



BACK ROW: GLENN, DARREN, NICK, GEOFF AND BEN **FRONT ROW:** JUDY, HELEN & DONNA

Fore! RGC Newsletter Nov. 2015

GEOFF WALLIS - PRESIDENT

From the President

by Geoff Wallis

G'Day fellow members,
It's fantastic to see the sun out and hear the birds chirping. It's certainly a great time of year to be a golfer!

Our A.G.M. was once again held in September. To those members that came along and supported us on the night, thank you!

As usual we had some changes to our committee and on behalf of all members a big thank you to our outgoing members Paul Kennett, Grant Stack, Corinne Dyer and Andrew Ford, for all the hard work that you have done for R.G.C. during your committee time.

We welcomed Ben Boyd as Vice President, Darren Walton as Captain, Donna Carter as Secretary and Justin Kyatt as Assistant Secretary.

We have just returned from a terrific club trip away to the Numurkah Golf Club. It was a really well organised event with plenty of fun, some good golf and as always it was great to spend time with each other. Thanks to Fordy and all helpers for your efforts in organising the weekend.

Ringwood Golf Club turns 50 years old in the near future. It is a fabulous achievement for any local sporting club. Please keep an eye out on our website and notice boards for upcoming celebrations. Good luck with your golf, I hope that you hit it straighter than me!

I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Our new committees

General Committee

President: Geoff Wallis
Vice President: Ben Boyd
Lady President: Judy Sheehan
Secretary: Donna Carter
Asst. Secretary: Justin Kyatt
Treasurer: Glenn Paton
Captain: Darren Walton
House Convener: Helen King
Social: Nick Plant

Lady Sub-Committee

Lady President: Judy Sheehan
Vice President: Trish Perry
Secretary: Julie Challen
Treasurer: Glenys Harrison
Captain: Anne Timms
Vice-Captain: Pam Happ
Handicapper: Sharon Cousins
Trophy Manager: Pam Hegarty
Social/Catering: Jo Lee
General: Faye Morris and Sandra Luby

Ladies@Ringwood

Ringwood/Dorset Challenge – Winners Dorset Golf Club 250 to 230.



Anne Timms and Mary Day – Best score of the day



Anne and Mary with Dorset Vice-Captain and Vice-



Anne presenting the trophy to Stef from the Dorset Club the 2015 winners of the Ringwood/Dorset challenge.

2015 Ringwood Bowl

Winners: Morack Ladies – 105

The ladies who took part in the Ringwood Dorset Challenge



Ringwood Bowl Teams



Ringwood Lady Life Members

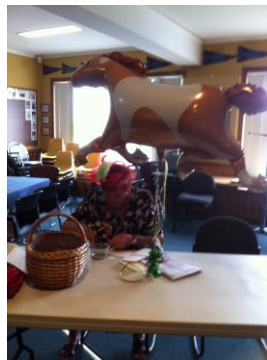


Ladies Mixed Memorial Day

Winners: Sharon Cousins and Dave Johnston
Runners-up: Graeme Mahoney and Faye Morris



Oaks Day 2015



News from the Club Captain

by Darren Walton

A reminder to all members in regards to Saturday tee time cancellations

Saturday tee times are high demand spots for both RGC members and the public. All members are requested to be considerate of all with a tee time they have booked and no longer intend to use. Timely notification to the Pro Shop in the week prior assists everyone in getting to enjoy the golf course on a Saturday.

Saturday tee-time cancellation procedures

If you are unable to play on a particular Saturday you must cancel your booking with the Pro-shop prior to the close of business on the Wednesday preceding your Saturday game. When this protocol is adhered to paid Green Fees are automatically carried to the next booked-in tee-time. There are no cash refunds.

If you are not playing and fail to cancel your booking, your name may be removed from that tee-time for the duration of that booking sequence. After the third non-cancellation, a loss of tee-time will result. On the fourth non-cancellation Maroondah Leisure Members will be written to, and advised that this and any further infringements will have the appropriate Green Fees added to the next invoice statement.

R&A Rules of Golf changes

The R&A have made changes to the Rules of Golf that come into effect 1 January 2016. New rule books are available from the club. The key changes are outlined in the following section

Among the most significant of the changes in the 2016 edition of the Rules are the following:

