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Donations

The Ringwood Golf Club donated a total of \$6000.00 to the following charitable organizations:

The Good Friday Appeal
\$600.00,
made up of:

Members:
(coffee)

\$380.00

The Club:

\$220.00

The Bushfire Appeal

\$2,000.00,
made up of:

Members:

\$1235.00

The Club:

\$765.00

A message from Barry

This year is well and truly passing quickly and with already 4 months gone, we have completed our Club Championships, although a major weather washout caused headaches for the Match Committee.

We congratulate Grant Stack as our Club Champion for 2009. We are also nearing the end of our Pennant Season, and with the Scratch Team already in finals, all other teams are in contention to play finals. Good luck to all players involved.

We also welcome many new members this year and hope they enjoy their golfing at Ringwood.

Thanks again to all stalwarts who help around the Club and we encourage Members old and new to volunteer their services.

Good golfing to all members on our great Course over the winter months.

Barry Dempsey – President RGC

ATTENTION SATURDAY PLAYERS

Match Committee is offering Saturday players the opportunity to form a group booking in which players' times are rotated over a period of weeks so that they get to play with different people. It is envisaged that this group booking would be located in the middle of the second block of tee times.

If you wish to register your interest, please add your name to the list in the competition room. If there is sufficient response, the forward booking sheets will be adjusted to incorporate the rotation.

Lynton Reid

Quotable quotes

'I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes they would have come up sliced'.

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'When I'm on a golf course and it starts to rain and lightning, I hold up my one iron, 'cause I know even God can't hit a one iron'.

Lee Trevino

'Golf is a game who's aim it is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose'.

Winston Churchill

'If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf'.

Bob Hope

General points to help improve the pace of play

- The lowest marker in each group is the group captain, and is responsible for the pace of play and under slow play policy is the first player to be penalized for slow play.
- We cannot stick with the old comeback of 4-4hr 15min being an acceptable pace of play in the early time blocks.
- Time taken for a round of golf is irrelevant. What is relevant is your group's position in the field. All efforts should be taken to maintain 1 to 1 – ½ shots behind the group in front.
- Focus on ready golf; do not discuss whose honour it is on the tee, whoever is ready to hit, hit!
- On the putting green, when you are ready to putt, and if not impeding another player's line, consider putting.
- Also consider putting out, if you putt up to 1 – 1 ½ feet from the hole and are not standing on another players line.
- If you are falling behind, players who have puttied out should proceed to the next tee to hit off.
- Think about where you position your buggy on the green; do not leave your buggy at the front of the green, position it at the nearest point for the next tee.
- Do not stand around on the green or tee marking cards. This can waste 20/30 seconds per hole and over 18 holes can cost each group up to 10 minutes. Mark scores as others tee off, save score discussions as you proceed down the next fairway.
- Always be at your ball ready to hit, if you have a slow player in your group, you can always look for positions to proceed safely in front of them, to be ready for your next shot.
- At completion of par 3's a member of your group can spot briefly for the group teeing off, especially on the 3rd and 8th, to assist with indicating ball position. This will save the following group time.
- There are many ways we can all improve our own pace of play, if each group can improve their time by 10 minutes, the overall effects would be huge.
- Remember, don't be selfish, we all share the course.

RGC Match Committee

Ladies at Ringwood

Club Championships

Better weather and the condition of the the course saw an improvement in the number of players competing each week. Although the course has undergone maintenance work recently, no real hindrance to our game was noticed.

Championship results:

Overall net winner - Maxine O'Flynn – 211 (20) **Runner up** – Mary Day – 250 (13) **Club Champion** - Anna Tie – 243 (13) **B Grade winner** - Carolyn McCorkell – 212 Net (27) **C Grade winner** – Barbara Blount – 219 net (31) **Putting competition winner** – Anna Tie with 29 putts

Presidents Report

In April, we hosted the Doris Watkins Memorial Day for Danny. His daughter Carol did the catering and joined us for lunch. We had lovely food and great company. Our thanks go to Danny and Carol.

This month saw milestone birthdays and lovely autumn days to enjoy our golf. We have two enthusiastic pennant teams out there doing their best for the RGC on Mondays and our thanks go to everyone who helped organise the day and prepare the food.

Money raised from tea and coffee raised \$280 – with the Club bumping this up to a \$600.00 donation to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The Ringwood Golf Club Charity Day committee will be meeting in June to plan our next Charity Day and they are hopeful that they can meet (if not better) last years figure.

Maxine O'Flynn - President

Mixed Aggregate Stableford Day - Thursday 21 May 2009

The ladies invited the men to join them for a game of golf followed by lunch and we were pleased to have 36 men put their names on the list. There were 72 18-hole players and 9 ladies who played 9 holes.

