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REMINDER

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

On Wednesday the 11 March 2009 a **Special General Meeting** is being held in the Clubrooms at 8pm to hear an appeal by a member against a committee resolution of:

'Conduct unbecoming a member'

and/or

'Conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association'.

All members who are able are urged to attend.

Rule changes

- **8th Hole**

A local rule is being introduced to speed up play and eliminate any ambiguity regarding the blind hazard on the right hand corner, with the water hazard. Out of bounds markers will be extended from the safety fence on the right hand side, carrying past the water hazard and garden bed. Any ball in this area will be deemed as out of bounds, and a provisional ball will be played from the tee.

- **9th Hole**

Additional out of bounds markers are to be introduced along the left side of the 9th hole previously rated as GUR), taking out the debris belonging to the course management. Any ball in this area will be deemed as out of bounds, and a provisional ball will be played from the tee.

- **AGU handicap**

From 1 January 2009 the Australian Golf Union ruled that players only need to submit three cards a year instead of five to maintain their AGU handicap.

- **Distance markers**

John Mulvogue and Trevor Rauert have volunteered to upgrade current sprinkler head distance markers over the coming weeks.

Steve Dykes – Club Captain

Volunteers wanted

As you are aware our Club runs as smoothly as it does with the assistance of members who volunteer their services. At the moment we are looking for volunteer bar staff to man (or woman) the bar between the hours of 3.30pm to 6.30 pm on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Can you help us out?

PLEASE CONTACT: John Donald

Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls....

A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a Year.

That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud!

Rule changes continued

Wednesday competition

- + Three grades will be introduced (A, B and C) for a field of 45 players and more. \$30.00 vouchers will be awarded to each winner, with two balls awarded to each runner up.
- + For 44 players or below two grades will be introduced (A and B), with the same prizes noted above awarded.
- + An additional two nearest the pins will be introduced.
- + The ball competition will be calculated by dividing the number of players in the field by six, e.g. if there are 48 players in the field, eight balls will be awarded. This change is in line with Saturday, where the field is divided by 12.

Competition day entry cut off time:

The club house door will be locked 20 minutes before the last allocated tee time. Players arriving after that time are not eligible to enter the competition of the day although they are welcome to play.

Steve Dykes – Club Captain

Ringwood Golf Club Bushfire Appeal

The Club will be making a donation to the Bushfire Appeal, giving players the opportunity to participate.

For the next four weeks (14/2/09–11/3/09) we will be asking for a \$4.00

competition fee, \$1.00 of which will be donated to the Appeal.

It is estimated that this extra \$1.00 should raise around \$750.00 and in anticipation the Club will make an

IMMEDIATE DONATION OF \$1500.00 on behalf of all members. Whilst the extra \$1.00 is not compulsory we urge all to support those unfortunate victims.

Ringwood Golf Club Committee

Ladies at Ringwood

2008 Perpetual and Annual Trophy Winners

PAR: Grades: (A) Anna Tie (B) Sandy Goddard (C) Pam Hegarty (D) Margaret Nash **BIRDIES:** Anna Tie **GOBBLERS:** Pam Hegarty **STABLEFORD:** Pam Hegarty **PUTTING:** Anna Tie

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD: Suzanne Gribble

SENIOR LADIES: Jean Magee, Joyce Stewart, Olga Taylor, Lena Simmons, Ruth Stewart and Jean Rutherford **OVER 70'S TROPHY:** Merlene Peters

ECLECTIC: Nett: Sandy Goddard (55.5) Gross: Anna Tie A Nett: Janet Evans (55.625) C Nett: Pam Hegarty (58) D Nett: Margaret Nash (60.125)

LIFE MEMBERS' TROPHY: Janet Evans

KNOCK OUT CHAMPION: Janet Evans, Runner-up: Rae Flaherty **FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Gross: Norma Crowe, Maxine O'Flynn Nett: Janet Evans, Rae Flaherty **MEMBERS' SHIELD:** Anna Tie (137 pts) **MEDAL OF MEDALISTS:** Janice Simpson

MOST CONSISTENT: Anna Tie

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Gross Div 2: Colleen Craigie Div 3: Loretta Pope

Nett: Div 2: Rae Flaherty Div 3: Margaret Nash Overall Nett: Heather Knopp

Runner-up Champion: Mary Day **CLUB CHAMPION:** Anna Tie

Matchplay

January/February saw everyone struggling with some above normal temperatures which meant we had to start the first round of the Matchplay Championships one week later (12/2/09).

Ringwood/Dorset Challenge

The annual Ringwood/Dorset challenge (which has been running for four years now) took place on 9 February with 12 players from each club playing 4BBB stableford. Ringwood were thrilled to win the trophy. It was a memorable day, enjoyed by all – it was a great way of meeting and getting to know the ladies from Dorset. I would like to thank all participants for their support in this event, in particular I would like to thank Helen Reid and Ros Hay who ensured we capped off a great day with a lovely lunch.

