

Committee Report

The work necessary to review the booking system with a view to reinstate members a permanent tee-time is ongoing and a small working group is hoping to make a recommendation to the RGC Committee soon. Members will be consulted soon and then hopefully a new system will be introduced in early 2024 as the work required is considerable.

Maroondah Council will at its next meeting consider the **Maroondah Golf – Annual State of Play Report**. Some of the key take aways from this report are:

- A record financial result for MCC (Ringwood & Dorset)
- An operational surplus of \$1.155M not including capital expenditure of \$464K
- A net financial result of \$691K
- On average, Ringwood hosted 257 players every day
- At peak times, the demand for tee-times is often 50% greater than the tee-times available
- In 2022-23, Ringwood recorded 93,242 visits; the best attendance since 1997-98!
- Golfing facilities are ageing and at capacity and an exploration of future opportunities will commence in the 12 months ahead
- Maroondah Golf to implement Golf Australia programs (& other initiatives) to target underrepresented groups (females & juniors in particular)
- Golf clinic participation has grown by 68% in 2022-23 equating to over 4000 participants
- Feedback from golf course user groups has been around groups requesting additional allocated tee-times but Council believes that current allocations achieve a good balance

Our **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday 19th Sept @ 7:30pm at the RGC Clubrooms. This is a key event for our Club, and I am hoping that this meeting will be well attended in a show of member support for your committee. Committee members currently filling positions up for election have renominated which sends an encouraging message but of course further nominations are always welcome.

Speaking of key events, our **Presentation Day** will be a lunch time event on Sunday 26th November @ The Knox Club. Please put this in your calendar. It is my sincere hope that members will support the event with their attendance and help recreate a fun day on what is a prestigious event to recognize the winners of all the competitions throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you at both the AGM & Presentation Day.

Paul Kennett

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What's been happening at RGC!

Men's Pennant

The pennant season has now finished and members should be very proud of our 5 teams that competed and commendations go to all team members representing our Club, well done on a superb year of competition.

Scratch Division 1 – Although the team did not make finals, they finished a respectable 4th which means they retain their spot in the premier division.

Handicap Division 3 – The team made the final at Werribee but unfortunately missed out on the day. Super effort to make it and commiserations on not finishing the way you wanted.

Handicap Division 10 – The team made the final at Werribee but also unfortunately got pipped on the day. Congratulations to all the team and on to bigger and better next year.

Senior – Thomson Division – Finished the season in third place. A great achievement, one I'm sure they will be striving to improve next year.

Senior – Norman Division – The team made the final but couldn't quite get over the line on the day for the win. Commiserations to all players and best of luck for next season.

Maroondah City Council Night Fun Run - Volunteers

Many thanks for our wonderful volunteers who braved less than favourable weather conditions to assist in marshalling around the course for the Council's night run on Friday 28th April. Allan Peake, Allan Beacom, Clarrie Young, Grant Stack, Judy Sheehan, Murray Parker, Glenys Harrison, Susan Gooley, Helen Rauert, Roy Turner, Paul Kennett, Nic Walton, Ken Tan, John Van Kerkhovan & Jo Stack. All were armed with umbrellas, dressed in wet weather gear and hi-vis and wore a smile as they assisted participants to stay within the designated course. Look how colourful they look.....but, this was before standing in the rain for a couple of hours!



Games Night

A huge thank you to those people who attended the Games Night on Saturday 1st July. Lots of fun was had and the competition was tough. The winners on the night were The USS Ducterprise on 263.5 points, with runners up D Cup on 247 points. Honourable mention goes to the Collingwood Cheer Squad, The Dames and Kiwi Connection. Hope you all enjoyed the variety of games and had some laughs.





