

From the Presidents Chair

As we near the end of the year we could be forgiven if we felt robbed of a part of the year 2020. So much has impacted on every one of us and there are countless stories of hardship, both physical and emotional. If we were to continue as though nothing happened, we would only be fooling ourselves.

Fortunately, there have been many positives that we can take from "a COVID 19 year".

During lockdown many members connected via phone, internet and outdoor exercise. These connections assist many to stay positive and perhaps form stronger relationships, especially within our club.

We are not far from commencing a new year but for many, Christmas this year will be more meaningful as they reconnect with family and friends.

In our house we look outward in the belief that we can have an impact on those less fortunate. The old adage of "it is better to give than receive" is probably more relevant this year.

To all members, I wish you all a very special Christmas. I hope that you can put aside the negatives and focus on a New Year with hope and prosperity.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Allan Peake
President



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What's been happening at RGC!

Welcome Back!

Before COVID struck hard and our Club was shut down and our lives became very different for a while, we were blessed with good weather and the ability to compete in some competitions. Although not many events were successfully finished, we did manage to complete the Club Championships for Men and the Ladies completed the Stableford and Eclectic events. Please attend on the 19th December to congratulate the winners!

When we did return mid-year, our golf was played in a social setting, but that didn't stop some members who couldn't forgo that competitive vibe. Thanks to a Professor at Monash, the COVID Cup was born. Darren Walton took the coveted prize week 1 and Geoff Wallis the following week. Luckily the win didn't come with a dose of the Corona. Although I'm sure a few cold ones were enjoyed at home. 😊





Ladies Update

Well, it's been a year with a difference, but we have had great communication with our regular emails from Glenys and our members during the year.

We have had many members that have been unwell and have been in our thoughts, it's good to hear that most have had a healthy recovery. To our members that are still having troubles, we wish you a strong and healthy recovery. Sadly, some members have passed away and our thoughts are with their families at this sad time. We will pay our respects and remember them at our Memorial Day late January 2021.

During COVID 19 our ladies have been busy working in their gardens, painting their homes, renovating, cooking, sewing, knitting, doing a lot of difficult jigsaws, taking their dogs for long walks around their 5kms radius, home schooling, photo guessing competition and we've also had quite a few member's become Grand Parents and Great Grand Parents. Some lucky members managed to escape Victoria in July and travel to NSW and QLD.

Two of our lady members, Anne Grant and Pam Hegarty, have received "Octogenarian Awards" from the VGL for their 80th Birthdays and for their hard work and commitment to our club. Congratulations to Anne and Pam.

To all our lady members, I wish you all the very best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year with Good Golfing.

Julie Challen
Lady President



Captains Update

It's great to be back playing golf and enjoying the clubrooms after an interrupted 2020. The match committee have made some subtle changes to the opening of booking sheets. There may be further changes to come, stay tuned.

We met with Maroondah Leisure this week and they have informed us they intend to do major works on the 17th & 11th holes beginning in March 2021. These holes will have workarounds in place so we can continue to play 18 holes.

Pennant season is almost upon us, we are seeking expressions of interest for scratch, handicap, seniors and ladies who would like to represent the club. Please write your name on the pennant board if you're interested or contact Nic Walton for further information.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.
Happy Golfing

Martin Rose
Captain (and Trivia Champ!) ☺



Upcoming events at RGC

Christmas Break-up

RGC Christmas Breakup Saturday 19th December

- Lets join together after the Ambrose round for some Christmas cheer.
 - We also have a few presentations to hand out and celebrate.
- Light luncheon provided after the AGM & during Presentations (approx. 1 - 1:30pm). Christmas spinning wheel raffle.
- Any dietary needs please let me know on 0408927980 & jologan08@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.



Mixed Foursomes & Memorial Day – Saturday 30th January

Saturday 30th January 2021 is our Mixed Foursomes and Memorial Day. Please come along and enjoy the company of fellow members as we pay tribute and remember those we have lost in the past year. A luncheon will be provided after the game.

