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Golf Course

The course is in fantastic order – winter is here!! The course is playing its full length with little run on the fairways but Life Member Mick found the greens had plenty of run last Sunday. It is a pleasure to play in such calming surrounds & it is challenging.

BENTLEY GROUP WIMMERA-MALLEE GOLF DAY

The Wimmera Mallee Golf Day was held on Sunday with an uncertainty of the weather conditions but the afternoon turned out to be fantastic for those competing. This annual event is sponsored by the Bentley Group and their sponsorship is much appreciated by the club for the chance to raise funds and invite golfers from the district. The course is in very good condition and playing to winter conditions which means a challenge to get too much run on the ball.

Players enjoyed a beautiful BBQ lunch thanks to Chef Peter Schilling and the field hit off at 12:00pm. The catering group provided the lovely afternoon tea which was much appreciated while Graeme Massey coordinated the box duties for the day. The club appreciates the time & effort put in by the volunteer members to make the day a great day out being active & enjoying each other's company for the day.

The event was 4Ball Aggregate Stableford which is a pairs event and involves each partner playing stableford then adding the two scores together at the end of the round. There were Nearest the Pins, Straightest Drive and Longest Drive for an opportunity of a prize on the day.

The Women's winners were Karen Germano & Wendy Hewitt, Carolyn Morcom & Shirley Liersch runners up with Mary Massey & Kaye Picken filling in third position. The Men's winners were Dean Gunn & Zane Jess, runners up were Nathan McLean & Ryan McKenzie while Darrell McKay & Terry Sanders were third. It was noted that Dean shot a one over par round [73 strokes] for 43 points on his own. Great round of golf Dean!

Novelty prizes were keenly contested with Nearest the Pin winners being:

5th Hole: Women – Carolyn Morcom;
Men – Dean Gunn
7th Hole: Women – Karen Germano;
Men – Terry Sanders
13th Hole: Women – Wendy Hewitt;

Men - Nathan McLean
Straightest Drive: Women – Carolyn Morcom;
Men – Mick Marchment
Longest Drive Division 1: Women – Wendy Hewitt;
Men – Nathan McLean
Division 2: Women – Carolyn Morcom;
Men – Brett Allott



Pictured are the winners:

Dean Gunn, Karen Germano, Wendy Hewitt & Zane Jess.

It was an entertaining day which the golfers enjoyed on a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Once again, thank you to our sponsor of the Wimmera Mallee Golf Day, the Bentley Group.

Thursday Meal Run Sponsorship

We are saddened that the **Royal Mail Hotel** has closed its doors as they have been excellent sponsors over the many years. The Royal Mail sponsored a day at our Easter Golf Program as well as the Golden Putter event 1st prize at our Annual Tournament. But the biggest event of all was the **Thursday 'Meal Run'** which our members love to compete for & value the prize of a \$20 meal voucher for each of the nine holes [front 9/back 9].

The most recent Royal publican, Simon Todd, was very supportive of the club and a number of our members rewarded him with their patronage. We wish him & his family well in their next venture.

The great news out of our sadness is **Taylor's Palace Hotel** have filled the void of the Thursday Meal Run and we welcome the Taylor's on board. Sponsorship is appreciated & valued in any of our town's clubs. We look forward to our members supporting the Palace as well as they did the Royal Mail.

Terry Maas Memorial

This annual event is sponsored by the Gerries and is in memory of Terry Maas who did a fabulous job at the club for many years. It is a keenly contested 4Ball Best Ball Stableford event and the winners on the trophy this year are Danny Kearns & Brenton Cheney shooting 44 points. Their names go on Terry's board thanks to the Gerries sponsoring of the event.

Fixture Books 2023

Our fixture books are available now so ask for a booklet if you haven't picked one up yet. Please read and mark the important dates so it reminds you of our special events and the dates you are rostered on duty.

