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Message from the President

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

I hope you are all well and ready to attack our spring and summer months of golf. Since our last Fore newsletter we have had our Annual General Meeting. I am very pleased to announce that at this meeting we inducted two new life members, Rae Flaherty and John Mulvogue. Congratulations and well done on this great achievement. We also elected a new committee, adding three new faces but were able to maintain most of our crew from last year. We have a new Lady President in Pat McLaws, Brian Cullen has come on board to run social and Corinne Dyer has taken over as Assistant Secretary. To all position holders on the committee, thank you for making yourselves available and I look forward to working with you over the next 12 months. As members of our club I ask that you fully support all of our committee members and remind you that we are all volunteers. Your new committee is listed on the following pages.

To our outgoing Captain Steve Dykes, Secretary Gary Walker and Lady President Helen King, thank you on behalf of all members for your high quality and very thorough work over long terms in what are three of the most demanding positions in the club.

Our annual away trip to Deniliquin was Colleen Martin's last hurrah as Social Convener and as always it was a fantastic weekend. Thanks to Colleen and Tony Jewell, as well as the many helpers who make these trips great fun.

Work has now been completed on the new kitchen and servery area providing better working space and new full height storage cupboards in the men's toilet area foyer.

October and November are always very busy times at the club with our ladies hosting the annual Bowl event and the men hosting the VGL's PCSC day. Both were very successful events, having fields approaching 100 members from other league clubs and are a great way for us to showcase our course and club room facilities.

We held our 2011 presentation night on Saturday the 26th of November – it was a packed house and in the end had to turn people away! What a success. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in helping out with this event. Our Monster Raffle was drawn and the winners and photos are noted further in this edition.

Enjoy the warmer weather on the course and have a safe and merry Christmas.

Geoff Wallis - President RGC

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Golf tips - Ben Boyd

Changes to the Rules of Golf

Definitions: Addressing the ball

The Definition is amended so that a player has addressed the ball simply by grounding his club immediately in front of or behind the ball, regardless of whether or not he has taken his stance. Therefore, the Rules generally no longer provide for a player addressing the ball in a hazard.

Rule 1-2. Exerting influence on movement of ball or altering physical conditions

The Rule is amended to establish more clearly that, if a player intentionally takes an action to influence the movement of a ball or to alter physical conditions affecting the playing of a hole in a way that is not permitted by the Rules, Rule 1-2 applies when the action is not already covered in another Rule.

For example, a player improving the lie of his ball is in breach of Rule 13-2 and therefore that Rule would apply, but a player intentionally improving the lie of a fellow competitor's ball, is not a situation covered by Rule 13-2 and, is governed by Rule 1-2.

Rule 6-3a. Time of starting

Rule 6-3a is amended to provide that the penalty for starting late, but within five minutes of the starting time, is reduced from disqualification to loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Previously this penalty reduction could be introduced as a condition of competition.

Rule 12-1. Seeing ball; Searching for ball

Rule 12-1 is reformatted for clarity. In addition, it is amended to (i) permit a player to search for his ball anywhere on the course when it may be covered by sand and to clarify that there is no penalty if the ball is moved in these circumstances, and (ii) apply a penalty of one stroke under Rule 18-2a if a player moves his ball in a hazard when searching for it when it is believed to be covered by loose impediments.

Rule 13-4. Ball in hazard; Prohibited actions

Exception 2 to Rule 13-4 is amended to permit a player to smooth sand or soil in a hazard at any time, including before playing from that hazard, provided it is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and Rule 13-2 is not breached.

Rule 18-2b. Ball moving after address

A new Exception is added that exonerates the player from penalty if his ball moves after it has been addressed when it is known or virtually certain that he did not cause the ball to move. E.G. if it is a gust of wind that moves the ball after it has been addressed, there is no penalty and the ball is played from its new position.

Rule 19-1. Ball in motion deflected or stopped; By outside agency

The note is expanded to prescribe the various outcomes when a ball in motion has been deliberately deflected or stopped by an outside agency.

Rule 20-7c. Playing from wrong place; Stroke play

Note 3 is amended so that if a player is to be penalised for playing from a wrong place, in most cases the penalty will be limited to two strokes, even if another Rule has been breached prior to his making the stroke.

Appendix IV

A new Appendix is added to prescribe general regulations for the design of devices and other equipment, such as tees, gloves and distance measuring devices.

Where I have and have not been

I have been in many places. But I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognises you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much into physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!



Ringwood Golf Club Presentation Day – An unqualified success

This year our Club Presentation night (26 Nov) was a sell out, over 110 people attended, with two members of the VGL present to assist our life members in presenting trophy winners with their trophies.

