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Ringwood Golf Club

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## Member survey

### Long-term planning:

The Committee would like to thank all members who participated in the recent long term planning survey. We gained valuable insights and information and if all of your suggestions are not possible to carry out, they indicate that you are interested in the future of our club.

## Message from the President



Dear members,

We are now approaching winter so there will be a few more challenges for our golfers. However, with the fairways and greens now consolidated we are assured of good golfing conditions over the winter months. We are coming to the end of the Pennant Season with some teams still in contention for finals. We wish all teams every success.

Our Junior Golf Programme is running very well with about 20 juniors registered to play on Sundays. Special thanks to all members and parents involved with this programme. Until next time, great golfing to all.

**Barry Dempsey - President RGC**

## New members

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

### Senior members:

Peter Thornton, Robert Elsum, James Caudle, Adam Stafford, Andrew Wyatt, Greg Allen, Elmo Mariampillai, David Knaggs, Steve Hurley, Shri Prasad, Terry Creely,

### Junior members:

Aniksa Abeysinghe, Trenton Goodey, Chris Fraser, Sophie Cantwell, Nicholas Walton

## Tip for May - Ben Boyd

### (i) Slow play

We all hate being held up by the group in front - but how often do we consider the people behind?

Be ready to play. Unless you are playing a match it is **NOT** a rule of golf that the players further from the hole play first. If your playing partners agree, and you will not be putting anybody off or in danger, be ready to play regardless of whether you are furthest from the hole, or had the lowest score on the previous hole. Those seconds that you save on each shot all add up through the field.

See if you can beat your mate to the tee to hit off first (if clear) - you can deal with the score card when walking to hit your second shot.

### (ii) Where do I drop it?

We can't all play like Barry Dempsey and occasionally we get off the beaten track and end up on one of the access roads on the course. One common bone of contention between a player and their marker is where to take a drop.

- First thing to note is that you don't have to take a drop if you don't want to (but probably will if your clubs aren't due for replacement!).
- Second is it is a simple concept - you **MUST** drop the ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief.

Reading this carefully, it means you first determine the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole than where the ball lies, then you can

drop it within one club length of that point. You must take full relief, with your normal stance, and you cannot be standing on the road or gravel associated with the surface.

Most arguments occur when the nearest point of relief is actually under a tree - Murphy's Law says this happens more often than not. That **DOES NOT** mean you can drop on the other side of the road, **BUT** you do have a full club length in which to drop the ball from the nearest point of relief **AND** the ball can run a further two club lengths before it must be redropped.

So a little hint - by dropping correctly, under some circumstances, you can get up to three club lengths relief as long as the ball strikes the ground within one club length of the nearest point of relief and does not finish closer to the hole.

## Social

### Easter raffle

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated baskets, sold tickets helped wrap-up all of the goodies in the baskets but a bigger thank you to all who bought tickets. We raised an amazing \$308.00.

### Marysville Sunday 14 March.

What a wonderful day we all had. The weather, the company and the bus trip were perfect, unfortunately the golf could only be described (for most of us) as questionable!

We had a 57 seater bus with 48 golfers and their bags and buggies. During the trip we sold Mulligan vouchers for \$5.00 each enabling players to retake one bad shot – some of us managed to use our Mulligan on the first hole! All proceeds were donated to the Marysville golf club.

### 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. Drinks are at bar prices and BYO nibbles.

A big thank you to everyone. To those who made salads, cooked the BBQ, bought the meat, organised the prizes, did the dishes, set up for our lunch, made the Mulligan cards and checked our score cards, but most of all, thank you the 48 players for making the day a huge success.

It was also great to see new members come along as well as quite a few of our Thursday lady members and guests of members.

We are starting to plan either a weekend away or a day trip to Mansfield in March or April next year – watch this space for more information.



### 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.

### Marysville winners: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD Women

**Winner:** Mary Day (36pts)  
**Runner-up:** Mei Lee (34pts)

### Men

**Winner:** Glen Paton (40pts)  
**Runner-up:** Ronnie Murdock (39pts)

### TEAMS - 4BBB STABLEFORD 4'S

**Winners:** Dennis Phillipson, Anna Tie, Bill Rodgers and Marysia Paszkiewicz with 55 points.

**Runners-up:** Noel Proudley, Ronnie Murdock, Mal Reid and Marge Reid with 51 points.

### 2ND SHOT IN

Men: Steve Hurley  
Women: Sue Moon.

