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R.I.P.

Sadly, we have farewelled Ken Henderson recently. Ken was a great member as he & his good mate, Peter Dean, did a number of jobs which counted for much to the appearance of the facilities. Our condolences to Doreen & family as a 'good leftie' ventures to the big course in the sky. I can just imagine Ken & Pete having a ball.

Golf Course

The course is playing well as we enter the season of Spring. A little more run & bounce as the winter grass dies off over the next few weeks. October is when the course is at its least attractive with the winter grass gone & the Summer grass is ready to kick into gear.

Tree Warning

A Black Box tree at the Men's 17th tee is in the process of being assessed as to its health. A split in the tree which has been there for many years is widening & concerns by members re its health has been noted by the committee. As Black Box trees are protected, expert advice is being sought as to what action is to be taken.

Meanwhile members are alerted to go to the north side of the tee and not be underneath it, especially in windy conditions.

Also, the dead tree at the fourth tee off will be attended to in the near future.

The Golf Club Committee will take advice from the Shire representative, La Vergne Lehmann and her advisors as to what course of action will need to be put in place over the next ten years. The grounds are fabulous & we try to make sure they are safe for any person who steps onto them.

Tree removal & maintenance is costly so a considered plan of action will be put into place.

Take care & good golfing!!

Course Maintenance

The course maintenance will take place over the next month or so. Nigel has begun on the tee sprinkler upgrades and the grooming of the greens will begin on Monday with some dusting of sand.

It is intended to aerate the fairways and look at some 'special attention' areas as well.

If you have time to assist, please let Nigel or Fred know when you are available otherwise keep your ears to the ground.

Working Bees

There will be a couple of working bees leading up to Christmas as well. Ideas are topping up crusher dust paths, lopping/pruning some plants, top dressing & transplanting grass.

Any great ideas with back up plans are welcome & are appreciated.

Captain's Absence

We wish Men's Captain, David Kranz, all the best as he takes on a hip repair & recovery over the next couple of months. I hear the operation went well & David is up and walking the soreness out.

It is fantastic to have the many members who were having health issues through the winter back on deck ready to the finer weather. Good Health is something we definitely need at all ages & Golf is a terrific way to gain & keep good physical & mental health.

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

O'Connors Annual Tournament Major Raffle:

We are grateful to the two local sponsors for our major raffle for the year. First Prize from **Penny Bulk Haulage** was a \$300 voucher for shopping in Warracknabeal businesses. This fabulous prize was won by Brian Jess & he will decide which local business he will spend his windfall at.

Second prize was sponsored by a \$100 meat tray and \$100 voucher from **Warrack Butchery** & was won by Jo Miles, daughter of Ian and Jill Bibby.

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 on Sunday 6th October 2024 and will be held bi-annually. We appreciate the sponsors of the day and look forward to 2024.

Pearson Men's Singles Knock Out

The Men's Singles Knock Out has been decided recently which has been played over the past couple of months. Sponsors Greg & Julie Pearson are great supporters of the club which the club appreciates.

The winner, on a very windy day, was local businessman, Mick Cheney defeating Ross Laycock 3 holes up with 2 to play. They had a terrific tussle but the lefthanded Michael came through to embellish the reputation of the 'lefties'.

Upcoming events

Friday 29 th September	AFL GF Public Holiday
Friday 20 th October	Women's Rocktober Event
28 th -1 st Oct/Nov	Stawell Annual Tournament

Primary Schools Junior Tournament 2023

On a recent beautiful Tuesday, our local area schools participated in the Primary Schools Junior Tournament. Rupanyup, Birchip, Minyip, St Mary's Primary & the Warracknabeal Primary School sent representatives to the junior tournament held at the Warracknabeal Golf Course.



The keen golfers enjoyed the pleasant surrounds of our course as did the adults supervising them. Students with good scores progress to the next stage to be held in the near future. Any students or parents keen to come out can contact our captains, David or Carolyn for assistance.

Golf Coaching

Over the past month Carolyn Morcom, Women's Captain & Junior Coordinator, has been busy organising coaching for Juniors & Women.

FREE COME & TRY DAY A SUCCESS

Participants enjoyed a great couple of hours learning how to play golf and fine tuning their golf skills on Sunday at our Free come and try clinic at the Warracknabeal Golf Club! We were very fortunate to have Horsham golf pro Jordan Briggs leading the clinic, and people of all ages, some who had never hit a golf ball before, enjoyed the session.



