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Golf Tip:

Chipping or pitching:

Open your stance (left foot further from the ball than the right foot for right handed golfers) when chipping or pitching.

This allows you to turn through the ball easier.

However, be sure to keep your shoulders and hips square to the target.

A message from Barry

We have just completed another winter of golfing and although a little soft at times, the course has played very well.

In July, we received confirmation from Maroondah Council that the Lease Agreement for our clubrooms has been renewed to 30th June 2014, with a further option to June 2019. So we have a good 10 year arrangement in place.

Thanks to our social committee for a great Trivia Night in July with over 80 in attendance.

We look forward to good support for the Barham weekend in October.

We also welcome a large number of new members over the last few months and hope they are enjoying their golf at Ringwood.

We wish a quick recovery for any sick members and hope they are soon back on the course.

Until next time, best wishes to all members.

Barry Dempsey – President RGC

Reminder – Bar levy tickets

The current issue of bar levy tickets (white) can only be used up to 30 October 2009. Estimates suggest that around 1600 tickets are unused as at 31 July 2009. A new series, coinciding with the membership year, will be available once the 09/10 membership fees are paid.

Charity Golf Day – Friday 20 November 2009

12.30pm shotgun start – Cost \$50.00

(Price includes golf competitions, club house refreshments and finger food)

Our second Ringwood Charity Golf Day has proven to be so popular that we have filled all available playing spots with sponsors, but as we all know (due to work commitments) some people drop out at the last minute.

Are you interested in going on our waiting list? Do you want to know more?

Please contact Kerry (0417 554 538) or Gary Walker (0407 686 180) to find out more.

Very interesting!

Among the more interesting rules at Willie Nelson's personal Golf Club in Austin, Texas is that no more than 12 people are allowed in each foursome. And there is no such thing as a lost ball, because sooner or later someone is going to find it.

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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, golfer gets about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud

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A Ringwood Golf Club player on Saturday 25/7 got nearest the pin on the 5th hole.

He was so excited he was heard to exclaim –

'This would be my first NTP for a few years I reckon'.

He then went on to record a 6 for the hole!

Anonymous

Did you know..... ?

Rules Quiz: "A ball played from off the green was about a foot from the hole and still in motion, when it was moved by a dog to a spot about ten feet from the hole. The ball was either deflected by the dog or the dog picked it up, ran with it and dropped it. What is the ruling"?

Answer: *If the ball was deflected, it would be played as it lay, without penalty, from the spot to which it was moved by the dog—Rule 19-1.*

If the dog picked up the ball, the player should have placed the ball, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where the original ball was when the dog picked it up—Rule 19-1a.

RGC Match Committee

Seeking door prizes for the Ringwood Charity Golf Day

We all have unused gifts or other items tucked away in cupboards and other dark places. The Charity Committee are seeking such gifts to be used as door prizes for the Charity Day.

Can you help us out?

Contact Kerry Kennett (0417 554 538) or Gary Walker (0407 686 180) for more information.



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Ladies at Ringwood

Every golfer aspires to a hole in one and Mary Day was no exception.

On Friday 17th of July, Mary's dream came true, when she hit a hole in one on the 9th hole of the Dorset Golf Club in Croydon, during a mixed competition. The 9th hole is a par 3, with an elevated green, and whilst she did not see the ball go in to the hole, she did think it was a very good shot.

Mary, a member of the Dorset Golf Club Inc and the Ringwood Golf Club Inc said she has been playing golf for 58 years, since the age of 12 and has never before had a hole in one.

Mary was presented with a "hole in one trophy" incorporating the ball she was using that day. Her effort has been widely celebrated by all her fellow golfers at the club.

Story: Lynn Hawkless



Clothing parade

The ladies are holding a clothing parade on Thurs 17th Sept at 10.30 am with free entry and free morning tea.

Lingerie sale

The recent lingerie sale sold over \$2000 of bras and knickers – a fantastic result. This was a joint venture with Dorset and Ringwood. Hopefully next time more Saturday ladies will be able to attend the next sale – which I hear will be happening before Christmas?

Portarlington nine day competition.

Congratulations to Mick and Maxine O'Flynn on their big wins at the recent Portarlington nine day golf tournament.

Mick and his partner won the Wednesday Comp (73 off the stick) winning a \$300.00 club, Maxine was equal second in the Ladies B grade championships on Friday and they then won the mixed comp on Sunday with a 68 net, getting a digital camera and an MP3 player for their efforts – thankfully they have grandchildren who know how to set these things up for them to use.

