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Ringwood Golf Club newsletter

March 2014

GEOFF WALLIS - PRESIDENT

From the President

by Geoff Wallis

G'Day fellow members, Our Club Championships are over for another year. Congratulations to all of our new 2014 grade winners especially to our Club Champions, Sean Hewat for the first time, and Mary Day who has now won several times over the years. A big thank you goes out to our match committee and all the helpers that work so hard during February to make sure our Championships run like clockwork.

Good luck to all of our various Pennant teams for this season. Represent Ringwood with pride! Our junior team made their pennant final and it was great to see the effort put in by the lads, Manager Laurie Shaw and all the parents and caddies. Unfortunately after a fantastic season they came up just short in the final.

Around the club I am pleased to say that everything is running very smoothly. Keep an eye out both on our website and on the notice boards for our planned social events during the year, they are

always great fun, so support them if you can.

A quick shout out to Des Pinfold, our Treasurer, who has undergone some major surgery recently. We wish him a speedy and full recovery and we look forward to having him back playing again soon.

Just before I sign off, I would ask all members to take pride in your clubrooms. If you see a bin that needs emptying or a table that needs a wipe down, please take your turn and don't leave it for someone else.

I wish you all good golfing over the coming months. See you on the course.

Geoff Wallis - President

2013 Gobbler winner

For more photos of 2013 lady champions turn to page 2.



Roy Turner's trip to India

For more information on Roy's epic trip go to page 7.



Ladies@Ringwood

Pictures by Rae Flaherty

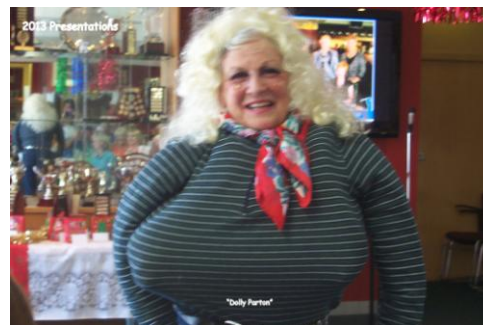
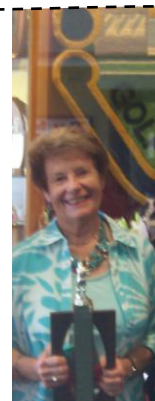
2013 Christmas presentations

The ladies 2013 Christmas function saw the presentation of the 2013 championship winners, great entertainment and good food.

Mei Lee 2013 A Grade Champion

Marge Reid 2013 B Grade Champion

Helen Rauert 2013 C Grade Champion



Ringwood Charity Golf Day Friday 22nd November 2013

To our sponsors

The Ringwood Golf Club would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our sponsors for supporting us with the Charity Golf Day event, it could not take place without your significant and generous support.

The day was an outstanding success, both in the amount of money raised and for the great way everyone participated in the event.

Cheques for \$4,700 will be presented to Eastern Volunteers and St Vincent De Paul Society on Wednesday 18 December 2013 in the clubroom. This money will enable the continuation of invaluable programs for both of these charities.

Once again we sincerely thank you all for your time and effort and hope you had an enjoyable day.



To our many volunteers

The RGC Charity Sub-Committee would like to thank all volunteers who helped throughout the year to bring yet another successful conclusion to the Charity Day event.



What a great day. The weather was all we could have hoped for, and the sponsors really did enjoy themselves.

The green keeper and his team out did themselves again this year – the course was in such wonderful condition.

We would like to thank the ladies for not only preparing a feast, but for acting as waitresses on the day, our fearless BBQers who keep the hordes fed before the game, the bar staff who worked like Trojans getting the bar set up, serving a cast of thousands and then cleaning up afterwards.

To all those who acted as spotters, drink carriers and drivers, those who sold raffle tickets, put up and took down signage, and those who set up the room and then cleaned up at the finish of the day, all of you did these tasks without complaint – thank you, because without all of you, this day could not happen.

