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## Message from the President

### Geoff Wallis - President RGC

G'day fellow members. Easter already! Time marches on doesn't it?

Our Club Championships have been completed for another year. Congratulations to all of our grade winners, especially to Club Champion, Nic Ranieri Jnr on a fantastic win, shooting an under par total for the 4 rounds.

Thanks and well done to our match committee and all of the various helpers for the smooth running of the many competitions held throughout the duration of the championships.

Thanks also to all players on their patience with all the areas of course renovations that are currently being completed. It is unfortunate that these have interrupted our best golfing months, but as you are aware the summer months offer the ground staff the best working and growing conditions. The end result of these works will surely be worth it. Good luck to all of our pennant teams on their endeavours this season, represent Ringwood with pride.

A big welcome to all of our new members that have joined us in the recent months.  
Good luck to all, enjoy your golf,

*Geoff Wallis - President*

### Can you guess where this is and when?

Below is an aerial view of a Melbourne iconic structure (yes, one that still exists today).  
Can you guess where this picture was taken? OK, how about telling us the year it was taken.

(Print provided by Gordon Tevalin)



## Golf tips - Ben Boyd Changes to the Rules of Golf

### *Can I declare my ball lost?*

This one came up during the recent Club Championships.

Under **Rule 27** a player cannot declare their ball lost by declaration. A ball can only be considered lost when:

- a. It is not found or identified by the player within five minutes after the player's side or his or their caddies have begun to search for it; or
- b. The player has made a stroke at a provisional ball from the place where the original ball is likely to be or from a point nearer the hole than that place (See Rule 27-2b); or
- c. The player has put another ball into play under penalty of stroke and distance under Rule 26 1-a, 27-1 or 28a; or
- d. The player has put another ball into play because it is known or virtually certain that the ball, which has not been found, has been moved by an outside agency (Rule 18-1), is in an obstruction (Rule 24-3), is in an abnormal ground condition (see Rule 25-1c) or is in a water hazard (see Rule 26-1b or c); or
- e. The player has made a stroke at a substituted ball.

### *Repairing divots*

Players are asked to keep in mind the players following them when repairing divots.

It is great that we have a growing culture of care for the course. The aim of filling divots is **not** to make the grass grow faster (many high levels courses do not allow players to fill divots as it inhibits regrowth) but to reduce the likelihood of a following player's ball coming to rest in the divot depression. To most effectively achieve this, the divot should only be filled with enough sand that it is level or just proud of the surrounding ground. Emptying half a bucket into a divot without spreading it out acts as a mini-bunker trapping the ball rather than allowing it to run over onto a fresh piece of fairway.

### *Entering the competition and completing cards*

The Match Committee would like to thank all players for their cooperation in putting membership numbers and marker names onto their cards – it makes a big difference to the time the handicappers spend compiling the results and getting out results, especially on a Saturday. The number of players not registering via computer has pretty much gone to zero, so the system is working well, but please keep up your vigilance to avoid unnecessary DQs!

### *What is a garden bed?*

Please keep in mind the overall philosophy of the rules of golf: "Play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it" so the default position is that you are not in a garden bed, and that garden beds are only for ornamental reasons or to protect young foliage. The Garden Beds are clearly defined on the A-frame board in the clubrooms near the middle exit door.

## Social@Ringwood

What a fantastic Golf Club we have! At every monthly committee meeting we receive many applications from golfers wanting to join our Club.

Why? Obviously, the word is out there. Yes, we play on a great golf course. And yes, the bar prices are good. Yep, great bunch of people. And, cheap! What was that? Cheap? Why is it cheap? Maybe it is because the Club is largely run by volunteers! As an example: At least once a month the Club provides members with sausages, burgers, etc. and a BBQ upon which these can be cooked. To all members, old and new, don't be afraid to roll up your sleeves, take control and cook for yourselves and fellow players/groups – your positive attitude will be appreciated!

Oh, and while on the subject of volunteers, all the bread and rolls that we enjoy are provided at no charge by Tony from Heathmont Bakers Delight. Please show your appreciation by frequenting his establishment at your convenience.