Ladies Update

Thursday Women's Golf Competition Day

Women's golf on a Thursday is cruising along nicely this year. We have survived the early cold morning starts and have only cancelled a couple of competitions due to extreme weather conditions. The ladies have welcomed a number of new members and we trust they will continue to enjoy our friendly group. Unfortunately, the nine-hole players have not been seen on the course much. We hope that with improved weather conditions they will pop up like the daffodils and blossom. It will be lovely to see them back playing. Any of the lady members are welcome to choose to play 9 holes instead of 18 whenever they like. We will adjust the booking sheet as needed. We have lost some rows on our booking sheet so put your name on the waiting list and keep an eye on the list. As soon as we regularly have more than seven playing 9 holes we will introduce a competition for them again.



Corinne with new member Chou Kong and new members Linda Hammond & Jenny Cook.



Julie with new member Helen Mulvogue and Trish with new members Guelda Cope (L) & Eileen Urlichs (R).

Our annual women's presentation day has been changed from Thursday 14th December to Tuesday 19th December due to a mistake made by the Knox Club. That means we get an extra day of competition before a short break over the holiday season. Please mark your diaries. A great day and not to be missed.

I would also like to encourage you all to participate in the club charity day. We can all play. If you don't wish to play, please volunteer to help with one of the many jobs that will need to be done on the day. Speak to Jo Stack.

Look at all the lovely smiling faces of some of our new girls (and some oldies as well)

Cheers Glenys

Match Report

Notice to members, please be aware of the waitlist function for bookings in the mi-club system. To use this function;

- Log in to mi-club
- Click on bookings
- Select the 'OPEN' comp you wish to play in
- Click the waiting list button (located in the top right corner of the screen)
- Select your name, or up to 4 people you wish to place on the wait list
- Click on 'add to wait list'
- Then select the timespan you are looking to tee off (ie: between 6:30am and 8:00am)
- Then click the 'tick' to update reservation time.

If a time becomes available within your specified range, you will receive a computer-generated email advising you of the time of your booking.

Happy golfing
Match Committee



Spare a thought for our ladies who got well & truly 'washed out' on a recent Thursday.



What's coming up at RGC!

RGC Junior Program

We are working towards re-establishing a junior program for boys and girls. Hopefully many of these young people will decide to become members of our Club.

This is not about RGC conducting clinics rather we are seeking to link with Maroondah Leisure and offer a pathway for boys and girls who graduate from the golf clinics conducted by Darren Rowland. Maroondah Leisure have agreed to register all participants as a "golf mate" (see Golf Australia website) and provide \$5.00 golf rounds.

Essentially, our proposal will be a 12-week program where participants play a weekly 9 holes of golf and be accompanied by a Club member who might caddie only or play with the learner.

The Club has established two sponsorship Officers, Des Pinfold and Russell Stanfield, who have volunteered their time (and efforts) to arrange sponsorship agreements to support this initiative.

The objective of our proposed program is to provide the opportunity for participants to learn from our Club buddy, the Rules of Golf and the required etiquette. When these learners achieve a satisfactory level of competence, introduce them to competition golf and RGC membership.

A number of members have already informally indicated that they would be willing to become a golf buddy but we would now like to formally establish the level of interest from members in becoming a volunteer with their time either during the week in after-school hours or perhaps a Sunday afternoon. Most importantly, we are seeking a "Junior Coordinator" to be the point of call for junior participants, organise golf buddy's and arrange tee-times. This is the perfect opportunity to volunteer your time and support your Club.

If you might be interested in assuming the role of “Junior Coordinator”, please contact Paul Kennett on 0417 734577 or email clubpresident@ringwoodgolfclub.com.au to discuss any questions you might have. At the moment, we do not have any boys or girls in the program so the workload/hours required will be minimal but if we can attract 4-8 participants, it is estimated that the time required might be in the order of 2-3 hrs/week. If you have an interest in becoming a “golf buddy” please get in touch with Paul to register. Again, it may involve 2-3 hrs/week of your time, or alternatively, you may only want a fortnightly or monthly commitment. Any time given would be greatly appreciated.

Please put your hand up to assist our junior program in whatever capacity you can comfortably offer. A healthy junior membership represents the foundation on which we can build the future of our Club. Our current Club Captain is a good example of this pathway.

