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## Message from the President

G'day fellow members,

Isn't it great to finally have the sun on our backs and the course coming to life after the coring of the greens!

We have just had our Annual General meeting and to those that attended, thank you for your support. With the AGM we had some vacancies to fill on our committee. I am pleased and proud to say I will be your President for the next two years and I look forward to the challenges it brings. I would like to thank Des Pinfold, Corinne Dyer and Steve Evans for once again standing for Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and House/Bar Convener, respectively. I would like to welcome Graeme Miller to the position of Vice-President who takes over from Bob Canet. Bob has served this Club in an outstanding manner in countless different ways over the years including Secretary and Vice President. His knowledge and advice has been a great asset to us, – thank you Bob.

I look forward to seeing you on the course.

Enjoy your golf

*Geoff Wallis - President RGC*

## 2012 RGC Charity Day – Friday 16 November

The RGC Charity Day sub-committee have started work on sourcing sponsorship for our fifth Charity Day event.

Last year we raised funds for Eastern Volunteers Ringwood and the North Ringwood branch of St Vincent De Paul. Our total contribution to both charities was \$4000.00 each. This year we are once again supporting these two worthy charities.

Just like any event, there are costs to consider in staging such an activity and the Ringwood Golf Club is asking for your help by passing on a business or individual interesting in either taking out a sponsorship or donating goods to this event so that the needs of disadvantaged families and marginalised citizens in our communities are supported.

For more information, contact **Barry Dempsey** the Charity Day Chairperson on 0407 328 018.

## Blue bar levy tickets

A reminder to all members that the blue bar levy tickets will expire on 30 October 2012. Make sure you come into the Club and use these tickets before this date as they will not be redeemable.

## Social@Ringwood

### *Put it in your Diary*

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

The weekend Friday 19th October to Sunday 21st October is the RGC Annual Golf Weekend on the Murray.

This year, about 60 club members will enjoy a great weekend at Barham, enjoying 18 holes of golf on the championship Barham Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday. There will be mystery events, prizes a-plenty and a good time to be had by all!

There are still two rooms available if anyone is interested in coming along. For more information, please contact me on 0403 819 933 ASAP. Final numbers will need to be confirmed by the 5th October 2010.

#### **Presentation night – Saturday 24 November 2012**

Come and join your friends, colleagues and playing partners for a night of fun at our annual Presentation Night dinner. For more information contact me on 0403 819 933.

**When:** Saturday 24 November 2012

**Time:** 6.30pm start

### *Brian Cullen - Social Convener*

**Cam, Tony and Nick**

**Can you guess where they are and what they're doing?**



## Ten Golden Rules of Golf

The original Rules of Golf issued by the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers in 1744 numbered just 13. Today's Rules of Golf has 34 Rules with over 200 sections and subsections, totaling more than 20,000 words. George Peper wrote this simplified summary of those Rules:

1. Play the ball as it lies.
2. Don't move, bend, or break anything growing or fixed, except in fairly taking your stance or swing. Don't press anything down.
3. You may lift natural objects not fixed or growing, except in a water hazard/bunker. No penalty.
4. Movable man-made objects may be moved, immovable objects, take relief by dropping away from them within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole, except in a water hazard or the object defines out of bounds. In a bunker, then drop in the bunker. No penalty.
5. You may take relief from casual water, ground under repair, burrowing animal holes or casts, anywhere except in a water hazard. On the putting green, place at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole; otherwise drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. In a bunker, you must drop in the bunker. No penalty.
6. Water hazard or bunker, don't touch the water/ground with your hand or club before the stroke.
7. If you hit your ball into a water hazard and cannot find or play it, either drop behind the point where the ball last crossed the hazard margin or at the place where you played the shot. On the tee, you may tee the ball. One penalty stroke. If you hit into a lateral hazard, you may also drop within two club-lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the hazard margin, or, within two club-lengths of a point equidistant from the hole on the opposite margin. One penalty stroke.
8. When you hit your ball out of bounds or cannot find it after 5 minutes of searching, add a penalty stroke, go back and drop a ball at the place where you played the shot. On the tee, you may tee the ball. If you think you have hit your ball out of bounds or lost it outside a water hazard, play a provisional ball before searching for the first one.
9. When you have an unplayable lie, you may drop a ball at the place where you played the previous shot, adding a penalty stroke. On the tee, you may tee the ball. Alternatively, drop within two club-lengths, no nearer the hole, or any distance behind the unplayable spot, keeping it between you and the hole. If the ball is in a bunker, you must drop in the bunker, under either of the alternative options. If you can't play your ball that is in a water hazard, see Golden Rule #7.
10. You may repair ball marks and old hole plugs on the putting green that are on the line of your putt, but not spike marks.

