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Ringwood Golf Club

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Bar levy tickets

A reminder to all members that your **yellow** bar levy tickets expire will on the 30th October 2010. You will be issued with new bar levy tickets when you renew your 2010-11 membership.

Message from the President



Dear members,

We are now experiencing our wettest winter for 10 years and golf for many is a bit more difficult. However, the course is playing well despite the conditions. We congratulate members of Senior Pennant Gold Team who won a Pennant flag for RGC this year. Thanks to Colleen Martin and all social helpers for a great Trivia Night with over 100 attending. Thanks also to all members who contributed to the Questionnaire Survey. Many good ideas will be incorporated into future planning.

I hope everyone survives the winter chills and look forward to even better golfing in the Spring.

Barrv Demnsev - President RGC

New members

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

Senior members: Men: Stephen Pell, Mark Silipetad, Ian Clifford, Graeme Richards, Wei Lu, David He, – Junior, Jay Szymanski, Jeff Ovens, Darren Walton, Eric Yong

Ladies: Dianne Kennedy

Junior members: Liang Tan



Rules of Association

Proposed changes to the Rules of Association to be ratified at the next AGM will be on the notice board for members to peruse.

Tips for July - Ben Boyd

Winter is definitely upon us and with it an array of issues can come into play that we don't necessarily encounter around the course at other times of the year. Here are a few that cause some problems for some of our members (those that brave the elements at this time anyway!).

1. Casual water - when where and how do I get relief?

Casual water is an abnormal ground condition, and you are entitled to relief if your ball lies in or on casual water, or if it interferes with your stance or the area of intended swing. You are entitled to (but don't have to) take a free drop within one club of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. If the nearest point of relief is under a tree - so be it, you don't have to take the drop, but if you choose to you MUST take relief. There is also no discrimination between fairway and rough - if you are in casual water and your nearest point of relief is

in the rough - bad luck. But the opposite is also true - if you are in the rough and your nearest point of relief is on the fairway - happy days! The nearest point of relief cannot be on the green if your ball was not originally on the green, and if it is in a hazard relief must also be taken in the hazard.

2. Plugged ball - the rules state that if the ball is embedded in its own pitch mark in a 'closely mown area of the course' you may lift clean and drop **AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE** (not one club length) to where the ball originally lay. "Closely-mown area" is defined as any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less. This definition excludes the rough. Of course, this rule is somewhat redundant when preferred lies are in play, but in spring it may come into play.

3. Identification of ball - if you find a ball at rest where you anticipate your ball should be but cannot clearly identify it because there is mud on your ball, you may mark and lift the ball and clean a portion of the ball **ONLY** to the extent that allows identification to be made. Picking up the ball and wiping with a cloth is not a fair interpretation of this rule! Of course if it is on the fairway and preferred lies are in play then you may lift and clean. The ball must be placed back on the original lie.

4. Leaving the course during a round due to weather.

In short, unless the match committee declares the course unplayable or the player deems that there is danger from lightning, or suffering sudden illness the player must complete the round. Bad weather is not a valid reason for discontinuance of play. The only exception is in Match Play where the players may agree to discontinue play without meeting these criteria.

Only 6-7 weeks left of the bad weather and we'll be in spring, so hang in there!

Social

Trivia Night 4 July

What a great night!! We had a full house with 13 tables of 8; the place was buzzing!!

Trivia night raffle:

First prize were "*Stonelea Country Estate*" in Acheron (past Marysville). The package was B&B for two in five star accommodation overlooking the golf course. Activities include bike riding, archery and much more.

Winner: Stephen a friend of Donna Carters;

Second: Leesa Plant (Nick's wife, winning a bottle of scotch; and

Third: Lyn Scott (Trish Perry's friend) of winning a lovely bottle of red wine.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!!

The TRIVIA Stars on the night:

Grant Stack, Cameron Constable, Jen & Glen Forster, Mick Forster, Sylvia, Nic Raneiri Jnr and Hayley.

See you all next year to contest the Trivia Star title.

Well done to you all. What a clever bunch you are!

Runners up: Donna Carter's table (2nd year in a row), well done to you all, better luck next year Donna.

Thank you:

I would like to thank the following people because without their help a night like this would not run as smoothly.

Corinne Dyer, Helen Reid Sue Moon, John Dupe, Graeme and Dawn Miller, Cameron Constable, Des Pinfold, Bob Canet, Tony Jewell and Marysia P and to those who helped clear up after, THANK YOU.