### LONGEST DRIVE

Men: P.W. Loton  
Women: Mei Lee

### NEAREST THE PINS:

4<sup>th</sup> Women: Corinne Dyer  
Men: Bob Canet  
18<sup>th</sup> Women: Sue Moon  
Men: Ross Forune  
19<sup>th</sup> Women: Mei Lee  
Men: Peter Loton

**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.**

## A guide to the new handicapping system

Members will be aware that Golf Australia introduced the first phase of its new handicapping system on 9 April. It is hoped that this article will assist members in understanding how their handicaps are being updated. There is also information on the processing of rounds where players do not finish, fail to hand in a card, or are disqualified.

Members who have computer access are encouraged to visit the Golflink website at [www.golflink.com.au](http://www.golflink.com.au). Key in your Golflink number and click on the View Handicap button to access full details about your last 20 rounds. The Golf Australia website [golfaustralia.org.au](http://golfaustralia.org.au) will provide more detailed information on the changes.

### Important Definitions and Concepts

**Rolling Sample** – your last 20 rounds, including the one just played.

**Handicap Differential**- the difference between your gross score in a given round and the course rating, currently 68 at Ringwood for both men and women. All courses are scheduled for re-rating before the end of 2012. Handicap differentials appear under the heading “Played To” on the Golflink website.

### Calculating Handicap Differential

**Stroke** – Gross Score minus the course rating, currently 68 for men and women at Ringwood

**Par** – Handicap played off, minus your par score, plus 2 (which allows for the difference between course rating and course par) \*\*\* e.g.

Played off 17, scored 4 up. Handicap differential is  $17 - 4 + 2 = 15$

Played off 12, scored 3 down. Handicap differential is  $12 - (-3) + 2 = 17$

Played off 27, scored square. Handicap differential is  $27 - 0 + 2 = 29$

\*\*\*Note – Course Par for Ladies is 71 so you must add 3 for the difference between AWCR and course par e.g.

Lady, played off 36, scored 5 up. Handicap differential is  $36 - 5 + 3 = 34$

Lady, played off 30, scored 6 down. Handicap differential is  $30 - (-6) + 3 = 39$

**Stableford**- Handicap played off, minus the margin between the stableford score and 36, plus 2 (which allows for the difference between course rating and course par) \*\*\* e.g.

Played off 25, scored 44 points. Handicap differential is  $25 - (44 - 36) + 2 = 19$

Played off 20, scored 31 points. Handicap differential is  $20 - (31 - 36) + 2 = 27$

Played off 33, scored 36 points. Handicap differential is  $33 - (36 - 36) + 2 = 35$

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Lady, played off 28, scored 32 points. Handicap differential is  $28 - (32 - 36) + 3 = 35$

Lady, played off 24, scored 41 points. Handicap differential is  $24 - (41 - 36) + 3 = 22$

**Gross Score** – Strokes taken in a Stroke round. Handicap differential plus Course Rating in Par or Stableford.

**No Score** – player submits a card where the round was not completed. May be deemed **Approved** or **Not Approved**

**No Card Returned**- player registered for competition fails to submit result card

**Disqualification** - Unsigned cards (marker and /or player ), incorrect stroke scores on cards, playing off too high a handicap or failure to submit correct competition fees incur disqualification from the competition of the day.

**No Card Returned** - If no card is returned by a player who is registered in a competition, a differential equivalent to the **worst** differential in the past 19 rounds will be assigned.

**Disqualification** - A player who is disqualified will have scores recorded in exactly the same way as if the player had not been disqualified, and the resulting differential will be considered in calculation of the player's handicap.

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## Handicap Calculation

For players who have played at least 20 rounds, the lowest ten handicap differentials in the last 20 rounds are averaged and the average is multiplied by a factor of .96 which is the 'bonus for excellence' - an incentive for players to lower their handicaps. If you visit your record on the Golfink website, you will see the lowest 10 differentials marked with flags.

Your handicap will be lowered if your latest handicap differential is lower than any score previously included in the best ten scores in your sample.

