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Ringwood Golf Club

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Message from the President

G'day fellow members of R.G.C.

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. As always the Ringwood Golf Club has been a very busy place. Our annual memorial day was held on Saturday April 2nd and was once again a huge success. We had over 150 golfers play in the competition and on completion of our rounds we were able to remember our friends that have passed through our club over the years. Many stories and memories of the great times enjoyed around our club were told and a fabulous day was had by all. Thanks to all helpers especially the Match and Social Committees.

The 40th anniversary of the Ringwood Ladies Golf Club was held on Thursday 7th of April where 18 holes of golf was followed by "high tea". Our rooms were filled with many life members, several foundation members and plenty of presidents, captains and committee members both past and present. It was also great to see many of our previous lady members enjoying themselves. It was a day that certainly made us all feel proud of our great club. To Helen King and all involved in the organizing of this major event – congratulations.

Pennant has concluded for another season with the Ringwood Gold Senior Pennant team winning the flag and our Handicap and Scratch sides losing their respective grand finals narrowly. Thank you to all team captains and managers and to our players for their excellent representation of Ringwood Golf Club both on and off the course.

In our members survey in 2010 we received many requests for a new more user friendly kitchen. I am pleased to let you know that we are installing a brand new kitchen and appliances in the current location starting shortly and should be completed by the end of August. We expect this to cause minimal disruption to our day to day use.

Congratulations to our 2011 Club Champion, Grant Stack who won this year in a very convincing fashion. Congratulations also to all other winners of their various grades. Well played.

Finally with winter now upon us I wish you all good golf and let's hope we don't get too water logged. See you out there.

Geoff Wallis
President

Juniors@Ringwood

Hi, my name is Lockie Gray I am 12 years old and I attend Aquinas College Ringwood. I started playing junior golf at Parkland in Kyabram when I was 8 years old. I represented my school in Victorian School Golf three times, on one occasion getting through to the second round. I obtained a Golf Link handicap in 2010 when I was 11 years old . It started at 26.

I also enjoy playing Cricket in the summer months for Ringwood North, and this year won the batting award for under 12s.

I moved from Kyabram in September 2010 and are now a junior member of Ringwood Golf Club.

My family and I would like to thank Laurie and his team at Ringwood Golf Club for welcoming into their fantastic junior program.

Hi, my name is Jordan Collins and I am 15 years old. I have always loved golf and have played with my dad and grandparents.

It has only been recently that I gave football away to play golf more often. I have played three times with the junior club and enjoy it very much. I also play cricket in summer and mixed netball on Sunday nights with a group of friends.

I hope to learn enough and improve to obtain a Club handicap so I can compete in Club competitions play in the Junior Championship and eventually represent Ringwood Golf Club in Junior Pennant



Lockie and Jordan's fathers are both keen golfers they may join the club and expand the Father Son Membership.

Daisuke Nakajimi has family in Japan who were affected by the tsunami he was telling his uncle about the Ringood Golf club Website. The uncle opened the website and found Daisuke's photo and communicated back very excited. We have been viewed in Japan.

Social@Ringwood

Social events for 2011

Please put these dates in you diary so you don't miss out on any of our great social activities over the coming months.

Trivia night - Saturday July 23rd

The list is up so make sure you put your name down before we run out of tables. If you are unable to get a table of eight together put your name down on the list with others who have not filled theirs.

The cost is the same as last year \$10.00 per person, and must be paid prior to the night. Drinks are at bar prices. Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.

Once again we are having a major raffle. Major prize: A voucher to Cape Shank resort for golf, dinner and accommodation for two. Value \$400.00.

There are also lots of other raffle prizes too and tickets will be on sale beginning of July.

We will also be holding our usual grog toss, so bring your gold coins along.

Club golf trip to Deniliquin – 7, 8 & 9 October

The booking sheet is up on the **SOCIAL NOTICE BOARD**. To secure your spot please pay when putting your name on the list. We now have a waiting list but please add your name to the list I am sure we can fit you in. We now have secured all of the accommodation on course and have playing spots for 60.

Cost: Golfers \$170.00 per person, non golfers is \$130.00 per person.