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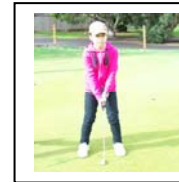
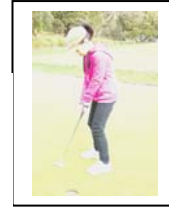
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Juniors at Ringwood

Golf

My name is Serena Yong. I was born on the 10/10/99 and I am almost 10 years old. I go to Mount View Primary School and I am in grade 4. I started playing golf at 5 years old for 3 years at a golf clinic. I have just recently joined Ringwood junior golf club. I think Ringwood junior golf club is really great because it's challenging, you get to actually play on the golf course, they teach you the etiquettes & tips of golf and you get to make new friends. I enjoy golf because it is a very enjoyable sport and absolutely anyone can play it.

By Serena Yong



Serena Yong

Captains Report September 2009

Course management Meeting 19/8/09

- Still requesting an additional time slot at the beginning of the second tee block to accommodate Saturday Juniors. No confirmation as yet. We may just do it anyway by moving all time slots down one, and providing the time sheet with a ruled off time of 11.07am, as they have suggested to allow them to distinguish what is the final club time slot.
- Nothing further to the request for a safety cage on the 3rd green to allow for call up, still with CAPEX.
- 17th tee will be out for several weeks commencing end September, for re building works.
- New dam plan concept being drawn up, unclear at this stage as to specific plans.

Match Committee Meeting

- Motion passed that no score cards for Monday competitions will be handicapped when competition is played off the white markers
- Course re rating approved & will commence at the re print of the next batch of score cards.
- Players who do not submit a card at the end of a round cannot expect to automatically go out point 1. If you want to go out point 1, you must complete DNF on the card and submit the card. No card submitted & player is on the comp sheet, the player will be DQ, no point 1 to apply.
- Wed competition up to a maximum of 30 players only one grade will be played. Up to 45 players will be two grades, 45 players & over three grades
- Confirming the garden bed surrounding the dam on the right side of 15th fairway will be deemed as out of bounds, taking away all ambiguity of lost ball in garden bed, 'do I have to play a provisional ball etc'. This will not become official until the white out of bounds markers are installed.

Steve Dykes – Club Captain

RGC website review

The Ring Golf Club website will be refreshed soon.

A notice will be placed in the club rooms asking for your input.

Twilight at Ringwood

Keep watching out for the start of the Twilight series, it will be starting soon and when we get the dates organized a notice will be placed in the Club Room. Happy golfing all!

John Dupe'

New members

The RGC would warmly welcome the following new members to our Club:
Kevin Witham, Barry Dick, Peter Morgan, Ruhan Van Zyl, David Healey, Paul Westbury, Andre De Villiers, Paul Gibson, John Bradley, Ken Beckett, David Makin, Timothy Laver, Steven Ashworth, Peter Fletcher and Alan Belot

Steve Dykes – Club Captain

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We are proud to be associated with the Ringwood Golf Club, and will be supporting the Ringwood Charity Golf Day on 20 November this year by way of sponsorship.

An invitation is extended to all members of the Club to visit the Bendigo Bank in Ringwood, our address is 3A Civic Place, Ringwood. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you will find, and may even want to enquire about our special term deposit rates available at present. When you come in, don't forget to mention you are from Ringwood Golf Club as we would love to meet you.

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Golf Poem

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.

By Its Size I Could Not Guess,
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,
I Hate Myself And Want To Die.
It Promises A Thing Called Par,
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.
Often It Will Have A Whim,
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.

With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
If Only It Would Find The Hole.

It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,
But The Ball Knows...I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

Scratch Golfer

Two women were put together as partners in the club tournament and met on the putting green for the first time.

After introductions, the first golfer asked,

"What's your handicap? "

"Oh, I'm a scratch golfer," the other replied.

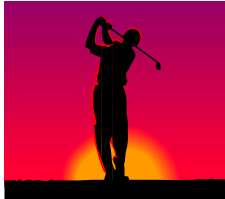
"Really!" exclaimed the first woman suitably impressed that she was paired up with her.

"Yes, I write down all my good scores and scratch out the bad ones!"

Social @ Ringwood

Reminder

Annual Golf Trip



The golf trip for 2009 is booked for the 10th and 11th October at the Barham Golf Club.



Details of this event are posted in the Clubhouse.

