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Golf Course

The cold weather has set in and the course is playing long as it is in great condition. Small amounts of rain are a bonus

but now the crops are in we will take the big rains at any stage of the winter.



RIP

Mid May had us farewell two stalwarts of the club in Cec Werner and Peter O'Callaghan. Both have been unable to play for awhile but still had an interest in the club. Cec was a bowler as well as golf and certainly contributed to both clubs in performance and assistance. Peter hasn't played for some time but I always remember the group of Peter, Mal Ferguson, Brian Wilson, Bluey Clayton & Bluey Souter playing and then punting at the Palace.

Our condolences to both families.

COVID 19 Strikes Again!

Unfortunately Covid 19 restrictions took hold as we were locked down for the week [May 28th–June 3rd]with no golf allowed. It then followed up with a week [June 4th-10th]of social golf, no competition allowed. So the good news is that we are back to competition golf and the playing of the Life Members board event happens Saturday 19th July. The Committee appreciate the care members are taking to abide by the restricted conditions applied to us by the Government. It shows we are appreciative of our good health and good fortune not having the virus in our area.

Rakes & Flagsticks

The Club has reviewed its policy on the use of rakes in the bunkers and the removal of flagsticks. Rakes will be returned to the bunkers and flagsticks may be removed under the following conditions.

A player who is required to rake the bunker or wishes the flag to be removed must do so by using a towel or glove [or similar].

This is a suggested guideline from Golf Australia which we are willing to trial at this stage of the Pandemic.

A reminder that the flagstick does not have to be removed when putting.

It is extremely important to note that COVID- 19 virus may be passed on by touching the surfaces which have been touched by a person who is infected by the virus.

The Club encourages players to carry their own sanitiser for use if one of these two situations occurs during your round of golf.

These changes will be monitored and if players do not follow the Club's advice then a return to the previous system will be implemented.

PLEASE look after your fellow golfer and the club by doing the right thing. Small bottles of sanitiser are available at the club for \$0.50 or in our local shops for maybe a dollar. Thank you.

Wood Raffles

Our wood raffles continue each month over the winter. Shirley has the sheet ready to go for the July raffle. Many thanks to those who assisted to sell in the street in May & June. Peter & Kevin continue to have the next trailer load ready to go.

Working Bee

Our monthly working bee will be held Sunday 4th July from 9:00-11:00am. Items on the agenda are:

- Rabbit scratchings
- Rough clean up – fallen branches, old trees or shrubs, bark/ sticks
- Pine cone collection
- Sprinklers – over grown need clearing

Contact Fred George for further information.

Women's Championships

The Women's Championships are in progress at present with wintry conditions being testing to good scores on the past Wednesdays. With one round to go Division One is being headed by Leonie Atkin who has Wendy Hewitt & Vicki Hinkley on her tail while in Division 2 Shirley Liersch has a slight lead on Beth Preston. The last round is being played this week so good hitting to all participants and we look forward to the results & the stories to go with them.



Upcoming events:

Women: Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193

Men: Dennis Murphy 0439 195 462

**** Terry Maas Memorial 4BBB stableford** event will be rescheduled to 10th July in place of the **President v Captain** event which will move to 21st August.

MAY DAY – Friday 7th May, 2021

Perfect weather and course conditions were enjoyed by 56 golfers at Warracknabeal Golf Club's Warrack Home Timber and Hardware May Day event on Friday. This was the first major women's golf event in Warracknabeal in over 12 months and players were very excited to see the event underway.

Golfers came from around the Wimmera and beyond, representing the following clubs: Bacchus Marsh, Birchip, Charlton, Donald, Glenorchy, Horsham, Jeparit, Kaniva, Midlands, Minyip, Nhill, Rainbow, Serviceton, Stawell, Warracknabeal, Woomelang and Wycheproof. The event was a pairs event called a Chapman's Fourball. Each partner hits their own ball twice. The ball in the best position is then chosen and partners take turns to hit that ball until holed. Handicaps are also taken into account, so all players have a chance to win the event.

After a sumptuous afternoon tea, presentations were made. Warracknabeal players fared very well, taking out many of the honours.

The winners of the net event, sponsored by Warrack Home Timber and Hardware, were Rina Tunstall (W'beal) and Del Grey (Stawell) with a score of 94 -24 6/8 – 69 2/8.