Club Trip to Tocumwal 9th and 10th October '10

The booking sheet is up on the **SOCIAL NOTICE BOARD.**

Put your name down. We have booked for 52 people consist of various types of accommodation packages.

Included in the package is a \$40.00 per person meal voucher, 10% discount off all beverages at Rafters Bistro and two rounds of golf, plus two nights' accommodation.

Payment is to be paid by no later than Grand Final weekend the 25th September, earlier *the better*.

Powerball – Win win win

Are you interested in picking one number for 10 weeks, and winning a weekly prize of \$50.00 if your power ball number comes up – all this for \$20.00?

If interested, please see Tony Jewell who will be running this event.

Please note that we can only cater for need 45 participants so first in best dressed!

Golf Ball Guessing Competition

We are starting up a **guess how many golf balls are in the container** competition in the first week of August. Keep a look out for the poster.

Presentation afternoon/evening for 17 October 2010

Please keep Sunday 17th October free for our presentation of the RGC Club Champion and other major trophies.

We envisage starting this event from a3.30pm onwards with a spit roast dinner.

Watch this space for more information.

Ladies@Ringwood

Mixed golf day – May 2010

A very successful mixed golf day followed by lunch was held back in May. We had 86 players, good weather and lots of fun. The winners on the day were **Pauline Dorizzi and John Hunter** with 80 pts (40 pts each). A great effort.

Lolly jar competition

The guess how many lollies in the jar competition winner was **Des Pinfeld**. I wonder if he has had to visit the dentist as there were about 750 lollies in the jar. Thanks to everyone who willingly helped throughout the day.

Mixed multiplication stableford competition 15th July

After this event some of the men suggested that we have another mixed day so we have arranged a Mixed Multiplication Stableford Competition for 15th July.

Quite a few members go away at this time of the year so it seemed a good time to play a mixed event and fill the field. Play will be followed by a BBQ (no salads this time), cakes and slices. We hope it is another day of good friendship for all members of RGC.

The Doris Watkins Memorial Day

Another great day was the Doris Watkins Memorial Day put on for the ladies by Danny and his family. Golf was followed by salads and quiche then dessert. Thanks Danny, we all appreciated your generosity. The trophy was won by **Clare Williams** who was a long time friend of Doris.

The Clothing Collection parade

On Thursday September 16th we are holding a parade of clothes from **The Clothing Collection**. We have spoken to the company representative and have arranged for a selection of both ladies and men's sports and casual wear to be paraded. It should be a good day and hope that you will put the date in your diary and come along with your friends. Men and women are welcome.

Morning tea will be provided. As this is a fund raising event there will be a charge of \$5.00 per person and you will have a chance to win the door prize donated by Clothing Connection.

VWGL Foursomes event

On Monday 28th June **Maxine O'Flynn and Mary Day** represented RGC in the VWGL Foursomes event at Southern Golf Club. They finished runners up in both the gross and net events. Well done Maxine and Mary.

Four Ball Competition - Bairnsdale

In May, Kaye Unwin played in a Four Ball Competition at her previous club, Bairnsdale. In a field of 134 players, Kaye and her partner, Gwenda Cook, won the event with a course record of +15. What a great game of golf.

VWGL - Oakleigh Golf Club on May 24th

The inaugural VWGL event for 9 holers was held at Oakleigh Golf Club on May 24th. This was a stoke event and Ringwood had 6 ladies competing, in what turned out to be a very successful day for the club. Ros Hay finished 3rd in the 9 hole division and Rae Flaherty won the 18 hole division.



B Grade Ladies Pennant, Runners-up: Pam Happ, Maxine O'Flynn, Bev Storey, Julia Allen, Barbara Yates, Carolyn McCorkell



Winners: Mixed Grade: Pauline Dorizzi and John Hunter

Juniors@Ringwood

My name is Sophie Cantwell I am 11 years old turning 12 in July. I'm in grade 6 at Syndal South Primary School. My hobbies are dancing and Aerobics. I rehearse four hours a week. I am in two aerobics teams and the school aerobic captain this year. There are three competitions; pre-lims, State and National the National comp is in Brisbane this year. I would like to learn to play golf and maybe beat my grandfathers who both play golf.