Social



Lockdown Trivia

Huge congratulations to Martin Rose on winning the lockdown trivia challenge. Thank you to those who participated and hopefully the questions had you thinking! 😊

Trivia Answers from Easter Edition

- Who am I? – Born in Atlanta, Georgia on March 17, 1902. My father was a Colonel in the Army and also a Lawyer. – **Robert Tyre Jones Jr (Bobby Jones)**
- Which golfing legend started out playing as a child and junior, only using a 3 iron and a putter? **A. Seve Ballesteros**
- What female golfers' high school nickname was "Taco"? – **Nancy Lopez**
- 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? – **11 Games (David won 7 matches, 4 to cancel out Robert's 4 wins, and 3 more to win the pizzas).**



Bonville Golf Club, Coffs Harbour NSW



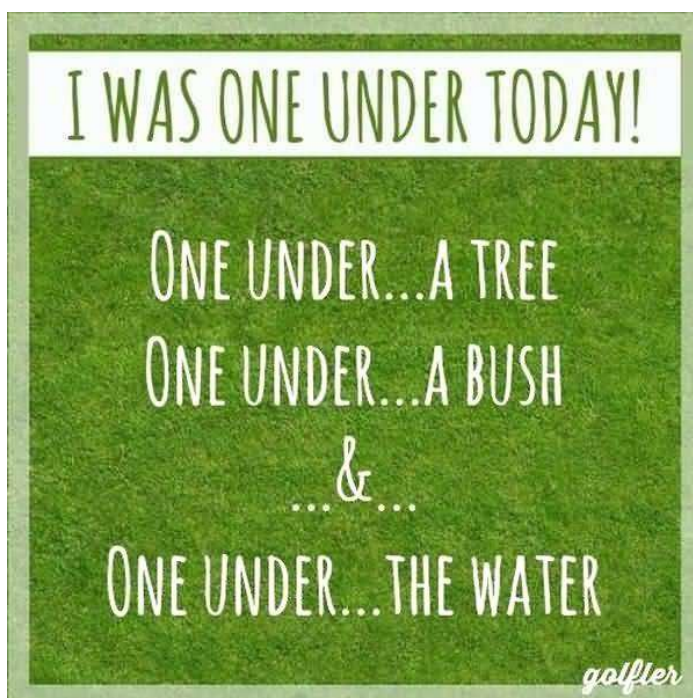
Norfolk Island Golf Club

Golf Trip to Corowa – Friday Oct 15th to Sunday Oct 17th, 2021.

The annual trip is to Corowa next year. With limited spaces available, get in quick to book your spot. A list will go up on the Social board after Christmas.

Different to previous years, we will require a deposit from each attendee of **\$100.00**, payable by **February 7th, 2021**.

Please pay into **BSB 633 000 Account No 133874834** – the Clubs Direct Account. Please use your name as reference and email Jo Logan on jologan08@gmail.com or SMS 0408927980. Further information will be communicated in due course.



Bonus Extras

The Masters – Did you know?

The Masters is one of the most unusual events in sports. It's all about tradition, and it's defined by a set of odd rules and customs that just don't exist outside of Augusta National. It's great. We compiled the oddest traditions that make the Masters and Augusta one of a kind.

Food prices are ridiculously low.

Tipping is banned.

Cell phones are prohibited at all times.

Cameras are not permitted during the tournament.

It's one of the only places in the US where there are long lines to use the pay phones.

There's a huge fence around the course to keep out animals.

There has been one deer sighting in the last 65 years.

Only four minutes of commercials per hour are allowed during broadcast and no blimps are allowed.

TV commentators are not allowed to refer to fans as "fans" or "spectators". They are to be called "patrons".

The rough is to be referred to as the "second cut".

Players had to use local caddies provided by Augusta until 1983.

Players are allowed to use their own caddies now, but they have to wear the Augusta uniform – green hat & white jumpsuit.

Like many golf courses, there is good fishing at Augusta National, but the players don't like to talk about it because it is forbidden.