## *Put it in your Diary*

### Trivia Night – 21st July, 2012.

'Fame Trivia' (An Oz-wide company presenting 120 shows a week) will be presenting the night as our usual presenter is unavailable for our preferred dates.

Colleen Martin's formula for a fantastic 'Members Night Out' will continue, oh yeah, and there will be a bit of Trivia. Her philosophy remains: keep it affordable, bring a plate, have a theme and lots of fun and prizes! Bookings will be opened after Easter. Confirmation of bookings will be by payment in full.

### Barham Golf Weekend – Friday 19th to Sunday 21st October, 2012.

Stay tuned – there are quite a few surprises in store this year!

## *Brian Cullen - Social Convener*



## Heathcote Labour Day golf weekend

A fantastic three day event attended by 11 people, Geoff Beer, Gary Cawthray, Andrew Ford, Sid Wheatley, Mark (Dodgy) Dawson, Aarnie Pekanathrin, Paul Tonna, Tony Ralph and his dad Bob, Paul and Kerry Kennett, and the organiser Brian Cullen.



The weekend started at Kilmore Golf Course. Everyone arrived on time for a 10.30 tee off except... the Kennett's even though they were equipped with maps, Kerry's iPad, a Navman, mobile phone apps, and a Melways, Paul's superior navigation and bushman skills resulted in them being 35 minutes late. A tough course that reduced RGC golfers to pretty average scores. Brian Cullen was the clear winner of the 'bush walking' prize.



Dinner that night at the Commercial Hotel in Heathcote, followed by a game of pool, along with lots of refreshments. Without mentioning names like Gary Cawthray, the weekend did produce a mystery for many in that Gary's re-hydration routine seemed to be disproportionate and far exceeded his loss of fluids battling with the Kilmore and Heathcote Golf Courses.

Tee off at 7.30 on Saturday morning at Heathcote golf course which is very well maintained and staffed by friendly people. No one played outstandingly, some looked like death warmed up, but lots of fun and a well-organised competition amongst the 10 of us. Brian Cullen again picked up the 'bush walking' prize.

After the game some people stayed at the Commercial Hotel to rehydrate, whilst others headed to Bendigo to make their fortune at the Fortunes Hotel. This expedition was headed up by Andrew Ford, who organised a punters club. A few notable individual punting wins by Geoff Beer and Paul Tonna but participants in Andrews punting club were in general agreement that it was the equivalent of throwing their money out the window.



Everyone got on really well and enjoyed each other's company. Definitely a weekend worth attending for fun and challenging golf.

Saturday night we had dinner at the Commercial Hotel and at the same time Brian awarded prizes to the Best (???) players.

Sunday morning seen most golfers going out for nine holes of quality golf before the trip home but again with pretty average scores. Brian Cullen won this event and made it a clean sweep by again picking up the 'bush walking' prize. There is little doubt that Brian will be replacing his 3 iron with an axe for next year's outing.

*Kerry Kennett*

## Ladies@Ringwood

### R.G.C. Thursday ladies results

The Ringwood ladies recently held their Club Championships for stroke, medal and putting and the final championship are below. Please find the results below. Congratulations to each and every player. Well done.

Category	Players	H/C	Score
A Grade	Play Off: M. Brown /G.Taylor		
B Grade	Joy Rogers	31	74
C Grade	Deb. Kelly	44	69
Medal	Play Off:M.Brown / G.Taylor		
Putting	S.Goddard/P.Dorizzi/P.Hegarty	32	
9 Holes	Margaret Bennett	40	36
Putting	Margaret Bennett	15	
Balls	Pam Happ	22	70
	Bev Storey	25	71
	Rae Flaherty	35	70
	Barbara Blount	37	72
<b>Champions</b>			
Scratch A -			
Club Champion	Mary Day		267
Runner-Up	Pat Fogarty C/B Maureen Brown		281
Scratch B	Helen King		298
Scratch C	Anne Keegan		317
Handicap A	Gayle Taylor	24	211
Handicap B	Joy Rogers	31	225
Handicap C	Rae Flaherty	35	214

#### Julie's Essential Beauty Treatment HH Dip (B.Th.)

I recently relocated to Great Ryrie Street Ringwood from the Mornington Peninsula where I have been successfully operating my Beauty Salon for the past 12 years. I pride myself on delivering high level beauty treatments to ladies in a relaxing environment, at a value for money. This is confirmed by a number of my clients from the Mornington Peninsula travelling to my new residence in Ringwood to continue their treatments.