- *Withdrawal of Rule on Ball Moving after Address* - Rule 18-2b (Ball Moving after Address) has been withdrawn. This means that if a ball at rest moves after the player addresses it, the player is no longer automatically deemed to have caused the ball to move. A one-stroke penalty under Rule 18-2 will be applied only when the facts show that the player has caused the ball to move.
- *Limited Exception to Disqualification Penalty for Submission of Incorrect Score Card* - A new exception has been introduced to Rule 6-6d (Wrong Score for Hole) to provide that a player is not disqualified for returning a lower score for a hole than actually taken as a result of failing to include penalty strokes that the player did not know were incurred before returning the score card. Instead, the player incurs the penalty under the Rule that was breached and must add an additional penalty of two strokes for the score card error. In all other cases in which a player returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, the penalty will continue to be disqualification.
- *Modification of Penalty for a Single Impermissible Use of Artificial Devices or Equipment* - The penalty for a player's first breach of Rule 14-3 (Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Abnormal Use of Equipment) during the round has been reduced from disqualification to loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. The penalty for any subsequent breach of Rule 14-3 will continue to be disqualification.
- *Prohibition on Anchoring the Club While Making a Stroke* - As announced in May 2013, the new Rule 14-1b (Anchoring the Club) prohibits anchoring the club either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point" in making a stroke. The penalty is loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play.
- *Distance-Measuring Device Local Rule: Relaxation so that Players now Only in Breach if they actually Use a Non-Conforming Feature* (for competitions where distance measuring devices are permitted). The local rule on distance-measuring devices has been relaxed so that there will no longer be a penalty if a player uses a device with a non-conforming feature but does not actually use the non-conforming feature itself. (Distance-measuring devices may only be used in competitions where the committee has the local rule in effect.)

Men's Scratch, Handicap and Senior Pennant for 2016

Notices are up in the Club for those members wishing to represent the RGC in Scratch, Handicap and seniors pennant in 2016. Pennant is a great test of your golf, so if you are interested please put your name down on the sheet and attend the relevant meeting at the club as outlined in the Notices.

Don't want play Pennant but have some spare time available? Then the Scratch and Handicap pennant squads are looking for a Match day manager to run the team on the day. If you are interested then contact the Club captain.

RGC garden bed book updates

Recently the course was reviewed in regards to our local rule of garden beds. As a result of this review, new garden Bed books will be available in the club in early December 2015.

Joffa puts the spotlight on Glenn Paton (RGC Treasurer)



Born:	3rd February, 1963
Place of birth:	Bundaberg, Queensland
Siblings:	4 brothers, 2 sisters
Schooling:	State school
Family:	Partner Clare, 3 children plus Clare has 3 children however we don't have a housekeeper named Alice
Nickname:	Grub
Employment:	Happily retired
First Job:	Farm hand on a tobacco and small crops farm
When did you move to Melbourne?	Moved to Melbourne in 2006.
When and where did you start playing golf:	Bagara Golf Club in 1993
Joined RGC:	2008. Turned up for induction and found out we sold XXXX Gold. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven.
Golfing Achievements:	If drinking after a game or on a golf trip count then countless otherwise runner up C grade club championships at Bagara golf club.
Best golf handicap:	10
Footy Team:	Brisbane Lions
Favourite Band:	Queen
Favourite Food:	Steak
Favourite Drink:	XXXX Gold
Idols when growing up:	My dad
Glenn's 3 wishes:	Travel the world, Own a beamer and a perfect round of golf.
Glenn's selected dinner party guests:	Norman Von Nida (Best Golf Coach), Norman Gunston (comic relief), Raquel Welch and Joffa
Favourite music:	60s (don't judge me)
Hobbies:	Golf, Babysitting grandchildren, Retirement
Likes:	Good food, good company.
Dislikes:	Being late, painting.
Some things we don't know about Glenn:	I was an extra in the movie "The Mango Tree". I play golf right handed and pool left handed.

Ringwood Golf Club turns 50 this year!

The Ringwood Golf Club recently brought up its 50th year. Part of the anniversary celebrations will be an afternoon tea at the clubrooms on Sunday 31 January 2016 to which all members past and present are cordially invited.

In 1964 a handful of keen golfers got together to plan the initial steps in the club formation. A constitution was drawn up and Gerry Smart (Mayor of the Borough of Ringwood 1972/1973) was elected as President of the Eastfield Golf Club, which at that point played on the Olinda Course.

Greens fees, annual subscriptions and competition fees have climbed a bit in the last five or so decades, when our annual fee was an amazing £3.3s with a 3 shilling comp. fee! At that time, there were only nine holes. When the first round was completed, golfers would get in line to play the same nine holes again.

The following September (1965) the name was changed to the Ringwood Golf Club and moved from the Olinda Golf Course to Chirnside Park where members played until 1972. Our home has been at the Ringwood Golf Course ever since.

The club has certainly come a long way since its humble beginnings with a membership base of over 400, most of which play in one of the clubs six weekly competitions.

To connect with the Ringwood 50th Anniversary team for more details email: rgc50anniversay@gmail.com.

Celebrations start on: Monday 25 January 2016 through to Sunday 31 January 2016 with a week of golfing events.

Days of play are: Monday 25 January (mixed), Tuesday for the Mudlarks, Wednesday men's competition, and Thursday ladies competition (18 and 9 holes), Thursday afternoon Hylton's Hero's and Saturday (mixed) the final completion of the week. Each overall winner of the day will be presented with a 50th Anniversary Trophy on Sunday 31 January 2016.

Open invitation:

The committee invites all past and present members of the club to join them on Sunday 31 January 2016 for a light afternoon tea and a catch-up with those you haven't seen for a long time.

