



email: [wgc@activ8.net.au](mailto:wgc@activ8.net.au)  
[www.warracknabealgolf.com](http://www.warracknabealgolf.com)  
Clubhouse: [03] 53 982 035  
President: 0409 603 922

07.06.2022

## Golf Course

The course is looking great with the winter grass well & truly coming through to give us our lush green look which is an attribute during our Winter season.

We appreciate the work of Groundsman Nigel & our grounds group in the work they are doing, especially as the colder weather comes in to play.

It was noted the fairways were not mown last week and this may occur occasionally due to weather conditions, course wetness and/or availability of volunteers at the time. Please bear with us appreciate little things such as having grass to play off. Thank you.

Nigel will be on a fortnight's leave starting 20<sup>th</sup> June. It is fantastic to have volunteers such as Lindsay & Peter who initiated a drive by around the course listing what they saw as Working bee activities for our next working bee on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. All good for our club to keep improving around the course which members alike can put their hands to. These items will be typed up by the Grounds Chairman before he heads west for a break.

I was rapt to see Leo Casey out last Saturday with his son, Justin, showing him what a great facility we have. I guess it indicated to me what most, if not all our volunteers feel at present, proud & pleased about our efforts.

Keep up the great job all volunteers are doing across the club & it is never too late to join in the fun as we welcome new support at any time.

## Men's Pennant

**Round 2 of pennant series** completed Sunday May 21 with Warrack being defeated by Natimuk 3/1 on their own little picturesque setting, where local knowledge is certainly an advantage.

Congratulations Kearnsy on your first ever pennant win 🍌🍌, I believe he put on a pretty special putting exhibition for his Natimuk opponent. Well done.

Also, well-done Russell, your course management today was outstanding and 2 ferrets by your opponent were the gamechanger for him.

Russell lost at the 18th, Jake lost on 16 and Brenton who had trouble adjusting to the sandscrape game went down fighting, finishing at 14th.

In the other match Horsham, def Moor Park 4/0.

**Round 3 of pennant series** - our pennant team ended the season recently playing at a very well-presented Horsham course. Playing against Moor Park it was always going to be a tough one with 61 shots to be given out by our boys, but they were up to the task, defeating Moor Park 3/1.

Ash, after a rather unusual start by Ash standards, soon recovered to his usual consistent reliable game, winning his match 2up after giving his guy 12 shots!

Mick was on song from with the driver, and a short game to match and although giving away 9 shots, never left any doors open and ran away with a 7/6 win! Very well played



Mick an excellent exhibition of match play golf.

Brenton giving away 20shots, was always in control reading the game nicely & cruising to a 3/2 win, which left Daniel also handing out 20 shots but with an opponent who just kept finding ways to get out of trouble & finally be square playing the last, but as hard as Daniel tried it just wasn't to be losing 1down. Great effort Kearnsy. The final-next Sunday at Edenhope, Horsham play Nhill which should be a cracker.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our members, our club Captain David and myself to thank all of you for coming forward and representing the Warracknabeal Golf Club and at the same time supporting the Wimmera Golf Association, they are important to all of us and our clubs. A big thank you also to the guys who were on standby as emergencies, hopefully we may see you on the players list next year.

Lastly, from me, I have enjoyed my little stint 🤪 as Captain/Manager and I must say it was the easiest pennant season I have ever managed simply because I had plenty of players for selection, I had great communication with David, and the whole squad.

So onwards and upwards next season and let's get more members involved and whack in another team!! (That would be amazing).

Thank you all one more time, 🤪 congratulations well done and bring it on in 2023.

*Captain Jake Jess*

## Dianne Marchment & Associates Fun Day

Unfortunately this fabulous fun, entertaining day was cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. We continue to appreciate DMA's support and the team's assistance. We will look forward to another time when the day may be held.

We wish the staff good health and thank you for the initial planning of such a day.

## **Women's Pennant**

Our Pennant team played the final round of the Wimmera Women's Pennant season on Monday. After two wins the team was on track to make the final, but it depended on this match. The team consists of Beth Preston (captain), Leonie Atkin, Shirley Liersch and Carolyn Morcom. Playing the Minyip/Warracknabeal/Sheep Hills team at Sheep Hills saw a close contest, with the final result a 2 all draw. This was enough for Warracknabeal to win Zone A and secure a grand final berth against the winners of Zone B, Rainbow/Jeparit.

The grand final was played in Horsham on a chilly, windy Monday June 6 [which was today].

Our Pennant team played in the final of the Wimmera Women's Pennant season competing against a combined Rainbow/Jeparit team. Our team was Shirley Liersch, Carolyn Morcom, Beth Preston, Wendy Hewitt & Maree Heenan. They represented our club very well and are to



be congratulated on their efforts. Unfortunately, they lost 3&2 [Oh, so close!!] with Beth & Maree winning their matches.

Many thanks to the organisers & other women who assisted during the month of May in the other matches.

## **Women's Championships**

It's that time of the golfing year again... Club Championships. Wednesday was the first round of the prestigious 54-hole scratch and handicap events for women golfers in Warracknabeal. Two more weeks of play will determine Club Champion, Division 2 champion and Handicap champions in the two divisions.

