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## Message from the President

Hello there fellow members of Ringwood Golf Club.

Let me start my first newsletter column by thanking our outgoing president Barry Dempsey. Barry has served our club for 12 years in various positions, six of those years as president. His professional outlook and no fuss attitude to all aspects of the golf club have been outstanding. On behalf of all members, thank you Barry.

For those members that I haven't met, allow me to introduce myself. I joined the Ringwood golf club in 1977 as a junior member and have enjoyed 33 years here. I have served several terms on general committee, I have been on match committee as vice captain, was scratch pennant captain / manager for 20 years and have been vice president for the last 2 years. I have a real passion for RGC and will continue this in my role as president.

On our committee this year we have Paul Kennett, Justin Kyatt and Steve Evans for the first time and see the return of bob Canet. They have already shown a great willingness to contribute, which together with the hard work of the existing committee members will continue the smooth operation of our club.

On the golf side of things we have battled our way through our first "normal" Melbourne winter for many years. The course held up reasonably well through this and we now look forward to the best golfing conditions of the year.

We have just returned from our annual golfing weekend away which was at Tocumwal this year. A very enjoyable time was had by all and great to see some new faces. Thanks to social committee and all members who made this an excellent weekend. Deniliquin has been booked for mid October next year. It would be great to see you there.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the club over the coming months.

All the best and good golfing

**Geoff Wallis - President RGC**



## New members

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

**Men:** Andrew Patterson, Wayne Melvin, Stephen Day, Paul Judd, Joseph Brothers, Duncan Pendrigh, Alain Landrison and Andrew Lapan.

**Ladies:** Deborah Kelly

**Junior female members:** Jade Van Blaricum



## Tips for November - Ben Boyd

### Bunker Etiquette

What? What do you mean bunker etiquette? Obviously 'etiquette' refers to how our actions on the golf course impact on other players, so what's 'bunker etiquette'?

#### Example 1 (the obvious one)

You're having a bad day, luck's against you and it's raining, you hack one out of the fairway bunker in 13. You can't be bothered raking the bunker because it's wet and you didn't take much of a divot anyway. You then play 14 and pull your approach shot into the bunker left of the green – what is most likely to happen?

A) You get a pristine lie in the nice flat part of the bunker or  
B) You yourself end up in someone else's divot/footmark and proceed to blade it into the other bunker. B) of course – Karma rules on the golf course.

Always rake the bunker – it may be inconvenient, but the players behind will love you and Karma won't get you.

#### Example 2 – Rake etiquette.

Some of the better courses stipulate that you leave the rake outside the bunker. Others stipulate that you leave it in the centre of the bunker aligned with the direction of incoming shots.

Either way doesn't matter, but I've never seen it stipulated that the rake should be left at the edge of the bunker, and often across the line of approach as people seem to insist on doing at Ringwood. Time and time again at Ringwood my ball is trapped against the back or side lip of the bunker by the rake, because it has been left in an incorrect position that impacts on the player behind.

#### Why does it impact on the player behind?

Because the Rules of Golf state that you can move a movable obstruction in a bunker (such as the rake) and there is no penalty if your ball moves, **BUT** you **MUST** replace the ball at the point where it lay (under the lip). If it won't stay there, you **MUST** place it at the nearest point at which it will remain at rest. In the worst case, if the rake traps the ball

under the rear lip. If you can't place the ball at a position where it won't roll and is not closer to the hole, you need to treat it as both stroke and distance or an unplayable lie and the penalty! That's why 'rake etiquette' can in an extreme case have a big impact on your fellow players.

Summer is nearly upon us, but don't spend too much time at the beach!

**Cheers**  
**Ben Boyd**

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## Just for laughs!

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son.

'Yes, Dad, what is it? 'Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife.'

## Social

### Club Trip to Tocumwal 9/10 October '10

#### Saturday results (S/ford)

Winner Men A grade: Andy Hoad (36),

R/Up: Bill Eccles (35))

Winner Men B grade Steve Hurley (41),

R/Up Men B grade Roy Turner (34)

Ladies winner: Mei Lee (35),

R/Up Corinne Dyer (32).

