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New member:

Horst Krause

Ringwood Juniors VGL Junior Championship results:

The VGL junior championships were held at Tirhatuan Lakes on Sunday 29 November 2009. Jay Allen shot a net 67 and Sean Buncle a net 78. Well done boys.

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A message from Barry

We are once again coming quickly to the end of another golfing year. This year we have been very fortunate to experience a great improvement in course playing conditions and thanks to all the maintenance staff involved. Our 2nd Charity Day held last month was very well supported by sponsors and we commend all members who assisted in this event. Although our Presentation Night was not well supported by members, all those who

attended had a great night and we congratulate all trophy winners in 2009. With Christmas approaching, I would like to thank all members who volunteered their services in 2009, wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, a very safe holiday season, and good golfing in 2010.

Barry Dempsey – President RGC

Social Club

Do you have any bright or innovative ideas on how to get members more involved in your Social Club activities? Here are some we have received:

- A golf trip to china, New Zealand or Queensland.
- A day trip to Marysville.
- A wine and cheese night.
- A change to the presentation night format to perhaps a Sunday afternoon with a BBQ and a guest speaker - perhaps a golf pro.

Are you interested in sharing your ideas and helping us out on an ad hoc basis?

Contact Colleen Martin

Charity Golf Day – Friday 20 November 2009

Wow what a memorable day – in more ways than one! We started off with a full field of 96 players, not bad for only our second Charity Day event. It was hot and steamy – the temperature had reached 38C and the humidity something like 90% when we teed off at 12.30pm. Then the rain came along with the lightning, thunder - what a relief it was to hot and bothered bodies. Unfortunately the lightening caused us to only play a nine-hole competition, but it seemed to me that more fun was had in the club rooms than could ever have been had on the course. We raised a staggering \$4400.00 for each of the charities – Uniting care Community Options and Eastern Palliative Care. Cheques will be presented to these charities soon. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, without you the day would not have been the success it was. Cheques will be presented at 5pm on 16 December in the Club rooms

Ringwood Golf Club Charity sub-committee

Congratulations

Hearty congratulations to Bill Eccles who broke his age by a hefty 4 shots on Wednesday 25 November.

Had he waited another few days for his birthday on the weekend, it would have been a mighty 5 shots. Great golf Bill!

Presentation night – Saturday 14 November 2009

Once again another superb night put on by the Social Club. We had a two course sit down dinner followed by a disco – where some of us have discovered that the intensity of the dancing only proved that our knees are not as young as they used to be!

Thank you to everyone that supported the Club and were there to congratulate the 2009 trophy winners on this very special night.

Medal winners (in order of presentation)

