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Ringwood Golf Club

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Message from the President

G'day fellow members,

I hope our newsletter finds you all well.

Our Club Championships are over for another year and I would like to congratulate all of our grade and competition winners, with special mentions to our Club Champion Nic Ranieri Jnr and our Ladies Champion Mei Lee.

A big thankyou to our ground staff led by Jeremy and Matthew on the course preparation, especially the new works surrounding the 18th tee, during what has been drought like conditions. This enabled us to play our full course for the duration of our "Clubbies".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our match committee and helpers who run up to 10 different events every Saturday during the championships. These comps are run without fuss and the results are posted on the website by Saturday evening. – a great effort!

It's pennant season again and I wish all of our teams the best of luck. Represent Ringwood with pride!
A very warm welcome to all of our new members, it's great to see a number of new faces around the club.

Enjoy your golf and golfing friendships.

Geoff Wallis - President RGC

Ringwood darts team

The RGC has entered a team in the Eastern District Darts League – Ringwood Aces. Our team hosts an opposition team at our clubhouse every second Wednesday night and plays away on alternate weeks.

Our team consists of Paul Darling, Steve Pell, Tony Jewell, Steve Evans, Nick Plant, Geoff Wallis, Geoff Beer and Paul Kennett.

We are only four games into the season and Ringwood Aces has won half of their games, and lost the other half by only a single game in each case.

Things look promising! A number of other members have also indicated their interest in playing which will need to be accommodated with perhaps a second team next season.

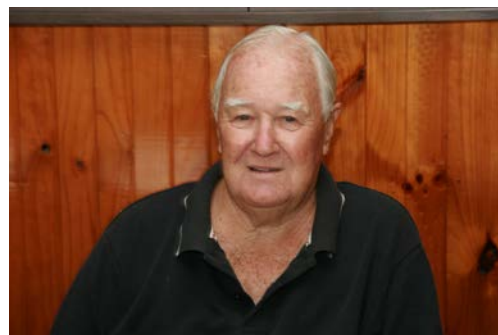
Many opposition teams are mixed, so next season hopefully we can convince a few of our female members to join in.



Hylton's Heroes

Hylton's Heroes is a group of Thursday afternoon golfers with ages ranging from 55 to 85. They originally started out as Bourkey's Bandits, led by Mick Bourke. Mick handed the leadership over to Hylton when he didn't have the time due to other commitments.

In those days the prizes varied from bags of vegetables of all descriptions to a bag of bones for the dog. One winner was alleged to have said 'I don't have a dog and Bourkey told him to go out and buy one'!



This aim of Hylton's Heroes is to allow older players to have a game of golf, playing Stableford with very generous handicaps. Hylton's aim is that everybody can win a game.

There are three handicap divisions and prizes for winner and runner up in each grade, with five nearest the pin prizes adding to the fun. The prizes range from tins of baked beans, canned tuna various spreads, pickles, lime juice and most other consumable items.

There's a monthly prize called the 'Clanger' - a bell and a golfer swinging a club with a chart with the winner's name on it. Awarded for the good things players do, it also covers humorous situations! Hylton Campbell recently for his exceptional contribution to the competition. Another fun trophy an oversized dummy for 'the spit of the day'!

Visitors come from those who play in the Monday, Wednesday and Saturday comps, always remark on how much fun they have when they play and the how much they enjoy the spirit of the comp.

All this happens because of Hylton's input. He is a quiet achiever, someone who gets the job done, who keeps tabs on any ill members often sending a get well card off to them.

Everyone in the group appreciates Hylton's commitment and thanks him.

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Social@Ringwood

Labour Day weekend Heathcote – another great success. We stayed at the Commercial Hotel and were well looked after by Mary and her staff – with a big thanks to Mary who gave her room to Mai Lee.

Larry Maxwell (Heathcote's Captain) made sure that all our golfing needs were looked after (as he has always done for us over many years).

Our Friday 'On-the-way-up' game was at Kyneton. Skins was the game of the day. No 'stand out' winner - money was shared around.

18 teed-off on Saturday with 'day-trippers', Corinne, Des and Peter Loton joining us on the 1st. **Individual winner:** Mark (Dodgy) Dawson, 37 points. **4 Ball Multiplier Winners (Mystery Partners):** Peter Loton(36) and Andy Hoad (33) = 63 points **4BBB (Mystery Partners):** Glen Paton (34) and Syd Wheatley (32) = 42 points. Everyone who hit a Par 3 with their tee shot got a ball. Everyone who had a birdie got a ball. Everyone who didn't win a prize or win a ball, got a ball. **Everyone a winner!**

Kerry's Saturday afternoon 'Punters Club' was at Fortunes Resort, Bendigo. Sadly, no profit!

Saturday night presentations at the Commercial saw some very responsible RGC members - the float, believe it or not – wasn't drunk out!