Ringwood Golf Club Charity Sub Committee



And the 2014 Club Championship winners are

The Ringwood Club 2014 Championships were held over February and we are pleased to announce the following winners:

Ladies

Club champion – Mary Day

Runner up – Mei Lee

B Grade champion – Judy Sheehan

Runner up – Dianne Kennedy

C Grade Champion – Anne Timms

Runner Up – Viv Binedell

Life member trophy –

Dianne Kennedy

Juniors

Winner: D. Nakajima

Runner up: L. Biggerstaff

The Junior Club Champion for 2014 is **Daisuke Nakajima**. Daisuke joined our junior development group approximately three years ago. He is a member of our Junior Pennant team and has played very well the last four matches. Daisuke attends Balwyn High School and is proudly supported by his parents Keigo and Madori, Congratulations Daisuke.

Men

Club Champion:

Winner: S. Hewat

Runner up: P. Loton

B-Grade Champion

Winner: R. Ashdown

Runner up: A. O'Dell

C-Grade Champion

Winner: L. Flaherty

Runner up: N. Armstrong

D-Grade Champion

Winner: A. Pekkarinen

Runner up: W. Morgan

Seniors Champion

Winner: L. Flaherty

Runner up: L. Shaw

Gerry Smart Champion

Winner: P. Mason

Runner up: R. Ashdown

Summer Cup - Ladies

Gross Champion

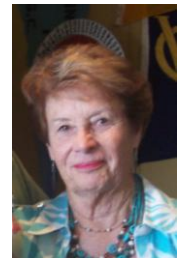
Winner – Mei Lee

Runner-up – Donna Carter

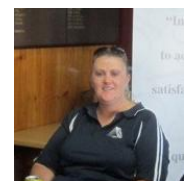
Net Champion

Net winner – Donna Carter

Runner-up – Wendy Todd



**Sean Hewitt and Mary Day
Club Champions**



**Mei Lee and Donna Carter
Summer Cup Champions**

Junior Pennant

The Junior Pennant season resulted in the Ringwood Team finishing runners up.

The season was full of drama mainly due to the extremely hot weather resulting in one round being called a bye for all and one other round being played on a day of 37 degrees. The boys won three of the five played matches two of them very decisively, one against Yarrambat away and one against Camberwell at home. These two matches put them on top of the leader board.

The final

The final was played at Tihatuan Park Ringwood vs Camberwell. Camberwell won the match 3-2.

Our boy's didn't go down without a good fight. They took the matches to the 17th and 18th holes. The team had three members of the original Junior Development Group (Nick Walton, Leigh Biggerstaff and Glen Van Blericum) which started approximately 5 years ago.

The team members were Nick Walton with caddy Bob Elsum, Ruan Lategan with caddy Graeme Miller, Leigh Biggerstaff with caddy Paul Veares, Daisuke Nakajima with caddy Rob Shaw, Chris Wilon with caddy Gary Cawthray and Glen Van Blaricum with caddy Sean Buncle and last but not least the Team Manager Laurie Shaw.

Playing match play at this level is good experience for the boys and they are looking forward to playing handicap pennant this season, which is great for the club as it brings in a group of younger members.

The boys and the committee would like to say thank you to all the members and

parents who supported them over the last three pennant seasons - it is much appreciated.

We would also like to thank our President Geoff Wallis, Grant Stack our Club Captain for attending on the day and all the other members giving visual support to the team.

Congratulations to the team - three years of competition is a lot of work, your ability and dedication have paid off - well done.

Bring on next year.

Robert Shaw

New juniors

This year two new boys joined our pennant team. They are Ruan Lategan (pictured) and Matthew Perrin.



Ruan is enjoying the competition - he is a great competitor and is very enthusiastic about playing next season.

Matthew Perrin has played in one match and also played in the practice game at Tihatuan Lakes. Matt has a low handicap and is also enthusiastic about playing in the team.



The Junior Pennant Team and Team Manager



The Junior Pennant Team and Team Caddies



The Junior Pennant Team and support group

Spotlight on

By Geoff Wallis

JOFFA PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT ON STEVE PELL

Age: 42

Born: 5 October 1971

Country of birth: Leicester, England

Siblings: One brother, one sister

Migrated to Australia with his family in 1979.

Started playing golf aged 12 at Leonay Golf Course in NSW.

Family: Married for 20 years to Kaz. Two children, daughter Eadie and son Jazpar.

