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Ringwood Golf Club

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## Member survey

### Long-term planning:

The Committee will soon be sending out a short survey to members to get a feel for what you would like to see happen in the Club. Your view points are valued and will assist us to guide the club in the direction best suited for the majority of our membership.

## Message from the President



Dear Members,

We are already well into our 2010 golfing year and are competing in our most important golfing event of the year, the Club Championships. We wish all members, old and new, the best of luck in this major event. We commend course staff for the great condition of the course for these Championships. We also thank members for their support of our Marysville trip on 14th March. Thanks to Social for this great initiative in supporting a community so devastated only a year ago.

We welcome all new members over the last few months, and wish them and all members great golfing in 2010.

**Barry Dempsey - President RGC**

## Juniors@Ringwood

**Winner** Jay Allan joined our junior Sunday program August 2008, commenced playing Saturday golf in August 2009 on a handicap 32. Attended the VGL junior golf camp in October 2009. Competed in the VGL 2009 Junior Championship Dec 2009. Finished in the top 10 Scores for the RGC Junior Championship 1st round net 66, 2nd round net 60. Total 128

**Second** Sean Buncle joined our junior Sunday program August 2008, commenced playing Saturday golf in April

2009 on a handicap of 27, currently playing off 22. Competed in the VGL 2009 junior championships, finished in the top 20. Scores in the RGC junior championship 1st round net 73, second round net 79 Total 152

**Third** Nathan Chua joined our junior Sunday program May 2009, commenced playing Saturday golf in October 2009. Was unable to attend the VGL golf camp 2009, but will attend the camp in 2010 Nathan is Julia Lim son.

Scores in RGC junior championships 1st round net 77, second round net 79

**Fourth** Daniel Jelinek joined our junior Sunday program in September 2009, and commenced playing Saturday golf in Dec 2009. Daniel is Hubert Jelinek son. Daniel will also be attending the VGL golf camp for 2010. Scores in the RGC junior championship 1st round net 79, second round net 83.



Jay Allan



Sean Buncle



Nathan Chua



Daniel Jelinek

## Ladies@Ringwood

### Christmas luncheon and presentation:

There were 71 members present for this function. After our luncheon we were entertained by a special performance from Dolly Parton and a had a visit from the Gairy Fodmother who told us the story of "Rinderella". (The Fodmother had been into the sherry before she got to the club). There was a lot of fun and laughter on the day and all members had a great time.



Presentations took place and the winners of the various trophies were named.



### Pars

**A Grade** - Mary Day  
**B Grade** - Carolyn McCorkell

**C Grade** - Irene Dalton

**Birdies** - Mary Day

**Gobblers** - Maxine O'Flynn, Helen King, Erica Sauvola

**Stableford** - Pauline Dorizzi

**Putting** - Anna Tie

**Over 70 trophy** - Zandra Fuller

**Encouragement** - Lyn Edwards

**Eclectic**: **Nett**: Janet Evans

**Gross**: Mary Day

**B Grade Nett**: Carolyn McCorkell

**C Grade Nett**: Marge Reid  
**Life Members' trophy**:

Loretta Pope

**Knock out champion**:

Helen Reid

**Runner Up**: Sandy

Goddard

### Foursomes

**Championship**:

**Gross**: Maxine

O'Flynn/Mary Day

**Nett**: Clare

Williams/Barbara Yates

**Members shield**:

Pat Fogarty

**Medal of medalists**:

Lucy Gannon

**Most consistent**: Mary Day

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

**C Grade**:

**Gross**: Barbara Blount

**Nett**: Anne Keegan

**B Grade**:

**Gross**: Carolyn McCorkell

**Nett**: Erica Sauvola

**Overall Nett**: Maxine O'Flynn

**Runner Up**: Mary Day

**Club Champion**:

**Anna Tie**

### Ringwood/Dorset challenge

This year the challenge was held at Ringwood. 12 players represented each team and played Aggregate 4BBB Stableford.

Rae Flaherty, Pam Hegarty, Carolyn McCorkell, Kaye Unwin, Susie Wong, Norma Crowe, Pauline Dorizzi, Erica Sauvola, Maxine O'Flynn, Pam Happ, Janet Evans and Joy Rogers made up our team and won on the day with a total of 256 points. Dorset had a total of 232.

Well done Ringwood.

Next year the challenge will be held at Dorset.

All players enjoyed lunch and social time in the clubroom after the match. Many thanks to all the helpers on the day – without you, this event would not be as successful as it is.



## Social

**Marysville Sunday 14 March.** The RGC day trip for Marysville is filling fast! The cost of **\$50.00 per person must be paid by 28 February** or your name will be removed from the booking sheet. Members can invite guests along for the day to fill any vacancies left.

**BYO drinks for the bus** but drinks must be purchased from the Marysville bar once at the course.

Drinks are at bar prices and BYO nibbles.

More information will be displayed on the notice board soon.

### Trivia night – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

This year's trivia night theme is **BAD TASTE** Cost \$10 per head. So gather your trivia crew and see if you can beat last year's winners.

### Easter raffle.

Easter raffle tickets will be on sale soon BUT we need baskets to put the prizes in – if anyone can help us out and has a spare basket or two can you please bring them to the club rooms.