I offer waxing, tinting, facials, back massage, manicures and pedicures. I have had a number of ladies golfers as clients over the years and I am told as stress of playing golf does impact on how we play the game these treatments are welcomed by them and have assisted in the performance. I also offer gift vouchers which men can purchase for their special ladies in their life. These gift vouchers are presented in a visually appealing manner reflecting a true present not just a voucher card.

Call 03 9879 0483, 0405 512 929 email or [juliebmi@gmail.com](mailto:juliebmi@gmail.com) for bookings and more information.



## Give Golf A Go

On Feb 28th the ladies at Ringwood Golf Club commenced a program called **'Give Golf a Go'** designed to give women the opportunity to try golf as a sport.

The program is sponsored by Golf Victoria and consists of 4 X 1 hour clinics run by the Club professional Darren Rowland, followed by on-course assistance over three weeks when club members walk with the ladies assisting with scoring, etiquette and basic rules.

Clinics have a limit of 10 places and these were very quickly filled at Ringwood, in fact it was decided to run two clinics back to back each day so we could accommodate as many ladies as possible.

So successful has the program been that in May this group of 20 ladies are planning to start their own social group playing nine holes every Tuesday. As their skills increase they may wish to join the ladies on Saturdays or Thursdays playing 18 holes. This is such a popular program that Ringwood ladies will definitely repeat the clinics early in 2013 .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Darren for his clinics and all the ladies who helped out throughout the program. Without these people, this program would not have been the success it was. Thank you all.

*Kaye Unwin*  
*Vice President*



Kaye, the ladies were wondering - what made your poncho billow out like that?



## From the Club Captain

Club championships have been run and won. **Our congratulations** go to the following Club members:

### Club Champion

Nic Ranieri Jnr	279	Glen Forster	286
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### B Grade

Steve Dykes	318	John Donald	319
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### C Grade

David Johnston	352	Tony Jones	360
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### D Grade

Graeme Foster	379	Wally Barnes	385
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### Gerry Smart Trophy

Ben Boyd	266	Nic Ranieri Jnr	267
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### Seniors Championship

Graeme Foster		John Donald	269 – (Play-off)
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### Ladies Summer Cup

Julia Lim	274	Corinne Dyer	279
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Junior Pennant has wrapped up for another year with our team narrowly missing the finals.

Congratulations to all players for the way they represented RGC and thank you to Laurie Shaw and his team of helpers for their continued support for the 2012 season. Keep up the good work.

## Grant Stack – Club Captain

### White and dimpled, rather small.

Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,  
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.  
By Its Size I Could Not Guess,  
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.  
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,  
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.  
My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,  
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.  
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,  
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.  
It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry.  
I Hate Myself And Want To Die.  
It Promises A Thing Called Par,  
If I Can Hit It straight And Far..

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,  
Should Not Be Very Hard At All..  
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,  
And Does Exactly As It Chooses..  
It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,  
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.  
Often It Will Have A Whim,  
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.  
With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,  
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.  
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,  
If Only It Would Find The Hole.  
It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,  
And Swear That I Will Give It Up..  
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,  
But The Ball Knows .... I'll Be Back Tomorrow

## **From the Pro Shop**

Another busy and successful summer season is now behind us, and the days are already shortening noticeably. The course held up really well again throughout summer this year and course improvements continue.

### *Fairway improvement update*

Work is in progress on the development of a storm water “harvesting” system located along the right hand side of the 4<sup>th</sup> Fairway. The end result will be the creation of a wetland with a series of pits that will collect or “harvest” storm water generated by rainfall. The water collected in this wetlands area will eventually be pumped to the main irrigation dam adjacent to the 16<sup>th</sup> hole.