Charity Day – Doing it for Jarryd – Saturday 23rd September



<https://www.challenge.org.au/shop/>

This year on Saturday 23rd September, RGC will be hosting a charity day for our members with the aim of raising funds for the Challenge charity and enjoying a fun day of Golf. A flyer has been sent to all members and you will find them displayed around the clubrooms. Should you have any questions or want to volunteer to assist run the day, please contact the Social Convenor Jo Stack. And thank you for offering to help. Make sure you don as much **Yellow** as you can on the day to show your support to the Charity. Also, please find the link above to purchase official Challenge merchandise.

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 19th September @ 7:30pm

The Ringwood Golf Club AGM will be held in our clubrooms on Tuesday 19th September, starting at 7:30pm. Please attend the night and have your vote on the important issues presented when running our great club. The annual reports (including the Financial Reports) and other information has been emailed out to all members. Nominations (including nominator and seconder) for positions vacant, close and must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 6pm on Friday 8th September 2023 and may be emailed to ringwoodgc@bigpond.com. Only financial members are eligible to vote at this meeting and excludes social members.

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

The trip is now full and room configurations are placed on the social board. All carts have also been booked. Money is due by 30th September and there is a waiting list for any cancellations. Tee draws will go up a week before the trip.

Presentation Lunch - Sunday 26th November @ Knox Club - 12:00pm.

To ease the workload and pressure put on a handful of people, our annual presentations will be held off site this year at the Knox Club in Wantirna. Sunday 26th November, arrival 12 noon and starting at 12:30pm. It will include a two-course meal and a drink upon arrival. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The Club is subsidizing this as a once-off objective to try and reinvigorate our presentation event.

This day celebrates the culmination of all board events throughout the year. Come along and help all our winners and placegetters celebrate a victorious year. Keep your eyes on the social board in October for more information.

Christmas Breakup – Saturday 16th December, 2023.

Our annual break up will be held on Saturday 16th 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 raffles.

Member adventures

Thailand Golf Trip – Drew ‘Jackpot’ Lindo, Russell ‘Rusty’ Smith, Craig ‘The Stache’ Charles, Chris ‘Doctor’ Jones

Recently four RGC members travelled to Thailand to take on the harsher climate and play five tough golf courses around the Phuket area.



Staying at the Kee Resort, the first couple of days were spent acclimatizing and ensuring great effort was put towards staying hydrated.

Blue Canyon Golf Club – Lake Course

Greeted by our caddies and ushered to our carts, Blue Canyon Lakes course is a par 72, 6518 metres course with as the name suggests, plenty of water. If there was no water hazard on a hole, it was jungle. Jackpot lost 6 balls on the first 9 holes with The Stache and Doctor fairing the best today.

Loch Palm Golf Course

Loch Palm Golf course is a par 72, 5993 metres course and the shortest of the trip. Designed with lots of water hazards, bunkers and narrow tricky greens, all four of us handled it with varying degrees of success with one ball landing a couple of metres off the fairway in the dense bush, visible but the caddies were too afraid to go in to retrieve it.

Laguna Golf Club

Laguna Golf course is a par 71, 6190 metres course with again very tight and narrow greens. Approach shots were difficult to stick and putting was tricky. Unfortunately, Rusty was a non-starter due to illness from an upset stomach.



Aquilla Golf Club

Aquilla Golf course is a par 72, 6418 metres course and reasonably flat (compared to the others), immaculately manicured with not so much water. Rusty and The Stache were under the weather, so only Doc & Jackpot ventured on the 90 min bus ride to play. A monsoon swept through, meaning the golf lasted only 15 holes when play was abandoned. Luckily for the two gents, beers were on hand for the trip back.

Red Mountain Golf Club

Red Mountain course is a par 72, 6201 metres course and like all the other courses played, was tight and long and did not disappoint. This course makes Olinda look flat! Having spectacular views and manicured fairways, to say it was undulating is an understatement. With 50-to-100-foot variants between tee and green being common and the odd snake slithering across the golf cart path. Eeek!