NTP: Cam Constable, John Mulvogue, John Hunter and Mei Lee

2<sup>nd</sup> shot in: Peter Baltas

Longest drive: Geoff Beer and Corinne Dyer.

#### Sunday results (Ambrose):

Winners: Des Pinfold, Corinne Dyer, Wally Barnes and Bob Hennessey (56.5),

R/Up: Geoff Wallis, Peter Baltas, Colleen Martin and John Hunter (59.38).

NTP: Roy Turner, Tony Jewell, Bob Hennessey and Stuart Meehan.

Longest drive: Trish Perry and Geoff Wallis.

2<sup>nd</sup> shot in: Steve Homans and Stuart Meehan.

We had 35 players and 2 non players on our trip, including 5 or 6 new members who came along this year and, although numbers were down, the weather was fantastic and even if the golf was (for some ordinary), we **all** had a fabulous time.

Dinner on Friday and Saturday night was great fun - we even had one extra on Saturday night for dinner our club Secretary Gary Walker honouring us with his presence. The Saturday lunch BBQ was a great success; our new president Geoff Wallis did the cooking.

Many thanks to Geoff Beer who did a great job(as always) marking the cards on both days.

### CLUB TRIP FOR 2011 - DENILQUIN- 7 and 8 October

We booked 40 spots Deniliquin for next year with on course accommodation which means will all be staying at the same place. It is only \$145.00 PP (this cost only includes two rounds of golf, two nights accommodation and two fully cooked breakfasts.)

#### POWER BALL

The first Powerball winners were Richard Klos, Maurie Mawer, Stan Edwards, Tony Jewell, Glen Duxson, Neville Armstrong, Darren Jewell, Gary Cawthray, Marysia Paszkiewicz and Paul Kennett.

The second power ball started.14<sup>th</sup> October and goes for 10 weeks.

#### GOLF BALL GUESSING COMPETITION

We have all had fun guessing how many balls are in the bottle and very soon we will be drawing out the winner. The prize is a COLES/ MYER VOUCHER FOR \$100.00. There is still some numbers to be guessed, please have a go.

#### XMAS@RINGWOOD

Mark in your calendar the 11 December – The RGC are putting on a Xmas party for members. Watch the Social notice board for more details and keep your eyes open for upcoming Xmas hamper raffle.

Many thanks for all of the help I have received throughout the year - without all of you this job cannot be done.



## Captain's report

**Booking sheet:** The implementation of the electronic Saturday booking sheet has been accepted without drama and has proved to be a more efficient use of time. The pro shop took several weeks to get used to it, but now it is accepted.

**Handicapping:** In the New Year we will set up a three person handicap committee which will include the lady handicapper. This committee will be responsible for all handicapping issues, reporting directly to the match committee.

**Golf Australia** has postponed indefinitely the implementation of stage 2 of the new handicapping system, some of the reasons were that the recommendations were not user friendly, and did not have the support of the large majority of golf clubs nationally.

**From 1st November** new handicap rulings will be implemented regarding the non submission of score cards. These actions have been posted in the competition room, giving members notice prior to their implementation.

**From 1st November** we will be asking all non bulk entry comp fee players to register their \$4.00 comp fee along with their membership number on the envelope provided, to enable the handicappers to identify and confirm their entry into the day's competition.

**From the 1st January 2011**, the manual competition entry sheet will be eliminated. All players will enter the competition electronically. There are a large number of members not registering on the computer, creating unnecessary work for the handicappers. **If you are not registered for the competition of the day in the computer, you will not be resisted in the competition.**

We will give access to the web site for the handicappers, allowing them to post competition results immediately at the conclusion of the day's play. This will provide timely and updated information for the members.

**Tee times:** I'm still pushing the course management to discuss possible changes to the public tee times for Saturday. My proposal is to move the current public middle time block to the beginning of the field to allow the club to play uninterrupted right through. Wish me luck, I will need it!