The final stage of this development will be the installation of a new pumping system and transfer line – this will be located on the right hand side of the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway, and the transfer line will run from the pump across the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> fairways into the new dam.

We anticipate that the transfer line and pumping system will be all completed in time for the irrigation season.

The fill generated from the excavation of the wetland is being utilized to enhance the area between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> greens – we are constructing a series of mounds and building a new pathway from the 1<sup>st</sup> green to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee.

All players will have noticed that the 12<sup>th</sup> tee has been reconstructed. The tee area has been substantially increased by some 200 sq metres and will be a lot easier to maintain in top condition. In addition, the pathway alongside the 12<sup>th</sup> tee has been concreted and we hope to extend this concreted pathway in the near future.

### *Congratulations from us to RGC Club Champions*

Things got a bit tense in the Ringwood Pros Shop on the last day of the Club Championships this year, but we would like to offer our sincere congratulations to Nick Ranieri Jnr Club Champion, Steve Dykes B Grade Champion, Dave Johnson C Grade Champion, Graeme Foster D Grade Champion, Bob Canet Senior Champion and Glen Van Blaricum Junior Champion.

We would also like to extend our very best wishes to all of the 2012 RGC Pennant Teams - hope each one has a great year and we look forward to the unfurling of a few pennants at the end of the season.

### *New faces in the Pro Shop*

Since the last edition of the club magazine, we have lost a few familiar faces and have welcomed a number of new members of staff.

Alan Warren and Barb Olivor have joined the growing list of retirees and are now enjoying life post the Ringwood and Dorset Golf shops and John Quinn left Council to work in the tree removal business. All three are still seen regularly on the other side of the counter these days.

Mei Lee will already be known to Ringwood Members and Sarah and Neesha will be also seen behind the pros shop counters at both Ringwood and Dorset Golf courses. Please help make them feel welcome.



## April specials from the Pro Shop

### *Enter the Shark!*

The exciting development in the hardware area has been the introduction of a broad range of SHARK merchandise,

Club sets, clubs, bags, buggies, caps/visors are already on display and the SHARK range will be further expanded in April to include accessories and balls. The “real” Shark was involved in the design of all items in the range and the manufacture of products is sub contracted to specialist operations to ensure a high and consistent quality output.

SHARK products offer exceptional value – the pricing is very keen indeed and we have a number of SHARK SUPER PACKAGE PROMOTIONAL OFFERS AVAILABLE. Check them out.

### *This time just for the Ladies*

We are running a special promotion on a number of selected hardware items with significantly reduced prices for the Ladies of the RGC and the Bellbird and Mudlark Groups. The promotion will run until the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Not only has Nick slashed the prices, but every purchase of a promotional item generates a chance (or chances) to win one of the following prizes.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$ 250.00 SPENDING VOUCHER IN THE PRO SHOP
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$ 100.00 SPENDING VOUCHER IN THE PRO SHOP
3 <sup>RD</sup> Prize	1 x 30 minute private lesson with Dr Golf
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> = 6 <sup>th</sup> Prizes	1 x shared 45 min lesson for 3 with Dr Golf

### **This is how it works**

With every purchase between \$ 0.00 and \$ 19.95 you get 1 raffle ticket

With every purchase between \$ 20.00 and \$ 49.95 you get 5 raffle tickets

With every purchase between \$ 50.00 and \$ 99.95 you get 20 raffle tickets

With every purchase over \$ 100.00 you get 50 raffle tickets

**ALL RAFFLE TICKETS WILL GO INTO THE PROMOTIONAL BARREL AND HEIDI WILL DRAW THE WINNERS AT 12.00 HIGH NOON ON MAY 14<sup>th</sup> IN THE RINGWOOD PRO SHOP.**

**PROMOTIONAL FLYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CLUB HOUSE AND PRO SHOP -**

**MAKE SURE YOU GET ONE SOON!**

## Juniors@Ringwood



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*Hi my name is Chris Wilson, I have always had an interest in golf ever since I was little and walked around with my Dad and Grand Dad. They taught me how to hit the ball.*