Fans, oops, we mean patrons, are not allowed to wear their hat backwards.

Patrons can bring collapsible chairs to sit on, but those chairs are not allowed to have armrests.

Running is not allowed, unless you are a player.

Grounds crew members used to wear hard hats.

There is an odd myth that the grounds crew at Augusta packs the azalea plants with ice if spring comes early. The idea is that this will keep the plants from flowering too soon before the tournament.

There is a house located in the middle of the Augusta National parking lot because the owners refuse to sell it.

The family has reportedly turned down "millions".

You can't apply to become a member at Augusta.

It is nearly impossible to become a member at Augusta. You have to be nominated by a current member, and new initiations are not

generally accepted unless someone leaves or dies. The total membership hovers around 300.

Augusta is closed in the summer to keep the course in pristine shape.

Even the press conference podium is immaculate.

Players are given a brand-new Mercedes for use during the week.

Golf cart drivers who are hired to drive the players around Augusta National also pick up the golfers at the airport in the Mercedes they will be using. The cars also have a number in the back window so that employees can always identify the players by which car they are in.

You can go to jail for selling tickets, scalping is strictly forbidden.

You can only ask for autographs in one part of the course.

The bunkers at Augusta are filled with mining waste. They are actually composed of waster product from the mining of aluminium. The mining process produces waste in the form of really bright, pure quartz – that's what Augusta uses.

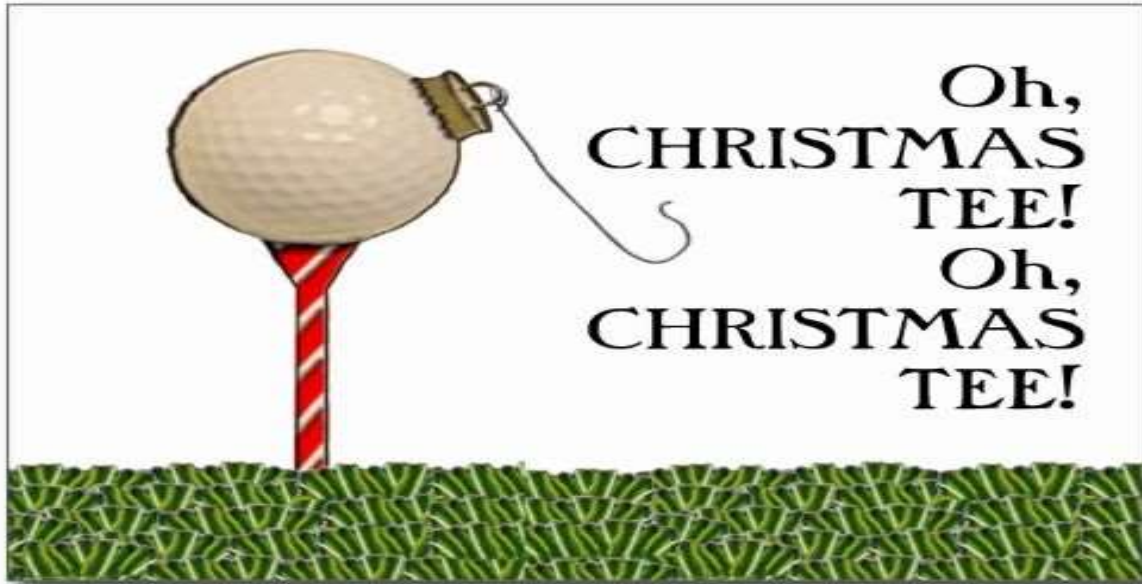
Guess Who?

Apparently during lockdown, a member of RGC decided to do some work in the garden and ordered some manure. When it arrived, it was still a bit wet, so they decided to dry it off on trays in their oven. Wife was out shopping, came home to an exploded oven!!! Wife wins as she now has a brand spanking new oven. Husband likely banned from the kitchen forever!!!



To all our members

Congratulations on being patient and resilient during these challenging and difficult times.



Enjoy your Christmas and New Year celebrations, stay safe and healthy.

