

Fore! Ringwood Golf Club Newsletter Easter 2023

RGC Committee

In the last newsletter members were alerted to the work being undertaken to review the booking system to explore the reinstatement of permanent booking times.

The full report is included in the distribution of this newsletter. Please read the document and the committee would welcome any feedback you may have.

Through the on-going work of the RGC Committee, the RGC Match Committee and the co-operative nature of discussions between the RGC and the Ringwood Golf Course there is every chance that we will be able to resolve hopefully all, but at least most issues related to our booking system; and as a bonus, come to terms with the (ideal) number of members that better correlates to the number of playing spots allocated to us by the Ringwood Golf Course.

We wish all our members a Happy Easter, enjoy the break and hopefully some great weather for good golfing.

Your Committee



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What's been happening at RGC!

Ladies Presentation Luncheon

The ladies held their Christmas lunch and Presentations at Knox Club on Thursday 15th December. Congratulations to all the happy winners throughout the year.



Mixed Foursomes

The mixed foursomes were held on Saturday 21st January with 29 pairs participating. Congratulations to the winning pair of Lynton & Helen Reid with a net score of 66.5. The gross winners were Chris Jones & Donna Carter. Both pairs will represent Ringwood at the VGL Mixed Foursomes later in the year.



Club Championships – Men & Summer Cup – Ladies

Held in February over four rounds of stroke play, the winners should be congratulated for their efforts and great golf. Well done also to the runners up in each grade.

- Club Champion – Tim Martin, Runner Up – Chris Jones
- B Grade Champion – Martin Rose, Runner Up – Glenn Duxson
- C Grade Champion – Ralph Grapentin, Runner Up – Neil English
- D Grade Champion – Bob Bramble, Runner Up – Eric Yong
- Gerry Smart Champion – Ralph Grapentin, Runner Up – Martin Rose
- Senior Champion – Ralph Grapentin, Runner Up – Rip Byrddy

The ladies Summer Cup is held in conjunction with the Club Championships. With both Gross and Net events. Winner of the Gross was Jo Stack. Winner of the Net was Celia McKeon. Congratulation's ladies and well played.



Pennant

Ringwood has five Men's teams this year competing in the VGL Pennant competition.

Scratch Division 1 – Three rounds finished, currently the team has two points. Good luck for the remaining rounds.

Handicap Division 3 – Two rounds finished, Ringwood Blue currently on top spot with 2 wins. Keep up the good work gents, best of luck for the remaining rounds.

Handicap Division 10 – Two rounds finished, Ringwood Gold have one win and one loss and all teams sit on four points. A tight competition, let us strive for some more wins in the weeks ahead gents, great work so far.

Senior – Thomson Division – Ringwood finished in 3rd place with 10 points. Unfortunately, no finals action but a gallant effort by all players and a great achievement. Congratulations on a good year.

Senior – Norman Division – Ringwood currently in first place with 16 points. Hooray! A couple of rounds to go, keep up the good work and focus, we are all hoping you come away with the flag. Good luck.

With some matches left to play on our home turf, please come down and support your fellow members as they represent our great club.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle. The draw took place on Saturday 1st April with the lucky winners being;

Alan Beacom, Paul Kennett, Jennifer Grogan (generously donated back), Paul Tonna, Syd Wheatley, Trish Perry, Jan Lovell, Lenny Hammond, Susan Gooley, Louie Lim, Diane Seehusen & Jo Stack.

Ladies Golf Trip to Bright

Recently 22 lady members travelled to Bright to compete for the prestigious "Bright Cup". Blessed with perfect weather and a superb golf course @ Bright Country Golf Club, the ladies enjoyed a few days of great company, golf & fun activities in one of the most beautiful places in Victoria. Congratulations go to Jo Stack for winning overall.



Captains Report

It has been a busy few months of golf here at Ringwood, we wrapped up our Club Championships and our Pennant seasons have all begun. We have been reminded this summer of how fortunate we are to play on such a well-maintained golf course, thanks largely to the hard work of the new Ground Staff Co-Ordinator, Scott Irving. We have also begun the MiClub access trial with the pro shop.

We played our Saturday Club Championships during February and March this year, as we unfortunately lost the first round to rain, but we were still able to enjoy all four rounds. Congratulations to the following winners of our championship events.