The Monster Raffle was drawn by Escape Travel and winner of the \$2000 travel voucher was Tony Ralph, the \$1000 Ringwood Golf Pro Shop voucher was Tony Jewell (Goat) and Ross Harrison won the saucepan set. Congratulations one and all.

Our congratulations go out to all those who won major events throughout the year and our thanks to everyone who attended and those hard working helpers who make sure things run smoothly on the night. **(More photos will be made available soon.)**





Dates for your diary

Friday 16 December 2011

This year we are holding an informal Christmas cheer evening in the clubrooms. All members are welcome so come along, meet your committee, catch up with fellow golfers' and have two standard drinks on us (or one spirit) and snacks. For catering purposes please put your name on the list on the Social Noticeboard.

When: Friday 16 December 2011-12-02 Time: 4.30 to 6.30pm



Christmas Raffle

Our annual Christmas raffle is now up and running. Tickets can be purchased from the bar. Once more we would like to thank Beryl Jewell for donating her wonderful Christmas pud and Christmas cake as prizes.

Tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5 and for that you could win a Christmas ham, pud or cake. You have to be in it to win it folks!

Raffle drawn Friday 16 December at 6.00pm

February 2012 – Single and pairs Pool Championship 2011

The Pool Championships will be both singles and pairs and the format will be a double knock-out. The Championship will be held in the Chas Martin Games Room. All games are 'best of three' and must be completed by dates shown on the draw sheet in the Games Room.

Entry fee: Senior \$5.00 Junior \$2.00

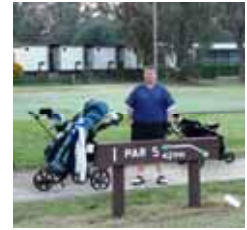
Watch out for more news on this Championship on the Social Noticeboard.

October 2012 away trip

Our last away trip was so successful that we have already started planning for our 2012 trip. Confirmation of the course will be available soon –as will dates and cost.



Club Trip to Denni October '11



Vanuatu Golf Open

What an amazing experience it was to play in the Vanuatu Golf Open and the Pro Am. The weather was fine and 25 degrees+ every day - a great way to escape our Melbourne winter blues!

Peter Ross, Mei Lee, Andy Hoad and Tony Ralph went from Ringwood, two from Centenary Park, and Bendigo and three from Wodonga made up the numbers.

We left on Sunday 14th August for Port Vila in Vanuatu and on arrival were taken to the Moorings Hotel, located right on the shore with views over the bay.

On our free days, Monday and Tuesday, we explored the countryside around and on Tuesday night attended a welcome party at the Grand Hotel – a party we all enjoyed. On the other nights we went to very friendly restaurants and we enjoyed the wonderful food.

Wednesday was the Pro-Am practice day which gave us a chance to explore the golf course. People from one of the local villages offered their services as caddies for 5000 vatu (about \$50 Aussie) – a definite highlight for us all.

Congratulations to Mei Lee and Robyn Weaver from Centenary Park, they were the only winners from our group at the Championship.

The trip wasn't without excitement through! At about 4.30am on the Sunday we experienced a 7.2 earthquake, shaking our rooms so badly we had to evacuate. But wait, there's more. No sooner had we got back into bed, we had yet another quake – this one registered 7.5. Once again we were evacuated to higher ground in case of a tsunami. You guessed it – but wait, there's more! This time we were on the golf course at around 1.00pm – this quake registered 6.5. Not bad, three earthquakes in one day.

After the last round on Sunday the local Mele village people brought their families along and set up colourful marquees for presentations.

Going with a group of 10 or more people made the trip and golf more enjoyable. We highly recommend this trip for a great week of golf right next to the beach. Seeing and meeting local people, and having a local caddy were highlights.



Peter, Andy, Mei and Tony



Mei's presentation with
PGA Rep & Tournament



Local villagers on a Sunday



A sticky day at the office

Here is a photo of our erstwhile Monday leader Linton Forster who had a bit of a mishap on the 16th during winter!!

Clarrie tells us that 'Old bankers don't die they just loose their balance!'

Just for laughs

OUTDOORS MAN

My doctor asked me about what I did yesterday. I told him about my day: "Well, I waded across the edge of a lake, escaped from a mountain lion in the heavy brush, marched up and down a mountain, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand, and jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake"

Inspired, the doctor said, "You must be an awesome outdoors r

"No," I replied, "I'm just a real shitty golfer."