### Club weekend away 8, 9 and 10 October 2010 weekend @ Tocumwal

52 spots have been booked and Social will be organising packages for accommodation. More information will be available soon, so watch this space.

**Do you want more to help out with any social events?**

**Do you have any great ideas you'd like to share?  
Or do you just want more information about upcoming social activities?**

**The please contact  
Colleen Martin**

**Mick O'Flynn** broke his age (76) with a stroke round of 75 in a Monday Medley competition on 25 January. His upcoming 77th birthday makes it a fair bet that he'll break again some time soon. Well done Mick!

## As I remember it – Bill Molyneux

This picture was taken from the car park alongside the Club Rooms circa 1977 looking towards the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, not long after the second nine was opened at Ringwood in 1976. Not much chance then of getting into trouble with the trees, particularly down at the southern part of the course!

In those days, there was no salubrious pro shop, teaching area or restaurant. However there was a covered electric BBQ area, (you can see the roof on the mid-left hand side of the picture). We used to bring our own BBQ (there were only snacks available at the kiosk) and sometimes the south-easterly was so strong and cold we had to put up an umbrella to keep the wind off the hotplate or it would never heat up. Glen McCully (Pro) ran the kiosk – this is where we booked in, bought snacks and soft drinks.

To book in you arrived no later than 6 a.m. – some slept in their cars overnight to be among the first in the queue - putting a ball in the ball-race, waiting around and then rushing down to the kiosk for the 7 a.m. opening, retrieving your ball from the race, hopefully where you put it, and booking in for the mornings game. No regular groups then!!

Playing times were much the same, early to 9.30 a.m., but a much longer period for the public than now, but in those days there was only one competition for men and ladies - Saturday for men and Thursday for ladies.

The course was very wet and heavy in winter, at times almost ankle deep in mud after heavy rain which never drained away. Balls were frequently lost, even after four pairs of eyes searched for them. Memories of those rough conditions fade away, with the course improving out of sight in recent years. We now have good drainage and the introduction of new grasses on the fairways.

The Club House was also in its infancy - the original club room was between the two doors leading out to where the club BBQ now is. There was no bar, showers, handicap room or games room. Everything happened in that one small area. We had a half size (might have even been quarter size) pool table in the centre of the club room and members sat around it where ever they could find a seat. There was a kitchen with a large fridge; the club only had a BYOG license so members were allowed to bring there own alcohol – two bottles of beer was the limit – put them in the fridge with their name on them ready to drink after their game and then either go home or stay behind for a noisy game of pool.

They were great times with a much smaller membership than today when most people knew each other, where much camaraderie took place and lasting good friendships were made.

## Bill Molyneux



## Pennant 2010

That time of year is quickly approaching where a committed group of RGC members represent our golf club in the VGL Pennant Competition.

This year we are pleased to field 4 senior male teams comprising of a Scratch, Handicap and two (2) Senior pennant sides.

Thank you to all members who have shown interest this year, and if you were unsuccessful this year do not let that deter you from trying out for the squads in the years to come.

Following are the squads that will represent RGC in the 2010 Pennant Season.

<u>Scratch</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Seniors (Blue)</u>	<u>Seniors (Gold)</u>
Manager – P.D Ross	M. Forster (Captain)	J. Mulvogue (Captain)	M. O’Flynn (Captain)
G. Forster (Captain)	T. Jewell (Vice Captain)	P.D Ross (Vice Captain)	J. Smits (Vice Captain)
D. Jewell (Vice Captain)	S. Evans	B. Eccles	E. Engelbourg
G. Stack	S. Mahoney	B. Smith	J. Hunter
J. Carroll	G. Mischefski	M. Mawer	P. Veares
P. Loton	B. Boyd	B. Rogers	P. Tonna
N. Ranieri Jnr.	A. O’Dell	D. Pinfold	G. Mahoney
L. Toomey	J. Kyatt	L. Reid	N. Finger
G. Cawthray	A. Beacom	T. Ralph	
R. Ashdown	G. Ovens		
	G. Beer		

On behalf of the pennant committee, I would like to wish all teams the best for the upcoming season and hopefully we can bring home some premierships in 2010.

### G. Stack - Pennant Convener

#### Junior golf clinics – Waverley Golf Club

Every Wednesday from the 3rd February to the 24th March 2010 the Waverley Golf Club (82 Bergins Road, Rowville) are holding junior clinics for boys and girls aged between 6 and 12 years.

Equipment can be provided or you can bring your own. Please note that as there are limited places available you need to book through the pro shop on 9764 4559.

6 to 9 yrs - 4:00-5:00pm  
 10-12 yrs - 5:00-6:00pm  
 Cost: \$90.00 for 8 weeks or \$15.00 per session.

## Just for laughs!

### And another thing ...

Almost everyone has something to say about the ridiculous nature of golf, some of it even clever. Mark Twain famously said *golf is a good walk spoiled*, and the crooner Dean Martin said *if you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt*. Winston Churchill said *it was like chasing a quinine pill around a cow pasture*. Greenies say the game is *environmental vandalism*.