Eclectic men: Gross: Geoff Wallis – 61 Net: Dennis C Phillipson – 58

Eclectic women: Gross: Julieann Barrett – 73 Net: Corinne Dyer – 67.5

Putting: Men Geoff Wallis – 167 Ladies: Carolyn McCorkell – 205

Mid-week trophy: Ron Bryden

Eric Kimberly Trophy: Winner: Neil Finger **Runner-up:** Bert Szalkai

Par Championship: Men: Winner: Darren Jewell **Runner-up:** Peter Loton

Stableford Championship: Men: Winner: Paul Kennett **R/up:** Steve Evans

Ladies: Winner: Donna Carter – **Runner-Up:** Julieann Barrett

Presidents Trophy: Des Blyth and Geoff Beer

Captains Trophy: Richard Klos

Winter Cup: Men Winner: Damien McArdle **Runner-up:** Paul Tonna

Ladies: Winner: Corinne Dyer **Runner-up:** Julieann Barrett

Foursomes Trophy: Men: Grant Stack and Harvey Roberts

Ladies: Julieann Barrett and Kerry Kennett

Scratch Match: Men: Winner: Peter Loton **Runner-up:** Grant Stack

Ladies: Winner: Corinne Dyer **Runner-Up:** Julieann Barrett

VGL Star Medallist: Paul Tonna

Mixed foursomes: Bernie and Teresa Tong

Darryl Meehan Trophy: Winner: Allan Beacom and Andrew Ford

Runner-Up: Geoff Beer and Aarnie Pekkarinen

Ringwood Trophy: Winner: Neville Armstrong **R/Up:** Grant Stack

Most improved lady: Julia Lim

Ladies summer cup: Winner: Teresa Tong **Runner-up:** Wendy Todd

Senior Champion: Winner: Arthur Moura **Runner-up:** Bernie Tong

Gerry Smart: Winner: Rob Ashdown **Runner-up:** B Tong A Moura G Wallis

D Grade Club Champion: Winner: Wally Barnes **Runner-up:** Ian Mellahan

C Grade Club Champion: Winner: John Hunter **Runner-up:** Bill Rogers

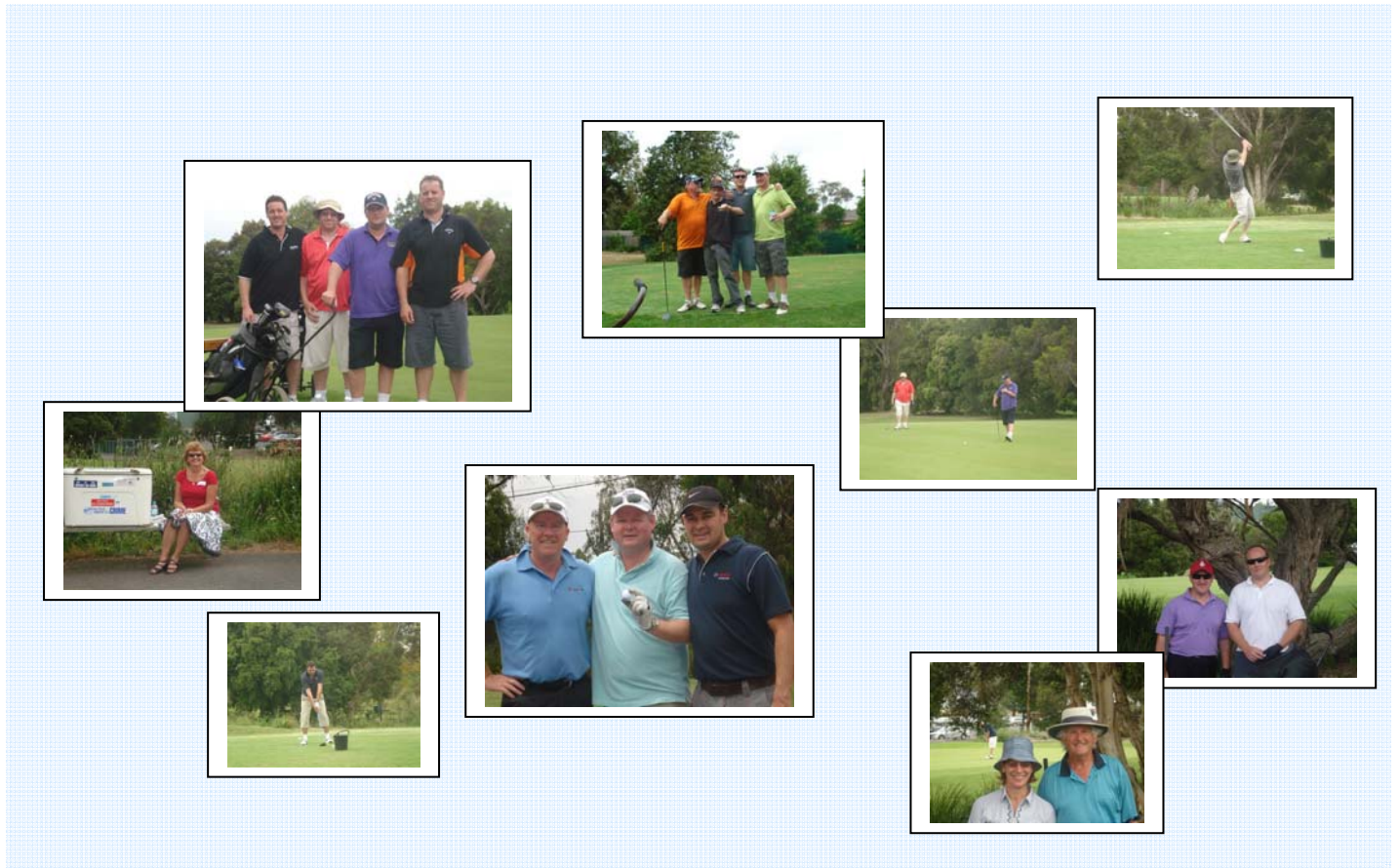
B Grade Club Champion: Winner: Rob Ashdown **Runner-up:** D C Philpson

