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Golf Course

Our course is in the changeover from Summer grass to Winter grass and the fairways are beginning to look nice and green. The greens are preparing for their winter sleep as their growth has slowed considerably. Those who enjoy slick greens look forward to the winter on our greens as they will quicken.

Groundskeeper/Curator

Nigel & Alex have welcome a son and named him Benjamin. Congratulations on their first child and we wish them all the best as you grow as a family.

Volunteers

We welcome volunteers across the club's spectrum. 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

The women have had a working bee on the windows of the clubhouse & they look terrific. As do the outside settings. Great stuff ladies!!

Green Roof Project

Our **Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal** grant has been put to work and the new roof is looking magnificent!! We thank FRRR for their fantastic support in providing the grant money which has allowed us to have a safe and environmentally friendly venue for our members and visitors. The club



looks forward to many activities to take place in our new season beginning on April 1st.

Thanks again to those who assisted and to Quick Plumbing, Peter Barling, Maurie Parsons & Mini McFarlane.

Wimmera Senior Ladies

A group of 12 senior ladies played on a recent Friday. We were pleased to welcome and host them in their event. Thank you to the catering committee.

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.

**** 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!!**

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.

Alex Ross Memorial Golf Day

The annual Alex Ross Memorial 9 holes was played recently in damp conditions. A very supportive group of family & friends were present with about 36 playing the nine holes. Unfortunately, it was damp and the players came in damp and soon looked for some dry clothes etc to continue the day in a warmer spot. The club was hosting the Division 1 Pennant Bowls final as well as the Saturday golf event.

But all enjoyed their day and many thanks to the Ross family for the organisation of the event. Results were:

1st Peter Frecker & Ross Howlett

3-way tie for 2nd Allan Ross & Murray Bone, Dan McDonald & Dean Gunn, Todd & Kyle George

3rd Ellie Baxter & Darcy Anstis.

NTP - Liam Shaw on the 13th

Longest Drive - Ryan McKenzie & Donna McKenzie



Green Taylor & Partners Golf Day

The drizzly weather on Sunday didn't stop golfers from enjoying the first tournament in Warracknabeal in about 12 months.

The annual **Green Taylor and Partners Three Person Ambrose event** was supported by golfers from Warracknabeal, Sheep Hills, Rupanyup, Horsham, Jeparit and Dimboola. The event was open to both handicapped and non-handicapped players, and so provided a social atmosphere for all levels of golf.

For those who are not regular or experienced player, it was a relaxed introduction to competition golf.

Winners of the event were Ross Laycock, Rohan Laycock and Julie Koschitzke, with a nett score of 58 and 5/6

Runners Up were Tom Magee, Leanne Taylor and Peter Taylor with a nett score of 61.

Close behind with the next best score was the team of Ryan McKenzie, Ryan Smith & Nathan McLean - 63 nett.

Other prize winners were:

Men

Nearest to the pin: 5th hole -Tom Magee, 7th Hole - David

Nitschke, 13th Hole - David Kranz

Straightest Drive Tony Huebner

Longest Drive- (Div1) Ross Laycock

Longest Drive (Div 2- non handicap) Glenn Ross



Pictured: Sue Sanford showing her great style while husband Daryl 'Dasher' Sanford watches the result.

Women

Nearest to the pin- 5th hole - nil, 7th Hole - Wendy Hewitt, 13th Hole - Casey Phelan

Straightest Drive Carolyn Morcom

Longest Drive- Div1) Wendy Hewitt

Longest Drive (Div 2- non handicap) Julie Koschitzke

The course is in excellent shape & a credit to all the volunteers involved in maintaining the course, together with the work of new Green Keeper, Nigel Zanker.

Players enjoyed a BBQ lunch thanks to the cooks and salad makers. While at presentations, a delicious afternoon tea was served by the Warracknabeal Golf Club, while players enjoyed a social gathering 'like old times'. They dried out, had some laughs, replayed the good shots of the day and forgot the others! It was a great atmosphere in the

clubrooms and we look forward to many more throughout the coming year.

A huge thank you to Green Taylor & Partners for their sponsorship of the day and their assistance on the day.

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.

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

18th April Hannaford's Seed Cleaning Golf Day sponsored by Fred & Lindy George

New fixture books hopefully ready by last week in March.

Projects of the future!!

Painting of the clubhouse and changerooms

Regenerating plant life around the course

Main cool room upgrade.

Improve work shed space

The Shearwater 'Road to Port Fairy'

Competition

The competition has one month to go. Only five events remain for golfers to gain points- to hold on to their lead or to mount a challenge.



In the ladies section it is down to two players. As we move into March Leonie Atkin on 80 has a one-point lead over Wendy Hewitt who sits on 79. They have opened up an insurmountable gap over the rest of the ladies' field headed by Mary Massey on 59, Karen Germano with 53 and Kaye Picken and Carolyn Morcom who both have 49 points.