Now several of Victoria's golf clubs have dropped prices in a bid to stop their courses reverting to cow pastures. The people who have the time to play the game don't have the money, and the people who have the money don't have the time. So fees have been dropped to attract new members, for whom Mark Twain had some excellent advice - *it's good sportsmanship not to pick up lost balls while they are still rolling*.

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## Spotlight on the Pro Shop

### How many people work in the Pro Shop?

There are eight people in the Pro Shop: Nick Ranieri (A/g Manager), Barb Oliver, Stephen Fulton, Peter Fletcher, Brad Clinton, John Dupe' **Newcomers:** Adam Woodward and Max Casey (be gentle)

It's fair to say there is a wide breadth of skills, knowledge and experience across Pro Shop staff, as well as a mix of personalities. That's right, we all have various business backgrounds some you would never pick e.g.: high level management from multi national companies, advisors to government, forecasters and analysts.

### What does the Pro Shop do?

The obvious ones are to meet the supply of requests from members and public for golf. In addition we attempt to provide information on clubs, golfing accessories and the weather because we do it better than the Bureau of Meteorology.

### Recent highlights and/or significant achievements:

The biggest improvement, course wise, has been the installation of the Santana into the fairways. There is no excuse for a bad shot from the fairways. The paved area from the car park thru the causeway to the first tee and surrounding gardens has also beautified the Pro Shop area.

### Who is the best golfer?

Nick thinks he is!

### Who is the worst golfer?

Nick - we know he is!

### Typical day in the life of Pro Shop staff:

With such a wide range of activities it's hard to describe them all. However, general enquiries for tee times, answering phone calls, making customers enjoy the experience, maintaining a clean workplace, course patrols and anything else that's crops up.

### If the Pro Shop staff was an animal, what would it be?

That's a hard one, however if you compare us to cartoon characters we could be snow white and the seven dwarfs. I leave the naming to you!

**Last social activity:** Very difficult to arrange as we all have varying shifts and like most, have family commitments. But we do have a good time when we get together.

**Best thing about working in the Pro Shop:** Great friendly people on both sides of the counter. There is always a giggle about something, for example a typical phone call:

**Customer:** What's the earliest tee time?

**Pro Shop:** 10:00am

**Customer:** Oh nothing earlier

**Pro Shop:** Sorry

**Customer:** Nothing at 9:00am

**Pro Shop:** No:

**Customer:** How about 9:30am

**Pro Shop:** Hang on - I have 1 at 10:00am will that do

**Customer:** Perfect OK.

## Ringwood Memorial mixed foursomes

This event was held on Saturday 23rd January. 30 pairs played in the event with another 60 players entered in the 4BBB Stableford competition.

A list of deceased members' names was placed on the presentation table and there was a minute of silence for us to remember those who had died.

The winners of the Nett Mixed event were Peter Ross and Julia Lim who will represent our club in the VGL Mixed Foursomes event on Sunday 21st March. The best gross score was recorded by Nick Ranieri Jun and Anna Tie.

Next year this event will have a different format and we hope that all the players who participated this year will enter again and spread the word, especially amongst the ladies, so that more of the members can meet each other on and off the course in a really friendly atmosphere.

All players were invited to have lunch together in the clubhouse after golf. Thanks to the many people who helped on the day, special thanks to Brian Cullen who set up the salads as members came in and to Roger Blokkeerus who cooked the meat for everyone. We had a great variety of salads provided by many of the members.

A raffle was held on the day and the contribution from members enabled us to donate \$300.00 to the Anti-Cancer Council.

Thanks to Colleen Martin for all the planning she put into the day.

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## New members

The Ringwood Golf Club would like to welcome the following people as new members to the club.

- Evangelo Dimitriou
- Rosemary Peachman
- Judy Sheehan
- Mei Lee
- Joan Gough
- Phil Edwards
- David Smith

## From the Pro Shop

Please Note: Members of the Ringwood Golf Club are automatically entitled to a 10% discount on all hardware items available in the shop - the occasional exception may be selected clearance lines.

In addition to this blanket discount, the Pro Shop is now offering RGC members these three exciting specials **available until the end of March.**

### NEW from FOOTJOY LOPRO

Ladies Shoes	<b>Recommended Price</b>	\$ 139.95
	<b>Members price</b>	\$ 80.00

An ADDITIONAL 10% off all MEN'S GOLF SHOES

**Buy either a TITLEIST Marker Golf Cap or a TITLEIST visor and** enter the draw for a free 30 minute individual golf lesson from Dr Golf valued at \$50.00.

See Nick for any of the Pro shop staff for help – we look forward seeing you in the shop soon.

## Ringwood Golf Course Pro Shop

### Important new product from Apple

Apple announced today that it has developed a breast implant that can store and play music. The iTit will cost from \$499 to \$699, depending on cup and speaker size. This is considered a major social breakthrough, because women are always complaining about men staring at their breasts and not listening to them.

We are always looking for stories for our newsletter so please feel free to send me an email at [corinne.dyer@dtf.vic.gov.au](mailto:corinne.dyer@dtf.vic.gov.au) or leave me your story with a Committee member.

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