

Committee Report

The last few meetings have been well attended and there is agreement that all actions & decisions by Committee should be measured against the question '...is this in the best interests of members...'

Apart from the usual administration tasks related to purchasing bar/golf stock, paying our bills, golf/clubhouse administration, member invoicing etc, the following issues have been resolved:

- Pre-booking of playing spots on each competition day now relate to only the bar person, the handicapper and the key holder/competition manager.
- Restriction on new members playing in the competition on Monday & Wednesdays will be removed after a three-month waiting period.

A review of the booking system with a view to reinstating permanent booking times has been raised at Committee and there is a view that long standing/life members/working members should attract some sort of priority. Participating in the current lottery to book a playing time is perhaps not in the best interests of all members.

Issues to be resolved include:

- Eligibility – what will it entail?
- Should members nominate their preferred playing day (to which a permanent booking might apply) – with members wishing to play on another competition day to book in a similar manner to current arrangements.
- Application to all or only some competition days?
- Member obligations related to a permanent playing spot and monitoring to ensure permanent playing spots are fully utilized.
- Setting rules/processes in MiClub to accommodate any necessary changes.
- Should a permanent spot apply for a set period like one year?

Members will receive a draft proposal and a survey that relates to this draft in the coming weeks. Whilst we have had many surveys over the years, the responses to this survey will be summarized and reported back to members in our newsletter. Depending on member feedback, our booking system will change (or not) relating to the views expressed by members.

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What's been happening at RGC!

Ladies Club Championships

Held over three consecutive Thursdays in May, the winners in each grade were:

- A Grade & Club Champion – Jo Logan
- B Grade Champion – Corinne Dyer
- C Grade Champion – Barbara Blount
- Overall Nett Winner – Diana Bradley



Congratulations Ladies!

Men's Pennant

This year we had two of our three teams make the finals, that being our Seniors Div 1 team and our Handicap Div 3 team. Very unfortunate that both teams were defeated on their respective day's final. Congratulations to all players & managers in all our teams for a successful year. Better luck next year.

VGL Events

Ladies Foursomes Event – Congratulations to Jo Logan & Corinne Dyer on winning the VGL Foursomes which was played at Rossdale Golf Club. You both make Ringwood GC very proud, well played.

Veterans Trophy – Congratulations to Allan Peake on winning this event which was recently played at Glen Waverley Golf Club. Make some room in the trophy cabinet please, another one to add, well done to you Allan.



Howlong Golf Trip – Friday Oct 7th to Sunday Oct 9th, 2022.

This year we had 36 people attend the annual golf trip. The weather leading up to the weekend was ordinary to say the least and it meant we were not able to have carts on the course. But that didn't dampen our activities, it was quite wet underfoot but playable enough. On both Saturday & Sunday, we were blessed with perfect weather. Everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to going again next year.





Ladies Update

Great to see that 2022 is turning out to be a great year, we have held many functions which have all been fun and with lots of participation from members and guests. Although we've had a wet winter, we haven't missed too much golf. We are very lucky that our course is looked after and doesn't hold the water like a lot of other courses.

I would like to welcome all our new Lady Members that have joined us this year, we hope you have settled in and enjoying your time at Ringwood GC.

Our Monthly Medal Winners:

- April – Dawn Miller
- May – Jo Logan
- June – Jong Park
- July – Anne Lee
- August – Judy Sheehan
- September – Di Seehusen
- October – Di Seehusen

Social Day – We enjoyed a social day with the ladies from Dorset GC in July, it was a successful day and so nice to see so many attendees enjoy lunch of hot soup. Thanks to the volunteers who made the soup.

Mixed Memorial Day – On the 8th September, we had a great day with 70 members enjoying the day. It was great to hear so much noise in the clubrooms while they all had a few laughs about their game and enjoyed a nice lunch. Thank you to all that participated and Congratulations to the Winners – Susan Gooley & Roy Turner.

VGL Octogenarian Certificate – Congratulations to Ros Hay on receiving this certificate, it's a special award and lovely for Ros, well deserved.



Ladies Bowl – Friday 21st October – we are looking forward to holding our biggest event of the year, our last Bowl was played back in 2019, it has been a long time. We have 22 teams of 3 entered, from other metropolitan clubs and also have 2 members from the VGL joining us. I'm sure it will be a successful day, as our many volunteers will do their best to make this possible as they always do a great job.

Ladies Christmas Presentation and Luncheon – Thursday 15th December to be held at the Knox Club, be sure to mark this date in your diary.

Happy Golfing.

Julie Challen - Ladies President

Match Report

Hello to all members.

I am very excited to be your new Captain for the next year. I have been an active member of the club for over 11 years now and I am looking forward to giving back to a club that has given me so much. I'd like to thank our outgoing Captain, Martin Rose, for all the hard work he put in, especially stepping up during a tough time for the club. There has been one other change to the Match Committee, which is the appointment of Grant Stack as our Vice Captain. Grant is a life member and former Captain of the club, and he will be a fantastic help to me personally as well as working hard for all of our members.