A Grade: Runner-up: Nick Raniri

**A Grade and
Ringwood Golf Club Champion 2009
Grant Stack**

Congratulations to all 2009 winners

Charity Day photographs



Presentation night photographs



Ladies at Ringwood

FAREWELL TO ZANDRA FULLER

Zandra joined Ringwood Golf Club after the closure of the Warrandyte Golf Club back in 1981. She has been a very active member over her 28 years at our club. She was vice president in 1987 & 1988, president 1991 & 1992 and has served on the committee for many years. Zandra has been a member of the marshalling team at the Australian Masters tournament for about 25 years and has been the coordinator for the Ringwood Ladies since 2005. Zandra was nominated by the club for an Outstanding Service Award which was recognised by the League at a Dinner held at Caulfield racecourse on Friday 20th November. Since moving to Dromana a few months ago Zandra has been traveling to Ringwood for golf but has decided to cut down the travel and join a local club. We wish you well and thank you for all your hard work and friendship over your years at Ringwood.



Zandra's marshalling team members who worked at the Australian Masters at Kingston Heath over four long, hot days. We all had a great time and enjoyed the friendship and golf.

RINGWOOD BOWL - FRIDAY OCTOBER 23rd

What a great day and a great result for Ringwood Golf Club. We had 16 visiting clubs and our own team, each with three players, competing. Many members assisted on the day, out on the course, in the office and with the preparation of gourmet sandwiches and homemade slices. It was a real team effort. At the end of the day Ringwood was announced as the winner. Our team members were Joy Rogers, Erica Sauvola and Carolyn McCorkell. Well done to all involved. Thanks to the Pro Shop for all their assistance.



Erica Sauvola, Joy Rogers, Carolyn McCorkell

HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to Jill Baker for achieving every golfer's dream of a hole in one, on September 3rd. She teed off the 8th into a howling wind (with her driver) and expected her ball to be at the back of the green. After a thorough search and no sign of the ball she decided to look in the hole and there it was. Well done Jill.

Juniors at Ringwood

Watch out everyone, walking (or playing) amongst us are a couple of amazing young players.

- **Jay Allan** won the Saturday par comp with a score of +10; and
- **Sean Buncle** won the week before with 45 stableford points.

Congratulations boys, well done to both of you.

Keep an eye out for Jay and Sean - both of these young men will be playing in the VGL junior championships on Sunday 29th November. We will keep you posted on their results.

Captains Report

Bag tags:

Tara Press agreed that they will meet the cost of the tags with their logo and details on the reverse side.

Recommendation: We proceed with the ordering of new bag tags.

Juniors:

Teaching clinics are being held with John O'Halloran at Mountain Highway driving range. We've had two clinics each with four juniors. Five juniors now play Saturday golf, two featuring in a winning and a second place in four ball competitions. Two juniors are entered into the VGL junior's tournament in late November, with two members caddie for them.

A huge thank you go to Laurie and Robert Shaw, Julia Lim, and Eric Young (father of one of our juniors) for organising a great day at the Masters for 10 of our junior players. They travelled by bus, arranged and driven by Robert Shaw, and all had a great day. This was arranged through the Stuart Appleby foundation.

New computer:

The new computer handicap system is settling in well but we need to purchase a touch screen to make the best use of the system. **Recommendation:** Proceed with this purchase ASAP.

Syllabus:

The 2010 syllabus is almost completed, and will be ready to present to the committee for approval at the December meeting.

Pennant:

Nominations sheets for 2010 pennant squads are up on the board. **Recommendation:** The entire selection process for all pennant teams to come under Match. The Vice Captain and the pennant convener have full input into the selection of captains and final squads. This will be discussed between these two representatives at a later date.

Steve Dykes – Club Captain

From the handicappers

Match Committee and the handicappers wish to thank members for their perseverance and patience in familiarising themselves with the new system for registration for competitions through the computer. A few teething problems, especially the computer's recent breakdown, have made life difficult for all of us but we will get there.

A few tips to help members through this transition period.