## On a Mission

Thirteen Ringwood, four Eastern players and two non-players set off from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 on a pilgrimage to feel the wrath of the golf god 'More Balls' at Mission Hills, Shenzhen, just over the Chinese border from Hong Kong.

We were on the go for over 26 hours through four countries of form filling, queues, currency changes and lugging golf gear around. The big surprise was that they still have two border controls between Hong Kong and mainland China. Hundreds of metres of carrying our goodies through each control – no trolleys of course!

Shenzhen had more city centre activity, a pity we couldn't stop and see but time was a bit tight. After driving through it didn't seem to have much going for it, mid-height apartment blocks with more under construction, and no attempt to beautify. There were lots of people beavering away everywhere and they seem to have a lot of toll roads that don't go that far between check toll points!

Mission Hills is something to behold. Twelve golf courses each designed by household named players centred around three separate resorts. The layouts are superb, following valleys, around lakes, tiered tee boxes etc. A concrete cart tracks lead through culverts, tunnels, bridges under hills to arrive at the next *wow* tee box. They employ 10,000 people - can you imagine that!

We played at Ozare, Leadbetter and the Faldo courses. Most of us found the greens very hard and unpredictable with only one of us really handling them. One disappointment was having to play a course that had cored the first six holes. Everyone got a nice little caddie who rode shotgun on the back of the carts. First divot I took I went to repair the divot, "me, me, me they cried". They raked the bunkers and carried little sand bags around their waists to repair divots and greens on the trot (while you were putting sometimes!!). Their English was restricted to answering "how far?" to a response in yards, but great fun.

At the crack of dawn squads of them, dressed in fireman red, were allotted clients on the parade ground by the golf carts. You were given a card on which drinks around the course are charged. On finishing they could be paid off or transferred the main bill for settlement when leaving. For your clubs you had two tags, one for your wallet and a duplicate for your golf bag by which it was transferred to your next course or could be traced if misplaced.

Our resort had tree monstrous hotels, zillions of steps, fountains, restaurants and the statue 'More Balls' in the distance. It was too high to rub it's tummy to ask for clemency.

The food was good although a bit of trial ordering and receiving it (I had a wait of 1½hrs the first evening). We waited and waited but the drinks never came until halfway through the meal. At the same meal one guy got entree and main course at the same time and as final flourish, hot bread rolls arrived when everybody thought it was over!

After playing golf on the third day we transferred to Hong Kong through the two check points again, unloading the bus twice, going through customs and finding the bus on the other side. Chalk and cheese the contrast from Shenzhung. Serious money awash.



Mission Hills



Trevor and Helen



Schoolies



On parade

Hong Kong, home to seven million, is a shopaholics dream come true. There are people there I swear had never seen a blade of grass. Sky scrapers of every description. Most of us took a tour next day, cable car to Victoria Peak, sampan ride in Aberdeen, Stanley market. In the evening if that wasn't enough, a sound and sight show across the bay involving six or more skyscrapers each side, followed by the night market and a meal in the street. I had live miso prawns cooked from a tub. Our hotel had a happy hour which lasted all day at no extra charge. To be sure the boys gave that 'perk' a hiding.

Another big day. Up at 5.20am for the 7hr.20mins flight to Kuala Lumpur, 70km bus trip to the Royal Hotel in the centre of town. Drop the bags and take off one hour later for the 50km bus trip to Glenmarie Golf Course. Only one caddie per cart this time. Nine holes in daylight, that was the idea, some of us only had 7½ holes before bad light.