He left home around 8:00 to play golf with his friends. On the way out the door, he answered his wife's "What time will you be home?" question with "Probably around 1:30 – I'll have lunch at the club."

1:30 came and went, 3:00 passed, 6:15, still not home, finally at about 7:00 PM he rolls in the driveway, leaves his clubs in the garage, and presents his wife with a pizza, and begins the apologetic story.

We finished our game about 11:30, had lunch, and I started home, when alongside the road I saw this attractive girl with a flat tire on her car. I stopped to help, got the tire changed, and looked around for a place to wash my hands. She offered money, but I refused, so she suggested that I at least allow her to buy me a beer. She said there's a tavern just up the road, and they have a restroom, you can clean up a bit. I agreed to stop, we had a beer, then another beer, then a couple more, and I realized that this girl was not only pretty, she was very friendly, and a good companion to spend time with. Before I knew it, we were in the motel next door having sex. And that is why I am so late getting home.

His wife looked him right in the eye and said "Don't bullshit me -- you played 36 holes, didn't you?"





Ringwood Golf Club Charity Day

What a successful day it was. We had a full field – 102 players – the storms even held off until everyone made it back to the clubrooms! The whisky raffle was won by a lady playing for the Knox Club and the runner up, winning a mobile phone Bluetooth unit for his car was won by our own John Hogan – Hoges tells me that he still isn't able to work out how to use it – may need some help from you Trish! The door prize, a two night Mirboo North weekend for two, was won by Barry Dempsey and to top it off, we had five players who managed to get within the one and two meter circles on the 16th. Well done everyone.

Our sponsors enjoyed not only the golf but looked like they were having a good time in the club afterwards.

We will be holding a presentation of cheques to both charities (St Vincent de Paul and Eastern Volunteers) on Wednesday 14 December at around 4.00pm.

A big thank you to all the volunteers for helping out with the day, from the sub-committee to those who gave up their Friday to be spotters, BBQers, food preparers and waitresses – so many people helped out and as always, this event could not be held without them. Thank you.



Ladies@Ringwood

Helen King, the ladies ex-President, had an eventful day on 11.11.11. She celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary. In addition, on 16th November at the annual VWGL dinner held at Southern Golf Club, she was awarded the VWGL Achievement Award for her great work over the years with the Ringwood Ladies Golf Club Inc.

Jean Rutherford, a Life Member of the Ringwood Ladies Golf Club Inc. was awarded a VWGL Nonagenarian Award.

Mixed Memorial Day – 26 August

Winners: Bev Armstrong and Neil Finger – 53 points

Runner Ups: Helen King and Paul Tonna



We would like to thank the Captain, Vice Captain, competitors, caterers and helpers for another successful fun day.

VWGL Life Members Trophy (first time held at Ringwood) Monday 29 August.

This year the winner was Joan Cullen with 46 points.



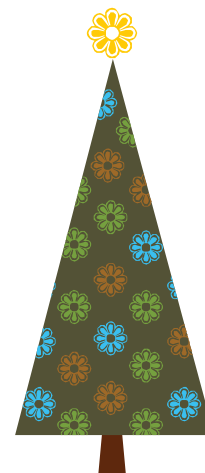
Hole-in-one

On Thursday 1 September, Medal day Helen King had a hole-in-one on the 8th – well done Helen.

Ringwood Bowl

The annual Ringwood Bowl was held Friday 21 October with teams from 15 Clubs taking part.

Unfortunately our ladies were not successful this year but our congratulations go to the winning team from Malverndale with 113 points: J Seymour, J. Passmore and H. Schiller who defeated Camberwell on a count back.



Shoe parade

A shoe parade was held in the Club after golf on Thursday 10 November. We had a great turn out of ladies. Many thanks to our models for 'walking the catwalk' (some a little unsteady on high heels).

Champion of Champions and League Champion event

Mary Day, the Ringwood Ladies Champion, competed in the VWGL Champion of Champions event at Kingston Links on 24 October and Gaye Taylor competed in the League Champion event. Both ladies played very well and we congratulate them for their participation on this event.

Presidents Cup.

Seventeen lady members and Laurie Shaw were marshals for this event on the par 3 third hole. The weather was unkind to everyone, ranging from blistering heat to torrential rain. Well done everyone.

Presentation Day and Christmas lunch

Lady members' presentation and Christmas luncheon will be held at the club on **Thursday 15 December**. All lady members are welcome. Contact Rae Flaherty to book a spot. **Cost \$25.00 a head.**

Club Champion: Mary Day - **B grade Champion:** Janice Simpson - **C Grade Champion:** Helen King - **Nine-holers:** Margaret McPhee - **Medal of Medalists 2010:** Pat Fogarty - **Life Members Trophy 2010:** Sandy Goddard - **Members Shield 2010:** Barbara Yates - **Foursomes:** Gross Maxine O'Flynn and Mary Day - **Nett:** Kaye Unwin and Bev Armstrong.



