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## **Golf Course**

Our course played well over the Easter Tournament. Many thanks to the grounds crew who keep it looking well.

## **Easter Tournament**

Golfers from throughout the Wimmera and further afield enjoyed four days of brilliant weather and perfect playing conditions at the Warracknabeal Golf Course for the annual Easter Tournament. Players came from Adelaide, Stawell, Portland, Minyip, Snake Valley, Rainbow, Natimuk, Horsham, Melbourne, Sheep Hills, Jeparit and Warracknabeal.

After last year's event being cancelled due to the pandemic, it was great to see locals and visitors enjoying the opportunity to play in a tournament. A group of Portland players brought their caravans and camped here for the weekend, and loved the atmosphere so much they're going to entice more players here next year. The results were as follows.

### **Friday's event was the Warrack HOME Timber and Hardware Versus Par event.**

Men's Winner: Danny Kearns (15) Score +6  
Men's Runner Up: Roy Liersch (38) Score +1 on a count back from Nathan McLean and David Kranz  
Women's Winner: Cindy Marsh (19) Score: square  
Women's Runner Up: Rina Tunstall (45) Score -1  
Good Scores: Charmaine Wilson & Vicki Hinkley -3  
Nearest to the Pin:  
7<sup>th</sup> hole- Men- David Kranz

13<sup>th</sup> hole- Men- Ben Cummings (Portland)

### **Saturday was the Royal Mail Hotel Stableford Event**

Men's Winner: Mick Cheney (15) Score 42 points  
Men's Runner Up: Richard Bett (15) Score 41 points  
Good scores: Derek Picken 40, Wayne Dovaston 36.  
Women's Winner: Beth Preston (30) Score 34 points, on a countback from  
Women's Runner Up: Doris Beney (34) Score 34 points  
Good Scores: Isobel Davison 3  
Nearest to the Pin:

7<sup>th</sup> hole- Men- Derek Picken

13<sup>th</sup> hole- Men- Russell Blandthorn

\*\*Mick Cheney was elated when his second shot on the 10<sup>th</sup> dropped in the hole, giving him an eagle and a very handy 5 points. Well done Mick!

### **Sunday players competed in the Emmetts Warracknabeal, Two Person Ambrose event.**

Men's Winners: Ryan McKenzie and Dean Gunn nett 63¼.

Men's Runner Up: Ben Cunnington and David Burke (Portland) nett 68¼.

Third: Steve Garner and Tom Bibby nett 68¼.

Women's Winners: Marilyn Garner and Julie Burke nett 71 on a count back.

Women's Runner Up: Charmaine Wilson and Lucy Cummings nett 71.

Third: Kaye Holmes and Chris Williamson nett 74¼.

Nearest to the Pin:

5<sup>th</sup> hole- Men- David Kranz Women- Kaye Holmes

7<sup>th</sup> hole- Men- Tom Bibby Women- Kaye Holmes

13<sup>th</sup> hole- Men- David Burke

### **Monday was the final day Drummond Golf Stableford Event.**

Men's Winner: Lachie Stewart (14) -40 points [count back]

Men's Runner Up: Zane Jess (24) Score 40 points.

Good scores: Bruce Wilson, Mick Cheney and Mick Marchment all with 34 points.

Women's Winner: Julie Burke (Portland) (29) - 36 points

Women's Runner Up: Beth Preston (30) - 34 points

Good Scores: Isobel Davison, Kaye Picken and Doris Beney, all with 32 points.

Nearest to the Pin:

7<sup>th</sup> hole- Men-Mick Marchment; 13<sup>th</sup> hole- Men- Zane Jess

During final day presentations, Golf Club Captain, Dennis Murphy thanked everyone who played in the tournament, and especially the support from visitors to Warracknabeal.

Dennis also thanked the valued sponsors Warrack HOME Timber and Hardware, The Royal Mail Hotel, Drummond Golf, Ballarat, Emmetts Warracknabeal, Werrigar Roadhouse and Ritchies IGA supermarket without whom the tournament couldn't run.

Finally, Dennis thanked the many volunteers from the club who helped with course preparation, entries, raffle selling, office duty and catering.

### **Ritchies' IGA & Werrigar Roadhouse EASTER RAFFLE**

**First:** Amanda Freeth (\$400 Ritchies IGA)

**Second:** Venita Walder (\$300 Werrigar Roadhouse)



**Sunday Women's winners: Marilyn Garner and Julie Burke; Men's winners: Dean Gunn & Ryan McKenzie**

Report by Wendy Hewitt, Women's Captain

## **RIP**

We are saddened to farewell Angus Barber over the Easter break. Angus has been in the club for many years with his wife Mary. Angus enjoyed his bowls over the recent years and his jovial spirit will be missed. Our condolences to Mary and the family.

## **The Shearwater 'Road to Port Fairy'**

### **Congratulations to Wendy Hewitt & Ryan Smith.**

Both fought hard to take out a very close competition this season past. We are very appreciative of John & Marie Aitken's sponsorship as the competition provides interest & encouragement to play regularly. The 2020-21 season has begun with some gaining valuable early points though our Easter Tournament.

### **Top Ten Women**

87 Wendy Hewitt

84 Leonie Atkin

71 Mary Massey

61 Karen Germano

58 Carolyn Morcom

55 Kaye Picken

50 Beth Preston

46 Charmaine Wilson

43 Barb Bell

41 Kerry Oulton

### **Top Ten Men**

59 Ryan Smith

57 Alan McLean

49 Dennis Murphy

47 Richard Bett

44 Ryan McKenzie

43 Stan Ryan

42 David Baxter, David Kranz

40 Derek Picken, Ross Laycock,

Matt Richardson

## **Fixture Book**

The 2021-22 Fixture Book is out and about so please grab one next time you play. Many thanks to Venita Walder for composing it and the Match Committees for their time and input to the fixtures.

