



The Ringwood Golf Club 2014 Charity Day is being held on Friday 14 November

Fore! Ringwood Golf Club newsletter June 2014

GEOFF WALLIS - PRESIDENT

From the President

G'day fellow members, I hope you are all well.

I was extremely proud of our Pennant Teams this year with all five of our Men's Pennant Teams making their respective finals, with flags won by Ringwood in the Senior and Handicap Divisions, and the scratch team playing off in Division one. Congratulations to the winning teams and well done to all pennant players on their representation of our club. It would be fantastic to have a ladies team in the final next season!

You would have noticed a good deal of work around the course with the 8th hole pathway and fairway upgrade nearly completed. Also, work is underway on a new fence along Canterbury Road together with an improved driveway entrance. Great improvements, I am sure you'll agree.

I am pleased to say we have obtained sponsors for our next print of 15,000 scorecards. We welcome **Heathmont IGA Plus Liquor and Bendigo Bank, Ringwood East and Heathmont Community Bank Branches**. Please support them whenever possible.

It has been brought to my attention of some recent instances of disrespect towards members of our committee. I find this frustrating as although every decision made by us may not suit every single member, I can assure you that every decision is made carefully and thoughtfully and with the best interests of all members in mind. I ask that you please approach a committee member with any issues that you may have in the appropriate manner, keeping in mind that we are all hard working volunteers.

It is very pleasing to see that even with winter and the testing conditions for golf it brings us, our field numbers are still good with plenty of fantastic winning scores.

I look forward to seeing you on the course.

Good Golfin'

Geoff Wallis

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'd like to remind everyone that Ringwood Golf Club is just that, a club. In clubs people pitch in when and where they can to make the club a better experience for everyone. The membership dues are not to pay committee members or officers for their time and effort, they are to enable the continued viable financial running of the club, and hence the committee members and officers are neither employees nor remunerated, they are volunteers that give their time and energy for the betterment of the club. With this recognition, one cannot understand how some members may deem it to be acceptable to unreasonably or aggressively address committee members and officers of the club – such behaviour is a shortcut to either having no club at all, or having high membership fees as less volunteers are willing to put themselves in the firing line, so paid employees becomes necessary as in many private clubs. So, when you next have a grievance to air about something around the club please firstly remember that the club is held up by volunteers, themselves with conflicting demands on their time, and that there are appropriate channels through which to raise issues.

Ladies@Ringwood

Pictures by Ros Hay

Grandmother's Day 2014

The RGC ladies held their annual Grandmother's Day event on Thursday 8 May and it was a huge success. We had a large field of players all vying for the trophy. Winners: Marge Reid and Angeline Sim (being Grandmothers). Not forgetting those who haven't reached the heady heights of being a Grandmother, the winner of the non-Grandmother trophy was Mei Lee. Congratulations lades.

A huge thanks to Helen Reid and Ros Hay for making the cakes shown below – not only beautiful but delicious as well!



2014 Mixed Day

We had another extremely successful mixed day. Winners on the day were: Sandy Goddard, Tom O'Regan, Judy Downie and Warren Dobriansky. We had 72 players in teams plus our nine holers and a few girls who played in a non-mixed teams.

Many thanks to all the helpers on the day from the BBQ cooks, the salad and dessert makers, those who set up the room and took it all down again. Last but not least, thanks to all those who helped clean up afterwards.

Lady jet setters

Noticed any absences lately? Well I'm not surprised – it seems that half of our ladies are or have been travelling the world over the past few months.

As I write this:

- Mary Day is swanning around the Amalfi Coast (for those less worldly that's in Italy);
- Viv Binedell is touring Ireland and England – and apparently staying in 600 year old Castles – wonder who she knows with that much influence?
- Helen and Trevor Rauert are cruising in Croatia;
- Maureen and Mick Gossip are in Scotland and England;
- Judy Sheehan has just returned from Thailand;
- Pam Happ is touring Australia, along with countless others heading north to find some much needed sun.