Joanne Stack (Summer Cup – Gross)
Bob Bramble (D Grade)
Ralph Grapentin (C Grade/Senior Champion)
Martin Rose (B Grade)
Tim Martin (Club Champion/A Grade)

On Thursdays we played our Foursomes Championships, congratulations to our winners.

Jong Sun Park & Mei Lee (Gross)
Gayle Taylor & Janet Evans (Nett)

Pennant

We have five teams competing in VGL pennant this year, 2 Seniors, 2 Handicap, and a Scratch side. Our Thomson division Senior's side, captained by Dave Johnston, played well but unfortunately has missed out on finals this year. Our Norman division side, captained by Peter Ross, has one round left to play but has already secured their place in the finals, controlling their own destiny to finish top of the table with a win or draw in the final round, congratulations!

Our Division 3 Handicap side, captained by Martin Rose, has started strongly with two good wins, including one away. Our Division 10 side, captained by Rob Almano, has also started well with one win at home and one loss away to Westgate.

Our Scratch side, captained by Grant Stack, is playing in Division 1 and has started with one loss and one draw after hosting duties in Round 1.

We always love seeing plenty of support for our Pennant sides, so check the VGL website for fixtures and come on down to support the club.

MiClub Access Trial

The MiClub access trial has seen the pro shop gain administrator access to our Wednesday tee sheets, allowing them to manage the sheet more effectively by cancelling players and making necessary changes once the bookings have closed. Initially only one member of the staff had access, but the pro shop has asked to extend the trial and expand the number of access accounts to better understand how their staff will be able to work with the system.

The hope going forward is that we will open this access to all competition days, allowing us to have more seamless transfers from our booking window to the tee sheet that we have on the comp day. I would like to take this opportunity to remind us of all that once the bookings close that the tee sheet belongs to the pro shop, and any changes they deem necessary must be accepted by our members. If there are significant changes then they will contact me, and I will ensure that the appropriate members are contacted.

I look forward to the coming months, jam-packed with trophy and honour board events, and I look forward to seeing all of you down at the club.

Play well,

Nic Walton

Ladies Update

New Course Record - on 12th January Jo Stack set a New Course record for the Ladies. Playing off a handicap of 9, Jo shot a gross score of 75. Congratulations to Jo. We have had two Octogenarian Awards to Janet Evans and Barbara Blount, they have both turned 80 years old, been with the club for many years and served time on our committee. Congratulations Janet and Barb.!

On 30th January, Janet Evans had a 'Hole in One' on the 5th Hole.

Congratulations Janet!



Pam Kinsella will be standing down from the position of Lady Captain as of Thursday 2nd March, Pam has served as Treasurer 2019-2020, our Vice Captain 2020-2021 and Lady Captain 2021-2023. Pam has been a great support to our club. Corinne Dyer is taking over as Lady Captain, Di Seehusen as Vice Captain and Sharon Cousins will remain as Handicapper.

Congratulations to Helen and Lynton Reid on winning Mixed Foursomes.

Something funny - Monday 20th Feb, during social play Ross Plunkett lost control of his electric buggy and ended up in the bunker on the 15th hole, we did remind him that there was 'No Preferred Lies' in the bunkers!



Julie Challen

Treasurer Report



Just a short report to inform Members of our proposed Income and Expenditure up to the end of our Financial Year (30/06/2023)

At this stage as of the 31st March 2023 we have about \$27,000. In our cash Accounts.

Hopefully that this will see us through without touching our Term Deposits.

For the remaining 3 months I expect an income of approximately \$25,500 made up of Competition Fees and Bar Income.

And that the expenditure to be about \$ 24,000. The income made up of Bar income and Comp Fees – the expenses made up of Outstanding accounts, Bar Purchases, Bar Fees and Cleaning. Also included are the Pennant Costs, Green Fees.

One of the biggest expenditures will be the Vouchers and Balls owing to Club Members. This amount approximately \$10,000 is not included in the above figures.

I encourage all Members after their rounds, come into the Clubhouse and support the bar. The more that the bar takes helps to keep the cash flow to pay Accounts. Also, they would be entered into the Members draw (Saturday only) for a \$40 voucher.

It would be also nice if Members who have outstanding vouchers and Balls, please collect them as soon as possible prior to the 30th June 2023.

Peter Ross

Secretary Report

Currently our membership is **closed**. This was a decision based on the difficulties for our current members gaining a spot in the fields on Mondays and Wednesdays. This decision is being regularly reviewed and memberships will reopen if circumstances change.