The package includes: Two rounds of golf, two nights accommodation with a cooked breakfast each day, a gourmet BBQ with salads on Saturday afternoon after the game, where the draw for the Sunday game will be done.

Payment for this trip is to be paid as soon as possible.

For more information please speak to Tony Jewell, Bob Canet or Colleen Martin.

Annual Club presentations

More information will come later in the year. This year will be bigger and better, just you wait and see!

Christmas Party Saturday 10th December

Come along and enjoy an afternoon for fun and get to meet people from around the Club. Last year we had a great turn out 50 booked and 80 turned up. We have lots of give a ways and great food so make sure you mark this one in your calendar.

Powerball

The winners from the 24/2/11 to 28/4/11 were:

Noel Dean	16
Andy Hoad	41
Mei Lee	22
Warwick Morgan	06
Gary Walker	23
Tony Jewell	09
Pudd	14
Chas Martin	28
Daz	24
P D Ross	31

Talent - Do you have any?

Social is looking for any one who can sing, dance, mime, play any instrument, or anything else to entertain us (be nice).

If you do have any talent or even don't but are game to have a go, come and see me or put your name on the notice board list.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me out last year – Social could not function without you all.

Colleen Martin



Noel Dean – R.I.P.

Dino was a member of our Club for 13 years and did a tremendous amount of voluntary work – security, bar, house and he did a term as Secretary. He will be remembered by the older members for his unique handicapping rules for Hylton's Heroes!

He's got rid of 'the book' at last.

John Donald (JD)

Noel Dean proved to be the ultimate handicapper. The system he established for the Thursday Heroes caused much controversy, especially if you were a winner!

He added a lot to the success of our competition. He is sadly missed.

Hylton Campbell

My old mate

I've known Noel for quite a few years now, mainly from down the golf club. When my wife passed away 2-1/2 years ago, Noel decided it was his job to drive me down to the Club on Friday arvo. But never home! I would open up the bar and get him a beer while he positioned himself on **HIS** stool - right by the entrance, waiting for any poor unsuspecting member of the public who hadn't signed the book or was wearing a hat.

His other favourite saying to me was 'shut the bloody window Stan, it's bloody freezing.'

You are and always will be missed by many.

Stan Edwards



New members

The Ringwood Golf Club would like to welcome to following new members to the Club:

Men: Steve Chao, Luke Manassa, Percy Wijenayake, Ross Plunkett, Warren Dobrianski, Malcolm Goodey, Greg Frost, Alan Swanson, Sean Flynn, Brian Box, Norm Kearns and Adam Little.

Ladies: Bessie Khew, Pam Kinsella, Maureen Gossip and Joanne Logan.

Juniors: Lockie Gray, Jordon Collins and Daisuke Nakajima

Marking score cards

To assist the volunteers who tally the scores at the end of the day, could the markers please put their name on the card as well. This helps these hard working volunteers more easily match up cards in case further clarification is needed on someone's score.

Many thanks

RGC Charity Golf Day

Yes, it is that time of year again only this time there are a few differences.



Our new look Charity sub-committee:

Chairperson - Peter Ross

Sponsorships - Barry Dempsey

General committee: Kerry Kennett, John Mulvogue, Ros Hay, Julie Barrett, Roy Turner, Trish Perry, and Corinne Dyer.



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

The other big difference is that for the next three years we will be supporting two new charities.

1. St Vincent De Paul Community Services

St Vincent De Paul is a not for profit organisation established over 50 years ago. They operate a range of accommodation and support initiatives for people who experience homelessness; providing help with issues such as general health concerns, drug and alcohol abuse, employment education and training options, and social exclusion and isolation. Their Community Service participants are often the most disadvantaged and marginalised citizens in our communities, and present to us with complex issues that often require long-term strategies and involvement.

2. Eastern Volunteers

Eastern Volunteer Resource Centre Inc. (Eastern Volunteers) is a not-for-profit community service organisation that was established in 1976 and which provides volunteer-assisted transport services and volunteer recruitment, referral and training services across the municipalities of Maroondah, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges. Other projects and services are provided across the broader Eastern Metropolitan Region.

Eastern Volunteers is a Public Benevolent Institution endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office to access income tax exemption; GST concessions; FBT exemption and has certification as a Deductible Gift Recipient.