Your handicap will be increased if the twentieth (i.e. the oldest) score in your sample was previously one of your best ten scores and your latest score and all other scores outside that best ten are worse than the deleted score.

Players who do not have 20 rounds on their records will have smaller numbers of scores included in their samples e.g. if you have played 14 rounds, the lowest 5 differentials will be used to calculate handicaps.

There is no time limit for return of the 20 most recent scores. If necessary, scores dating back three years will be included. Handicaps will no longer lapse if there are not 3 or more cards submitted in a calendar year.

## Miscellaneous Processing Issues

**No Score – Not Approved** If a player returns a card where the round was not finished, the player will be deemed to have a differential equivalent to the **worst** differential of the past 19 rounds.

**No Score – Approved** The round appears in handicap history but is not included in handicap calculation.

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## JOKE

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it. "Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me."

The redhead takes her finger, pushes on her left shoulder and screams, then she pushes her elbow and screams even more. She pushes her knee and screams; likewise she pushes her ankle and screams. Everywhere she touches makes her scream.

The doctor says, "You're not really a redhead, are you?"  
"Well, no" she says, "I'm actually a blonde."

"I thought so," the doctor says. "Your finger is broken."

## Directive from the RGC Match Committee Defining Garden Beds, April 2010

### These ruling are effective immediately

- Garden beds are defined areas of the course established for ornamental reasons or for the purposes of protecting flora.
- The default consideration is that a player’s ball does not lie in a garden bed unless it is in one of the areas defined below. In all other cases the ball should be considered to be lying within an integral part of the course, and relief may not be taken under Rule 24-2 unless some other condition deems this applicable.
- Areas that have spread mulch, loose bark, leaves and the like are not garden beds unless defined below. Mulch must be piled up for dispersal to be considered GUR unless otherwise defined below.
- Tussocks are deemed by the Match Committee to be ‘shrubs under two club lengths in height’ and relief may be taken under Rule 26-2 at the nearest point of relief from the tussock only – if this is under/in trees it is rub of the green.
- Players are reminded that a ball **MUST** be directly observed entering a garden bed before it may be considered to be lost in the garden bed. If it is not seen entering the garden bed (or immovable obstruction or hazard for that matter) it cannot be assumed that it is in that condition and if not found **MUST** be treated as a lost ball.

**Defined garden beds are noted below (elsewhere is an integral part of the course), with the exception of a stance or swing being impeded by a tussock, or shrub under two club lengths in height. Relief can be granted from the tussock or shrub only under rule 26-2 nearest point of relief.**

Hole	Where	Hole	Where
1.	Left and right of tee before fairway, including area behind practice nets	10.	Garden bed between teeing grounds
2.	Area between road and 7 <sup>th</sup> tee on LHS of fairway. This is a blind garden bed, if ball not seen to go into the garden bed, it will be treated as a lost ball.	13.	Defined area in front of the tee. Mulched garden bed running up LHS out of bounds boundary and around back of green. Also new defined area between green and 14 <sup>th</sup> tee.
3	Defined area behind the green and on left side of exit path.	14.	Mound area left side of 14 <sup>th</sup> Fairway and adjoining 15 <sup>th</sup> tee Is now an integral part of course. No relief.
4.	Tussock area at the rear of green		

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5.	<p>Defined area R/H side of tee block extending to the end of tee block. Tussock area at extreme left and side of ladies distance tee. All new mulched area under light pole extending to toilet block. All mulched defined area at rear of green. <b>All area on top of hill commencing from the toilet block heading in a southerly direction, integral part of the course, tussock and small shrubs under two club lengths in height, relief only under Rule 26.2 nearest point of relief from tussock only</b></p>	15	<p>Mulched area on R/H side of fairway above the dam is an integral part of the course relief only from tussock and shrubs under two club lengths in height. Drop must be on wood chips. All new defined out of bounds areas</p>
6.	<p>Defined bounded gardens between men's and ladies tee, finishing at the end of Ladies distance tee. All remaining area extending from ladies distance tee to old foot bridge, is integral part of course, with the exception of tussocks or shrubs less than two club lengths in height. Relief from shrub or tussock only.</p>	17.	<p>All mulched area behind tee to be treated as G.U.R until otherwise notified  Mulched garden bed adjacent to dam running the full southern length of the dam, finishing at defined out of bounds marker. As the garden bed is a blind garden bed ball must be found in the garden bed before relief can be granted. Otherwise ball is deemed to be lost in the water hazard Rule 26 – 1.</p>
7.  9.	<p>Mulched area on R/H side of exit path to 8<sup>th</sup> tee.  Defined area on L/H side of path and tee, defined area in front of tee. Defined mulched area on left side of fairway, finishing at the start of the machinery shed North wall. Out of bounds markers define out of bounds area. <b>All area on top of mound at rear of machinery shed integral part of course, relief only from tussock and shrubs under two club lengths in height. No relief if ball not found must be treated as a lost ball.</b> Small defined area between the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and road.</p>	18.	<p>Garden bed between 18<sup>th</sup> green and 10<sup>th</sup> tee, at all times, white stake defines which drop zone to be used. Garden bed at rear of 18<sup>th</sup> green joining the car park.</p>