Our membership numbers have changed over the last few years:

	2022/23		2021/22		2020/21	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Life Members	13	2	13	2	13	2
Ordinary	153	59	161	62	175	74
Senior	30	21	32	17	33	14
Intermediate	1		1	1	1	1
Social	16	31	20	32	19	36
TOTAL	213	113	227	114	241	127

Gary Govan



What's coming up at RGC!

Ladies Mixed Day – Thursday April 27th 2023

Thursday 27 April the ladies are running a mixed day (4BBB Stableford) with lunch provided for all players. Registrations will be through MiClub, opening on Monday 3rd April and closing on Monday 17th April 2023. Partners are randomly drawn a week prior to the event.

Please come along and join in the fun whilst getting to know a few more members.

Social – Games Night – Saturday 1st July 2023

Lock this night on your calendar! Tables of 6 people, dress up and get ready for some golf & non-golf competition including: Trivia, Ring Toss & Bingo just to name a few. Bring your own nibblies, strictly no BYO drinks. The night will start @ 7pm, look out for flyers around the clubroom soon.

Tocumwal Golf Trip – Friday Oct 27th to Sunday Oct 29th, 2023.

The golf trip this year is to Tocumwal Golf Course. Playing 9 holes Friday, 18 Holes Saturday & Sunday, followed by presentations. Unfortunately, we could only get 40 playing spots. This year, we will be opening the registration through MiClub on **Saturday August 1st @ 6pm**. Room configurations will be worked out by the Social Conveynor, please get in touch for any specific requests. All monies to be paid in full by September 30th, 2023. Information on costings etc will be distributed soon and placed on the social board.

Test Your Knowledge

True / False

In match play, there are only two ways that a player can win a match:

1. the player leads the opponent by more holes than remain to be played or
2. the opponent concedes the match.

True / False

When taking relief from a wrong green, your nearest point of complete relief will always be in the general area.

True / False

When play is suspended, Blakey does not mark and lift his ball, leaving it on the fairway. When play resumes later that afternoon, Blakey returns to the location of his ball and before making his next stroke to resume play, he is permitted to mark, lift, and replace the original ball or another ball on the spot.

Funny Business

Two guys grow up together, but after college one moves to Georgia and the other to Texas. They agree to meet every ten years in Florida to play golf. At age 32 they meet, finish their round of golf and head for lunch.

“Where you wanna go?”

“Hooters”

“Why Hooters”

“They have those servers with big boobs, tight shorts and gorgeous legs”

“You’re on”

At age 42, they meet and play golf again. "Where you wanna go for lunch?"

"Hooters"

"Again, but why?"

"They have cold beers, big screen TV's and side action on the games"

"Ok"

At age 52 they meet and play golf again, same question "So where do you want to go for lunch?"

"Hooters"

"Why?"

"The food is pretty good and there's plenty of parking"

"Ok"

At age 62 they meet up again. After a round of golf, one says "Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters"

"Why?"

"Wings are half price and the food isn't too spicy"

"Good choice"

At age 72 they meet again. Once again, after a round of golf, one says "Where shall we go for lunch?"

"Hooters"

"Why?"

"They have six handicapped parking spaces right by the door and they have senior discounts"

"Great choice"

At age 82 they meet and play golf once again. "Where shall we go for lunch?"

"Hooters"

"Why?"

"Because we've never been there before"

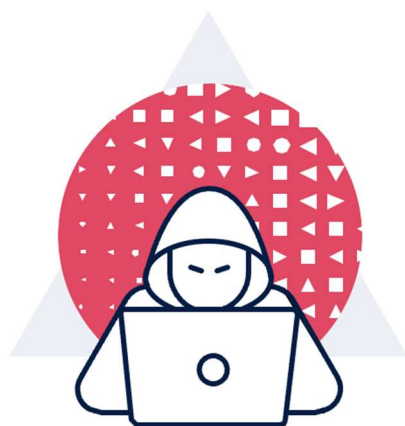
"Ok, let's give it a try"



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What will RGC look like in the future?



We have a great club thanks to the great work many members have done to date. Our membership is full which is a great sign of the quality of the course we play on and the club culture we have. But will that continue to be the case??

There are no doubt future risks, challenges and opportunities around the corner. How far around we don't know. To prepare for our future the committee is looking to create a sub- committee to focus on putting RGC in the best possible position for the future. If you have a couple of hours spare every month or so, please send the club an email letting us know you are interested in being a part of this vital and important sub-committee.

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