DRESS CODE

Please take note of the Ringwood Golf Club's dress code on competition days. We have the Dress Code guide lines up just inside the front door if you are unsure. It is important that we maintain a good standard of dress both on and off the course. If you see a member that is not dressed in the accepted attire please alert a [committee member](#) so we can take an appropriate course of action.

Am I out of bounds?

There have been a couple of incidents recently around Out of Bounds particularly on the 8th and 17th holes. The definition of Out Of Bound is:

“Out of bounds” is beyond the boundaries of the course or any part of the course so marked by the Committee.

When out of bounds is defined by reference to stakes or a fence or as being beyond stakes or a fence, the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports). When both stakes and lines are used to indicate out of bounds, the stakes identify out of bounds and the lines define out of bounds.

When out of bounds is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. The out of bounds line extends vertically upwards and downwards.

A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds. A player may stand out of bounds to play a ball lying within bounds.

Objects defining out of bounds such as walls, fences, stakes and railings are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed. Stakes identifying out of bounds are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed.

Note 1: Stakes or lines used to define out of bounds should be white.

A few points to note come out of this definition:

- The line on the ground or the ‘imaginary’ line between stakes defines the out of bounds in the absence of a fence. The ball must be completely outside that line to be OOB. This means that on the 8th hole, a ball coming to rest inside the line of the stakes, even if it is against the logs defining the left hand side of the path, is still inbounds if inside the line of the stakes, as the stakes define the OOB.
- On the 17th hole, past where the fence defines the boundary (i.e. about >100m off the tee), the stakes are intended to define the line of the old garden bed as being the boundary for out of bounds. At the time of printing a local rule had been implemented to define the edge of the old garden bed as the boundary to grant lee-way to the player technically outside the line of stakes, but on the grass in the ‘tongues’ that protrude towards the fence. This is not satisfactory in the long term but we feel is commonsense until either more stakes can be put in place or a line painted onto the grass to define the OOB.
- Please note the ‘should’ in Note 1 – the Match Committee may ultimately determine the boundary as long as it is clearly communicated – yes it ‘should’ be defined with white stakes or lines, but the reality is that we do not have control over the course so may need to make a decision from time to time in this regard and would appreciate constructive criticism in these instances.
- Lastly, we do NOT have a local rule defining OOB stakes as movable obstructions, so they are part of the boundary and if your swing or stance is interfered with you must play the ball as it lies.

If you find your ball is out of bounds, and if you haven’t played a provisional, under stroke and distance you must go back to where you played your last shot– so the take home message is if in doubt play a provisional ball!

Ben Boyd

Ladies@Ringwood

Ladies pennant

Ringwood entered two teams in the VWGL Pennant competition. The B Grade team was represented by Carolyn McCorkell, Erica Sauvola, Norma Crowe, Maureen Brown, Pat McLaws and Pam Happ. The D Grade team members were Pam Hegarty, Susie Wong, Barbara Yates, Lucy Gannon, Judy Sheehan and Joan Gough. Neither team made finals but enjoyed the golf and friendship with members from the other competing clubs.

40th anniversary

On Thursday 7th April, the ladies celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Ladies Section of the club with "High Tea". Many current and former members of the club were present. Bev Clarke represented the VWGL. RGC Executive - Geoff Wallis, Steve Dykes, Gary Walker and Des Pinfold, Life Members – Lena Simmons, Joan Trengove and Jean Magee, Foundation Members – Joyce Patrick, Vyvyan Lane, Pat Lemon, Enid Purser, Judy Johnstone and Val Schimmelbusch, Past Presidents – Pat Maddox and Bernice Davies, Past Captains – Judy Flint, Bev Mason and Val Spenser, Male Presidents – Chas Martin, Len Flaherty, Barry Dempsey and Peter Ross

The tables were decorated with white cloths and red serviettes along with tiered cake plates laden with delicious cakes and slices and plates of sandwiches.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the organisation for this special occasion.

Guest Day

Guest Day was held on 12th May. The weather was not kind to us so we played nine holes then enjoyed lunch. The winners were Member/Member Joy Rogers and Rae Elsbury, Member/Guest Helen King and Jenny Caldwell off the 1st tee, off the 10th tee Jan Fortune and Nita Smart. The guests came from 13 different clubs.