The remainder of the time was spent making use of the half price cocktails at Kee Resort, checking out the night life, sightseeing and shopping for bargains. Leisure time by the pool and last-minute hydration were essential for mustering up enough courage to leave, knowing the much milder climate when returning home.

Drew 'Jackpot' Lindo.

Go Golfing - Noosa

Glenys Harrison, Trish Perry, Viv Binedell and Maria Kohut travelled to Noosa in late July to play in the 4Ball tournament at Noosa Springs, a Go Golfing Tournament and sponsored by Drummond Golf. Our accommodation was a two-bedroom apartment at the Noosa Springs Resort overlooking the first tee.

Two rounds were at Noosa Springs and one at Palmer Coolum. We played Stableford, Ambrose and Aggregate Stableford and we were part of the Green team. As well as playing the above rounds and competing for the individual winner, all players were assigned to a team, red, blue, yellow or green for an overall team win. It was very close between all the teams and unfortunately Green team came third.

Although we weren't winners, we thoroughly enjoyed the golf and the opportunity of meeting other golfing ladies and men, mainly from Queensland, NSW and New Zealand.

Unfortunately, the Queensland weather was not at its best and we only had one day of sunshine. The day we played at Coolum it was quite cold and wet and as carts were not allowed on the course, the round took 6 hours!! We commenced at 12.30 pm. and by the time we finished it was getting quite dark.

The Go Golfing Team certainly provide a fantastic itinerary and besides the golf, two dinners (welcome and presentation), sandwiches provided for us at Palmer Cooloom, a sunset cruise with gourmet platters, airport transfers and lots more, were all part of the package.

It was lovely to catch up with Helen Rauert who was camping in Noosaville (prime position beside the Noosa River) and for being our tour guide and transportation around Noosa on our day off.

Report by Viv Binedell





Golf Rules Quiz

1. **True / False?** - A ball resting on a rake, a loose impediment or an integral part in a bunker is not considered to lie in the bunker since the ball does not touch the sand.
2. **True / False?** - In a four-ball match, Blakey makes a stroke at a wrong ball, however it turns out that the ball he hit was his partner Marcela's ball. Their team loses the hole.
3. **True / False?** - You can get free relief from an embedded ball on the putting green.

New arrival – Congratulations!

Congratulations goes to our Club Champion Tim Martin and his wife Maddi on the safe arrival of Oscar John Martin – Born 20/07/2023. Mum & Bub are both doing well and Tim is waiting patiently for the day he can put a golf club in Oscars hands, a RGC membership form is already signed and ready to go. 😊



Reminder – Membership renewals

A reminder that membership renewal invoices will be sent out shortly.

A member who has not paid their subscription by the 1st November will have their Golfink number deactivated in the MiClub system. Entry into any Club competition will not be permitted until payment has been made. Remember to use any bar levy still on your account.

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!

Golf Rules Answers

1. **False** - A ball is in a bunker when any part of the ball touches sand on the ground inside the edge of the bunker, or is inside the edge of the bunker and rests:
 - On ground where sand normally would be (such as where sand was blown or washed away by wind or water), or
 - In or on a loose impediment, movable obstruction, abnormal course condition or integral object that touches sand in the bunker or is on ground where sand normally would be.
2. **False** - In four-ball, when a player gets a penalty other than disqualification, that penalty normally applies only to the player and not also to their partner. In match play, a player who gets the general penalty (loss of hole) has no score that can count for the side on that hole; but this penalty has no effect on the partner, who may continue to play for the side on that hole. In this case, Marcela's ball has been hit as a wrong ball and she must either replace the original ball or another ball on the original spot (which if not known must be estimated).
3. **False** - You are only entitled to free relief from an embedded ball when your ball lies in the general area. There is no relief under this Rule if the ball is embedded anywhere except in the general area. However, if the ball is embedded on the putting green, the player may mark the spot of the ball and lift and clean the ball, repair the damage caused by the ball's impact, and replace the ball on its original spot.