In October, a group of 13 Ringwood Ladies ventured to Numurkah for a 3 day social golf trip. A good time was had by all but, as the saying goes, "what happens on golf trips stays on golf trips!!

We can report though, that Kay Unwin, ladies Vice President, was the winner of the "Chequered Jacket". Kaye unfortunately had a "bad hair" day when accepting the jacket, so decided to wear a wig. No one had the courage to tell her that her hair would have looked better!!

Juniors@Ringwood

On Sunday 30th October a group of junior golfers and their parents visited Euroa Golf Club to have a friendly match play competition for the junior pennant team.

Nicholas Strongman, a junior with Eildon Golf Club, arranged for himself and four juniors from Euroa to make up an opposing team. Of the five matches played two went to the 20th hole before a result was obtained. One match was won on the 18th hole with a birdie by the opposition player. Nicholas commented that it was great to play golf against people his own age. Mr Grant Steers, Tournament Director for Euroa Golf Club, made sure the course was reserved for the match and provided the use of barbecues and club facilities. We say a big thanks to Grant and Nicholas for arranging the day.

On Sunday 4th November the junior members were give a rules clinic by Ben Boyd our Vice Captain. Ben explained rules and drop situations in various positions i.e. bunkers, immovable obstructions, trees paths etc., explaining that by following and applying the rules can be advantageous at times. The interaction between Ben and the junior members was great and it was pleasing to see the knowledge the juniors had of the rules. We would like to thank Ben for his time and great instruction.



Merry.
Christmas



Rachael earned the trophy for best junior female golfer. She attended the majority of competition days this year and played in the 2nd division of the interschool girl golf competition, acquitting herself very well.

Rachael consistently plays around the 50 mark for nine holes and has graduated from playing off the 150 yard markers to the ladies tees. She has a beautiful swing and absorbs everything she is told. Congratulations Rachael.



Nathan earned the trophy for best junior male golfer. He attended most of the competition days for the juniors and is a member of the junior pennant team – a very gritty competitor, never giving up, just keeps grinding away. Nathans handicap is steadily reducing as he plays in the Saturday golf competition. Nathan attended the VGA golf camp at Mirboo in 2010 enjoying the camp immensely and benefitting from the experience. Congratulations Nathan.



Lockie earned the trophy for the most consistent player, joining the junior group early this year. Since joining the juniors his scores have improved steadily. Lockie's a very keen golfer with a strong competitive streak, playing three times in junior schoolboy events.

Lockie recently moved from Kyabram to live locally and he and his Dad are both very keen golfers. Congratulations Lockie



From the Pro Shop

We are now gearing up for a busy summer – the spring sanding/coring is now out of the way and the course is already in very good condition – late September rain will set the fairways up superbly. August and September have been very busy months, both on the course and in the shop.

Our spring/summer ranges of men's and women's clothing, footwear and accessories are now finding their way onto our display stands.

Plus we have a number of new and exciting products some of which we have highlighted below.

- we have a great range of women's' and men's' clothing arriving this month
- the new season Footjoy shoes are now in stock at great prices
- an expanded range of tees and golf accessories is now available
- upgraded ranges of balls, buggies, putters, chippers and woods now in stock

For the first time, we have **GARMIN GPS UNITS** (2 models) available as well a **GREEN JACKET ELECTRIC BUGGY**.

October promotions

In order to kick off the summer season with a bang, we have a number of general promotions available to all players, these include:

- Buy a Nike Men's Polo shirt (\$49.95) and get a Nike Cap Free
 - 6 Lady Pinnacle Balls for \$ 10.00 (normally \$ 2.50 each)
- and from the Kiosk buy two bottles of Mt Franklin Water for \$5.50



Pinnacle balls

How much would you expect to pay for a golf ball that promises:

- Long distance on all shots
- Great ball flight
- Higher trajectory
- Guaranteed cut-proof

What would you expect to pay?

\$ 20 a sleeve? \$ 15.00 a sleeve?



Try the Pinnacle Gold at only \$ 9.95 a sleeve

And – for RGC members (and while stock last) buy a sleeve and get a second sleeve free

Editors Note – Internally, this is referred to as the **NICKSGONENUTS SALE**

SALE EXTENDED TO END OF DECEMBER