We started out in thick fog and after some good and bad golf, lots of laughs and good company, we finished with the sun shining. Congratulations to Karen Lambert and Danny Watkins on a great win.

A BIG thank you to the following people who helped make the day the success it was:

The ladies who played 9 holes for finishing the lunch preparations while I played 18 holes

John Smits, Bob Canet and Neville Armstrong for cooking the BBQ

To all who helped with setting up the clubhouse on the Wednesday night, the onion slicer and all those who willingly hopped in and cleaned up after lunch, I am most grateful for your assistance.

Once again I couldn't do this catering job without the assistance of Ros Hay, thanks.

Carolyn McCorkell organised another successful raffle. Thanks to the members for supporting this fund raising effort. Well done to Pat McLaws and the match committee for getting the players onto the course. It was a difficult job, especially when the starting times were changed. To Wayne and his staff in the Pro Shop thanks for getting us all out on the course.

We have a great club and it was pleasing to see so many members enjoying each other's company. If you missed out this year, watch out for the event on next years calendar and get your name on the list early.

Helen Reid, Catering Convenor

Pennant

One of the ladies pennant sides made it into the final, playing a marvelous game but going down to Riverside in a hard fought battle. Well done ladies and better luck next year.

Juniors at Ringwood

I am pleased to announce that the Ringwood Golf Club Junior Membership is still growing and now stands at 14.

What do they do?

The juniors compete in a nine hole handicapped stroke event on alternative Sundays during school terms. We recently held a short game clinic teaching them the basics of bunker play and chipping, including pitching to the green over various distances.

The clinic was well attended and we plan to hold additional clinics shortly with dates to be advised.

We would like to thank Noel Proudley, Grant Stack, and Darren Jewell for conducting the clinic and to club managers and parents for assisting.

Our newest junior

We welcome our latest junior to join Ringwood Golf Club, Nathan Chua. Nathan is 10 years old and recently submitted his first club card - a nine hole round of 56! Congratulations Nathan.

We even understand that Nathan has his own caddy and both can be seen regularly at the driving range.

Good golfing to all.

Laurie Shaw



I would like to take the opportunity of saying thank you to all Ringwood members who help out with our Junior Program. The junior committee: Laurie Shaw, Grant Stack, Donna Carter to our wonderful helpers on Sundays.: Jack Bailey, Robert Shaw, Graeme Mahoney, Noel Proudly, Darren Jewell, Tony Jewell, Glen Duxon and Gordon Tevelein,

Steve Dykes – Club Captain

New members

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

Stuart Giles, Jeff Wilson, Allan Wilkins, Alfred Ireland, Matt Corrin, Michael Mackin, Andrew Kingma, Eric Englebogen, John Oliver, Andrew Hoad, Brent Govan, Allan Morgan, Fraser Trist, Tyler Sonsini and Thomas Derham

Steve Dykes – Club Captain

Pennant

Three of the men's pennant sides made it into their finals, all teams played great games.

Ringwood Blue had a win for the club but unfortunately Ringwood Gold and the Scratch Team, although they made a gallant effort, were not able to win on the day.

Well done to all who took part.

RGC website review

Stuart Mahoney and John Dupe are in the process of looking at the Ringwood Golf Club website with a view to upgrading making it more user-friendly. Once Stuart and John have set some basic requirements they will ask interested members for their input.

The Ringwood Golf Club would like to take this opportunity of thanking Ralph Grapetine for his work over the past few years in maintaining the and keeping the site up to date.

Memorial Day Mixed Foursomes

What a great day we had. The weather was perfect and the golf memorable.

The winners on the day were Bernie and Teresa Tong with a net 63 and the runners up were Grant Stack and Donna Carter with a net 63.5 – can't get much closer than that folks!

Thank you to Social for putting on a fantastic lunch and to all those who helped to set and clear up afterwards.

See you all next year.

Twilight at Ringwood

The final night of Twilight was held on Thursday 02/04/09 with presentation to the winners of the 20/08/09.

Winners

Men's: Steve Homans **Runner Up:** Tommy Dodd
Ladies: Julieann Barrett **Runner Up:** Trish Perry

My thanks to Colleen Martin and Julieann Barrett for their great assistance this year, without which we would have struggled to run this event.

My thanks also go to the all the groups who competed over a number of weeks and we look forward to seeing you all in October 09.

We wish to thank our sponsors Maroondah Leisure, Dunlop MaxiFli, Bridgestone Golf and last but not least, to Darren the resident Golf Pro Ringwood/Dorset Golf Courses.

Please continue supporting the Pro Shop and associated business partners, as this only strengthens our position with them and continues to build our already strong relationships.

Twilight Golf is a social event run for all players, regardless of their ability, coming along and having fun.

For the next twilight competition we are looking for more input from our players to assist on the night, allowing others to also enjoy their golf and relax at the end of their round or indeed just have a night off from officiating. So put your hand up and help.