Hi, my name is Nicholas Walton. I am 12 years old and am in Year 7 at Aquinas College Ringwood. I mainly play golf and cricket, these are my two favourite sports and I also enjoy swimming. I play tennis occasionally and am soon starting Bushidokan (mixed Martial Arts). I became interested in golf and took lessons when I was about nine. I started playing nine holes of golf with my Dad and now play 18 holes with him. I have recently joined the Ringwood Golf Club. One day I hope to beat my Dad at golf.



Liang, a new junior member, is quite passionate about his golf and recently attended clinics conducted by John O'Halloran. John taught Liang a new grip and set up position. We look forward to seeing Liang play competition golf and obtain a handicap

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Pennant June 2010

Male senior pennant is over for another year, with mixed results.

Congratulations go to the seniors team lead by J. Mulvogue and PD Ross (Ringwood Blue) on bringing home a pennant for Ringwood.

Great work by all those who played throughout the season.

Unfortunately no other team made the final this year, but hopefully we will rebuild for an all out assault in 2011.

Again thanks must go to all of the helpers, caddies and supporters who gave up their time to support the squads and lend much appreciated encouragement at home matches.



Grant Stack Pennant Convener

Hole-in-One for Syd Wheatley – Congratulations Syd

On Saturday 19th June Syd Wheatley got his first hole-in-one on the 16th hole.
Well done Syd.

I just purchased a new book on golf. Not sure if you have seen this one!

Highlights include;

- Chapter 1 - How to Properly Line Up Your Fourth Putt
- Chapter 2 - How to Hit a Maxfli from the Rough When You Hit a Titlist from the Tee
- Chapter 3 - How to Avoid the Water When You Lie 8 in a Bunker
- Chapter 4 - How to Get More Distance off the Shank
- Chapter 5 - When to Give the Ranger the Finger
- Chapter 6 - Using Your Shadow on the Greens to Maximize Earnings
- Chapter 7 - When to Implement Handicap Management
- Chapter 8 - Proper Excuses for Drinking Beer Before 9:00 a.m.
- Chapter 10 - How to Find That Ball That Everyone Else Saw Go in the Water
- Chapter 13 - How to Relax When You Are Hitting three off the Tee
- Chapter 14 - When to Suggest Major Swing Corrections to Your Opponent
- Chapter 16 - When to Re-grip Your Ball Retriever

Spotlight on Kerry Kennett

My idea of a perfect weekend is:

A golfing weekend with husband / and or friends

If I was a famous Australian, I would be

.....because...no one comes to mind...

My best and worst handicap was:

22 and currently 27 (due to injuries).

I have been a member of Ringwood for:

Four years.

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

- 1. Red wine;**
- 2. Foxtel; and**
- 3. Family.**

My most treasured possession is:

My family.

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

Too personal to tell!!!

I get angry when people are:

Racist, lie, and blame others for their own mistakes.

I don't like talking about:

My father.

My most humiliating moment was:

Falling in hole whilst walking one night, and had to telephone my sons to come and carry me home.

I wish I had:

Furthered my education when younger.

I wish I hadn't:

Hadn't injured myself years ago.

My happiest moment was:

Way too many to mention.

If I had to cook the perfect meal it would be:

Risotto.

My favourite gadget is:

Um, I don't have one.

If only I could:

Afford botox!

I often wonder:

What life would be like if I was very rich?

The greatest lesson I have learnt in life is:

Be honest and keep in contact with people you care for.



Trivia night pics



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

What's new?

Which is the best Titleist ball for you?

Find out by using the Titleist Ball Finder recently installed in the shop. In just a couple of minutes you can discover which ball in the Titleist range will help improve your score – feel free to ask the shop staff for assistance if required.

In addition, a 10% discount is available on all Titleist balls purchased by members until 31st August.

Bags 'n' buggies - on display NOW

We now stock a range of the best selling [Smoothy buggies](#) and [Eagle bags](#).

Already very keenly priced, we are happy to offer members an additional 10% discount for all purchases made prior to August 31st.

Attention culinary connoisseurs

Have you tried any of the three new Angus premium pies or our fresh iced donuts ?

The Pro shop offers players a broad range of hot foods, including soup of the day, dim sims, pies, pasties, sausage rolls, as well as fresh sandwiches, confectionaries, bottled waters/soft drinks and our famous Lavazza coffee.

Drop in before or during the game and tackle the next nine energized with fantastic food fortification!

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