Employment: Fire Alarm Technician (swaps over fire extinguishers)

His first job was in a timber yard as a wood stacker (that's how he got those big arms!)

Joined RGC: 2009.

Best golf handicap: 3.

Golfing achievements at Ringwood are:

- Winning scratch pennant flags in 2012 and 2013.
- Winning the match play championship in 2011.
- Shooting a course record – 67 in 2013.

Favourite golf course: Huntingdale

Hobbies: Playing drums, darts

Likes: Music, Joffa, tattoos and hugging

Dislikes: Work and quadruple bogeys

A couple of things we don't know about Pelly:

Was on Simon Townsends Wonder World at age 13 and has also been spotted on crime stoppers.

Was voted best drummer in Australia in 1998 by Hot Metal Magazine.

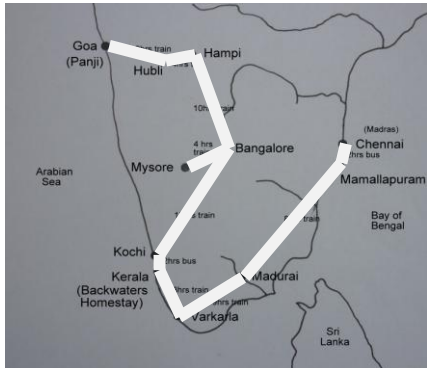
Thanks for your time Pelly!!



Joffa

Roy's excellent southern India adventure

(A full excerpt of Roy and David's trip can be obtained from Roy.)



Chennai: All our flights turned out to be full of screaming kids, particularly the Chennai leg. The hotel was a hairy taxi ride weaving in and out of a overhead road construction. The driver kept saying "booking, booking", "Never mind that just take us there". The shower & toilet are not connected! No paper. One is expected to hose off with a trickle from the squat hose or the ladle. Wow! In bed 5.30am. I had overlooked the time change.

Manallapuram: A different world! Signs asking us not to 'defecate in public' saw us on our way to the UNESCO world heritage site – a lovely resort town of 12,000.

Madurai: 1hr bus, 8hrs train. Awaken to town broadcast to prayer (for the believers). Charlie Chaplin – one of our group - arrives on the scene wearing balloon green trousers with the crutch 6 inches off the ground. David says "It looks like he came out of a bottle."

In India 65 million use the trains every day. There are different classes for men and ladies, fans in the roof. To put it mildly the stations are vintage in the heat. Some even people even 'go' to the loo in the trains at the station, so 'it' is on the tracks the length of the platforms.

Varkala: A nice cliffside village, little traffic on a cliff top on the Arabian Sea, full of emaciated Hairy Christeners and hippies,

boutique stops, cliff top walking. A late breakfast and a chance to catch up with sleep and washing. David says the sink does not work – the tap was under the sink! In the paper was a dispute with ownership of a cow seen in neighbour's yard. DNA was called for! 3rd world dispute solved in the 21st century!

Kerala Backwaters Homestay: Our group was split into three homes. We have a bank clerk and his wife who was half my size. She stood over us while we eat 8 dishes. If we looked like finishing she replenished the plate again. Public ferry to meet with the others for the walk and a poled barge round the rice paddies. Curry dinner in the evening. One sits on the toilet and does the washing in whatever you can find. There is usually a hose pipe, bucket and ladle for the believers.

Kochi: Back by boat to Alleppy then public bus to Kochi. Touristy, quieter, few hippy types, yoga, massage etc." Did the jail and found a man who was eager to show us his coin collection and that he hadn't got a \$AUD20 note yet. Still. We walked the promenade, saw the Chinese fish nets, Fort and cultural show which was a bit laboured. Guess what? Curry for tea.

Mysore: A 13hr overnight to Bangalore then a 4hr trip to Mysore. All manner of vendors pass down the carriage shouting the shout: tea/coffee, biryani, nuts, paper, beggars, fairies on the take, water, melon, stuff scooped out a great saucepan, fried orange balls, magic book, plastic wallets for ATM cards, bags, all sorts of stuff in bags baskets in a never ending procession. Mysore market – what a press, had to watch pockets etc.

Hampi: On the way to visit the reservoir at sunset a silly tourist thought she'd take some banana's to eat, instead she was surrounded by monkey's who just took them. 400 steps later, well out of puff only to find there was too much haze to get a good photo.



