

Captain's Corner

Hi all,

I have a few things I want to communicate to all of you and instead of sending a swarm of emails I thought I'd condense it all down into this one place. I will send out issues of 'Captain's Corner' as needed, so keep an eye out! Now, onto what I have to tell you all.



Pennant Update

The Pennant season is almost at its conclusion, and we have had a successful season so far, all our players should be proud of the golf they played and the way they played it, in the Ringwood spirit.

Our Seniors Pennant season has already concluded, with one of sides making the final and the other just narrowly missing out.

Our Thomson Division side, managed by David Johnston, made a late surge, finishing the season on two wins, but ultimately missed out on a spot in the final. All credit to our players who didn't give up despite being behind with those two rounds to go.

Our Norman Division side, managed by Peter Ross, had a very strong season, finishing on top of the ladder with 4 wins and a draw. They were beaten in the final against Olinda in a tight contest, with 3 matches going down 18 and another two going to 17. All the players can hold their head high for the way they fought to the end.

Both sides will be back with a vengeance next year.

Our Scratch side, managed by Grant Stack, had a great season in a strong Division 1, almost making the finals despite missing personnel all season. With more rounds going down 18 than I care to count all season they finished one ladder position and half a win out of the finals, almost knocking last year's winner's Brighton out of the top 3.



Scratch Manager Grant Stack braving the elements before a washout at Brighton.

Our Handicap sides have both made the final, which are to be played at Werribee in the coming weeks.

Our Division 3 side, managed by Martin Rose, locked away their spot in the big dance with one round to spare, finishing undefeated on top of the ladder. They face Northcote in the final on Sunday 21st May, who they are yet to complete a game against this year due to two washouts.

Our Division 10 side, helmed by first-time manager Rob Almano, also locked away their spot with one round to go finished the season in second place, with 3 wins and 1 draw. They face the big-hitting Melbourne Samoa on Sunday 28th May.

A special thank you to our Pennant Convenor, Grant Stack, for administering this whole season, to Roger Blokeerus, for doing the barbecue almost every Sunday for 7 weeks, and to Syd Wheatley for coming down and doing the bar. Our Pennant sides would not be as successful as they are without the time put in by our volunteers and managers, you have my heartfelt thanks.

New Honour Boards

We have now finalised all the details to go onto our new honour boards and will be having them done in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for when that is complete.

Submission of Incomplete Cards

Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of players who don't submit a card at the end of their round, especially on Saturdays. Going forward any players who do not submit a scorecard after starting a round will be marked as 'No Score – Not Approved' when their score is submitted to Golfink. If a player should accrue in their most recent 20 Actual Scores five or more entries with a status of 'No Score – Not Approved' their handicap will lose its full status and become provisional. Golfers with provisional handicaps are not eligible to win any prizes or compete in major events until their handicap regains its full status (full status is automatically regained upon the number of 'No Score – Not Approved' entries in the player's most recent 20 Actual Scores decreasing to four or less).

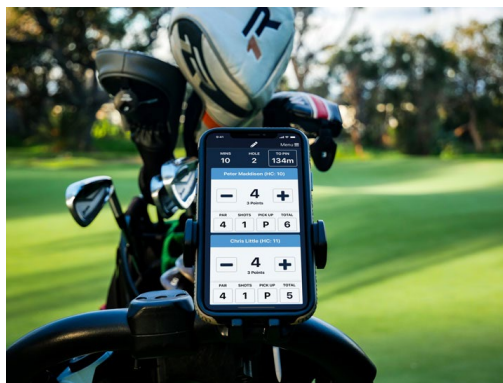
If you are unable to complete your round for a legitimate reason (such as illness, severe weather, or emergency) please still submit your card into the slot in the comp room and write on it your reason for not completing your round. If you are unable to do this, please contact a member of the match committee as soon as possible in writing (text or email.)