Mixed multiplication

Once again we invited the men to join us for a mixed multiplication stableford event followed by lunch. Thanks to all members who assisted on the day. The winners were Sri Prasad and Bev Storey with 101 points. There were about 76 players including several new members. We hope you will join us again on August 25th for a friendlier format of 4BBB Stableford.

Grandmothers Day

Grandmothers Day was another special event. Mary Day was the winner with Susie Wong winning the non-grandmother event.

Life Members Trophy Event

On Monday 29th August, the VWGL is holding the Life Members Trophy Event at Ringwood, for all VWGL club members who have altered their handicaps during the year. (Starting at 8.00am with a shotgun start.) See notice board for more details.

Congratulations

Mary Day is the proud grandmother of Alexander Michael Day, born to her daughter Helen and partner Bret. He was born on Friday 10 June and weighing in at 7lb 1oz.



Ros Hay is now the proud grandmother of her 12th grandchild Georgina by daughter-in-law Johanna. Ros now has 6 boys and 6 girls with Justin the youngest of 6 children.



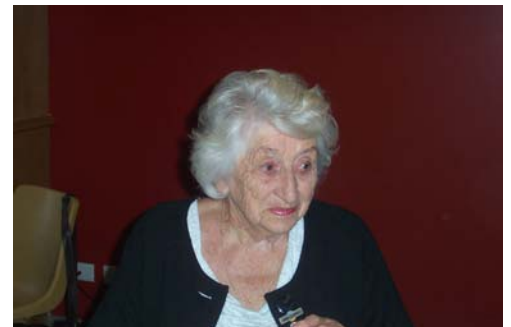
Val and Ted Anderson recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. What a milestone!



Bev Mason, Pat Maddox,
Ruth Stewart, Jean Magee



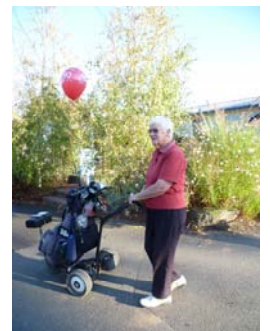
Clare Williams, Kath Clough,
Joan Trengove



Enid Purser



Margaret Martin, Judy Johnstone,
Chas Martin





Steve Dykes & Maxine O'Flynn



Val Schimmelbusch



Shirley Fox & Lena Simmons



Pat Lemon & Joyce Patrick



Pat McLaws, Jan Simpson, Margueritte Bradley, Lucy Gannon, Bev Clarke, Bernice Davies, Kaye Unwin



Des Pinfold & Bev Clarke



Pam Happ, Janet Evans, Caro. McCorkell, Maralyn Wells, Susie Wong, Colleen Martin, Mary Day



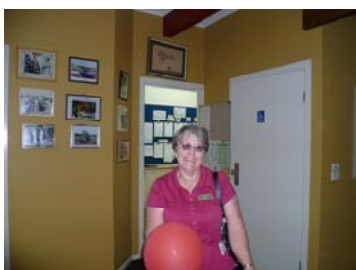
Peter Ross & Zandra Fuller



Gary Walker & Helen King



Geoff Wallace



Pennant 2011.

The pennant season has come and gone again.

This year a total of five sides represented RGC starting way back in January when we fielded our first junior pennant team in some years. The continued work of Laurie Shaw, Julia Lim and there team of helpers will continue to see the junior program flourish and continue to give the juniors experience in the game of golf and match play.

We again fielded four senior male teams comprising of a Scratch, Handicap and two senior pennant sides. Three of these teams were lucky enough to play finals, while the Senior team lead by Bruce Smith and Maurie Mawer and consisting of F. Pickering (Player / Manager), E. Engelbogen, S. Prasad, B. Rogers, P. Tonna and J. Madden were victorious and brought home a pennant to RGC. Congratulations on a job well done.

Again we need to thank all of the team members that gave up their Thursdays and Sundays to represent our club with pride. Special thanks also goes out to all of the caddies, supports and committee members who gave up there time to serve a drink over the bar, cheer on our teams or to pull a bag for one of our players, your support is priceless.

