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## Golf Course

Autumn has provided perfect golf weather during April. The course is looking great with the Winter grass coming through and filling in the bare summer patches. Rain is a little scarce at the moment & it is these times we appreciate the irrigation system.

## Men's Pennant

The Men's pennant has begun with two teams entered from our club, Warrack 1 & Warrack 2.

The first weekend seeing a win for Warrack 2 against Natimuk 3-1 & Warrack 1 had a loss to Hopetoun, 4-0. The second weekend Warrack 1 defeated Stawell 3-1 while Warrack 2 drew with Kaniva. The third week Warrack 1 drew with Nhill and Warrack 2 defeated Edenhope 3-1. So, it is mixed fortunes at this stage of this program which runs over six weeks then finals.

Squads are: Warrack 1 Ash Purdue, Mick Cheney, Brenton Cheney, Dean Gunn & Ryan Smith. Emergencies – Greg Pearson, David Stewart.

Warrack 2: John Jess, Russell Blandthorn, Danny Kearns. Dennis Murphy, Kym Stepney, Dave Flannery.

## Wimmera Veterans & Senior Women

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April saw the Wimmera Vets & Senior Women visit our course. Close to 60 golfers participated and a beautiful day assisted in them enjoying the day. I believe our course was reluctant to have too many golfers have good scores. Thank you to all who participated and also set up the day.

## May Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May was the Women's May Day Chapman's 4Ball. This popular annual event draws in golfers from far and wide, being well supported by HOME Timber & Hardware. There were 58 players who enjoyed the facilities on a fine day.

Congratulations to the volunteers who contributed to such a successful day – catering, bar, match committee, box duties, grounds staff. It is a fabulous effort by all & a great way to promote our lovely bush course.

## Congratulations!

Marilyn & Gary Krahe welcomed a new grandson recently while Marie & John Aitken also celebrated a new grandchild. Congratulations to both sets of parents as well who have great babysitting options!!

## Life Members

One of our prestigious events is the Life Members Mixed 4Ball Pinehurst event which will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Men need to sign up a partner quick as the number of women is not equal to the number of men. I caught two life members celebrating a 98<sup>th</sup> birthday during March. Jack Kranz is going strong but unfortunately doesn't golf anymore while Max Woodward [turning 90 in



December] still plays a few holes with young Noel Kearns who is a couple of years younger than Max. The three amigos are a fabulous recommendation to play golf &/or bowls to keep healthy and involved in our community. You're an inspiration gentlemen!

## Australia Day

Congratulations Wendy Hewitt who recently attended Government House to receive her AOM award, the Medal of the Order of Australia, [Community & Education] for her dedication to our community & the clubs she is involved in.



*Well done, Wendy.*

## Shearwater Road to Port Fairy

The final result of the Men's Section is a win, on a countback, for Danny Kearns from Dennis Murphy. The two men played their 'play off' round recently as they had tied at the end of the twelve-month competition. Would you believe it still required a count back to separate them as they both had 32 points on the day. Congratulations to Danny as it is his first win of this prestigious event.

Season 2024-25 has begun and after the first month the scores are:

Women's section – Carolyn Morcom [12], Janice Midgley [10], Debby Barling & Mary Massey [9] with Casey Phelan [8] rounding off the top five.

Men's section – Derek Picken [14], Danny Kearns [12], Brian Scott [9], Kym Stepney, Berard Lindsay & Geoff Haeusler [8] all rounding off fifth position.

Good luck to all members over the next eleven months of the Shearwater House 'Road to Port Fairy'.



## **Practice Nets Working Bees**

Over the past month there has been action on the Murra Warra Windfarm Practice Nets project. We are very grateful the Captain, Ash Purdue, has been driving hard to

get some action. Many thanks to the number of members who have contributed over the 3-4 working bees. All is done apart from the carpet layer to come & put some turf down.



The nets are not in action yet so be patient & the word will be put out

through Tidy HQ when they are finished & usable.

## **Tournament Season 2024**

The Wimmera Golf Association, as well as our club, encourages all golfers to support the clubs who are running their annual tournaments between May and September. As smaller clubs we rely on the income and support from our fellow clubs and it is a chance to see & play other courses. So, we ask you to look at your fixture book and see which tournament/s you may be able to attend & enjoy. It is always fun and a pleasure to visit our neighbouring clubs.

Our O'Connors Annual Tournament is to be held from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August until Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## **Newsletter information**

We need your help to keep up to date with what has, what is & what will happen so we can inform our members. Photos, articles, reports you may send to:

[tedbax17@gmail.com](mailto:tedbax17@gmail.com)

## **Wood Raffles**

Many thanks to Shirley & Peter-please help when possible. We have one coming up on Thursday/Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sheet in the clubhouse or contact Shirley to help out with this valuable activity.

## **Upcoming events**

MAY – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Terry Maas Memorial 4BBB S'fd  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Women Captain v President S'fd

## **Moreton Bay Fig**

Our beautiful Moreton Bay Fig tree has dropped some internal branches which will be tidied up. This magnificent tree is still a mystery re its beginnings and its age but we are the lucky ones who benefit from seeing it each time we come to golf.



Last year during our windy period, the tree had some smaller branches knocked from it by half a falling pine tree. The Moreton Bay Fig has regenerated & recovered well so we expect the same to happen.

## **Volunteers**

As we know our club relies on volunteers and we are fortunate to have a fabulous contingent working at this time. We are always on the recruiting drive because during the year we need short term volunteers as some of our group take a break.

For example, we are coming up to the Winter months very soon & a number of our volunteers take the opportunity to head north. So, mowing continues – fairways, greens, rough, tees. At times we need someone to call upon for the once off or 2-week period for relief drivers.

Please contact any of our committee members in any area to let them know you can assist ie catering, grounds etc.