In Match Committee news, we have made the decision to ease the restrictions regarding new members booking themselves in on Monday and Wednesdays. There is now a 3-month waiting period where new members cannot book themselves into our Monday or Wednesday competitions, after that they will have unrestricted access like every member. During this waiting period they are permitted to make bookings once control of the tee sheet has been taken by the Pro-Shop the day before a given comp. Anyone who has been a member longer than 3 months now has no restrictions. We made this decision based on data taken from MiClub surrounding how often the tee sheets gets filled and how often the maximum number of members play in a given comp. In the event a member misses out on getting a tee time immediately, I remind them to regularly check back during the week, use the waitlist function and to call the Pro-Shop for any last-minute cancellations.

In other news, we will at long last be honoring our many Saturday ladies with an honour board in the club rooms. The events honored will be the Summer Cup (Gross) and Saturday Ladies Matchplay, we will be adding all past winners of these events to the board and aim to have this completed in time for our presentation night.

We also recently changed the grades on a Monday to A being 0-16, B being 17+, this is in order to even out the grades as much as possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you around the club in the coming weeks as we enjoy the warmer and (hopefully) better scores.

Thanks

Nic Walton - Captain



What's coming up at RGC!

Ringwood Ladies Bowl – Friday 21st October, 2022.

Presentation Night - Saturday 26th November, 2022.

Our annual presentation night will be held at the clubrooms on Saturday November 26th 2022, starting at 7pm. This night celebrates the culmination of all board events throughout the year. There will be a raffle on the night and we will be entertained by Firebirds at the conclusion of the presentations. Tickets are \$25 p/person and available soon through our social convenor Jo Logan. Keep an eye on the social board for more information coming soon. Come along and help all our winners and placegetters celebrate a victorious year.

Christmas Breakup – Saturday 17th December, 2022.

Our annual break up will be held on Saturday 17th December. A two-tee start with Ambrose format, come into the clubrooms after and enjoy some light lunch and grab your tickets in the big Christmas raffle.

RGC Future Vision

The RGC Committee is looking to develop a Future Vision approach that sets the path for our club's future. The intent is to garner feedback from members to determine the key areas of focus and associated key items.

Area's being considered are: Membership, Financial/Assets, Systems/Processes and Community. Items that have been identified so far are: Engagement with members, Junior development, Women's development, Communication approach, Appropriate and sustainable fee structure, Financial plan, Roles and responsibilities, Engagement with community groups, Engagement with council.

All input is welcome and will most definitely be considered so please send your thoughts to the club's email at ringwoodgc@bigpond.com.

Saturday Members Draw - \$40 Voucher.

Hello fellow golfers. Just a reminder to join us back in the club rooms for a delicious snack and a cold drink. Any purchase will automatically enter you into the draw to win a \$40 gift card.

If the draw is not won, it will jackpot to the next week. Congratulations to Greg Frost who snapped up the last jackpot of \$160 on October 1st.

Thanks

Syd Wheatley – House & Bar



Golf Rules Quiz

Rules Question [#114](#): Andy the average golfer finds his original ball in the rough after searching for one minute. He then goes and grabs a club, but when he comes back, he struggles to find his ball. He searches for a further two-and-a-half minutes before finding it. What is the ruling? Answer:

- A - Andy has found his ball under 3 minutes and can continue with it
- B - Andy searched for over 3 minutes, his original ball is lost
- C - Andy incurs a two-stroke penalty for searching too long

Rules Question [#115](#): In stroke play, Tyson thinks his ball is embedded, but wants to check. He lifts the ball to check and sees that it was indeed embedded in its pitch mark in the general area from the previous stroke that had gotten airborne. Tyson takes free relief by dropping the ball within a club-length of the pitch mark, no nearer the hole. Tyson then realises that the ball lifted wasn't his ball at all. What happens now? Answer:

- A - Tyson incurs a penalty for lifting someone else's ball
- B - Tyson incurs a two-stroke penalty for dropping a wrong ball
- C - Tyson must correct his mistake by finding his correct ball
- D - Tyson can play the dropped ball for no penalty

Rules Question [#116](#): A player is asked to lift her ball which lies just off the putting green as it is on her opponent's line of play. Are they allowed to clean the ball without penalty? Answer

A - Yes, you can clean your ball at any time that you lift your ball.

B - Yes, the player's ball was near enough to the putting green.

C - No, this is a breach of Rule 15.3b(2).

Reminder - Membership subscriptions are due by 1 November 2022

Any member who has not paid their subscription by this date will have their Golflink number deactivated in the MiClub system. Entry into any Club competition will not be permitted until payment has been made.

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!



"I'll look for the ball. You look for the club."

Golf Quiz Answers

Question 114 – Answer is B, Question 115 – Answer is C, Question 116 – Answer is C