Men's Pennant - Jake Jess Pennant Manager

The last day for Men's Pennant was held on Sunday at the Horsham Golf Club for the semi-finals then the final. A great day had by all as Warrack 2 having little trouble def Moor Park 4/1 in the semi-final:-

Jake Jess def L English 4/3

Russell Blandthorn def A Jones 6/4

Daniel Kearns lost T Peachey 6/5

Dennis Murphy def S Coasely 2up

Kym Stepney won (walkover)

But things got a little tougher in the afternoon taking on Natimuk in the grand final. Natimuk eliminated Nhill 3/2 in the other morning semi-final.

David Kranz came into the grand final line up and he fought hard, just going down at the 18th, Dennis Murphy who has impressed all season, maintained his unbeaten record with another come from behind victory leaving Jake, Russell and Daniel battling to make much ground in their matches. Natimuk held steady, winning 4/1. Results:

Jake Jess lost T Hair 3/2

Russell Blandthorn lost S Leith 7/6

Daniel Kearns lost P Scott 4/3

David Kranz lost R Cunningham 1down

Dennis Murphy def M Treacy 1up

A great day, a great experience for all.

Thank you all for putting up your hands and participating in what is by far the best format of golf by miles, that is match play golf !!

Thank you all players of both teams for representing our club at this level and hope to see you all again, plus a few more perhaps next season.

Jake Jess & Mick Cheney [Team Managers]

Wimmera Annual Tournament Program

All golf clubs love to have their Annual Tournament to invite members from across the Wimmera Mallee & further to showcase their course & facilities. It is a major fundraiser for the club so we encourage our members to take up the challenge & visit some of the clubs in our area this season. **June Tournaments** are:

8th-12th Nhill; 12th-18th Drung, Serviceton;

19th-25th Kaniva; 25th Sheep Hills;

26th-2nd Harrow, Glenorchy

** Please check dates on flyers or the Wimmera Zone website as these here may not be accurate.

Wood Raffles

Next raffle: Thursday/Friday 8th & 9th JUNE!!

Be brave & volunteer for the selling of tickets.

Contact Shirley 0439 157 587 or President Ted.

Upcoming events

Wed 7th June Women's Championships Rd 1

Mon 12th June King Charles Birthday Holiday No.1

Sat 17th June - Life Members Mixed Pinehurst

Women: Wendy Hewitt 0427 332 193

Men: David Kranz 0447 647 480

Women's Pennant - Wendy Hewitt Pennant Captain

After Round 4

Warracknabeal Golf Club's women's pennant team travelled to Kaniva [ladder leaders]

The locals played their course well – 4-0 win.

Results: Wendy Hewitt (14) lost to Fleur Finlayson (17) 3/2, Shirley Liersch (23) lost to Chloe Mulroney (19) 8/6, Beth Preston (26) lost to Donna Vivian (27) 2/1, Maree Heenan (31) lost to Pam Van Kempen (32) 8/6.

It will be either Warracknabeal or Horsham to make the final. These two teams play each other in this round, so the pressure will be on. Warracknabeal needs to win at least two of the matches to clinch a finals berth.



Pictured: Beth Preston, Cindy Marsh, Wendy Hewitt, Carolyn Morcom

After Round 5

Great news!! Warracknabeal are in the final as they defeated Horsham 3/1 in an even tussle. Full report next newsletter with the Grand Final details. The women will play Kaniva/Serviceton at Kaniva on Monday 5th June. We wish the ladies good luck & have your best game with you. The team will be chosen from the squad of: Wendy Hewitt, Cindy Marsh, Beth Preston, Maree Heenan, Vicki Hinkley & Carolyn Morcom.

Annual General Meeting 2023

Our AGM is held in November but it is always good to alert our members early of the positions which will become available at that time. Current committee members ending their elected 2-year term are able to be re-nominated.

Positions to be available are:

**President, Secretary, Men's Captain,
House Chair, Grounds Chair, Independent**

Of these positions, there will be 2 definite vacancies. The club will be definitely looking for a President as the present President is stepping away after 4 years at the helm and a House Chair which has not been filled since Peter Barling ended his long association with the committee role. The other position which has been vacant is Vice President.

Please consider all 6 positions plus Vice President & ask a committee member what responsibilities for each role is. Further information will be on the newsletters to come.

Our club, our course, our facilities rely on our input to maintain the standard we expect when we wish to use them.