

## From the President

Happy Easter to all members.

In my house Easter represents a time of hope for the Future, a time of reflection and a time to move forward positively. A time to share with family and friends.

After the past 12 months I guess that most of us are “hoping” for better times in the future.

Our club is slowly getting back to normal however we are very conscious that there are restrictions in place which we still have to abide by. I would like to thank all the members for their contribution in keeping to the current guidelines which are still in place. As more changes occur we will keep you up-to-date.

Your committee is as always actively engaged ensuring that our club maintains its high standards both on and off the course. As members we must always behave in line with the values of our club.

On a personal note, I would like to thank those who sent their thoughts and best wishes during my recent health episode. It was very gratifying and certainly helped me during recovery.

Happy Easter everyone, keep well and stay safe.

Allan Peake  
President

# Fore! Ringwood Golf Club newsletter Easter Edition 2021

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## What's been happening at RGC!

### Mixed Foursomes

The mixed foursomes were held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January with 62 participants. Congratulations to the winning pair Danni Carter & Nic Walton with a net score of 70. The gross winners were Joanne Logan & Grant Stack. Both pairs will represent Ringwood at the VGL Mixed Foursomes later in the year.

### Club Championships – Men & Summer Cup – Ladies

Only one hiccup this year with a brief COVID lockdown on one of the rounds. However, the match committee were able to shift things around to conclude the championships on the 13<sup>th</sup> March. 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 (4th consecutive year), Runner Up – Grant Stack
- B Grade Champion – Darren Walton, Runner Up – Darren Jewell
- C Grade Champion – Maurie Mawer, Runner Up – Steve Evans
- D Grade Champion – Barry Dempsey, Runner Up – Jim Benis
- Gerry Smart Champion – Steven Pell, Runner Up – Maurie Mawer
- Senior Champion – Maurie Mawer, Runner Up – Jim Accettura

The ladies Summer Cup is held in conjunction with the Club Championships. With both Gross and Net events. Winner of the Gross was Joanne Logan. Winner of the Net was Celia McKeon. Congratulations ladies and well played.

Our ladies Club Championships will be played over three Thursdays in May. Good luck to all competing. Can our reigning Club Champion, Jayne Collis, make it three in a row?

## Pennant

After COVID cancelling the pennant in 2020, it is great to see that Ringwood have teams in the men's Scratch, Handicap and Senior competitions this year.

Pennant Results last week:

Seniors defeated Tirhatuan 6-0

Scratch defeated Craigieburn 7-1

Handicap drew with Northcote 4-4

Great results for all three teams. Please get down and support the pennant teams when you can. The draw for the remainder of the season is on the board.

## Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Raffle. The draw took place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and the lucky winners were:

Nic Walton, Lenny Hammond, Judy Sheehan, Bob Canet, Glenn Paton, Andrew Ford, Dennis Hesketh, Leigh Biggerstaff, Terry McDonough & Ray Brett.

Enjoy that chocolate fix over Easter.