Sunday's 9 hole 'sick-parade' was proof that behaving yourself works (believe that and you'll believe anything!) **Winner:** 4X (Geoff Beer) with 20 points. No NAGA nominations were received! Well done Paul K! No Winner!

Heathcote's great location for a relaxing and/or golf weekend - RGC members are welcome join in the Heathcote Saturday Comp. **Contact me for details.** (See pictures on the next page.)

Social Committee – new member a big welcome to Glenn Paton who has joined the Social Committee. Glen will be organising the **Trivia Night** (see below)

Put it in your Diary

Trivia Night – The theme for 2013 is **Movie Stars**: The date: 27 July – come dressed as your favourite movie character but make sure you book your table early to avoid disappointment. More information will be made available on the Social noticeboard.

The Annual Golf Weekend Away - October 18th-20th. More information coming soon.

Brian Cullen - Social Convenor



The Heathcote Gang



Juniors@Ringwood

Junior Pennant

Although our pennant season was not as successful as last year, the team performed well. The matches were hard fought and played in a competitive spirit, with games played on days of 30+ degrees. New team member Chris Wilson fast learnt the competitive nature of match play and is keen to play next year. Nathan Chau rejoined the team, showing a resurgence of interest and competitiveness in the game.

Two stand out matches were Yarambat at Yarambat and Brighton at home. They were competitive and played in a sportsmanlike fashion. At days end it was good to see both teams walking down the 18th talking to each in a friendly manner.

Sean Buncle is retiring as Junior Pennant Captain as he's turning 21. He's been an strong team captain, putting his football experience and his university course to good use. Sean's skill helped to build a strong team spirit and camaraderie with the boys. A big hearty thank you for your efforts Sean.



Our new Captain is **Nicholas Walton**

Nick started in the Sunday group three years ago and has developed into a good golfer.

We look forward to you leading the team next year Nick.

We would like to thank the club members and parents who gave up their time to support the pennant team as caddies, cooks and caterers. Your efforts and time made a difference to the boys and was much appreciated.

Club Championships

Christopher Wilson, a former junior member, did excellently in the recent **Club Championships**. He won the **D Grade Championship**, **was the Junior Champion and won the Gerry Smart Trophy**. **WELL DONE.**

Chris is proudly supported by his parents Alex and Debra, great supporters of the RGC the junior program.



Mixed foursomes@Ringwood

We had a total of 112 players play on our Mixed Memorial Day, consisting of 27 mixed pairings. Thank you goes out to Brian Cullen and his team of helpers who served up a feast to all players after our game. Thanks also to head chef Roger Blokkerus and his assistant Andrew Ford and to Chas Martin and Harry behind the bar.



Overall an enjoyable day was had by all, and it was great to see the number of “midweek” ladies that supported our event.

Winners – Grant Stack & Jo Logan – Nett 65
Runners Up – Denis Philipson & Colleen Martin – Nett 66.5

Both pairings represented Ringwood in the VGL Mixed Foursomes event held at Mount Martha Golf Club on Sunday 24th March.

Senior men's pennant 2013

Senior Pennant started on Thursday March 7th, 2013, a month before the regular men's and ladies' pennant begins.

Two teams, each of 8 players have been entered – Ringwood Gold will be playing the Bruce Crampton Division under Bob Elsum as Captain and Roy Turner as Manager, and Ringwood Blue in the Norman von Nida Division under Maurie Mawer as Captain and Frank Pickering as Manager.

With the recruiting of new players this year it is hoped to put Ringwood Seniors back on top again.

Ringwood Seniors has had great success in the past, winning flags in six of the eight years in which they have participated.

L.J. Flaherty
Senior Pennant Co-Coordinator

Ladies@Ringwood

2012 Presentations	
Birdies	Maureen Brown/Mary Day
Gobblers	Sandy Goddard
Putting	Mary Day
Over 70's Trophy	Mary Day
Most consistent	Helen King/Mary Day
Encouragement award	Deb Kelly
Eclectic	C Grade: Sue Stanley B Grade: Erica Sauvola Nett (Jean Magee Award): Maureen Brown Gross: Mary Day
Nine hole champions	
Stableford	Ros Hay
Most consistent	Marj Hearn
Putting	Ros Hay
Life members trophy	Mary Day
Members Shield	Sue Stanley
Medal Of Medalist	Norma Crowe
Championships	
• Stableford champion	Pauline Dorizzi
• Par champion	Mary Day
• Singles knock-out championship	Winner: Laurel Wheatley Runner-Up: Marj Kistemaker
• Foursomes championship	Nett: Sandy Goddard, Pam Happ Gross: Mary Day, Maxine O'Flynn
• C Grade	Nett: Rae Flaherty Gross: Anne Keegan
• B Grade	Nett: Joy Rogers Gross: Helen King
• Overall nett	Gayle Taylor
Club Championship	Club Champion: Mary Day Runner-up: Pat Fogarty

Ladies committee

L - R: Judy Sheehan, Kaye Unwin (VP), Pat McLaws (Pres), Pat Fogarty (Hcap), Mary Day, Jo Lee (Treas), Sue Stanley (Capt), Marge Reid, Carolyn McCorkell (V Cap).Secretary, Viv Binedell and Marj Hearn were absent





The Priscillas



Sue Stanley



Stableford winner



Major trophy winners



Nett foursomes



Gross foursomes



Club champion



Sandy Goddard



Health guru



Matchplay winner and runner-up

Vale: Joan Cullen

The Ringwood Golf Club members were greatly saddened by the passing of our much loved member and Past President, Joan, on March 6th.