Judy Sheehan

JOFFA PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT ON STEVE EVANS

Born:	February 1977
Place of birth:	Burwood, Victoria
Siblings:	One brother, Adrian
Nickname:	Roo or Roodog
Lives in:	Glen Waverley
School:	Went to Cooinda Primary School in Waverley and Brentwood High School.
Job:	Employed as a windscreen fitter for R.A.C.V. Autoglass (Glass Assist)
Joined Ringwood Golf Club:	In 2007. Chose Ringwood as his relatives, the Phillipson Family were members.
Started playing golf:	In 1988. Steve also played field hockey at Waverly hockey club as a young fella.
Best golf handicap:	18.8
Golfing achievements:	Has won the Daryl Meehan trophy twice teaming with his dad, Danny. Has been runner-up in the Stableford Championship to Paul Kennett, which is a very sore point. Steve's best score at Ringwood is 79 gross and he is also one of the very rare few to have had 50 Stableford points (2007).
Likes:	Darts (plays darts for the Ringwood Aces on Wednesdays and at Box Hill on Thursdays), /Ford V8's/ Drinking with mates / Mucking around with Xander, his 2 year old nephew.
Dislikes:	Incompetent work mates
Favourite food:	pizza or fish n chips. He's not real fond of vegies.
Something you don't know:	Steve studied Business I.T. for 2 years at RMIT and studied a further 2 years at Swinburne in Telecommunications and I.T. Engineering. (Yep, he's a computer wizard)



Steve has been on the R.G.C. Committee for 4 years as our House convener, doing a top job looking after the bar for us.

Thanks Roo,

Joffa

Committee positions

Are you interested in helping make the Ringwood Golf Club a better club?

The following positions are up for re-election at our September 2014 AGM:

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. House/Bar (vacant 30 June)
4. Assistant Secretary

Position descriptions for the above roles are available from the Secretary (Corinne Dyer).

Social@Ringwood

Trivia Night – Sat. 12 July 2014

The RGC annual Trivia Night completion is on again – this year the theme is **HATS!**

Wacky hats, funny hats, sleek, elegant or downright ugly hats. No matter what hat style you choose to wear you will be in the draw to win a prize.

When: Saturday 12 July

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start

Bring: A plate of goodies to share with your mates – and your **HAT!**

Cost: \$15 per person

Tables: If you can't make up your own table of 8, let Andrew Ford know and he will organise 1 for you.

More information: Check out the Social Noticeboard for more information and to book your place.

Please leave the money for your table/people in an envelope addressed to **Andrew Ford** at the bar clearly writing your name and how many places you need.

2014 RGC golf away weekend

The 2014 away trip is being held over the weekend of 17, 18 and 19 October 2014.

Where: Maroopna and Shepparton.

Dates: Friday 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 Oct.

Cost: TBA

What you get:

- Accommodation
- Lunch on Day 1 (includes one free drink)
- Golf at Maroopna and Shepparton on Saturday and Sunday.

A game of bowls is held at the local Bowls Club on Friday afternoon (at your cost – approx. \$10) or just take a trip around the Greater Shepparton area, a City that has long been synonymous with food and fresh produce.

Don't forget to write your name on the list on the Social Noticeboard and get your deposit paid to Andrew Ford.



Juniors@Ringwood

Pictures and stories by Robert Shaw

Junior Champion

Daisuke Nakajima is the Junior Champion of the Ringwood Golf Club for 2014.

He has been a member of the club for about three years.

Daisuke has come through the junior program and is an integral part of our Junior Pennant Team

He has continued to improve his golf and is very keen to play at a high level.

Daisuke is proudly supported by his parents Midori and Kiego.



This year two new boys joined our Junior Pennant Team.

They are Ruan Lategan (pictured) and Matthew Perrin.



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

Matthew has played in one match and also played in a practice match at Tihatuan Lakes.

Matt has a low handicap and is also enthusiastic about playing in the team.

New Junior – Nathan Hamilton

Hi, my name is Nathan Hamilton and I am 17 years old. I have a part time/casual job at Croydon MacDonald's and currently studying Year 11 VCE at Luther College in Croydon North.

I've enjoyed playing golf ever since I was a little kid but started playing golf much more this past year, on every weekend and as much as possible, to improve my skills and become a better golfer.

