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## Golf Course

The course appreciated a small drop from the heavens recently but it is still very dry throughout the Wimmera. Hopefully more rain is on the way.

## Warracknabeal Golf Club Special Event

### GREEN TAYLOR PARTNERS Golf Day

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**18 HOLES 3 PERSON AMBROSE**

Any combination, open to golfers & non-golfers

**PUTTING COMPETITION TOO.**

**Assemble at 11:30am for 12:00pm**

**shot gun start**

**COST: \$30 pp - includes BBQ lunch & afternoon tea. EFTPOS available.**

**POST ENTRY**

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

*Limited carts available.*

**All queries to Captains:**

**Ash Purdue (0408 598 492)**

**Julie Bayles (0428 324 455)**

The Green Taylor Partners day is a fantastic social day and a ball of fun with golf presented in a light hearted way. Anyone can play & join in, just grab your team of 3 & come out to play. Contact the captains for any questions regards entry and come prepared for a laugh and a fabulous social day. Food & drink available as is EFTPOS.

## Road to Port Fairy

We have one month to go in the Shearwater House prestigious event and our leaders continue to hold off all challenges. March does present opportunities with the Monthly medals, a public holiday and the Green Taylor Partners day to score bonus points.

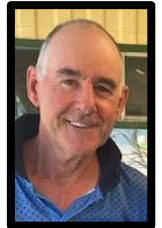
The Women's section sees Kaye Picken [81] leading with



Mary Massey & Janice Midgely [73] a couple of points closer to the lead while Wendy Hewitt [72], Julie Bayles [69] and Karen Germano [66] are staying within reach. Carolyn Morcom [62] & Sue Krause [60] are present but unlikely to catch Kaye.

The Men's section has Captain, Ash Purdue [104], shutting the door on his challengers as he collected a nice 12points to clear away from the pack. He is enjoying an 16point lead over Danny Kearns [88]

while others in the distance are Kym Stepney [67], Dave Flannery [64], Ryan Smith & Russell Blandthorn [63]. Rounding out the top eight are Brenton Cheney [62] & Wayne Henderson [61].



We appreciate **Marie & John Aitken's** support in providing this event for members who support their club through the regular attendance on Saturdays, special event days & boards events. Members have a chance to win as the 'Road to Port Fairy' event runs for 12 months.

### Pearson Singles Match Play Knock Out

Greg & Julie Pearson sponsor the Men's singles Matchplay KO board event & recently the winner, Brenton Cheney & runner-up, David Baxter, were presented with their prizes.



Greg & Julie are terrific supporters of our club & the men enjoy the match play event which creates a good-natured

banter as it plays out. Well done Brenton!

## Green Fees

<b>Bulk Green Fees [6 months from payment date] – any interested person</b>			<b>\$180</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b><u>18 Holes</u></b>		<b>\$ 25</b>
	<b><u>9 Holes</u></b>		<b>\$ 15</b>
<b>Attending Secondary School</b>			<b>\$ 10</b>
<b>Attending Primary, SDS School</b>			<b>\$ Free</b>
<b>(Must be accompanied by an adult)</b>			
<b>Daylight Saving Special after 6.00pm</b>			<b>\$ 10</b>

## **A Repeat of Great News!!**

### **The Warrack Golf Bowls teams are the Champions!!**

Congratulations to both teams on their achievement.

Division 1 & 2 were successful in winning the final game of the year recently, crowning them as the champions of the North Wimmera Association Playing Area.

Division 1 defeated Warrack Gold while Division 2 defeated Minyip.

Each team, made of 3 groups of 4, play 25 ends each & the winner is the one with the overall highest total. So, three rinks are in play.

In Division 1, Warren Perris, Russell Miller, Gary Bellis & Barry Holland were 20-23, just 3 down. Roger Perris, Brian Gunn, James Thomas & Phil Gunn whose score was 22-24, just 2 down. So, it was a well contested day with the final group of four being Mick Marchment, Bruce Wilson, Bill Russ & Wayne Gove. Their score was 31-16 which cancelled out the small deficit and the win was theirs.

It was a very entertaining match between the old rivals.

In Division 2 it was an upset as our team entered as underdogs but they were able to win 2 of the 3 rinks & lost the third rink by just two shots. Terry Sanders, Maurie Parsons, Noel Kearns & Roy Liersch won 27-19 while Graeme Clayton, Judy Gove, Graeme Clarke & Graeme White won by 5 shots. The third group were Max Woodward, Ian Bibby, John Barbetti & Ken Taylor who lost by just 2 shots. Overall, the score being in favour of our team, 72-61.

Emergencies Div 1, Dawn Walton & Div 2 Mary Ginnane were a fantastic support through the finals. Well done to all bowls members who assisted throughout the year to get the teams into a finals position.

### **Congratulations to the Warrack Golf Bowls Club on a very successful year!!**

## **Memberships!!**

It has been noted that a number of memberships have not been paid yet. Please attend to this if you haven't already. If you are having issues with the process, please contact Ross Laycock or speak to a member you know has paid.

**REMEMBER** – If you haven't paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March, you are not eligible to win any events & you will be approached by the club as to your intention to play.

Financially, the club is holding its own at present but we need all avenues of finance to be fulfilled to keep us going.

## **Upcoming events**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March** GreenTaylor Partners Golf Day

**Event:** 3 person Ambrose, any combination

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March** Summer Cup

**Event:** Teams of 4, any combination, Aggregate Stableford

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April** Easter Golf Program

## **Posties Men's Pairs Match Play Knock Out**

Last Saturday the final of the Posties Men's Pairs Matchplay KO board event was played between Richard Bett/Dave Flannery & John Jess/Ash Purdue. The match was a great tussle with the match all square after 9 holes. Richard & Dave then put the foot down winning the next three holes but John & Ash showed their low handicap status by clawing their way back into the match & at the end of 18holes the match was tied, all square. So, the match continued down the nineteenth hole [the first hole] with Richard & Ash driving beautifully, both then on the green in regulation and it was the putting deciding the match in favour of John & Ash. Congratulations to both pairs.



Photo: L-R Richard, Dave, Ash & John

A huge thank you to the sponsors, **Gary Krahe & Alec Totic**, who provide the men with the opportunity to play Match Play in pairs & have a chance for members to have their names up on the board.

The board events always provide much discussion & a challenge against our fellow members creating a positive atmosphere around the club. Our next board event would be the Life Members Mixed Pinehurst in early June. Already there is some banter amongst the newer members who are partners who full of fun creating a positive atmosphere.

## **Working Bees!!**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, working bees will be held in the very near future. It is very noticeable at present there are a number of branches [big & small] around the grounds. A huge amount of bark as well!! The removal of this wood & debris will be the focus of the working bees. The weather conditions at present are not suitable with the heat but before the end of the month we will call a working bee.

## **Rabbits!!**

The grounds group are running a 4-6 program to try to limit the amount of damage the rabbits are causing on our fairways & around the greens. We were fortunate to have Ian Gebert [a past local identity] visit & discuss the habits & breeding patterns of rabbits. It gave half a dozen members some background knowledge in attacking the problem. Ian has had first hand experience in this area over the past ten years. We appreciate him taking the time to come & talk to us.

## **Volunteers!!**

*Being active members of our club is the club's success.*

A huge thank you to you all! Brilliant!!