Pennant

We are presenting two pennant teams this year.

A Grade: A grade will be a composite team with the addition of two girls from Dorset – all made possible by the League introducing a new rule to allow this.

C Grade: Our other team will be a C grade team, which will include girls new to pennant.

The Ringwood Memorial Mixed Foursomes Saturday March 7th

This event is the one day which all members of the club can mix and participate, it is available to all ladies and men to choose their own mixed partners and compete in a fun team event. There is also the opportunity to enjoy each others company over a nice lunch at the completion of the round, getting to know other members you would not ordinarily get the opportunity to meet.

Originally the event was named in the honour of Von Purchase, a highly respected past lady member of the club. In recent years the event was renamed the Ringwood Memorial Trophy, as a memorial day for the members to recognise and remember members who have passed away.

This event is also the qualifying event for the VGL Mixed foursomes, with the overall net and gross winner of the day qualifying to play in this event. This day is also a very enjoyable day mixing with members from other affiliated VGL Clubs.

Come along and join us on this important and fun day.

New Members:

The RGC warmly welcome the following new members to our Club:

Men

Bob Bramble
Denis Fogarty
Thomas Mc Mahon
John Lando
Allan Peake

Ladies

Marj Reid
Pat Fogarty
Kay Unwin

Trivia

1. What is the floral emblem of Australia?
2. Which Batman villain usually carried an umbrella?
3. Coal and oil are two important fossil fuels. What is the third?
4. What is Australia's largest inland city?
5. What fruit has the same name as a New Zealand bird?
6. What Aboriginal term for a waterhole is also the name of an Australian clothing company?

Spotlight on Peter Loton

My idea of a perfect weekend is A golf trip away to Murray Downs with the boys where I still come home with some money in my pocket!

If I was a famous Australian, I would be... Bob Hawk....because.....I too think the whole of Australia should get a day off work when we win a yacht race!

My best and worst handicap was ...My lowest Hcp so far is 5, highest was a social Hcp of 18 when I was a junior. Golf was lot's of fun on 18 though!

I have been a member of Ringwood Golf Club for I think I joined in 2000, it's all a bit of a blur these days! But Dave and Noela Johnston (My Uncle and Aunty) used to invite my Mum and myself from the time I was 7 or so to the club for Christmas Parties, New Years Eve parties (They used to have them in those days!) and other club functions, golf days and even cricket matches between Woolworths and Ringwood GC! And I used to go on the golf trips away with Dave while I was in my 20's. So I feel like I've been a member forever!

If stranded on a deserted island I would want to have the following 3 things with me...

1. The entire beer supply from the stupid ship that sunk and left me in this predicament in the first place!!
2. A deck chair.
3. And my Harp Hotel stubby holder.

My most treasured possession is... My Harp Hotel stubby holder.

What is something people at the golf club don't know about you?

My right foot is definitely bigger than my left!
And I don't eat beetroot! Too purple!!

I get angry when...

Someone touches my Harp Hotel stubby holder!!!

I don't like talking about.... Religion with cab drivers. I always end up having to walk home!

My most humiliating moment was?

Trying to explain myself to a security guard after:
a) after falling over drunk in the bushes on night shift; while b) trying to avoid him seeing me take a leak in the bushes of the car park of my old employer Australia Post! Try explaining why you're lying on your back in a bush in the car park on work time with your "package" exposed! It just ain't easy!!

I wish I had.... gone to my cousin Glenn Johnston's wedding in Holland.

I wish I hadn't... lost all the money I had saved to go to my cousin Glenn's wedding at The Mountain View!! Dhoo!

My happiest moment was... watching Arnie get a hole in one at Murray Downs on the golf trip away!! And then another one on the 5th at Ringwood!! Could be a player of the future!

If I had to cook the perfect meal it would be... A casserole that takes about 10 stubbies to cook!!

My favourite gadget is... My remote for the TV so I can change back and forth from the golf to the cricket!

If only I could... finish off a good round!!

I often wonder... what it would be like to finish off a good round!!

The greatest lesson I have learnt in life is... Maori bouncers can run faster than you think!!



Victorian Junior Masters 2009

The [2009 Victorian Junior Masters](#) golf tournament was held at the Waverley Golf Club in Rowville from January 12 through 14. The winner, Geoff Drakeford from Yarram Golf Club, took out the 2009 Victorian Junior Masters title. His par on 17 gave him a two stroke lead starting the final hole.