The second 9 was under floodlights. A novel experience, actually the balls were quite easy to pick up – if you used the fairway! Unfortunately there was a half hour tee off jam. Some of us took the opportunity to order a take away on the run. I bought a beer, took it back to the tee area where I nearly sliced my finger and thumb in the half light. No weren't screw caps there!! I banged it off against a tile but on the last blow the top of the bottle came off as well! How bad does it get? I was a very parched by then. The caddie-master drove off in a cart and came back with two straws for goodness sake! So all I could do was stick one inside the other. And suck, to the hoots of the rabble! By about 10.30 – two holes short Trevor and I was too stuffed to continue. The final task was to give the clubs and shoes a real good scrub for the Australian customs. We got back well after 11.00 that night.

Next day was a final onslaught for the shopaholics. A number of them, on their return to Melbourne had to undergo therapy following withdrawal symptoms and their husbands likewise for financial ruin! A few of us took the Hop-On Hop-Off Bus around town and visited the Butterfly Farm, Bird Aviary, or the National craft day which covered hectares, had batiks, wood carvings, jewellery, paintings, live bands and traditional food stalls from all the provinces. In the evening we had a wind-up Chinese meal for the presentations. We all had a great time, got on well together with no real problems thanks to our fearless leader Julia and occasional interpreters Mei and Eric.

Participants; Grahame and Dawn Miller, Steven and Fiona Homans, John and Rhonda Dupe, Trevor and Helen Rauert, Roy Turner, Mei Lee, Andy Hoad, Marysia Paszkiewicz, Stephen Hurley, Colleen Martin, Julia Lim, Paul and Julie Elliot and Ian Morris.

**Footnote:** On the following Wednesday I played. I was re-sorting my clubs to the right slots when I found an extra club! Last bloke I played with was Trevor and he didn't even know he had lost it! I played again with him again and we both got up, apparently happy to get back to greens we understood!

## Roy Turner



Says it all!



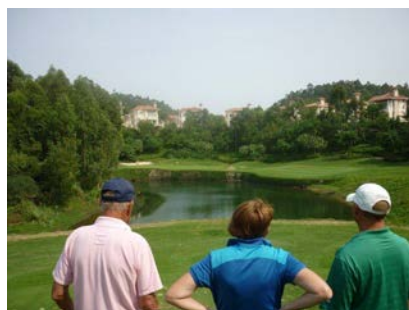
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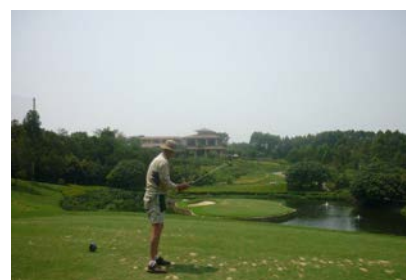
Somebody has to do it!



Holy moley!!!!



Hates a beer



No worries mate!

## From the Club Captain

### Course works

#### 12th tee

The Club has been advised that after the remaking of the 12th tee, there are plans lengthen the hole in October/November by 5-10 metres.

Other works that will be happening on the course in the coming months include;

#### Planting of Couch

Planting will happen on the 13th fairway and on the 1st, 4th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th in early October. Although these works will cause minimal disturbance these areas will be treated as preferred lies until they 'bed in'.

#### Drainage

A fairway drainage program is scheduled for the first weeks of November for the 15th and 16<sup>th</sup>. Both holes will be temporary par 3's midweek and reopen to full length for the weekends with GUR's in play for the trench lines.

#### 18th tee

The 18th tee complex will be rebuilt in late November/December and will be out of play until the February Club Championships. Temporary tees will be in play during this time.

#### 11th fairway

Works for the rebuilding the entire 11th fairway look like starting this side of Christmas. During these works the 11th will be played as a par 3.

#### Handicapping

On the handicapping front, the course will need to be re-rated in the next 12 months due to changes to the SLOPE handicapping system. These changes should include a variation on the old CCR system where the course rating is based on the scores received for that day of play, not just a flat rating that is only calculated from what markers we play from.

As you can see there are a lot of planned course works that will disrupt play for a little while. We ask that you are patient and understanding of these disruptions to your game because the end result will be a course that rivals many private clubs.

Good golfing to all.

*Grant Stack  
Captain*

## Ladies@Ringwood

### *Knock out match play championship*

Congratulations to Laurel Wheatley on winning the knock out match play championship beating Marg Kistemaker in a close fought game. Well done Laurel.