## **Volunteers**

As we move towards our colder months we welcome volunteers across the club's spectrum.

Our volunteers are doing a fabulous job and deserve a break which we know some will take, heading north to the warmer weather. **SO**, to accommodate this we need to replace them when they head off. If you can assist please contact one of the following grounds committee members – Fred George, Dennis Murphy, Peter Barling, Bernie Naylor, David Baxter or our Greens keeper, Nigel Zanker. Our volunteers are reliable and consistent which allows us to set up programs that are followed and implemented on a consistent manner. There is always room for that extra hand around the place so come and join us.

Contact David Baxter 0409 603 922 to be a volunteer.

## **Wood Raffles**

Our wood raffles have begun and will continue each month over the winter. Thanks to Shirley, Peter & Kevin for their efforts. A time sheet is available in the clubhouse for you to take a turn in selling tickets in front of Ritchies IGA or Foodworks and we ask for your assistance. These are great raffles earning a consistent income to assist pay the irrigation system out.

Remember we still have a debt to pay!!

## **Working Bee**

Our monthly working bee will be held Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 9:00-11:00am.

## **Coronavirus**

The clubhouse is open with the COVID-19 rules & advice adhered to. If you have a request or enquiry please contact David Baxter, Peter Barling or Shirley Liersch.

**\*\* QR code is to be used by all who visit or play. If you have no phone, please sign in on the form available.**

**\*\* All golfers must use the QR code or sign in on non-competition days for COVID 19 tracking purposes.**

**Thank you for assisting.**

It is very important to read the board and adhere to the very simple items such as:

1. Members & visitors, please use the QR code or sign in.
2. Remain 1.5m apart.
3. Masks used where distancing is not possible outside.
4. Use & handle your own equipment.
5. Wash hands in soap and water before & after the round of golf.
6. Two to a cart is permitted with the cart being cleaned after use.
7. Enjoy your activity by adhering to these suggestions to stay fit & healthy while not putting others at risk.
8. If you feel unwell or display any flu-like symptoms **Stay Home!! Get tested!!**

Any queries, please contact me or for up-to-date information, go to the **Golf Australia website** or the Federal Government have also created a COVID-19 site.

## **Bar Staff**

Bar staff are still in short supply so if you are interested in assisting, please contact Peter Barling, House Chairperson. A '**Responsible Serving of Alcohol**' certificate is required and it is our intention to run a course at the clubhouse sometime this year. COVID-19 squashed our last attempt to run the course. If interested please contact Peter on 0407 982 233 so we can get the numbers for the course.

## **Upcoming events:**

**Women:** Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193

**Men:** Dennis Murphy 0439 195 462

**18<sup>th</sup> April Wimmera Mallee Golf Day sponsored by Bentley Group which is a 4BBB Stableford for men & women**

## **Projects of the future!!**

Painting of the clubhouse and changerooms

Regenerating plant life around the course

Main cool room upgrade.

Improve work shed space

**WARRACKNABEAL GOLF CLUB  
BENTLEY GROUP  
WIMMERA-MALLEE GOLF DAY**

**SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 2021**

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S 18 HOLES**

**4 BALL AGGREGATE STABLEFORD**

**[2 PLAYERS]**

**NON-HANDICAP GOLFERS WELCOME**

**[Limited no. of golf sticks available for non-golfers]**

**Great prizes to be won and a fabulous fun day**

**POST ENTRY**

**WHEN:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**WHERE:** Warracknabeal Golf Course  
**LUNCH:** BBQ available \$5.00  
*[includes bottle of water]*  
**ASSEMBLY TIME:** 11:30am  
**TEE-OFF TIME:** 12:00pm  
**COST:** \$20.00 per person  
*[includes afternoon tea]*  
**AFTERNOON TEA:** Afternoon tea available

**Novelty Events include –**  
*Men & Women Nearest the Pin  
5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Holes; Straightest  
drive; Longest Drive*

**Any Queries Contact:**  
**Women's Captain** Wendy Hewitt [0427 332 193]  
**Men's Contact** David Baxter [0409 603 922]

**Caterpillar Train**

Recently, on a Saturday competition, an unusual site appeared on the 16<sup>th</sup> tee. As the group of golfers prepared



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to tee off, one golfer suddenly raised his club in an alarming manner. The others jumped a little but with a little closer look it was seen not to be a reptile he was going to shoo away, but instead it was a line of 10 hairy caterpillars head to toe. The golfers observed them for a moment before all moved on with what they needed to do for the rest of the afternoon.

**Caravan Golfers**

The Easter Tournament always has visitors from out of the area but this time a band of Portland caravaners have taken advantage to stay on site to play in the 4-day event and visit the many other Y-Fest activities in the area. The Portland group have been coming for a few years now and enjoyed the space provided for visiting Caravaner Golfers which was completed last year. Brian Wilson is chuffed to see his volunteer work being used and enjoyed with such enthusiasm.



The band of Portlanders will return next year they say and, in more numbers, maybe!! No wonder with those beautiful blue skies and a lovely little bush course to challenge you.



**Green Roof Project**

The Green Roof Project is near completed with a few



minor adjustments and the return of the antennae plus the bookwork to our fabulous friends at the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal headquarters. It is great to see it ready for our 2021-22 season. Well done again to all involved and let's now enjoy peace of mind during those thunder storms and wet, cold days let alone the forty



degree plus days.