Call Donna Carter or Grant Stack to find out how you can book your place for this fantastic weekend away with your golfing buddies.



Do you have a story you want to tell?

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Spotlight on Ralph Grapentin

My idea of a perfect weekend is:

Golf trip away, play golf, drink VB, cuddle up with a nice lady

If I was a famous Australian, I would be:

Greg Norman but be more courteous to people like he is now. His life is grand with the right woman!

My best and worst handicap:

18 in 1977 to 6.9 in 2006

I have been a member of Ringwood Golf Club:

Joined December 1976. Shot 74 – 18 = 56 net in Jan 1977 and practiced putting with a tiny Geoff Wallis after the round!



Kristal (10) Ralph, and Ben (12)

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

1. Heaps of baked beans cans and VB.
2. Luxurious fully fitted caravan.
3. Hot young chick.

My most treasured possession:

Eight Ball cue

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

Very competitive, determined and dedicated in things I do i.e. sport I play, paid and voluntary work etc

I get angry with:

Companies i.e. Banks, Telstra that make huge profits and still charge absurd and unnecessary fees! And dangerous truck drivers

I don't like talking about:

The amount of wooden spoons the Saints have held. Go Saints!

My most humiliating moment:

The final round of the 1992 Championships. I started 4 strokes behind leader, after 12 holes was 3 under the card for the day and leading by 1 shot, then my swing crashed under pressure to lose narrowly!

If only I could:

Get a hole in one and putt like Harvey Roberts at Ringwood. If only my backswing wasn't so long. I would have been a professional and a player of the future!

I wish I hadn't:

Got drunk so many times in my younger days.

I'm happiest when:

I'm happiest with a can of VB in my hand

If I had to cook the perfect meal:

Pumpkin soup and casseroles

My favourite gadgets are:

Mobile internet on the go and the TV remote

The greatest lesson I have learnt in life is:

Look after yourself and get regular GP checkups. Guys 40 +, do it and live long!

An interview with Shane Butler

“When did you first start playing golf?”

Devil Bend Golf Club at the age of 13 were his first memories of playing golf

“Where was the first club you joined?”

Ringwood Golf Club at the age of 16.

“What was your first golf Handicap, and what is your current handicap?”

*Shane’s first handicap was 27, which only lasted for 1 week (after 45 stableford points it was cut to 23)
His current handicap is +1 at Eastwood Golf Club.*

“What are your golfing achievements to date?”

*Multiple junior championships at Ringwood Golf Club
Multiple Foursome Championships at Ringwood Golf Club.
2007RGC Club Champion
2005 Division 2 Colts Pennant Champions for Eastwood Golf Club.*

“Why did you start a traineeship?”

*His goal is to become a professional golfer and to help others enjoy the game as much as he does
Since Shane started golf he has always wanted to make a career out of something he was passionate about
and the traineeship was a perfect platform to begin this process.*

“What do you want to get out of your traineeship?”

*Shane’s goal is to complete his course and receive his diploma of sports coaching. With the traineeship
involving tournaments Australia wide it gives Shane the experience of playing different courses in different
climates and different conditions.*

“How have you progressed thru your traineeship, so far?”

*Over the 8 months of Shane’s traineeship he has playing in approximately 20 trainee tournaments with a best
finish of first in a 36 hole tournament held at Moonah Links, with an impressive 36 hole total of 11 under par,
5 shots clear of his nearest rivals. Adding to his maiden victory are also 15 top 10 finishes.*

“Currently where are you positioned on the Traineeship Order of Merit?”

Shane is currently ranked 6th in Victoria, and 19th in Australia, out of approximately 300 trainee professionals.

“How do you see yourself on the completion of your traineeship?”

*Although Shane has 2 more years to complete his traineeship, the current pro at Eastwood Golf Club has
already asked Shane to become his assistant on completion of his traineeship.*

“What are you goals for the completion of your traineeship?”

*Shane wants to achieve a level of golf which will see him ranked as one of the top 10 trainee professional in
Australia. He believes this will give him a good foundation for taking the next step into professional
tournament play.*

“What goals have you set for yourself post traineeship?”

*Shane’s long term goals are to forge a career internationally, hopefully beginning as a playing professional on
the Asia Tour with views of moving to more lucrative tours in Europe and the US.*

*Well Shane, on behalf of Ringwood Golf Club we wish you all the best for your golfing aspirations and would
love to see you around the club in the future.*

Interviewed by

**Grant Stack
Vice Captain
Ringwood Golf Club**