I wanted to join Ringwood Golf Club to get an official club handicap and eventually play competition. I love playing golf because it allows you to socialise with friends and meet new people along the way and you are always challenged each time you go around any course because you never play the same shots.

Apart from golf I also play basketball and tennis every week which I have also been playing for many years and enjoy thoroughly.

I am privileged to be able to be a part of Ringwood Golf Club and can't wait to be playing competition

Nathan Hamilton



Senior Pennant 2014

GOLD!

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Ringwood Gold finished on top of their division, with five wins and one loss.

Ringwood defeated Mt. Martha in the final by 1 point! (6 to 5). Mt. Martha had an advantage of 67 strokes on handicap, so the win was very satisfying.

Best players: Eric Engelbogen, Paul Veares, Dave Johnston, Richard Klos

Ringwood Blue also made the final in their division, only to be beaten by Sandringham 6 to 4. Dennis Philipson and Graeme Richards performed well.

Having two teams reach the finals was a first for Ringwood Seniors. All personnel taking part should be congratulated for the performances, and for giving their time to represent our club.

L.J. Flaherty
(Co-ordinator)



2014 Ringwood Charity Golf Day

The Ringwood Golf Club 7th Annual Charity Day will be held this year on Friday 14th November 14.

Over the last 6 years over \$50,000 has been raised for local charities.

This year the nominated charities for this event are **Eastern Palliative Care and Irabina Childhood Autism Services**.

We rely on our generous sponsors and member volunteers for the success of this event, and in past years we have had great support from our members and sponsors.

The committee would welcome any member who would like to become a sponsor or nominate anyone they know who might be interested.

We also would welcome any volunteers who would like to help on the committee.

For any information concerning the Charity Day please contact Barry Dempsey on 0407 328 018 or email me at: barry.dempsey@bigpond.com.

Barry Dempsey
Chairman
Charity Sub Committee



My Chinese grand tour

By Wendy Todd



13 nights in Shanghai, Xi'an and Beijing together with 4 nights cruising the Yangtze 3 Gorges - SNA Educational Tour. Five star hotels (Radisson, Highett etc), the ship was 3-4 star but very comfortable.

Shanghai is very western in many respects - lots of French, English and American influence architecturally and also in the arrangements of streets, boulevards and gardens. Travelled on the fastest train in the world, the MagLev - 30k to the airport and back again, reaching 450kph! - 13 mins each way and then projected up 421 mtrs in the lift of the Jinmau building - 45 seconds each way.



Oriental Pearl TV tower, Jinmao Tower and World Financial Centre (the Bottle Opener).

On one bank there are 52 buildings of different styles, Gothic, Romanesque, Baroque, etc. over a hundred years old, architecturally beautiful banks, hotels, customs house and other commercial and government buildings on the Bund (the old British Consignment) and across the river, what was farm land and swamp only 10-15 years ago, skyscrapers as far as you could see, all lit up at night and on the river, passing commercial and tourist boats strung with red and gold, blue, green and crystal white lights - it was breathtaking. Yes there was "smog" but nothing that bothered any of us health wise.

All the motorways were planted with shrubs in planter boxes along the sides and trees below. The "1000" year old village, about 30K from the city, was a little Venice with canals and stone bridges, narrow lanes and canal banks lined by stall holders, restaurants, residences and food stalls.

We boarded the Yangtze Gold Cruise 7 at Yichang, about 1000km up river from Shanghai. The first sight I had from my balcony cabin were mountains, the tops hidden by cloud. Absolutely beautiful.

The first stop was at the Tribes of Wushan - the Tujia people. The village was built into the walls of a gorge through which water tumbled thousands of feet from the peaks above.



We spent the morning exploring up one side of the tributary and down the other, saw the brown mountain monkeys high up in the rock crevices, a "wedding" ceremony which was a hoot, dear little children and bent up old women, beaming.

In the afternoon we tramped around the huge dam which sent a couple of engineers on the tour into raptures but one dam is like another to me, although I appreciated its proportions. The best part of the dam were the locks - about three I think. We passed through them at night - the ship was so close to the sides I could have reached out and touched them. Each one raised the ship 30-50 metres to a total of 187metres - I was unconscious by then - duty free scotch!