*I play soccer at the Bayswater Indoor Centre and I play soccer for the Mooroolbark Outdoor Team. I also follow Manchester United In the English Premier League*

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*Hi my name is Tom Maunder, I recently joined the Ringwood Golf Club. I am 14 years old and am in Year 8 at Luther College I attended golf clinics some years ago and now feel it is time to get back into it. I joined the Junior's program on Sundays and am having lessons with the Ringwood Golf Pro, Darren Rowland. I will be working hard over the next 12 months to develop my golfing skills to be selected in the Ringwood Golf Club Junior Team and the Luther College Golf Team*

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*Hi my name is Michael McKinnon, I joined the Ringwood Junior programe on Sundays.*

*I like golf and am keen to improve my skills and learn more about golf. Eventually I hope to gain a handicap and play competition golf on Saturdays with my Dad I was thrilled to have an Eagle on the 9th hole when playing with the juniors one Sunday*

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## Junior Pennant 26 February 2012

### *Ringwood Versus Centenary Park at Ringwood Centenary Park Wins*

Unfortunately we lost this match which knocked us out of the finals. However it was a good match with three matches going to the 18th hole with a two wins and one loss.

Trent Goodey's match went to the last putt on the 18th for a win to Trent.

Leigh Biggerstaff won his match on the ball well done

Leigh.Daisuke Nakajima's match went to the 18th unfortunately for a loss but it was also a great match.

Daisuke fought all the way and never gave up.

The support group and parents are very proud of our Junior Pennant team their improvement from last year was outstanding their handicaps have dropped considerably.

This year they played head to head match play and handled it with great maturity for their age and experience

We would like to thank the caddies for their support Darren Walton, Tony Ralph, Des Blythe. Gary Cawthray, Jim Puddy, Andy Hoad, Anton Biggerstaff and Rob Shaw.

Another group of people who deserve a vote of thanks are the people who acted as ball spotters on the day Nathan Chau, Julia Lim, Bernie and Glen Van Blaricum, Midori Nakajima and Jim Puddy.

We would also like to thank Bernie Van Blaricum for his barbeque skills.

A big thanks to the ladies who made salads for lunch and thanks to Midori and Kiego Nakijima for the sushi they provided a very special treat

Thanks to Julia Lim Debra Wilson and Midori Nakajima for their work in the kitchen after the meal.

Thanks to Steve Dykes for his role as team manager and Laurie Shaw the Junior Convenor of the golf Club.

The team effort shown by all concerned with Junior Pennant was outstanding Thank You all and we are looking forward to next year.



Team support



Pennant team



## Just for laughs!

### *Drink driving*

I would like to share an experience with you about drinking and driving.

As you well know, some of us have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the odd social sessions over the years. Well, I have done something about it: a couple of nights ago I was out for a few drinks with some pals and had a few too many whisky's as well as beers and some rather nice claret: but knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before - I took a bus home. I arrived back safely and without incident which was a real surprise, since I had never driven a bus before and am not sure where I got this one!

### *Best remarks by golf caddies*

10. Golfer: I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake  
Caddy: Think you can keep your head down that long?
9. Golfer: I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course.  
Caddy: Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth!
8. Golfer: Do you think my game is improving?  
Caddy: Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now.
7. Golfer: Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?  
Caddy: Eventually.
6. Golfer: You've got to be the worst caddy in the world.  
Caddy: I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence.
5. Golfer: Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction.  
Caddy: It's not a watch – it's a compass.
4. Golfer: How do you like my gamer?  
Caddy: Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf.
3. Golfer: do you think it's a sin to play in Sunday?  
Caddy: The way you play sir, it's a sin on any day.
2. Golfer: This is the worst course I've ever played on.  
Caddy: This isn't a golf course. We left that behind an hour ago.

### **And the No. 1 best caddy comment:**

1. Golfer: That can't be my ball, it's too old.  
Caddy: It's been a long time since we teed off, sir.
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