Jordan is looking to assist local clubs by sharing his expertise & encouraging people to be active. He did his training in Canberra & has now returned to Ballarat & the Wimmera to develop his knowledge & coaching experience. He is very grateful to the Wimmera District as they supported his journey to become a professional golfer.

WOMEN'S FREE COME & TRY CLINIC HAILED A SUCCESS

Ten women enjoyed an educational two hours with Legend's golf Pro Tony Collier from Ballarat. Thanks to



Tony they learnt the basic skills in relation to playing golf & how to execute their drives, chips & putts. Some of the ladies, who had already had previous experience on the golf course were taught how to refine their skills, and

how to improve their shots with simple strategies. After the clinic the ladies enjoyed a light lunch at the golf course, and an opportunity to ask more questions of the members in attendance, and to debrief after their session. The Warracknabeal golf club hopes to see these ladies back out on the golf course and we hope that some of



them may become members in the future! It has been noted that a few have been out to take advantage of the free green fee vouchers they were awarded after the clinic which is great to see.

Toilet System Upgrade

Prior to the O'Connors CASE IH Annual Tournament, the McKenzie Plumbing & Excavating upgraded the toilet system as roots etc had been a problem over the past few years. Many thanks to Ryan & his team as well as Peter Barling who oversaw the works as a club member. There were no problems over the tournament and the water issues hopefully have been solved.



Warracknabeal Golf Club 2023 O'Connor Case IH Annual Tournament

“The course was the best we’ve ever seen”. This comment, made by so many locals and visitors, was heard over and over again during the recent Warracknabeal Golf Club 2023 O'Connor Case IH Annual Tournament. It was an event to be proud of. The tournament, played over four days from Thursday 31st August to Sunday 3rd September, also enjoyed very good numbers and perfect weather.

Just over 200 players came from over 30 golf clubs from both metro and country clubs. The reach was from Melbourne to Bendigo, from Portland to SA & NSW, and the many towns in between. It was such a good promotion for our golf course, our club, our sponsors and our community.

At daily presentations, Club Vice President, David Stewart, Men’s Captain David Kranz and Ladies’ Captain Carolyn Morcom, mentioned the tremendous efforts of so many club members who have helped out before, during and after the tournament. Getting the course in tip-top condition enabled us to showcase our magnificent course and facilities to visitors and locals alike. The catering was once again a highlight, and an aspect greatly appreciated especially by visitors from much bigger clubs- they don’t get those cream cakes! Captains also thanked members who helped in so many other ways- event organization, carts, prizes, raffle ticket selling, bar staff, club house decorations, cleaning, working bees and visiting sponsors. Finally, a big thank you was sent out to our sponsors. Without them we could not run a successful tournament. In particular, local businesses and individuals, including some members, have been so supportive, and for that support we are so grateful.

Results:

Thursday: Men’s 18hole 4BBB Stableford event, sponsored by Green Taylor Partners.

It was great to see past members Lindsay Brain, Colin Smith, Claire Hewitt and Adrian Bibby back for the tournament, and doing well.

Winners: Lindsay Brain (20) from Neangar Park, Bendigo and Dave Trippett (20) from W’beal. SCORE: 44 points
Runners Up: Colin Smith (9) from Barwon Heads and Ash Purdue (11) from W’beal. SCORE: 42 points



Thursday: Women’s 18hole 4BBB Stableford event, sponsored by Green Taylor Partners.

Winners: Karen Germano (23) and Sue Sanford (13) both W’beal. SCORE: 43 points

Runners Up: Claire Hewitt (24) from Barwon Heads and Wendy Hewitt (15) W’beal. SCORE: 39 points

NTP 5th hole: Men/Women - Ryan McKenzie/Wen Hewitt

NTP 7th hole: Men/Women - Ian Hair/Debby Barling

NTP 13th hole: Men/Women – Dean Gunn/Debby Barling

Straightest Drive: Men/Women – Brian Scott/Cindy Marsh

Longest Drive: Men/Women (Div 1) - A Bibby/Reb Heenan

Longest Drive: Men/Women (Div 2) – K Stepney/SStarbuck

Friday: Women’s Nola Clarke Memorial Golden Putter- 18hole 4BBB Vs Par, sponsored by Brian Clarke, Maree Heenan and Warracknabeal Pharmacy

It seems the best combination for this event was to be sisters! The first three placegetters are all sisters.

Winners: Charmaine Wilson from W’beal and sister, Lucy Cumming from Portland. SCORE: +7

Runners Up: Julie Bayles and sister, Sue Sanford, both from W’beal. SCORE: +6

Third: Past residents, Wackett sisters, Georgina Douglas (Murray Downs) and Kate Hogg (Yarra Bend). SCORE: +4

Fourth: Karen Germano and Mary Massey, both from W’beal. SCORE: +3.