From the ship we bussed it to Chongqing and then flew to Xi'an, home of the terracotta warriors. A lovely city in Szechuan Province. Dad was there with his mate in 1980; only a couple of years after they had discovered the burial grounds of the Emperor Qin (pronounced Chin). It was no more than a village then but now there is a population of 30 of million. The city has beautiful big boulevards, gardens, impressive monuments to the warriors, fabulous shopping, on and on. The people are so proud of their city and families and people of all ages flock around monuments, the city malls, water attractions and parks all through the day, twilight and dark. There is virtually NO SMOKING and no-one is drunk, drugged or abusive. We were only there one night and I would have loved it to be longer.



We travelled by overnight sleeper to Beijing. An adventure but, by choice, not to be repeated. Beijing is an "old girl" done up for the Olympics and I'd say they did a very good job, albeit a lot of the less well to do inhabitants were shunted off to high rise dwellings hundreds of miles away.

The Olympic precinct is pretty quiet these days but the rest of the town is buzzing. Hundreds of 5 star hotels, humungous shopping precincts, five impressive ring roads circling the city, from inside to out. Tiananmen Square is exhaustingly huge.

The Forbidden City was interesting - particularly the quarters of the Last Empress Cixi (pronounced she-she). We visited the Panda Zoo later that afternoon.

Once you've seen one panda eating cane, you've seen them all and we saw four. BUT we watched a monkey with a tiny baby hanging on to her teat. The mother seemed a bit disconcerted and "aunties" kept interfering. She dropped it at one stage, swept it up back to her breast, felt around her bottom and delivered baby monkey's legs and the placenta. Fascinating. She took off into a cave followed by the aunties.

The Great Wall certainly was! But the most amazing sight was the height of the mountains. Majestic!

We were in Beijing five nights at the Hyatt - I felt like a queen. Shopping - The Silk Factory, The Jade Factory, The Porcelain (and crafted wood) Factory, the 7 storey market - each floor had specialties - underwear/cameras/watches etc, Tea Making Ceremony (and shop) and foot massage and reflexology (and Chinese Medicine Shop). Tiring but rewarding!

Best meals - room service carbonara and glass of chardonnay in Xi'an and lunch in the Huton Village, Beijing at the home of Mr Lui, the World Famous Fighting Cricket (insect) Trainer. His wife made a fabulous home cooked banquet - fresh and delicious.



The meals at the restaurants we were taken to, and on the ship, were virtually all the same dishes, only varying in the amount of chilli or salt. Perfectly edible, nutritious but boring with one or two exceptions. Breakfasts in the hotels were a treat.

I couldn't recommend this trip and SNA more highly. Superbly arranged and catered, friendly, intelligent, attentive and intuitive guides and an amazing country.



From the Captain

Grant Stack

Pennant

For the first time that I can remember all male pennant sides have made a finals appearance.

Earlier in the year the junior side under the watchful eye of Laurie Shaw and his helpers made the final against Brighton. In a close contest we were unable to get over the line. Still, a great effort by all players/caddies/supporters and helpers involved for the season.

Congratulations to both senior teams for making the final.

Ringwood Gold were able to bring home a pennant, while Ringwood Blue were narrowly defeated.

Thank you to Len Flaherty, Richard Klos and Frank Pickering for running the senior sides this year. Your help is invaluable.

For the first time in 18 years RGC were represented in Division 1 Scratch Pennant. It was a great effort by the team to make the final but unfortunately they went down to Lakeside at Werribee.

Congratulations to our Handicap Pennant team who won the Division 4 flag this year. Lead by Darren Walton and Mark Hegarty, the team were top all year and were able to finish their dominance in the final.

They now move to Division 3 for the 2015 season!

Finally, a massive thank you to all of the caddies/supporter/ bus drivers and bar staff which gave up their Sundays to help and support our teams and provide how much of a strong club we are within the VGL.

My final thank you goes to our ever present chief cook and bottle washer, Mr. Roger Blokkerus, your help thru-out the season Roger was invaluable.

And the winners were

For those of you who haven't caught up with the latest championship results please join us in congratulating the following winners:

Foursomes Trophy – Darren Jewell and Steve Pell
President's Trophy – Tom O'Regan and Ron Robinson

Hawaii 2015

Want to visit Hawaii on a golfing trip in 2015?

