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A message from Barry

Dear Members,

As we approach Christmas and the holiday season our thoughts turn to family and friends as well as having extra time to develop our golfing skills.

In the last month we have held two very successful events, namely our inaugural Charity Day and our 2008 Presentation Night. I would like to thank all members involved in organizing and supporting these events. Also, thanks to all members who have volunteered their services in 2008.

I wish all members a very Happy Christmas and New Year and safe travel for all holiday-makers. May we all be back for the best of golfing in 2009.

Barry Dempsey – President RGC

Meet your committee

Barry Dempsey (President)

Geoff Wallis (Vice President)

Gary Walker (Secretary)

Colleen Martin (Asst Secretary)

Des Pinfold (Treasurer)

Steve Dykes (Captain)

Grant Stack (Vice Captain)

Maxine O'Flynn (Lady Member Representative)

Lynton Reid (Handicapper)

General committee members:

John Donald, Kerry Kennett, Donna Carter, John Dupe'.



Junior golf @ Ringwood

The Ringwood Golf Club junior golf program commenced in August 2008, starting with six juniors (including one girl) increasing this to 12 over the last few months. The age group we were pitching for was between 12 and 16 years of age.

We hold a fortnightly nine hole competition on Sunday afternoons commencing at 3.00pm. Maroondah Leisure have graciously given us the tee times at no costs, so at this point, there is no cost for the kids to play, only their \$33.00 annual membership fee. All juniors are now financial members of the club.

The Junior committee is made up of Steve Dykes, Laurie Shaw, Grant Stack and Donna Carter. The assistants who help us regularly on the competitions days walking around with each group, are Corinne Dyer, Jack Bailey, Noel Proudley, Tony Jewell, Gordon Tevelein and Darren Jewell. These assistants are a very important part of the program, as they not only supervise the kids on the course, but also provide coaching and correct etiquette on the game.

We have introduced several of the advanced junior

players into Saturday golf, with three of them having completed their three cards. The handicap range of Saturday juniors will be around 27, which is a pretty good start. The ability and enthusiasm of these juniors is very exciting, and with a little further recruitment, we may be able to field a junior pennant team for 2010.

The next step is to seek corporate sponsorship, but that has always been stage two of the program. If any members are interested on joining the junior committee, or know of interested junior players please speak with any of the junior committee members.

Steve Dykes, Club Captain

Ladies

Ringwood Bowl

The Ringwood Bowl was held on Friday 24th October with 20 teams entered in the bowl from visiting clubs. The clubhouse was a bustle of activity from early morning with volunteers setting up the rooms and food preparation in full swing.

The Ringwood ladies would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations on behalf of the EPIC Foundation, Anti Cancer Council and Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research. This year was one of the most successful events held and our thanks go to the volunteers who offered their services on the day. Well done ladies!

Heavenly Bliss Beauty	Heathmont	\$40.00 spray tan
Quality Hotel Manor & Natalies Restaurant	Mitcham	\$50.00 gift certificate
Clarion Hotel On Canterbury	Forest Hill	One nights accommodation in a spa suite value - \$230
Valentino's Café Restaurant	Heathmont	Two \$25.00 gift vouchers
Doc's Liquor	Ringwood Nth	Two bottles of wine – \$30.00
Heathmont Pharmacy	Heathmont	Perfume & body lotion gift pack - \$90
Go Vita Eastland	Ringwood	\$50 gift voucher
Vanilla Pod Café	Heathmont	Five cake & coffee vouchers
Croydon Leisure & Aquatic Centre	Croydon	Six one week swim vouchers
Ringwood Golf Course	Ringwood	Two 18 hole games of golf and six golf balls

Oaks Day Party

An Oaks Party was held with all welcome to share a delicious lunch after a round of golf and an opportunity for everyone to get involved in spirit of the Spring Carnival by placing \$1 bets on afternoon races. A Hat competition was held with winners strutting their stuff on the cat-walk. Great fun was had by all.

Memorial Day

The Ringwood Ladies held their Memorial Golf Day on 25th September, warmly welcoming the 20 men who joined them on the day. They also took the opportunity to introduce and welcome the newly elected Ringwood Golf Club President, Barry Dempsey to members.

Past members and their partners were recalled and remembered during a lovely rendition by Maxine O'Flynn of a Matthew Arnold poem:

Is it so small a thing to have enjoyed the sun,

To have loved light in the spring,

To have loved,

To have thought,

To have done,

*To have advanced true friends and beat down
baffling foes?*

The ladies had a full day of activities from enjoying a great round of golf followed by a lovely lunch, prepared by Ros Hay and Helen Ried, to entering into a raffle that saw many winners.

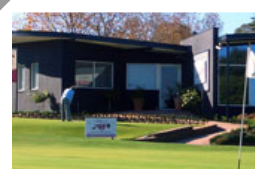
Winners:

Pat McLaws and Nev Armstrong

Runners-up:

Mick O'Flynn and

Sandy Goddard



QUICK TIP
When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.



Ringwood Golf Club Charity Day 21 Nov 2008

Not even the prospect of a wet and cool Spring day in Melbourne could stop 86 enthusiastic golfers from braving the elements to raise funds for Eastern Palliative Care and UnitingCare Community Options at a charity golf day proudly hosted by The Ringwood Golf Club.

Players enjoyed the opportunity to play on the Ringwood Golf course as well as enjoying a variety of golfing competitions, a sausage sizzle and a myriad of door prizes and raffles.

