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Golf Course

The course is wet again!! We did have a week that resembled Spring & the course was fabulous for the Women's Rocktober. It did show how quickly the top of the ground dries out so we won't complain about the rain at this stage. Nigel recorded 32ml over the past week with it still raining as this is being written.

Annual General Meeting

We appreciate & thank Peter Barling [House] for his many years on committee and a great job with his role as House rep. We need a person who is able to coordinate the maintenance & care of our clubhouse facilities along with organising our bar volunteers re functions & events. Like any of our committee positions, it is important for our club to have a willing & dedicated person to make our club where people come & enjoy our facilities & surrounds.

Dennis Murphy is retiring as an independent & there is a 12months position available. This position's task may be adapted to the needs of the committee or club or the skills of the elected person.

There is a position for Vice-President as well which has been vacant the past three years. This person is there to support the President and assist in the overall running of the club.

The Women's President & Captain positions are open as well & we encourage the members to consider taking the positions on.

Remember this is not 'the club', it is 'our club' & we as members make the club what it is. This is an opportunity to be involved, assist in maintaining our lovely club and to have input into the future direction of the club.

Please don't leave it to a few! Join the team & be an active member by taking on some responsibility of the tasks available.

Positions up this November are: Peter Barling [House], Carolyn Morcom [Women's President], Wendy Hewitt [Women's Captain], Shirley Liersch [Catering], Shirley Liersch [Bowls], Dennis Murphy [Independent].

CANCELLATION OF MEN'S WIMMERA VETS

Unfortunately, the Men's Wimmera Veterans golf day was cancelled recently due to the weather conditions. They usually hold their AGM as well but rain, rain & more rain!! Next VETS venue is Edenhope I believe.

Health Warning!! MOSQUITO INVASION!!

There are mossies ready to attack at present and we need you to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites as some of the diseases they carry can be quite debilitating. Mossie repellent will be available at the box if you would like to request some. Golfers & bowlers need take care & protect yourself while golfing or bowling.

Course Maintenance

The Grounds Committee will be hoping to groom & sand the greens and begin the program to scarify the fairways over the next 2-3 weeks. Keep your ears to the ground on a call for assistance. Much appreciated!! Please be patient with the maintenance being done with the idea of 'short term pain for long term gain'.

Steve Hewitt – Honorary Life Member

A piece of news which is of interest was brought to light a month or so ago but it has taken awhile to resource the information about a local lad who has achieved in the golf industry. Steven Hewitt, son of Pam & Michael Hewitt, started his apprenticeship at the Warracknabeal Golf Club in 1990. Since then, Steve has placed himself, through opportunity & hard work, as the Superintendent of Thirteenth Beach, Bellarine Peninsula, where the Victorian Open has been played the past 3-4 years.

Steven has been made an Honorary Life Member of the Victorian Golf Course Superintendents Association. A fabulous achievement and it provides interesting reading if you go to pages 28-29 of the VGCSA newsletter: <https://www.vgcsa.com.au/newsletters.html>



Monthly Working Bee

Plenty to do!! Whipper snippers to assist in getting some nasty spots in the rough cleaned up most welcome.

Next is on Sunday 13th Nov. 9:00-11:00am.

Upcoming events

Tuesday 2nd November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Women: Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193

Men: David Kranz 0447 647 480

Rocktober 2022!!

With local flood warnings current, creek levy banks built up in anticipation and the forecast for torrential rains & thunderstorms, organizing a golf event on Friday 21st October was fraught with uncertainty. This was the build up to the annual Rocktober women's golf event which hasn't happened in the past two years due to the pandemic. Organisers took a risk, & 'whew' it came off. But we only made it with minutes to spare.



The women's Rocktober event is Warracknabeal Golf Club's third and final women's event for the golfing season. It draws players from around western Victoria and even some Metropolitan players. Scheduled for late October it's also a great opportunity for players from the sand green courses to continue their golf after their home club has finished its winter season and is now closed. Groundsman, Nigel Zanker, and his team of volunteers had the course in excellent condition for the event. To set the scene, Rock n Roll music greeted the players, many of whom dressed in colorful gear with touches of the 50s.