Prizes: Apart from the usual prizes, each overall winner on the day of play will receive a commemorate crystal trophy to be presented on Sunday 31 January at our afternoon tea at our clubrooms from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

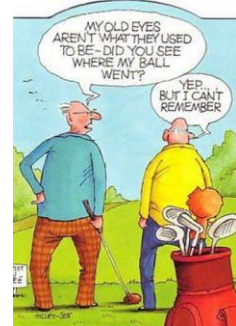
Need more information?

Please contact Geoff Wallis, Judy Sheehan, Des Pinfold, Charlie Martin or Corinne Dyer.

Judy Sheehan takes a holiday

Judy recently travelled to Vietnam for five rounds of golf, over 10 days. She played at the Jeongsan Country Club, Twin Doves out of Saigon then travelled on to Hoi An and played Laguna, Montgomerie and Danang Golf Club. She said that although these courses were immaculate they were all were riddled with bunkers.

Here are a few happy snaps of her recent trip



Edna and the Post Office

There was a man who worked for NZ Post whose job was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address. He thought he should open it to see what it was about.

The letter read:

Dear God

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension payment.

Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with, have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope... Can you please help me? Sincerely, Edna

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few dollars.

By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman. The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends.

Christmas came and went.

A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read:

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift.

By the way, there was \$4 missing. I think it might have been those bastards at the post office.

Sincerely, Edna

Presentation night 2015

When: Saturday 21 November

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm @

Where: RGC clubroom

Cost: \$20 per head

Dress: Smart casual (no denim)

Our guest entertainer is Dylan Raath a young local entertainer with all the golden oldies at hand and plenty of requests.

This is a fully catered event with a spit roast buffet and dessert.

Raffles drawn on the night with heaps of great prizes to be won.

Come along and join in the fun. For more information on how to get your tickets and reserve a table, contact one of our committee members.



Charity Day 13 November 2015

There was great excitement at the Ringwood Golf Course on Friday 13th Nov 15 when Daniel Cooper from Maroondah Heating and Cooling won \$10,000 for a hole-in-one sponsored by Austbrokers Countrywide. It was the RGC 8th Annual Charity Day with proceeds for the day donated to two local charities - Eastern Palliative Care and Irabina Childhood Autism Services. The event is fully supported by the Maroondah City Council in conjunction with the course management and staff who prepared the course in excellent condition. Over 30 local businesses supported the day as sponsors. We thank everyone involved who once again supported this very successful event made very special by the hole-in-one on the 16th hole.

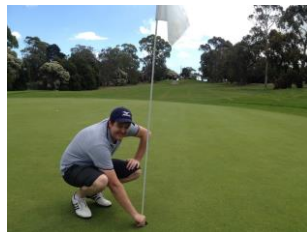


Winner of \$10,000 **hole-in-one** 16th Hole Sponsored by Austbrokers Countrywide was Daniel Cooper from Maroondah Heating and Cooling playing with Marc Wilson from Austbrokers Countrywide. (LH side)

Winners of Ambrose 4's Event – Dave Cullen, Daniel Cooper, Marc Wilson and Jonathon Lowe. (MH and C and Austbrokers Countrywide).



Charity Day continued



Membership subscription renewal

Your 2015/16 membership subscription renewal is due by the 30 November 2015. Memberships not renewed by 1 December will be unfinancial and members will be ineligible to win any competitions.

If you do not renew by 31 December your Golf Link card will be cancelled.

Nice lie Bob!

Bob Bramble was NOT having a good golf day – and no, we didn't allow him to have a preferred lie.



Ringwood golf trip away – October 2015

The recent trip away was a great success – the winners for the weekend are:

Overall winners: Men - Steve Evans (73) Women – Sharon Thompson (64)

Saturday :	Sunday :
A grade – Steve Pell (35) ; B grade – Hugh Gordon (36) ; C grade – Roy Turner (40) and Ladies : Kerry Kennett (31)	A grade – Grant Stack (37) ; B grade – Steve Homans (37) ; C grade – Russell Smith (37) and Ladies : Donna Carter (30)
NTPs : 2 nd S Pell, 4th P Kennett, 7th S Pell, 15th A Pekkarinen, 18th and G Paton	NTPs : 2 nd G Stack, 7th D Blyth, 15th G Beer and 18th R Smith
Longest drive : A grade : G Wallis, B grade S Homans, C grade A Pekkarinen and Ladies D Carter	Longest drive : A grade G Wallis, B grade G Paton, C grade G Straton and Ladies J Logan



Denise Patricia Rostron - 14 September 1950 – 7 November 2015

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to Denise. She was a good club member and a good friend to many. Our condolences to go Jim and their family. Rest in Peace Denise.



Have you moved house? Changed your phone number? Changed your email address?

Then you need to log on to MiClub at ringwood.miclub.com.au and make your changes. Your user name is your membership number i.e. 123 or 9999, your password is the day and month of your birth i.e. 0110 (1 October).

Make your changes now to help us get our database and the 2016 syllabus right.

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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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