**Course issues:** Further discussions will take place with course superintendent to move on the out of bounds line bordering the garden dam on 17<sup>th</sup> fairway. The time frame to have this in place is by the 2011 club championships.

**Twilight:** Twilight games will start on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, once again supported by course management. Hopefully we can get the house committee to try to make available someone to run the bar, taking away responsibility from the twilight organiser. This had been a problem over the last two years.

**Distance measuring devices:** Distance measuring devices are permitted in all VGL competitions. **Note: Only permitted if there is a local rule allowing their use is in effect.**

These devices must be limited to measuring distance only, breached if the device has the capability of gauging or measuring other conditions such as wind speed, gradient, temperature etc. **There would be a breach of the rules even if these additional functions can be switched off or disengaged.**

As some mobile phones are capable of some of these features, it is the local rule of RGC that all mobile cellular telephones cannot be used as hand held measuring devices during club competition play.

**Penalty for Breach of local rule;** Player is disqualified.

## Juniors@Ringwood

### Ringwood Trophy Result

Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> the final round of the Ringwood Trophy was played out between Ralph Grapentine (10) and Jay Allen (18). With the handicap spread Ralph was going to have to play very well to beat Jay!

The round was nearly a forfeit by Jay, as he moved to Townsville to live with his family. Fortunately for Jay, his parents saw the importance of this event and flew him back to Melbourne to play. His preparation was not ideal as he arrived back in Melbourne at 1.30am on the day of the final. The advantage at this stage was back in Ralph's favour.

Ralph won the toss and, taking the tee honour. Unfortunately that was to be the only thing Ralph would win for the day. His opening drive found the tree's on the left, and was dead, Jay bombed a drive down the middle forcing Ralph to concede the 1<sup>st</sup>. Over the next 8 holes, Jay produced some great golf keeping the pressure on Ralph. Although several halves were produced, at the end of 9 holes Jay had moved to a 4 up lead. Ralph then made a decision to concede the match as he had to give Jay more shots over the second 9.

This makes Jay Allen the first junior to win the Ringwood trophy since Nick Plant in 1988. Congratulations to Jay from all club members, and we look forward to 2011 junior pennant season.

### Stacky wins individual event, but Ringwood team robbed in VGL team's event!

On a cold, windy rainy day in August, four Ringwood members, Grant Stack, Ben Boyd, Mike Smith and Brian Cullen (pictured with Possum), took part in the VGL Teams event at Werribee Park Golf Course. It was seriously a shocking day! Despite the weather, an in-form Grant shot a beautiful 39 points to take out the individual best score of the day. The format for the team events is best three out of four cards. RGC had the best score on the day until an error by a marker from another club was discovered that had no bearing on the actual score saw one of the best three disqualified, relegating the team score down the pack! Best not to ask who it was that was disqualified – his team mates have already given him enough punishment!



### Ben Boyd

### Heathcote golf trip – 27 to 29 August

Twelve hardy RGC men enjoyed a recent weekend away to Heathcote. Five stopped off a Kilmore for a quick nine - Tony Ralph winning the impromptu competition – his game for the rest of the weekend showed that he peaked far too early. Kilmore is a great course and will be included in the 2011 itinerary.

Heavy rain closed Heathcote Golf Course three days before we arrived but Larry Maxwell (HGC vice-captain) predicted that the course would reopen, keeping us updated on course conditions. The course was damp underfoot, but there was good grass cover and the greens were lightening fast but very true.

We stayed at the Commercial Hotel and host Mary and her team made sure we were well looked after. The meals were very reasonably priced, oversized and excellent quality - the biggest rave was for the massive porterhouse steaks!

### *Heathcote continued ....*

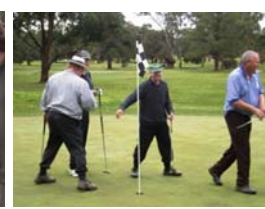
**Results Saturday:** Winner – Paul Tonna; 4BBB Geoff Beer and Peter Loton; 4Ball Multiplier John Donald and Gary Cawthray; Runner-up – Brian Cullen; NAGA – Noel Proudley. Hit any par 3 in one won a golf ball and there was a long ball run-down.