The club rooms were also decked out in the Rock n Roll theme, thanks to Carolyn Morcom's magic touch. All this helped to create a fun atmosphere to start the day. The 2022 event attracted 42 players from 17 golf clubs - Horsham, Donald, Hopetoun, Bacchus Marsh, Rainbow,

Jeparit, Birchip, Sheep Hills, Minyip, Stawell, Dimboola, Brim, Drung, Heidelberg, Murtoa, Goroke and Warracknabeal. This was a fantastic result as the wet weather forecast contributed to cancellations from several teams including those from Ballarat. Thankfully players were able to hit off in sunshine at 10am and conditions remained ideal throughout the day - for almost



all players. As the very threatening dark clouds gathered just after 2pm, most were inside the club house enjoying afternoon tea and a drink while out on the course it was looking ominous for the last three teams. There was barely time for them to put on their waterproofs when they were caught in the

sudden downpour, and they finished the final holes wet to the core. Not the perfect end to the day, but all were dried off when safe inside.

The Bentley Group and Maree Heenan have been generous sponsors of Rocktober for many years, and players are always keen to compete for great prizes. We are most grateful for the support of these valued sponsors as sponsorship ensures events like this can continue. Teams of three played a Texan Aggregate Stableford format. How is it played? All team members hit their drive, then the team picks the best position. All players place their ball on this spot then play their own ball until holed, scoring individual Stableford points. On the par three holes each team member plays their own ball to score their Stableford points. After completing each hole, the Stableford scores are added for a team score. The final result is the addition of all scores. One more twist is that each player must have three of their drives chosen by the team over the 18 holes.



Allistair Lawson, from the Bentley Group, congratulated the club on the event then presented prizes to the winning team, local members -

Vicki Hinkley (35), Marlene Pilmore (36) and Isobel Davison (40), scoring a total of 110 points.

Maree Heenan

presented the remaining place getters with their prizes. Close behind in second place was the Horsham team of Val Scott (32), Elaine Oakley (41) and Colleen Whiteman (36) - 109



points. They scored second on a countback, also on 109, from the team of Warracknabeal player, Wendy Hewitt (35), Horsham player Marg Taylor (36) and Goroke member Marge Rich (38). In fourth position with a score of 107 points was the team of Warracknabeal member, Debby Barling (36), Sheep Hills player Leonie Saunders (35) and Murtoa player Sandra Decker (36). This team just nudged into the placings on a countback ahead of Heather



Hogan (36 - Birchip), Venita Walder (39 - W'beal) and Annabelle Plowright (32 - Horsham). There were also other players with noteworthy individual scores. Bev Appledore from Brim scored 40 Stableford points and Karen Germano from Warracknabeal scored 38. Novelty events, also sponsored by Maree Heenan, were won by the following players. Nearest to the Pin on the 5th – Heather Hogan, 7th- Sandra Decker, 13th- Deb McSparron, Straightest Drive- Wendy Hewitt, Longest Drive (Div 1) Marg Taylor, (Div 2) Venita Walder, Best Dressed Team- Marge Rich, Marg Taylor, Wendy Hewitt. Happy raffle winners were pleased with their prizes sourced from Rustic Jungle, Warracknabeal.



Players also enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea, the hallmark of all good country tournaments. In a big event like this there are dozens of people who volunteer significant time and skills to ensure all goes smoothly and successfully. Everyone's contribution is highly valued. In presentation speeches Lady

President, Carolyn Morcom, and Captain, Wendy Hewitt, thanked all Warracknabeal Club members who helped in any way - with preparing the course for the event, promoting the event, organizing the raffle, catering, prizes, decorating the club room, setting out the draw, office duty on the day, helping allocate carts, staffing the bar and shop, photography, general administration and cleaning up. Visiting players were also thanked for supporting the event, especially considering uncertain weather conditions. It was great day and a terrific promotion for our club and wonderful golf course.

Wendy Hewitt Women's Captain

Jimmy Bates Day venue change

Our club will host the Jimmy Bates Memorial Golf Day on Sunday 6th November as Horsham Golf Course is too wet at this present stage. Our course is holding well with the front 9 our main concern but we believe it will be playable by Nov. 6th. Volunteers to assist running the day would be greatly appreciated - bar, on course refreshments, catering, setting up the course etc.

Please contact either of the captains, Wendy Hewitt or David Kranz, Peter Barling [bar] or Shirley Liersch [catering].

The Bates family cook the BBQ lunch and WDGA members do the box & results. We thank them for their work on this day, supporting the Juniors & remembering Jimmy Bates for all the work he did for Juniors in past years. More information will be out next week about the event but it is a very popular event which raises money for the

Juniors in the Wimmera District. Around 25 teams are expected.