### *For those of you who are ill*

We are all greatly saddened to hear about the number of our members who are suffering serious illnesses. You are great friends and colleagues of our Club and our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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*We wish a fond farewell to Danny Watkins.*

*Danny, a long-time member of the Ringwood Golf Club, is packing his bags and moving to WA to be with his family. All the best Danny, you will be missed.*

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Hylton, Mick, Bruce, Ivan, Jack, Danny and John

## From the Pro Shop

Come into the Pro Shop and check out our great October specials. The pro shop carries a complete array of the latest golf fashions and merchandise, including golf balls, gloves, hats, towels and other accessories.

### *Men's clothing*

Stylish, comfortable and functional, our range of quality men's clothing has been hand-picked to provide the very best of choice.

### *Ladies' clothing*

You can feel and look fantastic in our ladies' golf clothing range. All items have been specially selected, including polo shorts, golf knitwear and headwear.

### *The Pro Shop Staff*

## Ringwood Golf Club Charity Day

Do you want to play in the upcoming Charity Day?

**Cost:** \$65.00 head

What do I get: A round of golf, finger food, all drinks (wine, beer, soft drinks) and a chance to win some truly amazing prizes.

Contact Barry Dempsey or Corinne Dyer if you want to play.

## On a Mission reunion

A reunion of all the cast took place on the 12th May when John Dupe arranged for us to play at the end of Saturday's field. It was a fine but very chilly day. When everybody was in we had a tasty BBQ, once again organised and supervised by John plus a few additional special homemade dishes. Much cud was chewed. Watch this space!

### *Roy Turner*



## Juniors at Ringwood

The newest member of our Junior Sunday Squad is **Nicholas Kyranakis**

Nicholas attended clinics at Dorset and after helping him with his game, Darren Rowland recommended he join our squad.

He has a great swing which will develop further as he grows and gains experience. Nicholas's father is very supportive and keen for him to learn.



### *School holidays. June -July*

Nick Walton and Leigh Biggerstaff were taken on a golfing tour with Nick's Dad Darren. They played at Cobram-Barooga, Tocumwal and Benalla gaining great experience on different, longer courses. There was a prize of a number of golf balls and Nick cleaned up on the pot!

Daisuke Nakajima, Laurie and Rob Shaw played at Settlers Run, a very long made even hard as the day was extremely wet. Daisuke hit the ball brilliantly, managing this long course very well. The course is still developing and when fully established will be a magnificent. We all had a great day even though wet.

Nick Walton, Daisuke Nakajima and Leigh Biggerstaff played at Waterford Valley. The day was arranged by Peter Loton with Andy Hoad, Wei Lu and Gary Cawthray joining them. The juniors enjoyed the day learning and playing with short handicapped players. A big thanks to Peter Loton.

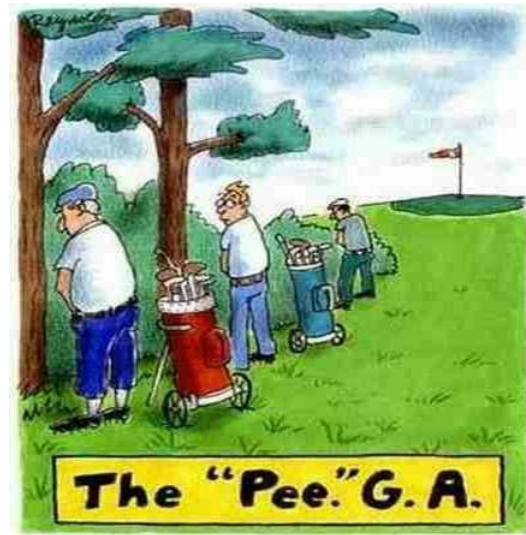
Rob Shaw

During the school holidays Serena and Rachael Wong were given the opportunity to play in the Ladies Thursday completion and were taken under the wing by the lady members.

They had a great time and are very grateful for the opportunity to play and the care they were shown. Serena and Rachael have been in the Sunday Junior Squad since day one and are improving all the time. Rachael had a thrill when she holed a shot out of the bunker on the 8th hole Well done Rachael.

Just for laughs!

## Senior's day at the course



Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball goes up. You swing left and the ball goes right. You turn the body half a circle to make the ball goes straight. The lowest score wins.  
And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.  
If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

The term 'mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul it again.'

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ...neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really play like a pro.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game. Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.