This was on a count back from Isobel Davison/Marlene Pilmore, and Beth Preston/Maree Heenan, all on +3.

NTP 5th hole: Deb Fitzgibbon (Warrnambool)

NTP 7th hole: Josie Illig (Grange)

NTP 13th hole: Mary Barber (W’beal)

Second shot on the 9th: Georgina Douglas

Straightest Drive: Charmaine Wilson

Longest Drive: (Div 1) – Fleur Finlayson (Serviceton)

Longest Drive: Men/Women (Div 2)- C Morcom (W’beal)

Saturday: Men’s Hannaford Golden Putter- 36hole 4BBB Vs Par, sponsored by Hannaford UPL, Emmetts W’Beal and UChoose Golf.

This year saw a return of the big 36hole event, and by all accounts it was welcomed by all players, so looks likely to be retained in 2024. Played over 8 hours, it’s a test of stamina and consistency.

[It also seems like it was a good format for left handers, with 4 of the top 6 players were lefties!]

Winners: Matt Richardson (12) from W'beal and Gerard Duyhoven (17) from Warrnambool. SCORE: +13

Runners Up (for the second year in a row) on a count back: Nathan McLean (14) and Ryan Smith (12) both from



W'beal. SCORE: +13

Third: Mick Cheney (16) and Brenton Cheney (13) both from W'beal . SCORE: +10

Fourth: Dean Gunn and Ryan McKenzie, both from W'beal. SCORE: +9.

Saturday: Men's 18hole Stableford, sponsored by McKenzie Plumbing & Excavating

Winner: Stan Ryan (27) from W'beal. SCORE: 35 points

Runner Up: Wayne Dovaston (21) from W'beal. SCORE: 34 points



Saturday: Women's 18hole Stableford, sponsored by McKenzie Plumbing & Excavating

Winner: Lucy Cumming (18) Portland. SCORE: 36 points

Runner Up: Charmaine Wilson (22) W'beal. SCORE: 30 pts

NTP 5th hole: Men/Women – Br Etherton/Lucy Cumming

NTP 7th hole: Men/Women – Dean Gunn/Lucy Cumming

NTP 13th hole: Men/Women – Dean Gunn/Lucy Cumming

Straightest Drive: Men/Women – W Gove/Karen Germano

Longest Drive: Men/Women (Div 1) R McKenzie, C Wilson

Longest Drive: Men/Women (Div 2) – Gerard

Duynhoven/Karen Germano

Sunday: Mixed Pinehurst. Sponsor Drummond Golf B'rat

Three family pairings were the top scorers in this more social type of game.

Winners: Beth Preston (26) and Liam Preston (12) Jeparit. SCORE: 70 6/8

Runners Up: Vickey Hinkley (24) and Clayton Hinkley (16) both from W'beal. SCORE: 71



This was on a countback from Sue Sanford (13) and Dasher Sanford (25) both from W'beal SCORE: 71

Top scratch score: Julie Bayles (20) from W'beal and Graeme Puckle (7) from Hopetoun. SCORE: 82

Sunday: Open 18h Stableford, sponsored by Robert Smith & Co, Warracknabeal

Winner: Darrell Mackay (26) W'beal. SCORE: 35 points

Runner Up: Danny Kearns (16) W'beal. SCORE: 31 points



NTP 5th hole: Men/Women – N/Sue Sanford

NTP 7th hole: Men/Women – A Weidemann/S Liersch

NTP 13th hole: Men/Women – Clayton Hinkley/M Heenan

Straightest Drive: Men/Women – Liam Preston/S Liersch

Longest Drive: Men/Women (Div 1) – Gra Puckle/Jo Miles

Longest Drive: Men/Women (Div 2) – D Mackay/V Hinkley

Duration of Tournament Novelty Prize Winners:

NTP 5th hole: Men/Women sponsored by RC & SM Bailey Pty Ltd– Brett Etherton (Nhill) 4.76m

NTP 7th hole: Men/Women – sponsored by RC & SM Bailey Pty Ltd– Ian Hair 2.14m

NTP 13th hole: Men/Women – sponsored by RC & SM Bailey Pty Ltd– Dean Gunn (W'beal) 1.15m

Straightest Drive: Men/Women – sponsor Nigel Bennett, Melb – W Gove (W'beal 9cm, S Liersch (W'beal) 6cm

Report by Wendy Hewitt