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Golf Course

Beautiful rain is assisting us greatly re watering and along with humid conditions, growth of the couch is noticeable. The course is going well as the volunteers continue to do a fantastic job. If you are willing to be an active member contact one of our committee to fit you into a role which assists us to enjoy our golf. Thank you to those passing on positive and complimentary remarks about the course, very encouraging.

Groundskeeper/Curator

Nigel Zanker, our greens keeper, is settling in well. Nigel is getting familiar with the course layout, the mowing regime, the water program and the volunteers who are there to support him.

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.

Working Bee

Sunday, 7th February, was a fantastic day with 17 people out to support our club through the monthly working bee. They brought out their utes & trailers and plenty of enthusiasm to clean up most of the branches and mess left by the storm a few weeks ago.

Like any gardening or housework, you wouldn't realise the difference the clean-up has made. Ute after ute, trailer after trailer, truck after truckloads of material was collected and remove to our rubbish pile.

The roof of the tractor shed has been mended by the plumbers and PB so the rough cutter is well catered for now with a solid roof.

It is responses like Sunday that makes the club stronger and a great place to be. Thank you each and every one of those people who put in the effort and showed they are active members of the club.

If you have a team tagged to a hole, you may organise a walk on your hole to see what else needs doing.

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.

Congratulations

Lachie Stewart received an Australia Day Award for Junior Citizen. Lachie is well involved in leadership roles and actively participating in a variety of sports. Lachie is a talented young sportsperson who loves his golf and has knocked off a few prizes when he has been out on a Saturday or in a Tournament event. Well done Lachie and all the best in the future.

Coronavirus

The clubhouse will open under special circumstances upon request with the COVID-19 rules & advice adhered to. If you have a request or enquiry please contact David Baxter, Peter Barling or Shirley Liersch. Otherwise, it will remain closed **but the bar will operate for take away drinks**. Gatherings are permitted up to 100 people outside & 1to4m2 space inside if the clubhouse is open.

**** Visitors please sign in on competition days**

**** All golfers must 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. Visitors, please sign in or use the QR code.
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!!**

Thank you

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.

On the Road to Recovery

It is fantastic news to have our eldest male member, Jack Kranz, recovering well from his operation. He is as bright & sparky as ever. Son David says Jack is unable to get out and about just yet but is taking visitors every half hour between 10:00am & 2:00pm. Joking!! But I'm sure Jack wouldn't mind you dropping in for a chat.

There are a few other members not playing at the moment due to health reasons and we wish them improved health in 2021 and return to the club as quickly is possible.

Members would love to see them just for a chat on competition days and someone else to listen to the trials & tribulations of the days round.

Wimmera Vets Association

Monday 15th February was to be a great day for the Wimmera Veterans Golf Association as they visited our course. The weather looks a pleasant 26 degrees and the course is good with expected numbers of 50+ playing. It is always a pleasure to have visitors to our course to show off our home ground. Comments from players is always good feedback and it is rewarding for us that they see our course in good stead.

Many thanks to John Barbetti, Brian Scott & team for their work and also to Shirley & Jill for the catering of lunch in packaged form.

Sponsorship

Contact Wendy Hewitt, Debby Barling, Allan Ross or David Baxter for any sponsorship matters.

Currently we run with these options:

We have a number of ways sponsorship is provided:

Major Sponsorship: Categories are

Diamond \$5000, Platinum \$1500, Gold \$500. This is used at the club's discretion for the immediate needs.

Tournament Sponsorship:

This is for our Easter & Annual Tournament.

Special Event Sponsorship:

This is events such as Green-Taylor & Partners, Tradies Day, Bentley Group or Dianne Marchment & Associates.

Event Sponsorship:

This is an event such as Championships, Board Events, Irish 'Mulligan's Day', May Day, Rocktober.

General Sponsorship:

For weekly events such as Wednesday & Saturday.

Memorial Sponsorship:

This is for families & friends who wish to have an event in memory of a loved one.

Donations:

A number of people donate money to a variety of causes including our machinery account, irrigation account or to special projects. Donations are now **tax deductible** so please ask for details how this can occur.

Upcoming events:

Grab those fixture books as we take on the usual competition days. Contact your captains if unsure.

Women: Debby Barling 0417 982 235

Men: Dennis Murphy 0439 195 462

Saturday 13th March Alex Ross Memorial 9 holes event.

New fixture books hopefully ready by last week in March.

Projects of the future!!

Upgrading our machinery

Painting of the clubhouse and changerooms

Regenerating plant life around the course

Main cool room upgrade.

Green Roof Project started.

Work on our new roof has begun with some replacement of rotted and old timber work by Peter Barling, Maurie Parsons & Mini McFarlane. Peter started off proceedings and has been in action for a week. Quick Plumbing have joined them & very soon the roof will be replaced with a



beautiful new iron roof along with sisalation and insulation batts.

WARNING!!

If you are in the vicinity of the clubhouse please be aware of the workmen and the activity happening. Observe the witch's hats

etc as they are there for a reason – your safety as well as the workers.

We look forward to the project's completion and a safe environment for our internal features.

Please contact Peter if there is anything you can do as I think I have spotted Clicker, Spuddy & Shirley out there. Thanks to you all.

Scarified fairways at last!!

Recently all the fairways were scarified and given some loving attention by a dedicated group of volunteers. Lead



by our groundsman, Nigel, John Barbetti, Terry Sanders, Peter Schilling, Mick Marchment and David Baxter spent three days completing the task. It is planned to fertilise the fairways and water it in to give it a boost before summer finishes. No one can remember the last time this was done to the fairways and they were in

need of a good scarify. The fairways may be a little rough over the next month but small pain for a big gain. Fred George, chairperson of the grounds committee, is hot on the trail of a machine similar to what was used but with a catcher. It will cost approximately \$10 000 so if you have any loose change, this is a good project to put it towards.