Scratch winners were Debby Barling (W'beal) and Mandy Male (Donald) with a score of 85. All other trophies were generously sponsored by our club member, Maree Heenan. Net runners up were Mary Massey and Donna McKenzie (both W'beal)- 89-16 4/8 – 72 4/8

Third place net were Vicky Hinkley (W'beal) and Helen Fisher (Rainbow)- 96-22 1/8 – 73 7/8

Fourth place net were Erin Schultz and Kerri Harvey (both Horsham) – 95-20 5/8 – 74 3/8



From Left to Right:

- Helen Fisher – Rainbow GC & Vicki Hinkley WGC
- Mary Massey & Donna McKenzie – WGC
- Del Grey – Stawell GC & Rina Tunstall HGC

Minor competitions provided extra interest to the day. Winners of the Nearest to the Pins were: Debby Barling (5th); Kerri Harvey (7th); Glenda Wu, Bacchus Marsh (13th). Winner of the second shot on the 9th hole was Joan Buckley, Horsham. The Straightest Drive was claimed by

Kerri Harvey and the Longest Drives were from (Div 1) Leonie Atkin (W'beal) and Div 2, Donna McKenzie. Women's President, Carolyn Morcom, and Women's Captain, Wendy Hewitt were very pleased with the whole day. In their presentation's thanks was offered to all players for supporting the event, to the club's groundsman, Nigel Zanker, and to the many hardworking volunteers of the club who helped with the course presentation, clubhouse working bees, the promotion and running of the event, the catering and the bar. A special thank you was made to the major sponsor, Warrack Home Timber and Hardware and to club member Maree Heenan for her significant sponsorship of this event. Sponsorship of events is highly valued by the club, as a good tournament will draw players from far and wide to our town.

JUST a note: Some of our visiting players went shopping on their way home from golf, and after seeing the wonderful display of goods from our hardware store at the golf club they decided to drop in to the shop. Their very big spend up was most appreciated by our sponsor!

Wendy Hewitt
WGC Women's Captain

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!!**

Congratulations!!

Well done to Wendy Hewitt & Ash Purdue on winning the Serviceton Tournament Pinehurst Event Sunday 20th June. Great to hear members supporting other clubs in their tournaments. Debby Barling & Mick Marchment participated as well.

Clubhouse upgrade

Over the past two weeks the clubhouse Office Box has had



a face lift thanks to that wonderful volunteer Shirley Liersch. Shirley has painted the Office Box which has made it much fresher & brighter and she has also prepared the floor in the Office Box and in the main clubroom for the carpet tiles to go on. Thank you to Peter Schilling & the

President for lifting the carpet and to Kevin Newell who is putting in the cupboards and a trophy cabinet. We did discover a little history on the north side of the Office Box where the mystery door was found to lead to the 'Secretary Office'.

Progress: BEFORE



AFTER



Laying of the carpet tiles has happened now and thanks to Roy & Shirley Liersch, Maurie Parsons and Graeme White & any others who assisted.

You are invited to check out the final product by the end of June. Great job all!!

Life Members Board Event

Mild fine conditions greeted the Life Members on Saturday for their annual mixed Pinehurst event. Life Members Mary Massey, Mick Marchment, Max Woodward, Jack Kranz and Michael Hewitt were in attendance with Mary, Mick and Max playing in the event. Maureen Smale attended representing Lindsay who passed away in the last two years as did Claire Cheney & Normie Ross.

The day was well organised by Mary Massey and Mick Marchment and the event was well supported by club members with twenty-one pairs participating. The caterers did a fantastic job with afternoon tea with competitors enjoying it after a very enjoyable day of golf as well as the bar staff led by Judy Mann.

The results indicated the course is playing long and challenging with the fairways in great condition and the greens playing slick. The winners, Charmaine Wilson & Ash Purdue, won by the small margin of in this prestigious Life Members Pinehurst handicap event from Casey Phelan & John Jess. Good scores were Debby Barling & Brenton Cheney [74nett], Leonie Atkin & Bernie Naylor [74&1/8nett].

A great day was had by all players and the club is very grateful to our life members as they continue to contribute well to our club. The Life Members support the club financially by sponsoring an event or by contributing to the Irrigation or Machinery accounts as well as volunteer work around the club.

The Men's Stableford event was won by Russell Schultz with a top 40pts with runner-up being Ross Laycock playing well to return 37pts. Good scores were Richie Bett [36pts] & Alan McLean [35pts].

Photos: Winners – Charmaine & Ash

Runners-up – John & Casey

Life Members – Max Woodward, Jack Kranz, Mary Massey, Mick Marchment & Michael Hewitt.