1. If you are having difficulty getting the system to accept your Golflink card, please do not attempt to use the keyboard. For the time being, it will be acceptable for you to enter by writing your name on the competition sheet. The handicappers will lodge your entry into the computer for you. The club committee has approved the purchase of a touch screen which will simplify the registration process for everyone.
2. Handicaps can be checked from the yellow folder on the competition room bench. An up to date printout of all current handicaps should be available at all times.
3. If you do register by swiping your Golflink card, note that your **exact** handicap will be displayed. This sometimes needs to be rounded up to your **playing** handicap e.g 13.7 exact becomes a playing handicap of 14. If in doubt, check your handicap in the yellow folder.
4. Result printouts on the noticeboard are now in a different format. Saturday results no longer have separate sheets for A, B and C grades. New handicaps are shown only for players who have had changes to their playing handicaps, and are shown in bold type in a column under the heading 'New'.

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Annual trip away - Barham

The setting: An idyllic paradise located only two kilometres from the banks of the mighty Murray.

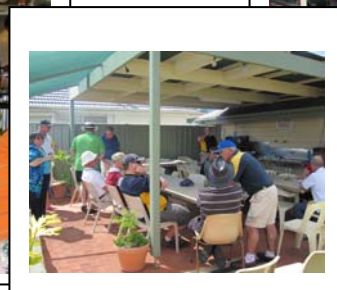
The accommodation: Barham All Seasons Motor Lodge, (just over the road from the Barham Services Club). Fantastic value, included in our accommodation was a cooked breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a BBQ luncheon on Saturday and meal vouchers for Friday and Saturday nights - what more could you ask for?

We enjoyed the beauty and challenge of Barham's golf course - and yes, it was a challenge for many of us! Who of us could possibly forget Gallipoli! To play this par 4, 5th hole was perhaps one of the biggest and most daunting challenges facing us all.

At least the weather was kind to us on both competition days; cool at tee off time but warming up quickly. The course was in perfect condition, with the Spike bar getting more than its fair share of customers after our round of golf.

Many thanks to the organisers and helpers of the weekend, you made sure we all had a great time.

Corinne



Christmas Raffle – be in it to win it!

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the clubs annual Christmas raffle.

To be in the running to win buy some raffle tickets (books etc at the bar). Tickets are only \$1.00 each of bag six tickets for \$5.00.

1st prize: Christmas hamper

2nd prize: Ham or turkey

3rd prize: Christmas pud) baked and donated by

4th prize: Christmas cake) Beryl Jewell

Away trip – October 2010

Social are in the process of firming up dates for the 2010 Ringwood Golf Club away weekend.

Tocumwal has been selected for our 2010 trip away and is perfectly located as the gateway to New South Wales and Victoria and is only 3 hours drive from Melbourne. It is a town of warmth and charm, where you will be openly welcomed by the locals. There are more daylight-sun hours here than the Gold Coast and when it does rain the weather clears quickly.

Social will be producing a package for members detailing the course, accommodation and entertainment that is available in and around Tocumwal. As soon as dates have been confirmed these packages will be left in the Club rooms for members to take home.

Please contact Colleen Martin for more information.



Saturday ladies pennant team

Five or six years ago the Saturday ladies joined up with other clubs in and around Melbourne to play in a Sunday pennant team competition. This year the Ringwood ladies won the competition. Well done to everyone who took time out of their weekends to join in the fun.

Spotlight on Geoff Wallace

Nick name: **Joffa**

Favourite Football Team: **Essendon**

My idea of a perfect weekend is **any trip away**.

If I was a famous Australian, I would be **Grant Stack** because **he wins lots of trophies**.

My best and worst handicap was **5** has been my best a few times over the years and my worst was **32** when I started as a junior.

I have been a member of Ringwood Golf Club for: **My dad joined me up in 1976 or 1977, I will have to find out exactly, so that would make it approximately 33 years as a member of Ringwood Golf Club. In this time I have served for 6 years on general committee, a further 4 years as vice captain, and am currently in my second year as vice president. Pennant has been a passion of mine. I love the club against club team spirit. I am very proud that I have been the playing captain/manager of the scratch team for over 20 years.**

If stranded on a deserted island I would want to have the following 3 things with me, **Gilligan, the skipper and Mary-anne (I reckon it would be hilarious)**.

My most treasured possession **are my kids. Hayley (12) and Daniel (5)**.