Alan McLean on 49 points is still leading the men's table. Good scoring by Ryan Smith has seen his total move to 48 and Richard Bett, through winning the final of the Singles Knockout, has moved to 45 points. Still within striking distance are Dennis Murphy with 44, Stan Ryan on 42 and Matt Richardson with 39. David Kranz had a hot streak in February picking up eight points to reach 38. Derek Picken and Scott Stewart both sit on 37. Both David Baxter and Ryan McKenzie scored well in February's events to join Mick Cheney on 36 points.

This prestigious event is very keenly contested and the leaders are jostling their calendar dates so as not to miss any scoring opportunity and keep themselves in with a chance. Good luck to those in contention and the rest of us are looking forward to a fresh start in April.

We are very appreciative of the sponsorship by Marie and John Aitken who enjoy seeing people out on our course, exercising and socialising contributing to all our good health. **Shearwater House** is in Port Fairy and is a fabulous spot to stay so if you are looking for a break with a group of friends or family, Shearwater is highly recommended.

RIP

We lost a past member recently in Brian Wilson to the big golf course in the sky. Brian was a keen golfer who played regularly with Mal Ferguson, Bluey Clayton, Bluey Souter and Peter O'Callaghan. Brian has not played for a number of years with his health a factor. Our condolences to the family.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Tournament is coming up very soon and thanks to our generous sponsors, two lucky people will enjoy the prizes from our annual Easter Raffle. **First prize is \$400** worth of goods from Ritchies IGA, just imagine the amount of Easter chocolate you can buy on special after Easter!!! Second prize is \$300 worth of vouchers from the

Werrigar Roadhouse which means you can travel the district for a week or so free!!

So, grab a ticket from a member, down the street or out at the clubhouse.

*****A reminder to members to get your book of tickets in by Easter Monday and there are more books available if you have people asking for tickets.***

Welcome! Welcome!

We are all looking forward to the Easter break and our Easter Tournament. Unfortunately, the YFest is unable to be held in its full glory but we wish all those going ahead with their activities a safe & positive outcome.

Visitors galore is usually the case for the YFest so we welcome all visitors & invite them to come out and try out our lovely bush course which will surprise some. We do have Santa Anna greens with watered fairways and a lovely serene atmosphere with plenty of flora & fauna. It's great to have the Portland crew coming up with their vans and testing out the course. I'm sure they will enjoy the four days of challenge, love the peaceful surrounds and make friends with the wallaby and club cats.

VFF Hannaford's Seed Cleaning Golf Day

It is fantastic to have Fred & Lindy George sponsoring a Major Sunday event in April this year. They took over the seed cleaning business from Brian & Charmaine Wilson who were also good sponsors.

Mark the date on the calendar!! More information after the Easter Tournament.

Fairway Teams

It would be great if the Fairway Teams were able to find some time to do a tidy up on their designated hole before Easter. Whipper snipping around the tees & greens & bunkers an example. Also, along the fairway edges any nuisance sticks, fallen branches/small trees and excess bark around the big gums which are in play can be taken to the rubbish pile which we will burn at the appropriate time.

Wood Raffles

Our wood raffles have begun and will continue each month over the winter. Thanks to Shirley, Peter & Kevin for their efforts. A time sheet is available in the clubhouse for you to take a turn in selling tickets in front of Ritchies IGA or Foodworks and we ask for your assistance. These are great raffles earning a consistent income to assist pay the irrigation system out.

Remember we still have a debt to pay!!

WARRACKNABEAL GOLF CLUB
 WELCOMES ALL MEMBERS & VISITORS
EASTER TOURNAMENT

2ND – 5TH APRIL 2021

**18 watered, grassed fairways &
 greens await you**



Friday 2nd April	Sponsor – Warrack HOME Timber & Hardware
Men & Ladies v Par NTP: 5,7 & 13 th	Entry Fee - \$15 per person Afternoon: 11.30am assembly for noon start
Saturday 3rd April	Sponsor – Royal Mail Hotel
Men & Ladies Stableford NTP: 5,7 & 13 th	Entry Fee- \$15 per person Race Goers: hit off before 9:00am Afternoon: 11.30am assembly for noon-12:20 start
Sunday 4th April	Sponsor – Emmett’s Warracknabeal
2 person Ambrose Men & Ladies NTP: 5,7 & 13 th	Entry Fee - \$30 per pair Afternoon: 11.30am assembly for noon start
Monday 5th April	Sponsors – Drummond Golf Ballarat
Men & Ladies Stableford NTP: 5,7 & 13 th	Entry Fee - \$15 per person Afternoon: 11.30am assembly for noon start

***All events are post entries
 & morning golfers welcome, hit off before 9:00am.
 SO, come out and enjoy our company and our fantastic
 surrounds. Drinks & snacks available over the bar.***

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 Wendy Hewitt
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Easter Raffle \$2 per ticket

- **First Prize: \$400 Ritchies’ IGA voucher**
- **Second Prize: \$300 Werrigar Roadhouse**

Happy & Safe Easter to you all!!