John Dupe'

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so you can get into the next edition of 'Fore'



Women's Golf Victoria announced that it is moving its premier domestic match play competition into this century and on to the weekend.

The much-anticipated move from Friday to Sunday will open up the elite WGV Metropolitan Pennant season to all competitors eligible to play and in turn strengthen the depth of women's golf in Victoria.

The intention of moving women's pennant to Sunday ensures that all women will have access to the premier match play competition for our sport and the WGV Board unanimously supported the decision.

Part of the new look will include just the one (1) team per club in a bid to strengthen the depth and make it a far more competitive atmosphere for players and WGV is committed to working with clubs to deliver the competition on high demand, high traffic days. It will continue to be held at the same time of year and an alternate match play competition offered to those who are unable to participate in Metropolitan Pennant.

For more information please call WGV Golf Manager Louise MacDonald – 03 9524 6606 or 0439 966 176

www.womensgolf.org.au

On the lighter side ...

A couple of women were playing golf one sunny Saturday morning. The first of the twosome teed-off and watched in horror as the ball headed directly toward a foursome of men playing the next hole. Indeed, the ball hit one of the men and he immediately clasped his hands together at his crotch, fell to the ground and proceeded to roll around in agony. The woman rushed down to the man and immediately began to apologize. She then explained that she was a physical therapist and offered to help ease his "pain."

"Please allow me to help, I am a physical therapist and I know I could relieve your pain if you'd just allow me!" She told him earnestly. "Ummph, ooh, nnnoo, I'll be alright...I'll be fine in a few minutes," he replied as he remained in the fetal position still clasping his hands together at his crotch.

The woman takes it upon herself to begin to "ease his pain". She began to massage his groin.

After a few moments she asked, "does that feel better?" The man looked up at her and replied, "yes, that feels pretty good ... but my thumb still hurts like hell!"

The Pope met with the College of Cardinals to discuss a proposal from Shimon Peres, the former leader of Israel. "Your holiness," said one of the Cardinals, "Mr. Peres wants to determine whether Jews or Catholics are superior, by challenging you to a golf match."

The Pope was greatly disturbed, as he had never held a golf club in his life. "Not to worry," said the Cardinal, "we'll call America and talk to Jack Nicklaus. We'll make him a Cardinal, he can play Shimon Peres. We can't lose!" Everyone agreed it was a good idea. The call was made and, of course, Jack was honored and agreed to play.

The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of his success in the match. "I came in second, your Holiness," said Nicklaus. "Second?!!" exclaimed the surprised Pope. "You came in second to Shimon Peres?!!"

"No," said Nicklaus, "second to Rabbi Woods."

Social @ Ringwood

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



Annual Day Trip



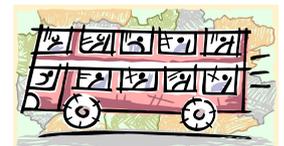
The RGC are running their annual day trip.

Course: Beacons Hills Golf Club

Date: 9th August

Tee off: 8.30am for 9am

Cost: \$40.00 per person (includes golf, BBQ lunch and prizes)



We're on the Web!

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Spotlight on Trish Perry

My idea of a perfect weekend is:

Time to socialise, read, turn the alarm off &, of course, golfing with my Ringwood buddies.

If I was a famous Australian, I would be:

Mem Fox or Kate Grenville as I'd love to have the talent to write for a living.

My best and worst handicap: 24 – 37.

I have been a member of Ringwood Golf

Club: for 10 years now so the handicap should be improving.

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

A good book, music & a Man Friday (no point in a good book if there's no one to do the chores.)

My most treasured possession:

It's wonderful to see my granddaughters thumping away on the piano played by their great, great, grandmother.

I get angry with:

Injustice; especially when children are not given the time & love they deserve.

I don't like talking about:

I avoid the gory details of violence & cruelty in real life or the movies.

My most humiliating moment:

(That I am prepared to share) was having 20 on a par 3.

If only I could: *get out of bunkers.*

I wish I hadn't: *booked a Gold Coast golfing holiday in a week of record-breaking rain.*

I wish I had: *taken wet weather gear on that holiday.*

I'm happiest when: *talking, walking, dining or traveling in good company.*

If I had to cook the perfect meal:

it would be... something simple like salmon on Asian greens. However ... I prefer meals prepared by more capable others.

My favourite gadgets are: *camera & iPod.*

I often wonder: *if I'll ever play a round of golf without a single 3 putt.*

The greatest lesson I have learnt in life is:

To make time for the really important things in life rather than responding to immediate demands. (Easier said than done.)

For sale

**Niblick runner style white golf shoe size 7. Cost \$ 60.00 will sell for\$ 30.00
Worn once. Contact Kerry Kennett**