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Golf Course

Our course is showing good signs with the winter grass beginning to show a nice green across the fairways. It is certainly nice to hit off when you are able to find the fairway. Nigel has been spraying and doing maintenance on the greens which will recover quickly.

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.

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.

Wood Raffles

Our wood raffles continue each month over the winter. Shirley has the sheet ready to go for the May raffle. It would be fantastic to have some new faces selling the tickets in the street so if you haven't contributed yet, please contact Shirley to grab a time. Otherwise, the time sheet will be out in the clubhouse for people to sign up. Thanks to those who assist as Peter & Kevin have the next trailer load ready to go.

WARRACKNABEAL GOLF CLUB BENTLEY GROUP WIMMERA-MALLEE GOLF DAY

The Bentley Group Golf Day was held recently with numbers down a little but those who played had a lovely day and the trophy winners were grinners. Many thanks to our loyal sponsor as the revenue raised is much appreciated. The event was a 4Ball Aggregate Stableford for men & women.

The winners of the women's section were Shirley Liersch [30pts] and Beth Preston [35pts], a total of 65pts which was enough to topple Doris Beney [31pts] & Rina Tunstall [33pts], a total of 64pts while third prize went to Karen Germano & Mary Massey on 60pts. The men's section was keenly contested too with Noel Huebner [37pts] & special guest, Steve Greenwood [37pts], hitting up a strong total of 74pts. Social golfers Paul Rattray [41pts] & Brian [32pts] were a very close second with 73pts and third was filled by Dean Gunn & Ryan McKenzie, on a count back, with a total of 63pts from Ryan Smith & Nathan McLean. Nearest the pin winners were on the fifth hole Lyn Boyle & no men; on the 7th hole were Lyn Boyle & Ryan Smith and the 13th hole were Beth Preston & Ryan Smith. The straightest drive winners were Mary Massey & Steve Greenwood while the Longest Drives were Karen Germano, Dean Gunn and Roy Liersch. Congratulations to all winners and a special thank you to all who allowed the day to run smoothly so players could have a great day out.

The club is very appreciative of the Bentley Group for sponsoring the Wimmera-Mallee Golf Day.

Maree fares well in Horsham

Veteran golfer, Maree Heenan, has done the Club proud by winning the D Grade handicap event of the Victorian Country Autumn Championships played in Horsham with two consistent and solid rounds of 37 & 35, 72pts. Venita Walder also attended the championships and represented our club.

Congratulations Maree on a top effort!!

Upcoming events:

Women: Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193

Men: Dennis Murphy 0439 195 462

Women's May Day Event Friday 7th May.

Working Bee

Our monthly working bee will be held Sunday 6th June from 9:00-11:00am.

Warrnambool Bowls Success

The Warrack-Golf Bowls has often sent representatives to Warrnambool Bowls Autumn Tournament and have had minor successes. **BUT** this year they hit the jackpot!!

Members, Mick Marchment & Warren Perris, teamed up with Scott Boschen [Koroit BC] & Michael Funcke [Minyip BC], to win the Fours Title in a field of 32 teams.

Congratulations to the team and you deserved your celebratory drink at the end of the day.

Recently, Warrnambool Bowls Club sponsored annual event was held at the Warrack-Golf-Bowls' venue and it is greatly appreciated by the club. There were 4 teams of 3 that came from that club but I hear a whisper the winning club was from the 'other' Warrnambool Bowls Club.

There's always next year! A great time was had by all and congrats to Mick Marchment and his helpers for making the event a smashing success.

Monthly Working Bee

Many thanks to Lindsay Brain for his work on the nasty box thorn bushes and their removal while Peter Schilling attended to a number of trimming jobs. Also, the nasty weed that was around the 7th and 11th greens has been lessened which the local baker owner will appreciate. Thanks to Mick alerting us to the problem, the weeds cost him a few strokes in the D. Hill & Son Monthly Medal round recently.

A book for members/golfers to record anything they see as a problem such as weeds, box thorns etc which can be attended to by Nigel or at the monthly working bee will be in the clubhouse. Also, we appreciate any great ideas to improve the safety and appearance of the grounds would be great.

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.

Secondary Schools Golf Tournament

Recently our club hosted the Secondary Schools Golf Tournament with thirty-nine students from Stawell, Horsham, Birchip, Dimboola and Warracknabeal taking part.

Tony Collier, Regional Developmental Officer for the Ballarat-Wimmera Region, co-ordinated the day which was enjoyed by all in beautiful autumn conditions. It is fantastic to have the course exposed to visiting golfers as they share in the joy of social interaction and exercise. Thank you to Tony for his continued support. Any Juniors interested in golf, please contact our Junior Coordinator, Carolyn Morcom [0427 982 106].

Fairway Scarifier



The fairway scarifier we have purchased has arrived from Metroturf Machinery, Gembrook, thanks to Tim Magee, the manager, delivering it personally. A long journey but well worth the trip we believe. It wouldn't be possible without a generous contribution from the Gerries who provided \$3000 towards

the ten-thousand-dollar machine. The Gerries are very supportive of any aspect which will improve our golf course and they see this project as very worthwhile.

The machine is towed behind the tractor and the fairway is scarified with the grass collected in the trailer bin. The grass is able to be transplanted and



hopefully grow in areas where the grass is required. The work can be best done through the growing period of our summer grasses so we won't see the real benefits until 2022 summer/autumn period. Both our Grounds chairman, Fred George, & Greens keeper, Nigel Zanker, are keen to put it to work.