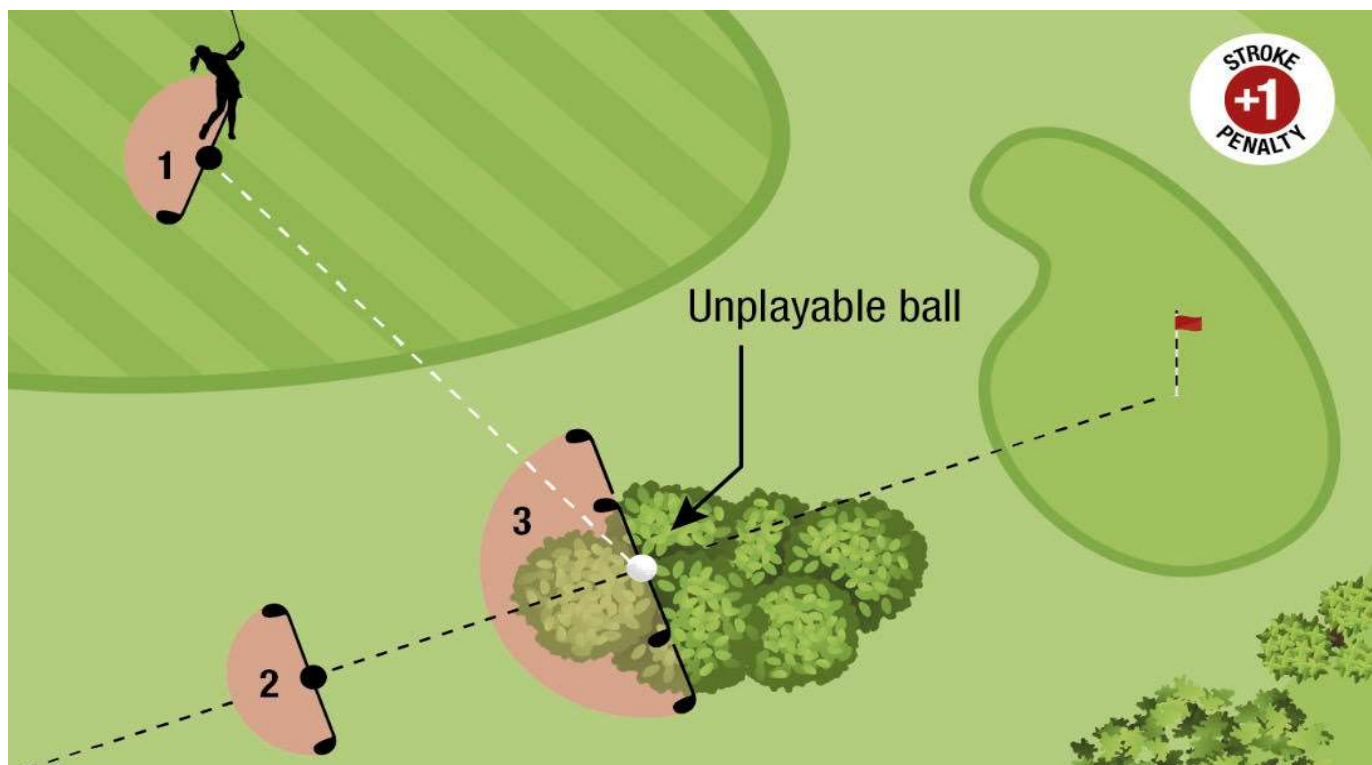
## Captains Report

Rule refresher.

Unplayable ball you have 3 options.

1. Play the ball from your last point (ie; back to where you last hit). 1 club length relief either side of the ball, no closer to the hole
2. Back as far as you like in line with your ball and the flag. 1 club length relief either side of the ball, no closer to the hole.
3. From where it lies, 2 club lengths relief either side of the ball, no closer to the hole.

All options incur a 1 stroke penalty.



Course work on the 11th and 17th is almost complete. We will be playing preferred lies on any new turfed areas until advised.

Happy Easter!

Martin Rose

Captain

## Ladies Update

Well, 2021 has been a busy year so far, we can't believe the Easter Bunny will be hopping into our Gardens in a few days' time.

We have had 3 Lady members turn 80 so far this year, and we were delighted to present Helen King, Maralyn Wells and Bev Armstrong with an 'Octogenarian Certificate' for their input into our Ladies Club over the years.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Ladies played their annual Captain V President game. It was a close contest on a wet day and everyone had a lot of fun. Congratulations to the Presidents Team winning by just 3 points!

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, the Ladies will be having a 4BBB Mixed Day with a two-tee start. We hope to see many gentlemen join us for some fun competition.



We also had 3 Ladies accidentally get locked in the toilets recently.

One Thursday recently, my playing partners Ada and Viv preceded me to the ladies after our front nine, as we do. I joined them shortly afterwards. When we went to open the door to exit, the handle broke off and we were locked in....no window, not much fresh air and standing room only. Panic. Panic. But nowhere to go. We yelled...no one heard us. We yelled louder....no one came....so we banged and banged on the door. Then, 2 pro shop staff came, and tried to open the door to no avail. They left, then returned, more tools.....same scenario. By this stage, we were getting very agitated. We had no phone to ring the fire brigade but didn't need to as the Pro Shop staff returned with more tools to open the door and free us.....the fresh air was heaven scent!!!!!! Won't dobb on who the person in the trio was who removed the stopper holding the door open until the handle was repaired!!! Anne ☺

Wishing all our members a Happy & Safe Easter.

Julie Challen

Lady President





## What's coming up at RGC!

### Ringwood Ladies – 50 Years Celebrations – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

The ladies have a special celebration coming up on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Ringwood Ladies GC will be celebrating 50 years of golf. We all look forward to a fun day and hope to see many past and present members attend on the day.

### Social – Trivia/Games Night – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Lock in this night on your calendar! Organize a table of 6 people, dress up and get ready for some non-golf competition including: Trivia, Beer Pong (without the beer) & Bingo just to name a few. More information will be forthcoming, keep your eye on the social board.

## GUESS THE GOLFER

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## Howlong Golf Trip – Friday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

All spots are fully booked. If you have missed out, please put your name on the waiting list and if someone cancels, you will be notified.

## Monthly Medal Raffle - Saturday

With competitions back in full swing, we are bringing back the Monthly Medal spinning wheel. Whilst enjoying the BBQ after the game, why not try your luck with the wheel to win some refreshing beverages.

## Bonus Extras

### Rule Changes in Effect for Golfers Aged 70+ - Effective Immediately ☺

Rule 9.k.34(a): If a tree is between the ball and the hole, and the tree is deemed to be younger than the player, then the ball can be moved without penalty. This is simply a question of timing; when the player was younger, the tree was not there so the player is being penalized because of their age.

Rule 1.a.5 – A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6(B) – A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have travelled if it had not hit the tree, and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3(G) – There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging themselves with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h) – If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5 – Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game. ☺

Rule 6.a.9(k) – There is no penalty for so-called “out of bounds”. If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty!

Rule 7.G.15(z) – There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

Rule 8.k.9(S) – Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes and keep multiple copies in your golf bag. Those not following the rules need to be provided with a copy.

Golf is, above all...a game of integrity!!! ☺ ☺

## Golf Course – Dent Island

One of our members, Vivien Binedell, was lucky enough to spend her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019 at the idyllic Hamilton Island. Here she is playing the nearby Dent Island course. The view is amazing but the course looks a little tricky!





## 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  
Continue looking after yourself and others  
Have a very safe and healthy Easter