What is something people at the golf club don't know about you? **That I am a life member of Kilsyth Football Club. I played 251 senior games and won two premierships. I finished playing in 1998.**

Dislikes: **People that are always "gunna" do something. I have a lot of time for quiet achievers.**

My most humiliating moment was? **This is a tough question as I have a habit of putting my foot in it. But here is just one example. I went on a Fairstar Cruise when I was 18 and shared a 4 bed cabin (2 bunks) with my mates. On the first night one mate "picked up" a fairly unfortunate looking girl and bought her back to the cabin long before the rest of us came to bed. In the morning I got stuck into him with both barrels about his ordinary conquest. I didn't realise she was still in the cabin until she leaned over the bunk above me and said "good morning!"**

I wish I had **more spare time**.

I wish I hadn't **wrecked my shoulder (work accident, August 2005)**. It's amazing how one split second changes a lot of things.

My happiest moment was**generally I am very happy when the people around me are happy.**

If I had to cook the perfect meal it would be...**an absolute disaster**.

If only I could...**putt properly**.

I often wonder...**how I used to play 18 holes of golf on Saturday morning, a game of footy on Saturday afternoon then go out on the town on Saturday night. During pennant season I would then front up for another game of golf on Sunday morning.**

A great lesson I have learnt in life, **is that first impressions last a long time.**

Favourite golf quote....**"In golf, there is a driver line on every hole"**.



A recipe from Brian Cullen

Sawardee (สวัสดี) – A recipe from Brian Cullen

We recently returned from a fantastic holiday in Kata Beach, Thailand, where Tay (wife of Bob Hopgood – aka Papa Bob with four fingers) organized a Thai cooking lesson for me with the Phuket Thai Cookery School. While we may enjoy (or not) the fare provided by Melbourne Thai restaurants, the course did point out a number of differences between our restaurants and the genuine article. Apart from available ingredients, the most glaring difference would be that in Thailand, most often it is the coriander root and stem that is used in the recipe with the leaves merely used as garnish. The flavor is far more subtle.

Kaeng Kiew Wan Kai is one of our favorite dishes from the course. Translation is Green Curry with Chicken. It is a soup, not a main course. However, with a very few minor additions to the original recipe (as provided) I also offer you a main meal version that loses nothing in flavor! Serves two.

<u>Soup</u>	<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Main Meal</u>
1 tbsp / 15 mls	Vegetable oil	1 tbsp / 15 mls
2 tbsp / 50 g	Green curry paste	2 tbsp / 50 g
400 mls can	Coconut cream	400 mls can
1 cup / 225ml	Chicken stock	1 cup / 225ml
¾ cup / 150 g	Chicken breast, thinly sliced (I prefer thigh fillet)	250 g
2 ea	Thai eggplant, trimmed cut into quarters (1)	4 ea
½ cup / 50 g	Pea eggplant (substitute zucchini if not available)	1 cup / 100 g
(not in recipe)	Zucchini, diced similar size to eggplant pieces	½ ea
2 ea	Kaffir lime leaves, remove stem, shredded (I'll leave some in the RGC fridge)	
	2 ea	
1 tbsp / 30 mls	Fish sauce	1 tbsp / 30 mls
1 tbsp / 20 g	Palm sugar (substitute ½ honey, ½ water)	1 tbsp / 20 g
1 ea	Long red chili, sliced diagonally	1 ea
¼ cup / 20 g	Sweet basil leaves, shredded (leave some whole for garnish)	¼ cup / 20 g
(not in recipe)	Boiled / steamed rice	¾ cup (raw)

Note 1:

Note 2: The Chinese grocer in Mitcham usually has all these ingredients

A tbsp in Thai cooking can be anywhere from 15 mls to 30 mls - use metric measures.

Procedure:

1. Prepare all ingredients and have them at hand. (4)
2. Heat the oil in the wok. Add curry paste and fry over low to medium heat, stirring regularly to prevent the paste burning, about 1-2 minutes.
3. Add coconut cream and stock, bring back to boil. Add chicken and simmer until tender, about 1-2 minutes. Bring back to boil and add eggplant and zucchini and continue to cook for 1 minute.
4. Season with fish sauce and sugar and simmer about 1-2 minutes.
5. Sprinkle with about ¾ of the kaffir lime leaves, chili and basil leaves (retain the remainder for garnish) and continue to cook for another 30 seconds. Remove from heat.
6. For soup use a smaller bowl to serve. For main meal use a larger flat bowl – place half the cooked rice to the side of each bowl, spoon the curry into the bowls and sprinkle with the garnish.