Unfortunately, reigning Club Champion, and 16 times Champion, Leonie Atkin was unable to play on Wednesday. This has left the field open especially for lower markers, Wendy Hewitt (13) and Julie Bayles (16), and past champion, Vicki Hinkley (21). While Wendy and Vicki would be disappointed with their day, Julie showed she has what it takes to win with a score of 89-16-73.

The win gave Julie the early lead in the scratch event and equal lead in the handicap event with Debby Barling (93-20-73). In third position, both in scratch and handicap events, is Carolyn Morcom (99-22-77)

In Division 2, perennial favourite Beth Preston is leading both scratch and handicap events with her first-round score of 102-28-74. But the next six players are within 7 shots of Beth so are certainly still in contention for an overall win in two weeks' time. Reigning Division 2 champion Shirley Liersch, and Kerry Oulton, are just

behind Beth in the scratch event with the same score of 104-25-79. In the handicap event, Isobel Davison is very close with a 76 nett.

Next Wednesday is the second round of the Club Championships. Office duty will be Debby Barling and Carol Morcom sending the field out and Leonie Atkin and Wendy Hewitt bringing the field in. Hit off tees and times are as follows:

**First tee.** 11:00 Maree Heenan, Mary Massey, 11:10 Kaye Picken, Sue Krause, Isobel Davison, 11:20 Shirley Liersch, Kerry Oulton, Beth Preston

**Tenth tee.** 11:00 Wendy Hewitt, Karen Germano, 11:10 Marlene Pilmore, Charmaine Wilson, Vicki Hinkley, 11:20 Carolyn Morcom, Debby Barling, Julie Bayles

Players not competing in the championships are asked to arrive a bit early ready to hit off at 10:50.

A reminder to all payers- please organise your partners for the club's Life Members closed event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. It's a very special day for our club with enjoyable golf, a social get together and a day to honour our valued life members.

**Wendy Hewitt Lady Captain**

## **Track Project**

The Grounds Group are working on eliminating tracks that effect our fairways so golfers do not need to play across them. The first one was the track from the work shed to the dam which went across fairways 2,3 & 4. This is coming along nicely as the grass is growing back. The new track re-establishes an old track which goes past the 5<sup>th</sup> tee, across the back or the 4<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> green and behind the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee. Thanks to the team who are establishing a new gate to the dam as well as the track.

The second track is at the start of the fourth hole. Thank you to Lindsay Brain & Peter Schilling for putting the filling in the track. It is GUR at present and when the grass is established it will look much better.



There are more tracks to be rectified, modified or eliminated to improve our course. Good job guys! The Grounds Group request that vehicles remain on the designated tracks where practical & possible to save on compaction of the soil & having tyre marks on course.

## ***New Sander***

This piece of equipment has taken awhile to arrive but finally we have it in our hands. It will be an important piece of equipment for Nigel in keeping our greens up to a high standard and improve the smoothness of the green as well. Nigel will be experimenting with it over the next month or two so you may see some sand on the greens as he gives them a light dust.

Thank you for your patience!!

## ***Health Best Wishes***

We continue to wish those experiencing health issues re COVID, flu & winter chills a speedy recovery. Our secretary has had a brief hospital holiday which he hopes is the end of a torrid 6 months of family health problems. I know Bernie is keen to get back on the greens' mower so all the best Bernie. Grounds Chairman Fred George is also on the mend as the crutches & walking stick have been retired. Great to see the Achilles coming good Fred. A new name to the list is Ritchie Bett who had a fight with a tough pumpkin, cutting a tendon in the little finger. **Just** 6-10 weeks out of golf action at best. Hope it mends well Ritchie & you are back for the Championships in August.

## ***Wood Raffles***

Our second wood raffle has been done with fantastic support from our public. Last meeting it was noted our spending exceeded our income which is an indication we need to support activities like our wood raffles which help to cover costs.

Our next raffle is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June thanks to Committee Member, Shirley Liersch, organising the finer details. Please contact Shirley or write your name on the sheet at the clubhouse.

The need for a new fridge may see the funds raised, contribute to the cost. Many thanks to our ticket sellers and please offer if you have the time.

## ***Life Members Board Event***

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> is this important day and is always well supported. A huge thank you to our Life Members who continue to support our club in many ways.

So, grab your partners for the Mixed Pinehurst and join in a great day. I believe they have ordered a calm, mild afternoon for play.

If you miss out on a partner there will be a Stableford event held as well, teeing off the tenth hole. Tee off time is the usual 12:00pm.

## ***Fixtures Book***

The fixture book is a great way to find out what tournament is playing next so next time you are playing or passing by, ask for a book. It is also great for upcoming board events.

## ***Tournament Circuit***

As previously mentioned, the tournament circuit has begun and flyers with more details are pinned on the notice board. The June tournaments are:

6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nhill;
13 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Serviceton & Drung;
20 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sheep Hills & Kaniva
27 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harrow, Pimpinio & Glenorchy.

All clubs don't have an event every day of the designated week so check the flyers or even look up their website. Have fun!!

## ***Upcoming events***

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday event** Jono & Johnno & Royal Mail Hotel Meal Run

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - Life Members Mixed Pinehurst Board Event plus a Stableford event for those without partners.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – TBC Drummonds Ballarat Easter Monday postponed event [Great prizes & a bye for the Eagles Football & Netball Club]

**Women:** Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193

**Men:** David Kranz 0447 647 480