Even though his tee shot on 18 finished on the 1st fairway, any hope the other players had of a stumble was snuffed out when he hit a beautiful recovery shot just short of the green. Geoff then almost holed his eagle chip shot, making his short putt for a birdie to secure the title.

Meanwhile in the girls' event, Su-Hyun Oh from Kingston Heath won the title with a four round total of 317.

For more detailed information on results visit: www.waverleygolfclub.com.au.

Twilight at Ringwood

From October 2008, 71 players have competed in the Thursday night twilight competition, an increase on last year, and hopefully one night we may get 50 plus altogether.

This year's last twilight competition ends on 2nd April 09, in line with the ending of daylight saving on Sunday 5th April 2009.

Presentation night will be held on Thursday 2 April 2009 in the Clubhouse - please come along and enjoy the night.

We would like to thank our suppliers who have, once again, been very generous with prizes over the year. Some of the prizes will be on display in the Club House over the next few weeks.

Competition leaders

This year's competition has seen a vast improvement in personal handicaps by a large portion of players, with the current leaders battling hard to stay in front.

Men: Steve Homans, with 71, currently leads Tom Dodd who is only one stroke away. As both of these gentlemen are aware there are a host of players breathing down their necks - so they need to keep on their toes!

Ladies: Julieann Barrett leads with 79 followed by Colleen Martin on 90.

A full list of performances will be posted in the Clubhouse and Pro Shop.

A special thanks to Colleen Martin and Julieann Barrett for shouldering the majority of the responsibility of running twilight this year. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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On the lighter side ...

Husband takes his wife to play her first game of golf.....Unfortunately, the wife promptly whacked her first shot right through the window of the biggest house adjacent to the course. The husband cringed, 'I warned you to be careful! Now we'll have to go up there, find the owner, apologize and see how much your lousy drive is going to cost us.' So the couple walked up to the house and knocked on the door. A warm voice said, 'Come on in.'



When they opened the door they saw the damage that was done: glass was all over the place, and a broken antique bottle was lying on its side near the broken window. A man reclining on the couch asked, 'Are you the people that broke my window?'

'Uh...yeah, sir. We're really sorry about that,' the husband replied.

'Oh, no apology is necessary. Actually I want to thank you. You see, I'm a genie, and I've been trapped in that bottle for a thousand years. Now that you've released me, I'm allowed to grant three wishes. I'll give you each one wish, but if you don't mind, I'll keep the last one for myself.'

'Wow, that's great!' the husband said. He pondered a moment and blurted out, 'I'd like a million dollars a year for the rest of my life.'



'No problem,' said the genie 'you've got it, it's the least I can do. And I'll guarantee you a long, healthy life!' 'And now you, young lady, what do you want?' the genie asked.

'I'd like to own a gorgeous home complete with servants in every country in the world,' she said.

'Consider it done,' the genie said. 'And your homes will always be safe from fire, burglary and natural disasters!'

'And now,' the couple asked in unison, what's your wish, genie?'

'Well, since I've been trapped in that bottle and haven't been with a woman in more than a thousand years, my wish is to have sex with your wife.'

The husband looked at his wife and said, 'Gee, honey, you know we both now have a fortune, and all those houses. What do you think?'

She mulled it over for a few moments and said, 'You know, you're right. Considering our good fortune, I guess I wouldn't mind, but what about you, honey?'

'You know I love you sweetheart,' said the husband. 'I'd do the same for you!'

So the genie and the woman went upstairs where they spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying each other in every way. After about three hours of non-stop sex, the genie rolled over and looked directly into her eyes and asked, 'How old are you and your husband?'

'Why, we're both 35,' she responded breathlessly..

'**NO S***.**' He said, 'Thirty-five years old and you both still believe in genies?'



Social a Ringwood

Easter Raffle



With Easter fast approaching, our raffle tickets for this are now on sale. Tickets will be \$1 each with some lovely chocolate filled hampers up for grabs. Make sure you buy a ticket or two before it is drawn on April 4



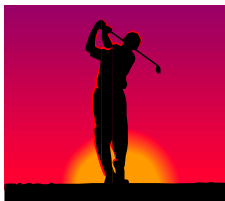
Trivia Night



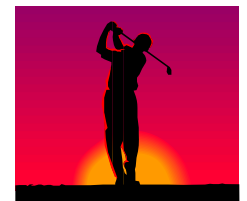
Our Trivia Night has been booked for July 4 and will again be held at the Clubhouse. This has been a great success in previous years so keep this night free to join in on the fun and games



Annual Golf Trip



The Golf Trip for 2009 has been booked for Barham Golf Club. Further details for this event will be posted in the Clubhouse shortly



Trivia answers:

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5. What fruit has the same name as a New Zealand bird? **KIWI**
6. What Aboriginal term for a waterhole is also the name of an Australian clothing company? **BILLABONG**

