

## From the President

Dear RGC members

We are all experiencing some major changes and unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic effecting our golf club and our competitions. Along with most of you I am finding life very different, especially not being able to play golf and socialize around the club. I hope those of you who don't cope so well with the restrictions can find some ways to keep active and have open communication with loved ones.

I received information regarding some health issues for a few of our members. I have made contact with these members or their family and conveyed our best wishes and prayers. Our thoughts are with them during these unusually difficult times and we look forward to seeing their faces back at the club very soon.

I would like to wish all our members a safe and happy Easter and look forward to rekindling a healthy club spirit when we return to what we knew as normal.

Stay safe and keep well.

Allan Peake

President



# Fore! Ringwood Golf Club newsletter Easter Edition 2020

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## What's been happening at RGC!

### Pennant

Women's and Senior's pennant, which had started, has been suspended until further notice. The VGL are hoping to be able to resume these competitions later in the year if the schedule permits.

Scratch & Handicap Pennant has been cancelled for the 2020 season.

### Mixed Foursomes

The mixed foursomes were held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January with 96 pairs participating. Congratulations to the winning pair of Bernie & Theresa Tong with a net score of 65. They will represent Ringwood at the VGL Mixed Foursomes in November.

### Club Championships – Men

It was very fortunate that our club championships were completed before the COVID-19 pandemic. Held over the four Saturdays in February, the winners should be congratulated for their efforts and great golf play. Well done also to the runners up in each grade.

- Club Champion – Steven Pell (3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year)
- B Grade Champion – Syd Wheatley
- C Grade Champion – John Donald
- D Grade Champion – Dennis Hesketh

Pictured below, members gather on the 10<sup>th</sup> supporting the lead group. Note the crowd control – Quiet Please! ☺



### 13<sup>th</sup> Beach VIC Open

A few of our members volunteered or attended 13<sup>th</sup> Beach in February for the VIC Open. If you had a keen eye, you would have seen two RGC members even made the News! When you run into them next, be sure to ask for their autograph. 😊





## Ladies Update

### Octogenarian Recipients

The VGL are happy to issue Octogenarian certificates to members who turn eighty and have contributed to the club in various ways. Previously RGC has not taken advantage of this since 2010 but I have reintroduced this and on 11<sup>th</sup> March this year, Anne Grant turned 80. The ladies presented her with her certificate after our Thursday game. A copy of her certificate is on the notice board for all to see, congratulations to Anne and here's to many more days of golf when we return.



## Volunteer Appreciation

In January these lovely ladies spend a few hours giving the kitchen a good spring clean. It is these jobs that get done behind the scenes that most members are not aware of and don't appreciate the effort involved. Thank you to these ladies and all our members who regularly volunteer their time to keep our clubrooms spick and span. The committee also decided in January to have the carpets and chairs steam cleaned. I'm sure you noticed the improvement it made, now to be allowed back into our rooms to enjoy the space!





## Bushfire Fundraiser

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Marysville Golf Club held a fundraiser for Bushfire relief. Four of our ladies competed. It was a great day on a very pretty course and a very well-run event. One interesting aspect of the game was being able to buy unlimited mulligans at \$2 each, if only I had brought more money with me.... ☺



Best wishes and stay safe

Glenys Harrison

Lady President



## Keeping You Updated

### Competition Suspension

As you are now aware through previous communication, Competition Golf at our Club is on hold for an indefinite period. In view of this, the following steps have been taken:

1. The current syllabus is now not applicable. A new syllabus will be drafted once we know when Competition will resume.
2. As the duration of this situation is unknown, it may be necessary to cancel some Major Competitions this year.
3. Major Competitions which are currently partially completed are suspended and we hope that we will be able to complete these later in the year.
4. Online bookings have now ceased.
5. All existing prizes will remain in the system. There will be no automatic purging after 12 months.

We still have 10 x Major Saturday Competitions left to play this year with several of these played over multiple rounds. There are also 5 x Thursday Ladies, and 2 x Wednesday Mens Major Competitions left to play or complete with some of these also over multiple rounds.

With no idea yet, but the prospect of at least a few months without Competition, it seems inevitable that some of our Major Competitions will need to be abandoned or modified this year.

Once we know when we can resume Competitions, we will provide a new syllabus as quickly as possible.

Regards

Graeme Miller

## Social – Trivia/Games Night – July 2020

Stay tuned for more information once the pandemic is under control and we are back to some normality. A fun night of trivia, games and more. Until then, here are some teasers to keep you entertained. Answers next newsletter. (No cheating please!).

- **Who am I?** – Born in Atlanta, Georgia on March 17, 1902. My father was a Colonel in the Army and also a Lawyer. I battled health issues as a boy and was introduced to Golf as a strengthening tool for my body. I took to golf like a duck to water and won my first amateur tournament at 6 yrs of age. I am most famous for winning the unique “Grand Slam”, victory in all four major golf tournaments (the open and amateur championships in both the US and UK) in a single calendar year (1930). During my career I played mostly as an amateur, competing in 31 majors, winning 13 before I retired in 1930 at age 28. After competitive golf, I founded and helped design the Augusta National Golf Club and co-founded the Masters Tournament. I also co-developed the first set of matched steel-shafted clubs. To this day, they are still considered one of the best-designed sets ever made. I battled health issues again later in life with Syringomyelia confining me to a wheelchair. I passed away on December 18, 1971 aged 69.
- Which golfing legend started out playing as a child and junior, only using a 3 iron and a putter?
  - A. Jack Newton
  - B. Tiger Woods
  - C. Seve Ballesteros
  - D. Phil Mickelson
- What female golfers’ high school nickname was “Taco”?
- Robert and David played several golf matches against each other in a week. They played for a pizza at each match, but no pizzas were purchased until the end of the week. If at any time Robert and David had the same number of wins, those pizzas were cancelled. Robert won four matches (but no pizzas), and David won three Pizzas. How many rounds of golf were played?



Name these courses?



## 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](mailto:ringwoodgc@bigpond.com) to ensure it gets included in the next edition of Fore!

To all our members

Look after yourselves and each other

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Have a very safe and healthy Easter