**Sunday:** For a \$5 entry fee, we played a winner takes all 9 holes comp, the run-away winner was Gary Cawthray, despite the early morning signs of stress (or excesses) from Saturday's activities.

We would like to thank Nick and John from the Ringwood pro shop for providing sponsorship and organizing prize vouchers and to Chas Martin for his donation of golf balls.

This event is open to all RGC members, either as day trippers (playing on Saturday) or those wanting to stay for the weekend – we are looking at bringing this forward to August next year. Accommodation is limited so you will need to book early to avoid disappointment.

Brian Cullen  
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## Ringwood Golf Club Charity Day We want your opinions! Worthy charities required

As you are aware, our golf club's been running an annual Charity Golf Day for the past 3 years to raise funds for those in need. We supported Eastern Palliative Care and Uniting Care Community Options, both local charities with proceeds from this event amounting to over \$... for each charity. Now it's time to show our support to others.

We are looking for two new charities for the 2011 to 2013 period and are looking to club members to help us out. Do you know of a local charity that we can support? Big or small, it doesn't matter.

Please submit your ideas with details of your nominated Charity by placing your nomination in the office pigeon hole, and marked to the attention of Charity Day Sub-Committee.

**Kerry Kennett**

## Ladies@Ringwood

The Ladies held the AGM on September 13th. The following members were elected.

**President** - Helen King, **Vice President** - Pat McLaws, **Secretary** - Rae Flaherty, **Captain** - Bev Armstrong  
**Vice Captain** - Sue Stanley, **Handicapper** - Pat Fogarty, **Treasurer** - Kaye Unwin,  
**Committee** - Anne Keegan, Marj Reid, Pam Happ and Mary Day.

### Fashion parade

On September 16th we held a fashion parade in the clubhouse. The models, male and female, did an excellent job modelling the clothes from Clothing Connecton. Thanks to Pat McLaws, Maxine O'Flynn, Marj Reid, Judy Sheehan, Anne Keegan, Carolyn McCorkell Des Pinfeld and Gary Walker. Members and visitors enjoyed morning tea during the parade, thanks to all who provided the food.



### Mixed multiplication

The following week, the men joined with the women for a mixed multiplication Stableford game. The weather was kind to us. Carolyn McCorkell and Bill Eccles won the event with a great score of 118 points. Well done. All players were treated to a BBQ lunch following golf. Thanks again to all the many helpers on the day.



### Mixed Memorial Day 23/9/10

Bev Armstrong – Captain  
Helen King – President

### Winners:

Bill Eccles and Carolyn McCorkell

## Ladies@Ringwood continued

### Ringwood Bowl

The Ringwood Bowl was held on Friday 22nd October. 19 teams of three players entered. Ringwood entered 2 teams, Maxine O'Flynn, Erica Sauvola, and Pam Happ with Maureen Brown, Norma Crowe and Judy Sheehan in the 2nd team. The winners from Tirhatuan had a score of 121 points. Lunch was provided. Thanks to all members who helped organise the event, assisted on the course or helped prepare the meal. A great team effort.



### Guest day

Guest day will be Thursday December 9th, 4BBB Stableford. Let's hope for a fine day so that we can show our friends what a great course we have at Ringwood. It has really come up well after all the wet weather we have had.

### Christmas

The Christmas luncheon and presentation of trophies will be held on Thursday 16th December. Lunch will be prepared by outside caterers at a cost of \$25.00 per person. A list will be placed in the clubhouse early November. All money must be paid by December 2nd as the caterers must have final numbers by that date. This is a great social day to finish the year and we encourage all members to consider attending this function.

Congratulations to Pat McLaws for her 1st prize at the Melbourne Show in the jam making section.

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## Ringwood Golf Club Presentation Day

At our recent Club Presentations we were fortunate to have two representatives from the VGL present. It was a great afternoon with 66 attending this year to support their fellow players. Our congratulations go out to all those who won major events throughout the year. Thanks you to everyone who attended and those hard working helpers who make sure things run smoothly on the day.