Use of MiScore App

I have had some feedback from members lately that they were unaware they were able to use the MiScore app during competitions at RGC. We do in fact allow, and encourage, members to use the app to submit their scores as it cuts down on administration time for our handicappers.

RGC does not pay for the app as we decided it made more sense to let the members pay for it as they desired, which also allows them to use it at other courses aside from RGC.

If you have any questions about using the app don't hesitate to contact me via the club's email account, or in person at the club.



Prize Purge

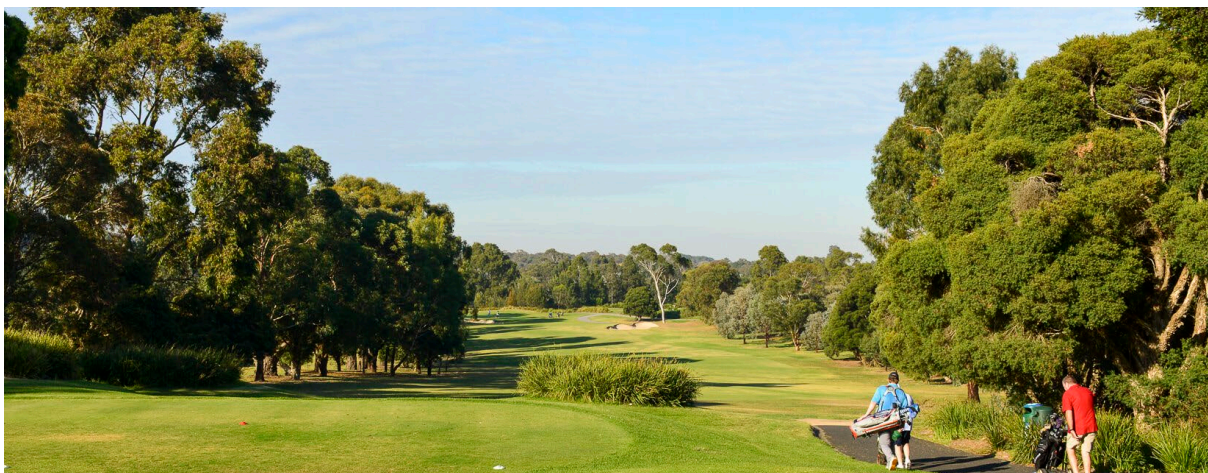
Thank you to all the members who have come and claimed their outstanding prizes ahead of the return of the prize purge on the 1st of July. We have already reduced our prizes owing by a few thousand dollars.

Please get in touch with myself or another member of the match committee if you believe you will be unable to come down to the club to claim your prizes before the cut-off date.

Qualifying Events – Putting 'YES' on Cards

I just want to take this opportunity to clarify for everyone going forward that we still require all members who wish to qualify for matchplay events to put 'YES' or 'NO' on their cards, registration sheets on MiClub (when used) will only guarantee a tee time on the day of qualifying and do not constitute a declaration you wish to qualify.

Any cards that do not have a 'YES' or 'NO' will be considered a 'NO' and this cannot be changed once the draw has been finalised, if you realise you have forgotten to put 'YES' please get in touch with a member of the match committee, in writing, prior to the comp of the day's results being posted.



Upcoming Events

We have the following major events coming up, so mark your calendars.

Saturday 20th May – Ringwood Trophy, Scratch Matchplay, and Saturday Ladies Matchplay Qualifying

Thursday 18th May to Thursday 1st June – 2nd, 3rd, and Final Rounds of Matchplay

Saturday 3rd June – 1st Rd Winter Cup

Wednesday 14th June – Final Rd Eric Kimberley Memorial Trophy

Saturday 1st July – Final Rd Darryl Meehan Memorial Trophy

That's everything I have for you this time around, as always keep an eye on your emails or the whiteboard in the comp room for updates, and I look forward to seeing all of you around the club.

Happy golfing,

Nic Walton