

Committee Report

The work of Committee is ongoing, and I am extremely appreciative of our committee members attendance at meetings, their input regarding looking after member interests, and their propensity to undertake the work necessary between meetings.

It is one thing to deliberate and make decisions at a committee meeting but unless someone puts in the work necessary, little changes and nothing gets implemented.

I have written previously about the need to spread the work needed to ensure the Club runs smoothly and improvements are made that will contribute to placing the Club in the best possible position to face future challenges – for example, a successful junior program comes to mind.

It is my hope that in 2024 you might consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help with the running of your Club.

Of course, it's that time of year where celebrations with family and friends are in order. I wish all our members a very Merry Christmas, and more importantly, a Happy and Healthy 2024.

Paul Kennett
President

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Work in Progress – Potential re instatement of Permanent Tee-Times

The RGC Committee has via a working group over a significant period of time, undertaken a review of the tee times and the booking system to determine if there is a better system that makes it easier to:

1. guarantee each member at least 1 game a week on their preferred day of play and preferred time range, and
2. maximise the use of the allocated tee times provided by Maroondah Council (*minimise late cancellations that cannot be filled by other members*)

The fastest internet connection or 'fastest finger first' is neither fair nor an efficient way to ensure all our members can rely on their RGC membership providing at least one game of golf every week.

The RGC Committee working group have analysed member playing behaviour (*MiClub bookings, cancellations, no-shows*) over an 18-month period and reviewed options available in the MiClub system.

Focus group meetings and Match committee meetings have also been held to assist in the development of the most appropriate solution to the (2) objectives outlined above and eliminating the 'fastest finger' problem.

When and if processes and procedures that address Focus and Match committee meeting feedback are resolved, it is envisaged that members will be required to complete a questionnaire that will ask:

- if they want a permanent tee time
- if so, on which day of play and a preferred time range
- if they are happy to play with a set group of members or they wish to play with a variety of members

Documentation such as updated Rules and procedures, no show policy, cancellation policy would be made available to all members via email and in hard copy in the Clubhouse to assist members in making appropriate decisions to complete the questionnaire.

At this stage a definitive solution to address the (2) objectives has not been finalised. If and when a solution is available, the appropriate update to members will be provided.

Captain's Corner

Hi all,

It's time for another Captain's Corner, everyone's favourite irregular update from the Captain to cover match news, FAQs, and provide updates about the club. So, without further ado I'll get into it.

Pennant Update

The Pennant season is fast approaching once again, and sign-up sheets have now gone up on the notice boards.

We will once again have one scratch side, two handicap sides, and two seniors' sides, and we are pleased to announce that this year Ringwood will be competing in the inaugural season of VGL mixed pennant.

The Women's pennant team submissions close 31st January, please contact Corinne Dyer and place your name on the list on the board in the comp room. You must have played a minimum of 3 games for the season with a handicap limit of GA 39.0

Dates for all sides are available on the VGL website.

Match Play Walkover Policy

The club's new Match Play Walkover policy is now in effect, and the full policy is available in the Syllabus Information and Rulings document.

We have noticed a rise in the number of walkovers being given in match play events in recent years, and, while the vast majority have a good reason behind them, we have implemented this policy with an aim to reduce the number of walkovers given in bad faith.

This covers things like holidays and events, where members would have been aware of their inability to play a match well in advance, and simply not showing up on the day.

The policy has been written to be intentionally broad so that each case can be treated individually on its merits and unforeseen scenarios can be handled as the match committee sees appropriate. For this reason, we have included a defined appeal process so that all members feel they are given a fair go.

Our hope is that we never have to exercise this policy and ask that all members give careful thought before qualifying for match play events. Dates for all major events are outlined in the Syllabus Fixture, both individually on the date of play and as a list at the end of the document.



Inclement Weather Policy

Also included in the Syllabus Information and Rulings document is the club's new Inclement Weather Policy.

We have made changes so that essentially the daily competition is never called off once it has begun. Provided that enough players complete their round (Section 9, Item 11) to constitute a daily competition then prizes and handicapping will occur as normal.

This change was made because the old policy gave a bias to players playing early, where if the weather was bad early the comp was called off even if it cleared later, while the opposite was not true. If the early players got good weather and the afternoon was unplayable the comp would still go ahead.

In the case of major events, if the course becomes unplayable at any point during the round, then the major event only will be postponed or cancelled as necessary. For example, if the course becomes unplayable during a round of the Club Championships, then the championships will be postponed but there will still be a daily Stroke competition.