Included in the cost is:

- 10 nights' accommodation 3 star self-contained apartment or condo as they are called in Hawaii at Aqua Resorts Waikiki.
- Children are under 12. Price is \$2,085.00.
- All airport transfers and taxes and travel insurance.
- Return flights ex Melbourne via Sydney to Hawaii with Hawaiian Airlines a full service carrier, including extra baggage.
- 4 rounds of 18 holes of golf including cart and transfers to/from the course. Sightseeing activities arranged for the non-golfers.
- Luau Welcome Dinner with return transfers.
- Price is locked in, no further currency fluctuations are expected unless Flight dates need to be changed.
- Contact Tanya Taber on (07) 5444 6053 and tanya@ttgolf.com.au to book please complete the booking form and if you have any questions.
- Non-refundable deposit of \$450 per person due seven days after confirmation. Balance due eight weeks prior to departure.

Tentative dates are Sunday 9th March 2015, return Thurs 19th March 2015 – to be confirmed by TTGolf.

Cost: Is \$3,342 per person plus own spending money.



Just for laughs!

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!"



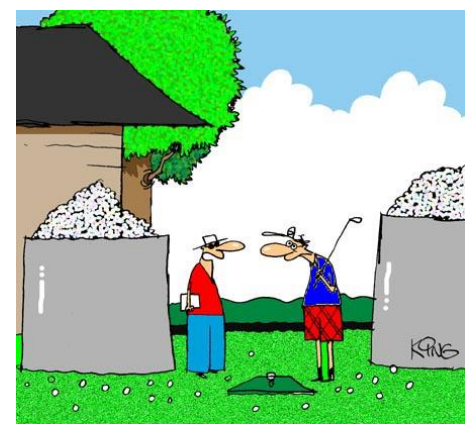
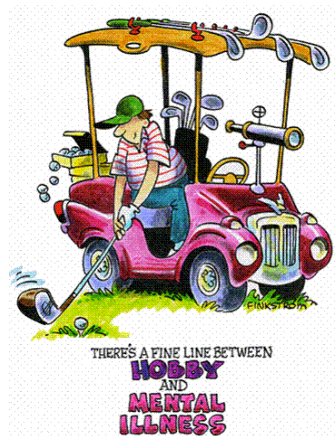
Are you getting too many Seniors Moments??

Many of our members are in the dubious ranks of being a senior – you find out suddenly when you get offered a seat in a train (doesn't happen too often but there you go). It's nothing to worry about, we can belay those fears immediately.

A recent German study has found that the brain *does not* lose its function as it gets older.

It's just that older peoples brain have accumulated a lifetime of information and like an over loaded computer it takes longer to process. Whereas the young may seem more alert and on the ball but, when you think about it they are only working with half a brain load! So, the longer it takes you to recall something the more information (or crap) you have on board.

Roy Turner



"The way I see it, you're only 13 million range balls away from taking 2 strokes off your game."

Melanoma

A few Facts; Melanoma is a type of skin cancer. Australia and New Zealand have the highest rates of melanoma in the world. More than 10,000 people are diagnosed with melanoma in Australia every year. It is the fourth most common cancer in both men and women, including young Australians aged 15 to 44 (20% of all cases). Not always due to sun exposure it can be hereditary. Melanoma can occur anywhere on the body, spread if not treated. In men, it's more common on the back.

Women get more melanomas on their legs.

A few years ago I had a melanoma removed from my back. The point of this article - I didn't know it was there. My good wife - ex-nurse - spotted it and suggested I get it checked out. Caught very early it was not deep and easy to remove. It was operated on without delay. A leaf shape was removed then closed off for a near invisible scar. I had to return for three monthly, then half yearly inspections. Of course I insisted a reverse "inspection" which

resulted in one being removed from her back even though it was not malignant. Look for irregular brown to black spots.

A number of members have had skin cancers removed from the face but it would be sensible to mark your calendars for a regular inspection by your partner/doctor of the places you can't eyeball yourself. The earlier diagnosed the better.

Be informed;
www.cancervic.org.au/melanoma
there are other sites for pictures.

Roy Turner

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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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