



From the Presidents chair.

As we close each year, we spend time reflecting on what has and what might have happened during the past 12 months.

For most of us good memories spring to mind, however, for others sadness overtakes as we come to grips with health issues and loss of loved ones. In my house as in many others we have experienced both this year.

This is Christmas, a time to gather as family and friends, a time to give not receive. A time to be generous and caring for those less fortunate and are experiencing loneliness.

We have often said that our golf club is like family. We develop special relationships, some stretch over many years, some are new. It costs nothing to bring a spark of warmth into someone's life just by showing that you care.

To each of our members (family) I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and be assured that there are those who understand and care. Remember the good shots you played this year as they will bring a warm smile to your face.

Allan Peake

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What's been happening at RGC!

Golf Trip Away – Howlong Golf Club

We had 44 members travel to Howlong on the weekend of October 18th – 20th. Friday saw a two-person Ambrose 9-hole event, followed by two days of 18-hole Stableford. A lot of fun was had by all, including some wine tasting, Nick's trivia and largely unlucky punting! Overall winner for the weekend was Grant Stack with Celia McKeon runner up. Pictures from the weekend were placed up on the social board but here are our winners collecting their prizes. ☺ Big thanks to Nick Plant for organizing and it is back to Howlong again next year. For information on this and other Golfing events, keep an eye on the Social board or read below.



Charity Day

Possibly our last ever Charity Day was held on Friday 15th November. This year we were again at capacity with 94 participants playing an ambrose event from 12:30pm. Winners on the day were Kilsyth Carpets with Austbrokers Countrywide runners up. Kilsyth Carpets have been long-time supporters of our Charity day and this was the first time they have won the event. A huge thank you to all the sponsors and especially the helpers on the day, without them the day would not run so smoothly. Proceeds from the day raised a generous \$10k, which is split between the two chosen charities; Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc and Croydon Special Development School. Below is the winning Kilsyth Carpets team and sub-committee members Barry Dempsey and Trish Perry presenting the cheques to the charity representatives.





Presentation Night

Our annual presentation night was well supported on Saturday November 23rd. Pictures from the night are up on the social board but here are a few that depict what a great night was had. Our club champion Steve Pell performed on drums with a guest appearance on Bass from Leigh Biggerstaff. Congratulations once again to all those who were successful this year.





Ladies Guest Day

On Thursday 28th November, the ladies guest day attracted 34 visitors to our club. One guest found our course rather easy, acing the 5th hole – what a great effort. Ambrose was the format with the winning team on the day having a net 51.625. Below is the team of Jo Logan, Sue Stanley, Theresa Tong and Jan Woolley being congratulated by Glenys Harrison and Maria Kohut.



Ladies Presentation Luncheon

Our lady members celebrated the year on Thursday 5th December at Eastwood Golf Club. Club champion for the second consecutive year is Jayne Collis. Look at those grins below. ☺ Congratulations to all the ladies who played well this year.





Upcoming Events at RGC

Saturday January 18th 2020 – Memorial Day, Mixed Foursomes

Each year we recognize and pay tribute to those members that have passed away. The format of the day is Mixed Foursomes (alternate shots). A luncheon is provided afterwards. Registrations are available now in MiClub bookings.

Club Championships Men/Summer Cup Women - February

Held over four Saturdays in February, the Men's Club Championships are the pinnacle of the male golfing calendar. Tee times may be altered on the last two weeks of Championships to allow a seeded draw for the top four in each grade.

Keeping You Updated

World Handicap System

In the last week of January 2020, the World Handicap System will be implemented in Australia. Australia has already implemented most of the new system but it will mean some changes in the way that handicaps are calculated.

Players may see a slight change to their existing handicaps following the implementation. One option under the new system was, at each Clubs discretion, to increase maximum handicaps for both Men and Women. Ringwood has elected to maintain the existing maximum handicaps of 36 for Men and 45 for Women. Information sessions will be conducted following competitions during January.

Graeme Miller

Social – Expressions of Interest

Due to the fact that our club golf trip away is limited for places, I am trying to gauge if a second trip would be supported by the members. I have placed an expression of interest up on the social board. If you would be interested to go for a mid-week (possibly Sun to Tues or Mon to Wed) golf trip or just would like to travel to other courses for a day trip, then please fill in the sheet and give me your feedback and suggestions. If enough people show interest, then I will organize and keep you informed.

Jo Logan

We welcome your contribution.

Do you have something of interest for our community, have you been away golfing somewhere new or exotic? Have an interesting fact, a milestone birthday celebration or a funny tale that you know everyone would like to hear about? Then email: ringwoodgc@bigpond.com to ensure it gets included in the next edition of Fore!

To all our members
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Stay safe and enjoy your Golf over the
festive season.