Players will be notified of any major events being called off via text message and signs in the comp room. Never assume that an event is going to be called off, if there is any doubt, we recommend continuing your round or contacting myself (Corinne on Thursdays) for clarification.

Saturday Medal Days

There has been some confusion lately surrounding our two medal days on Saturday, so I'd like to clarify it for everyone.

There are two different types of medal days played throughout the year, with two different prize formats, they are as follows:

VGL Medals

There are eight VGL medal days played throughout the year. The format is nett stroke and the medal is awarded to the best score on the day, regardless of grade (Men only). The eight winners then play off in the Star Medalist event, with the winner required to represent the club at the VGL's Medal of Medalists event. These medals are supplied by the VGL and are the equivalent of Thursday's Monthly Medal events.

Monthly Medals

There are twelve monthly medal days throughout the year. The format is Stableford and medals are awarded to the winners of each grade, including women. There is no playoff for this event, and medals are supplied by the club only at the member's request.

Procedure for Pre-Booking and Visitors

All requests to be pre-booked into a competition, or to have a visitor play, are to be made to only the captain. If the Captain is unavailable, please contact the Vice-Captain, the handicapper does not have the authority to approve these requests.

Requests to be pre-booked will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Bringing visitors to our club is highly encouraged, however requests to play with a visitor will only be granted once all members have had ample opportunity to book a tee-time on the day in question.

Upcoming Events

We have the following major events coming up in the new year, so enjoy the Christmas break and get ready for more golf in 2024!

Thursday 4th Jan – 1st Rd. Stableford Trophy

Thursday 18th Jan – 1st Rd. Par Trophy

Saturday 20th Jan – Mixed Foursomes Memorial Day

Thursday 1st Feb – Monthly Medal

Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th Feb - Club Championships

Wednesday 7th Feb - 1st Rd. Eric Kimberley

Thursday 8th Feb – 2nd Rd. Stableford Trophy

Thursday 22nd Feb – 2nd Rd. Par Trophy

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Thanks,
Nic Walton



Thursday Women's Competition

The Thursday competition events are now completed for the year. Trophies are at the engravers and we look forward to presenting all the awards to the winners at our annual Christmas and presentation luncheon on 19th December.

Aside from our weekly competition we have held three significant events in the last couple of months.

The 43rd Annual Women's Bowl was held on Friday 23rd October. We had 22 teams representing 13 clubs competing on the day. Course was in excellent condition and we had a perfect weather. A team from Eastern Golf Club won the event. We were all pleased for them as that was the week their club rooms had burnt to the ground. We are minding the trophy for them as they have nowhere to keep it. We were proud to once again deliver a very successful event.



Oaks Day was celebrated with fun activities in the club rooms after our golf competition. Horseshoe decorating competition had amazing entries. Lots of healthy competitiveness in the putting competition and very serious competition in the horse relays. The photos below tell the story.

Guest Day was held on 23rd November. We had 74 players for the game and a lunch to follow. Women from numerous clubs came along as guests of Ringwood members and we invited women from the social nine-hole groups that play at Ringwood golf course on a Tuesday. Bellbirds, Mudlarks and Kookaburras. We have managed to recruit some new members. We will be welcoming them all in the new year.

We also presented an Octogenarian award to Anne Keegan. Anne celebrated her 80th birthday on 13th November. She has contributed to the club since she joined in 2001. Always helping with catering at the social events, being a member of the social committee and organizing raffles. She continues to contribute whenever she can. Anne has made many friends at the club and is a great club member.



Congratulations Anne.

The women who play in the Thursday competition look forward to another great year of golf in 2024.



Glenys Harrison
Women's President



What's been happening at RGC!



Women's Club Championships

To take advantage of more favorable weather, the women's club championship competition was moved to three rounds in September/October. Congratulations and well done to the winners and runners up.

Ladies Club Champion – Mei Lee
B Grade Champion – Ada Spong
C Grade Champion – Gelda Cope
Overall Nett Champion – Jerry Li

Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 19th September 2023.

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of Ringwood Golf Club Inc was held at Ringwood Clubrooms where all vacant positions were filled, and it was recommended and passed to not increase membership fees for 2023/2024. Your current serving committee members are;

- President – Paul Kennett
- Vice President – Darren Walton
- Secretary – Gary Govan
- Treasurer – Peter Ross
- Assistant Secretary – Russell Stanfield
- Women's President – Glenys Harrison
- Club Captain – Nicholas Walton
- Social – Joanne Stack

Annual Golf Trip - Tocomwal

The annual golf trip was moved from Howlong to Tocomwal this year. It proved to be a good move as the weather was excellent and the courses were in fantastic condition. A great time was had by all and the games on Saturday afternoon turned out to be more competitive than the rounds of Golf. We are all booked in to go back to Tocomwal again in 2024. Congratulations to Ken Jenkins & Chris Jones, overall winner (on a count back) and runner-up with both scoring the same score. Big thanks to all those that contributed and a special mention to Peter Ross for doing the results. Check out the photos put up on the social board.



