well as the scratch.

A Grade (Handicaps 1-10)

Gary Krahe 220 Dean Gunn 221

Intermediate (Handicaps 11-16)

Brenton Cheney 218 Ash Purdue 222

B Grade (Handicaps 17-21)

David Trippett 222 Wayne George 224

C Grade (Handicaps 22-45)

Kym Stepney 217 Brian Scott 226

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 available are: President, Secretary, Men's Captain, House Chair, Grounds Chair, Independent

Kosy Memorial Family Social Day

This popular event will not take place on the fixtured date of Sunday 8th October this season. The event will be held in 2024 and will be held bi-annually. We appreciate the sponsors of the day and look forward to 2024.

Wimmera Annual Tournament Program

August Tournaments are:

14th- 20th Moor Park, Apsley, Hopetoun

26th-27th Victorian Sandgreen Championships Talbot GC

31st - 3rd O'Connors Warracknabeal

** Please check dates on flyers or the Wimmera Zone website as these here may not be accurate.