**Eclectic Men: Gross:** Winner Bruce Smith 61 **Nett:** Steve Homans 58.5

**Eclectic Ladies: Gross:** Winner Mei Lee 72 **Nett** Theresa Tong 62

**Putting - Men-** Dennis. C. Phillipson 178 – **Ladies -** Theresa Tong 204

**Eric Kimberly Trophy** Winner Harvey Roberts, R/U Neville Armstrong

**Par Championship:**

**Men:** Winner: Allan Beacom +7, R/U Mike Smith +6

**Ladies:** Winner Julieann Barrett -2, R/U Trish Perry and Theresa Tong - 5

**Stableford Championships**

**Men:** Winner Ralph Grapentine 121, R/U Roy Turner 118 **Women:** Winner Josephine Wee 106, R/U, Donna Carter 104

**Captains Trophy:** Winner Michael Makin

**Winter Cup**

**Men:** Winner Andy Hoad 205, R/U Noel Proudly 208 **Ladies:** Winner Mei Lee 209, R/U Carolyn McCorkell 210

**Foursomes Trophy: Men:** Grant Stack / Geoff Wallis 161 **Ladies:** Corinne Dyer/ Julieann Barrett 181

**Presidents Trophy:** Allan Peak/Russell Stanfield 137

**Ladies Match Play:** Winner Corinne Dyer, R/U Mei Lee

**Scratch Match Men :** Winner Grant Stack, R/U Nick Ranieri Jnr

**VGL Star Medalist:** Winner Tom Dodd (65)

**Ringwood Mixed Foursomes:** Peter Ross / Julia Lim

**Darryl Meehan Trophy:** Winners Danny Evans / Steve Evans, R/U Len Flarherty / Maurie Mawer

**Ringwood Trophy:** Winner Jay Allan, R/U Ralph Grapentine

**Ladies Summer Cup:** Winner Colleen Martin 278, R/U Corinne Dyer 279

**Junior Champion:** Winner Jay Allan 128, R/U Sean Buncle 152

**Senior Champion:** Winner Laurie Shaw 272, R/U Richard Klos 276

**Gerry Smart :** Winner Andy Hoad 264, R/U Nick Ranieri Jr 269

**D Grade Club Champion:** Winner Wally Barnes 393, R/U John Oliver 395

**C Grade Club Champion:** Winner Andy Hoad 332, R/U Richard Klos 351

**B Grade Club Champion:** Winner Ralph Grapentin 317, R/U Tom Derham 324

**A Grade and Club Champion: Nick Ranieri Jr 298,** R/U Grant Stack 305



More photos from all events can be seen on the Social Club board.

## 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.

### MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Heidi Grave who in addition to her responsibilities as Manager of the Ringwood Golf Course was recently appointed Manager of our sister course, Dorset.

Heidi will be assisted by the two co-coordinators, Nick Ranieri and Carmel Pieters,

One of the subsequent changes in the shop operations has been the interchange of shop personnel as the two courses begin to operate more cohesively and cooperatively, so you may see a few new faces behind the counter from time to time.

### RIDE ON BUGGIES

The great wet is over – maybe – hopefully?

The course has held up remarkably well given the never ending record rainfall, but as some members will be aware, ride on buggies have been banned for quite some time.

The good news is that the ban has been partially lifted, and members can use their ride on buggies again, **although riding buggies over fairways is strictly banned until further notice.**

Also, would Jack Bailey please note that the use of amphibious vehicles has been permanently banned!!!!

### What's new?

#### NIKE CAPS

We now have a new range of NIKE caps. Prices start at \$ 19.95 and we have a number of styles and colours available.

#### MAXFLI MENS POLO SHORTS OUT TO CLEAR

Most sizes still available in red, white or black in a light, drip dry fabric - ideal for the forthcoming summer months.

### Our special price for RGC members – ONLY \$ 30.00.

And remember, members of the RGC receive a 10% discount on purchases of any hardware products in the pro shop (excluding sale items).

### SEE YOU ACROSS THE COUNTER SOON!!!!

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