Goa: A big disappointment, our hotels were switched - we were stuck in the sticks miles from anywhere, no restaurant. 1.4 million in Goa. It seemed to be more organised there, 32% Christian, 52% Hindu. Donapaula Point, Aquarium, Numerous shrines, Colvan Beach balloon tows, Big Foot park, Shree Manguesh Temple, Old Goa Churches which were huge were built in red laterite stone. For me the best was Casa Aranujo Alvares 1755. Louolin Goa. A prosperous Portuguese merchant's home which was a living museum of the time. (Google it). We got thru the tour without the dreaded Delhi Belly then disaster after the gruelling tour I shower, do the washing sitting on the low toilet. Go to stand up and my foot scoots away before I'm upright. I didn't fall but couldn't get my foot back quick enough and trod on my left toes. Crunch. Broke the 2nd toe.

Wash-up: It was quite gruelling trip. We were always on the move. Some 57 hours in trains never mind the buses, tuk tuk's, boats etc. and only one day without travel during the trip. Their drivers do not inspire confidence although we only saw a couple of incidents. (I looked up the stats after: 184000 deaths, injuries? to Dec 2012. No helmets). India is very very noisy. The lights at night are minimal. The amount of people of the streets – mainly men. I am not sorry I went, Particularly with David as we had gone our separate ways over the years. It was worth it once we had got to our destinations to see the various World Heritage sites.

My advice: Go to Sri Lanka. More contained. Still the flavour without the hordes. Reduced to hours on better roads, no overnight trains, more National Parks, spice farm, artisanal visits and Galle is well worth a visit.

Roy Turner

Just for laughs!

Healing the sick

Two guys and a union worker were fishing on a lake one day, when Jesus walked across the water and joined them in the boat.

When the three astonished men had settled down enough to speak, the first guy asked humbly, "Jesus, I've suffered from back pain ever since I took shrapnel in the Vietnam war..could you help me?"

"Of course, my son", Jesus said, and when he touched the man's back, he felt relief for the first time in years.

The second man, who wore very thick glasses and had a hard time reading and driving, asked if Jesus could do anything about his eyesight.

Jesus smiled, removed the man's glasses and tossed them in the lake. When they hit the water, the man's eyes cleared and he could see everything distinctly.

When Jesus turned to heal the union worker, the guy put his hands up and cried defensively, "Don't touch me! I'm on long term disability."

Golfer gets married!

Jim decided to tie the knot with his long-time girlfriend.

One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning his golf shoes.

His wife was standing there watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally speaks.

"Honey, I've been thinking, now that we're married I think it's probably time you quit golf.

Maybe you should sell your golf clubs."

Jim gets this horrified look on his face.

She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

"There for a minute you were sounding like my ex-wife."

"Ex wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!"

"I wasn't!"



"Here's one you'll understand."

The tree that ate the

A sad tale but true!

Our own Annie Jayasinghe happily headed down the 1st one sunny Thursday morning, completely unaware of the 'tree that ate'.

Well, the story goes like this:

Annie hit her very bright yellow ball into a tree and there it sat well out of arm reach. Aha thought Annie, I will thrust a golf club into the tree, thus dislodging the ball. Sadly the tree gobbled up her club, only the shaft protruded.

Not to be beaten, Annie decided that she could use her umbrella (a much longer piece of equipment) to dislodge the ball **AND**, let's not forget the golf club.

Once again Annie **thrusts** ye another piece of equipment into the tree - the umbrella, now absolutely confident that all will work out well.

Ah Annie, foolish, foolish girl. 'Cos now not only has she lost her ball, but her golf club and yes folks, her umbrella.

At this stage, with all hope is lost and head hung low, she calls the pro shop to send out a young (and hopefully tall) skilled ball/club/umbrella rescuer.

Fear not the story does have a happy ending, Annie did indeed get back all three items.

So be wary folks of the tree that ate the.....!



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Have you been away somewhere fantastic and what to share your experiences? Do you have any interesting facts and figures you just know everyone will want to hear about?

Let me know and I will make sure your story and pictures get into the next edition of Fore!

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