From a Scratch and Handicap perspective the biggest thanks goes to Roger Blokkeruss for his continued support as being our resident chief cook and bottle washer, again a thankless job which is greatly appreciated by myself and all team members.

G. Stack Pennant Convenor.

Tee time bookings and no shows

The Ringwood Golf Club has a great relationship with the Pro-shop and course management compared to most other VGL clubs. This relationship requires us to do the right thing by them.

It has been brought to Match Committee attention that the incidence of players not cancelling their round is on the increase again. This is contrary to the guidelines in the syllabus and agreed to by members at induction.

Please ensure that as soon as you know you are not playing your booked Saturday round that you let the Pro-shop know. Even if you need to cancel on the morning of your round, it may provide an opportunity for another player to get a spot in the field or the Pro-shop to arrange groups in a logical manner rather than assuming that people are going to arrive.

We have asked the Pro-shop to keep a record of no-shows so that repeat offenders can be approached, with possible sanctions including being sent to the back of the field, as well as death by a thousand bunker shots!

Match Committee

Heathcote

The annual Heathcote golf weekend was run on the first weekend in June. Unfortunately, we were a couple of players short due to a clash with the Scratch Pennant Final. Those who did attend had a great time and enjoyed good weather, excellent food, cold drinks and two fine golf courses. Some even managed to play reasonable golf.

Paul Tonna was the big winner of the 'Skins' Tournament held at the Kilmore Golf Course on the Friday. The Saturday comp was Stableford at Heathcote. The individual winner was Glen Paton with the mystery 4BBB being won by wee Ronnie Murdoch and Paul Tonna. Birdies and hitting a par 3 green for 1 earned a golf ball. The 'Long Drive' was awarded to Des Blythe. The 'Pink Ball' went to Dodgy. Sunday's 9 hole sick parade was won by myself.

Thank you to Geoff (4X) Beer for doing the cards and results, to Mary from the Commercial Hotel, Heathcote, and Dot from the Heathcote Golf Club.

The weekend will more likely be late July or early August in 2012. If you are interested in joining us, talk with either 4X or myself.

Brian Cullen

A snap shot of what's happening around the Club

Kitchen works: The new kitchen works will commence around the end of July and hopefully will be finished and ready for use within a couple of months.

Amalgamation Victorian Golf League: A meeting was held in our club rooms recently to discuss the amalgamation of leagues. This was a positive meeting so watch this space to find out about the proposed structure of the Board and delegates.

Two interesting years – 1981 and 2005

1981

1. Prince Charles got married.
2. Liverpool crowned soccer Champions of Europe.
3. Australia lost the Ashes.
4. The Pope died.

2005

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2. Liverpool crowned soccer Champions of Europe.
3. Australia lost the Ashes.
4. The Pope died.

Lesson to be learned:

The next time Charles gets married, someone should warn the Pope.

From the Pro Shop

By the time of this publication, the long awaited Pro Shop renovation will be underway.

We are looking forward to the new layout and decor and expect that it will be all completed by late June or early July.

The pre renovation sale was a great success - hardly surprising given the substantial discounts on offer - and we were grateful for the support given by so many RGC members. The new display units will facilitate a more attractive and coherent presentation of our expanded merchandise range and we hope that you will all make a special point of visiting the shop after the completion of the renovation.

PS - there may even be a Grand Opening Sale!!!!

There are some unanswered questions emanating from the Pro Shop which need resolution.

- (i) Is it true that Nick R is favourite to win the local club event at the new Kuta Beach Golf Club in July?
- (ii) Is it true that John D has turned his back on rural Victoria and has embraced suburbia?
- (iii) Is it true that the numbers of lady members playing each week has increased since the employment of Max Casey and Troy Barro?
- (iii) Is it true that Barbara O is motoring around the UK in an open top MG?
- (iv) Is it true that Jack Bailey was swept downstream in the Dandenong Creek and now resides (posthumously) in Chelsea?

Will Keep you updated on the above burning questions in the next issue!

Congratulations RGC pennant teams from the Pro Shop staff

Congratulations to all the RGC Pennant Teams for a great season. Best of luck to all teams playing in the finals – it will be great to see a few new pennants fluttering in the Club House soon.

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