Christmas Break Up

Our Ambrose round and Christmas cheer was last Saturday. It was great to see so many faces in the Club rooms and see so many had dressed for the occasion.






VGL Events

Congratulations to our Club Champion Tim Martin, who was successful in taking out this year's honor of VGL Champion of Champion in the recent event held at Mt Derrimut Golf Club. Tim won by 1 stroke with a score of 70(-2) over his playing partner, Sam Adams of Lakeside. Tim was 1 shot behind with one hole to play and manage a 2-shot swing with a birdie on the 18th. Well done Tim and keep hitting them well.

Tim is the first winner of this event from Ringwood since Ken Jenkins in 2000.



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Rank: 1 - Timothy Martin 🇦🇺

Round 1 : Mt Derrimut - Mens Blue Total 70

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Oaks Day Shenanigans

On Thursday 9th November, the women got into the Spring Carnival spirit by holding their own form of Gallops. Members donned their best fascinators, decorated horseshoes, competed in a putting competition and raced in teams on our very own thoroughbreds. A great day was had by all.





What's coming up at RGC!

Women's Christmas Lunch & Presentations – Tuesday 19th December

This year the ladies Christmas luncheon & presentations will be held at The Knox Club on Tuesday 19th December at 12 noon for 12:30 start. If you would like to attend and haven't got your ticket yet, please contact Glenys Harrison.

Mixed Foursomes & Memorial Day – Saturday 20th January

Come and enjoy the company of fellow members as we pay tribute to and remember those we have lost in the past year. A luncheon will be provided after the game, which will be a two-tee start.

Men's Club Championships and Women's Summer Cup – Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th February

One of the more important events on our syllabus schedule.

Women's Golf Trip to Bright – Sunday 24th to Wednesday 27th March

For the last two years, our women members have enjoyed a couple of days away playing golf and enjoying the social activities in Bright. The list is now on the board in the comp room and interested parties are asked to pay a \$100 deposit into the club bank account to secure your spot.

Saturday Members Draw – Cancellation

Due to rising costs associated with purchasing stock for the bar, the decision was made to cancel the weekly member draw on Saturdays. The last draw will be on Saturday 30th December. Come on into the clubrooms after your round and buy a drink to be in the draw. You might receive a little cash bonus to get your New Year off to a good start.

Pre-paid Competition Cards - \$5.00 for 18 Holes

The Club recently purchased, through sponsorship from Michael Sukkar, some pre-paid competition fee cards. These plastic reusable cards are available to purchase over the bar from January 1st and are a substitute for cash. Simply place your card in the envelope instead of cash and away you go. Initially, we will be limiting the amount of pre-paid cards to 6 per person ie: \$30 to ensure there is enough to run all competitions for the week.



Golfing on Christmas Day

Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf, and one remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument, go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies, and play a round.

His buddies all chimed in and said, "Let's do it! We'll make it a priority, figure out a way and meet here early Christmas morning."

Months later, Christmas morning arrives, and they were all on the golf course.

The first guy says, "Boy, this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife such a big diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off it".

Number 2 guy says, "My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures."

Number 3 guy says, "Well, my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual."

They all turned to the last guy in the group who is staring at them like they all had lost their minds. "I can't believe you all went to such an expense for this golf game. I woke up, slapped my wife on the butt and said: 'Well Babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning for either sex or golf', and she said, 'Take a jumper' ". 😊😊😊

Expression of Interest – Container Deposit Scheme

On 1 November 2023 Victoria's container deposit scheme, CDS Vic, commenced. The scheme rewards Victorians with a 10-cent refund for every eligible can, carton and bottle they return. We are seeking expressions of interest from members who might know of a community organisation (ie; Scouts) or family in need that could possibly enter into an arrangement with the Club to collect our recyclable items for refunds through the CDS deposit locations. Ideally we would like the refund of our consumption to go to a worthwhile cause, if no nominations are made, then the Committee will look at keeping this 'in house' with details to be determined at the February meeting.

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
Enjoy your Christmas & New Year
celebrations, stay safe and healthy.