## Spotlight on Mary Day

My idea of a perfect weekend is...	Time at the beach with my favourite people, going out for breakfast and a game at the Dunes.
If I were a famous Australian, I would be...	A clone of Quentin Bryce, Maggie Beer and Ruth Cracknell, because I admire their talents and their contributions.
My best and worst handicap was ...	5 to 36.
How long have you been a member at Ringwood?	I have been a member of Ringwood Golf Club for 8 years.
If stranded on a deserted island I would want to have the following 3 things with me...	A favourite book, wine and Robinson Crusoe.
My most treasured possession is...	A portrait I painted of my son, Michael.
What is something people at the golf club don't know about you?	There's more to life than golf: I love classical music, gardening, painting, bridge and travel.
I get angry when...	When my partner trumps my ace (and of course – 3 putting!)
I don't like talking about...	Any other football team but Collingwood.
My most humiliating moment was?	Too many to tell.
I wish I had....	More time for housework, or, better still, someone to do it.
I wish I hadn't...	Opened my mouth after too many wines.
A happy time was...	My 60th birthday celebrations when friends took me to Marysville for the weekend. We played golf in beautiful autumnal weather and drank too much wine.
If I had to cook the perfect meal it would be...	Chicken Provencale ... but I'd have to have Maggie Beer standing at my shoulder.
My favourite gadget is...	My battery powered buggy.
If only I could...	Hit the ball longer.
I often wonder...	Where it would go if I did!
The greatest lesson I have learnt in life is...	Knowing when to keep my mouth shut. ( a work in progress)

**Here is something else you may not know about Mary. She won the Ladies Championship on Thursday 29th April beating Anna Tie on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations from everyone at the Club Mary.**





## Pennant 2010

We are currently right in the middle of pennant season with RGC having four senior male teams in the 2010 season.

Currently both the Scratch and the Senior Blue and Senior Gold team have played three matches with two wins and one loss coming from these matches. The handicap team has also played three matches with one win and two losses.

Special thanks to all caddies that give up their time on a Sunday morning, Cameron Constable for his continued support of all teams and Roger Blokkerus for his continued help with the BBQ for both the Scratch and Handicap Teams.

Continued success to all teams this season

## Grant Stack Pennant Convener.

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## Hole-in-One

**Des Pinfold** on a recent trip to Deniliquin Des managed to break the Par 3 5th. After an early tee off time, on a beautiful Denni morning, Des managed to get his first hole-in-one. Congratulations Des (see picture).



**Stuart Mahoney** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Stuart Mahoney had his second hole-in-one, his first for Ringwood on the 8<sup>th</sup> – well done Stuart, I hear you are following in your sisters footsteps!

## 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.

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

We have a number of new and exciting products available for sale in the Golf Shop with a 10% discount available to all Ringwood Golf Club Members.

Maxfli Noodle balls - \$25 per box of 24

New range of Maxfli mens golf shirts. These shirts are available in four colours - \$39.95

New range of Maxfli mens shoes - two styles in two colours - \$79.95 - \$89.95

## Another great special

(Please note that further discounts are unavailable for these products due to their low price.)

### Bridgestone sleeves

e5, e6, e7: Two sleeves for \$20

B300, B300S, B300RX: Two sleeves for \$30

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