Joan was one of those members whom everyone admired not just for her ability on the course but also for the way she involved herself in the Club's activities. Joan served as Vice President then President from 2004-2007.

During her term there were many opportunities for club members to appreciate the very special qualities Joan brought to this role. Her patience, kindness, ability to lead through difficult times and above all her ability to make every member feel valued and appreciated made her one of the most popular leaders the Club has ever had.

Following her time on Committee, Joan was the Club photographer and it is thanks to her skill that we have a wonderful pictorial record of those years.

In recent years, Joan took on the role of Captain of the club members who marshaled at the Masters and the President's Cup. This role required highly developed organizational skills, enormous patience and a well developed sense of humour. Joan was ideal for the job and everyone enjoyed the long days in rain hail and shine because of the dear lady who never stopped moving from one station to another ensuring that each member of the team was fed, watered and comfortable.

Joan's illness came as a great shock to Club members and we have so missed her cheery presence around the clubhouse. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bernie and her family.

Rest in peace dear Joan

Booking a tee time at RGC – A reminder from the Match Committee

To ensure ongoing good relations with course management, the Pro Shop, and your fellow members, could you please keep the following important points in mind with booking tee times noting that we try to accommodate the many individual tee time requests:

1. **Permanent tee times are a privilege** and should be treated as such. At times the Match Committee may need to adjust your time and/or group to allow for knockout events, changes in membership or other circumstances that requires flexibility.
2. If you cancel after Thursday morning for a Saturday game it is extremely inconvenient for the club and the Pro Shop. Wherever possible cancel early if you are unlikely to play on any given Saturday or Wednesday. Players repeatedly cancelling late will be warned and if this tee time privilege continues to be abused it will be taken off that member.
3. No shows will not be tolerated. Match Committee reserves the right to modify the booking sheet to penalize players with permanent tee times that abuse this privilege i.e. moving players to the back of the field.
4. Note that it is NOT always possible to accommodate individual tee time requests– particularly in the morning block.
5. In future a line will be drawn directly under the last group when the sheet goes down to the Pro shop 10 days before the Saturday round. If your name is NOT on the sheet it is possible that you will not get a game - so make sure your name is on the sheet (behind the bar) 10 days beforehand to guarantee a spot in the field. If you are at the end of the field it may be possible to move up to an earlier time slot on the Wednesday or Thursday before the Saturday in question if you call the Pro shop.

There have been recent problems with all five points above, some problems beyond the club and members' control – please help us to do what we can to keep things running smoothly by considering these issues and ensuring you do the right thing by the club and the Pro shop staff.

Obscure rule #48

Did you know that in Match play if your ball strikes your opponents ball on the putting green you do not incur a penalty – the opponents ball must be repositioned, that is struck must be repositioned, but your ball may ricochet into the hole and is considered a legitimate stroke! (Rule 19-5a)

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Just for laughs

We were dressed to go out for the evening for dinner and theatre..

We turned on a 'night light', turned the answering machine on, covered our pet budgie and put the cat in the garden.

We phoned the local Taxi company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and we opened the front door to leave the house.

As we walked out the door, the cat we had put out in the garden scooted back into the house. We didn't want the cat shut in the house because she always tries to get at the budgie.

My wife walked on out to the taxi, while I went back inside to get the cat.

The cat ran upstairs, with me in hot pursuit.

Waiting in the cab, my wife didn't want the driver to know that the house would be empty for the night, so she explained to the taxi driver that I would be out soon.

"He's just going upstairs to say Goodbye to my mother."

A few minutes later, I got into the cab. "Sorry I took so long," I said, as we drove away.

"That stupid bitch was hiding under the bed.

I had to poke her arse with a coat hanger to get her to come out!

She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck.

Then, I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me.

But it worked!

I hauled her fat arse downstairs and threw her out into the back garden!

She'd better not shit in the vegetable garden again!"

The silence in the Taxi was deafening.

What - more laughs!

Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago.

One day he arrives home looking downcast.

"That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has got so bad. Once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes. As they sit down, she has a suggestion:

"Why don't you take my brother with you, and give it one more try."

"That's no good," sighs Arthur. "Your brother is a hundred and three. He can't help."

"He may be a hundred and three," says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day, Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law.

He tees up, takes an almighty swing, and squints down the fairway.

He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!", says the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight."

"Where did it go?" asks Arthur.

"Don't know – I can't remember."

EVERY ONE A GEM!