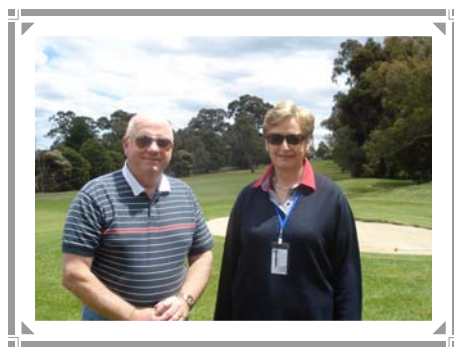
Tired but with their sense of humour still intact, the teams arrived back at the clubhouse to reflect on the day's feats and failures. The Club treated guests to an array of finger food and wine and beer before the winners were announced.

Scorecards aside, Eastern Palliative Care and UnitingCare Community Options were the big winners with \$4400.00 each raised for programs designed to ease the suffering and discomfort of palliative care patients and to enhance the lives of those with disabilities cared for through UnitingCare Community Options.

Sincere thanks to The Maroondah City Council for the use of the Ringwood Golf Course for the day and all event sponsors, without their generosity in these difficult times, this day would not have been the success it was.

Our special thanks go to our many Ringwood Golf Club members who volunteered their time and energy to make this day one that everyone will remember.

Kerry Kennett
Chair—Charity Day Sub Committee



Presentation Night 2008

President Barry Dempsey welcomed over 75 guests, members and friends to the Ringwood Golf Club for the annual Ringwood Golf Club presentation night held on 6 December 2008. Barry expressed his thanks to the officers, members and Maroondah Leisure for their hard work and support throughout the year. Club Captain Steve Dykes reviewed the year, thanking his match committee, players and the golf course for their support.

The trophies were presented by Steve Dykes, Grant Stack, Colleen Martin, Mick O'Flynn and Donna Carter.

The trophy winners for 2008 were:

Eclectic: Gross: Darren Jewell and Grant Stack Nett: Dennis. C. Phillipson .

Putting: Men: Darren Jewell Ladies: Julianne Barrett and Corinne Dyer

Mid-week Trophy: Neville Armstrong.

Eric Kimberly Trophy: Winner: Laurie Shaw R/U: Neville Armstrong.

Par Championships: Winner/Men: Nick Raneri Snr R/U: Richard Klos. Winner/Ladies: Sue Moon R/U: Kerry Kennett.

Stableford Championships: Winner/Men Andrew Ford R/U Men Justin Kyatt Winner Ladies: Kerry Kennett R/U Julianne Barrett.

Presidents Trophy: Steve Dykes/Laurie Shaw.

Captains Trophy: Mick O'Flynn.

Winter Cup: Men: Travis Phillipson R/U: Grant Stack Ladies: Corinne Dyer R/U: Trish Hogan.

Foursomes Trophy: Grant Stack/Harvey Roberts.

Ladies Match Play: Winner: Donna Carter R/U: Trish Perry.

Scratch Match Men: Winner: Grant Stack R/U: Harvey Roberts.

VGL Star Medallist: Marc Gomes-Luis (net 67).

Ringwood Memorial Trophy 4BBB: D.C Phillipson/Des Blyth.

Ringwood Mixed Foursomes: Winner: Paul Kennett/Kerry Kennett.

Darryl Meehan Trophy: Winner Des Blyth/D.C. Phillipson.

Ringwood Trophy: Alan O'Dell.

Most Improved Lady: Donna Carter.

Ladies Summer Cup: Winner Corinne Dyer R/U Trish Perry.

D Grade Club Champion: Winner Ian Mellahan R/U Graham Mahoney.

C Grade Club Champion: Winner Len Flaherty R/U Bill Rogers.

B Grade Club Champion: Winner Bernie Tong R/U John Mulvogue.

A Grade Club Champion: Winner Glen Forster R/U Grant Stack.

Club Champion: Glen Forster.



Get well messages

Our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Warwick Morgan and Ross Parkinson who are currently in hospital. Get well soon boys, we look forward to seeing you back in the club.



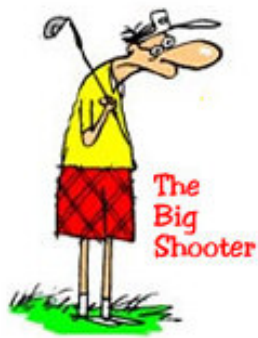
Welcome to our newest members:

John Hunter
Robert Ford
Brett Donahue
Murray Wise

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The True Rules Of Golf - Part 1 of 4

- The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% mental.
- If you want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.
- Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
- When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.
- Any change works for a maximum of three holes and a minimum of not at all.
- No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse
- Never keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.
- When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.



The lighter side



"Big Shooter, would you kindly remove your divot from my head?"

MacDermott and MacDuff were sitting in the clubhouse on a raw, blustery day, thawing their beards in front of the fireplace while freezing rain beat against the windows.

The pair were silent for a long time over their whiskeys. Finally, MacDermott spoke, "That was quite a round of golf." "Aye," MacDuff replied. "Same time next Saturday?" "Aye," said MacDuff, "weather permitting."

That was my provisional

Bill got a call from the coroner, who wants to talk about his wife's recent death. Bill told him the whole sad story. "We were on the third hole. Sally, my wife, was standing on the ladies tee about 30 metres ahead of the men's box when I hit my drive. From the sound when the ball hit her head and the way she dropped like a rock, I knew immediately that she was dead. God only knows where the ball wound up."

The coroner replied "That explains the injury to her head, but what about the Maxfli embedded in her rectum?"

"Oh," said Bill. "That was my provisional."