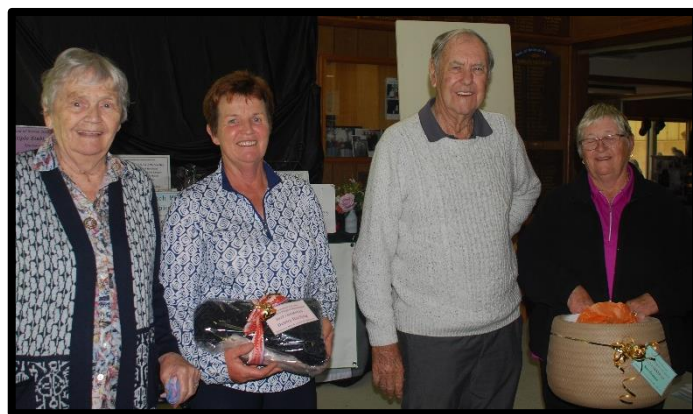
It is a fantastic chance to showcase our course & facilities to the Wimmera golfers so if you can assist it will be a fabulous day.

The flyer will be on the Wimmera District Golf Association if you wish to place a team in.

We are hoping for a drier week next week although some rain is forecast early in the week.

2022 Ladies' Winter Golf Season Ends

Last Wednesday was the final competition for the winter season of women's golf at the Warracknabeal Golf Club. Lady Captain, Wendy Hewitt, and Lady President, Carolyn Morcom, welcomed players and sponsors to the End of Season presentations after the day's play. A special welcome was extended to Life Member of the club, Mary Massey, Wimmera Golf Association Life Member, Sue Krause, sponsors of the Singles Knockout Championship, Max and Lynne Woodward and sponsor of the Medallist of



the Year competition, Barb Bell.

All members were thanked for their support during a busy season, with special appreciation for the support of the match committee, Debby Barling, Leonie Atkin, Karen Germano, Judi Armstrong and Venita Walder, and handicapper, Charmaine Wilson. On the golf scene, Wendy thanked members for their support with regular participation in our events, including tournaments, promoting our events to others, sponsorship, administration, representing our club in golf events further afield, assisting with planning the year's fixtures and helping with office duty each week.

Carolyn thanked members for their support for many activities beyond golf, all of which help to make the golfing social environment more enjoyable and our club sustainable. These include catering for fundraising events and tournaments, garden working bees, club room maintenance and improvements, bar duty, decorations for special events, raffles, social events, spinning wheel, running the club shop and helping with coaching clinics for juniors. Carolyn made a special mention of Shirley Liersch for her coordinating of all catering activities.

After a delicious lunch, presentations for the season were made.

Singles Knockout Champion (Board Event) - Debby Barling,
Runner Up, Sue Krause

Medallist of the Year (Board Event) - Julie Bayles

Division 1 Eclectic Score: Wendy Hewitt (66)

Division 2 Eclectic Score: Kerry Oulton (81)

Best 5 Monthly Medal Nett Scores: Beth Preston (365)

Div. 1 Most Pars: Julie Bayles (65)

Div. 2 Most Pars: Kerry Oulton (23)

Div. 1 Most Birdies: Wendy Hewitt (7)

Div. 2 Most Birdies: Sue Krause (2)

Most Ferrets: Karen Germano, Beth Preston, Isobel Davison
(4)

During the year, winners of other significant events were as follows:

Club Champion- Julie Bayles. Div. 2 Champion- Kerry Oulton

Classic Fourball: Kaye Picken and Kerry Oulton

After presentations, players were reminded to complete the online survey about their opinions about the running of

the club and directions for the future, and also encouraged to attend the strategic planning night at the club house at 6pm on Wednesday 9 November to help inform decisions about the future direction and

organisation of the club. On Monday Nov 21st at 7:30pm, the club has its AGM to which all members are also asked to attend.

introduced. Because summer golf is a more flexible arrangement, players wishing to play at a different time must contact the Captain.

During summer golf, the first week of each month will be a Versus Par event and other weeks will be a Stableford event. So, the event this coming Wednesday will be versus Par.

Wendy Hewitt

Lady Captain



End of Season winners: Back row: Karen Germano, Julie Bayles. Front Row: Wendy Hewitt, Kerry Oulton, Isobel Davison, Sue Krause.

Summer Golf

Summer golf for ladies starts on Wednesday 2nd November. The starting time will be 9:00am for 9:15am hit off, but as the weather warms up an earlier starting time will be