



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members,
The Board would like to advise members that Stay Balanced Golf has chosen not to renew its contract to run our Pro Shop. We wish to thank Geoff Ross and his team for their efforts over the last 2 years. We would also like to announce that MR Performance run by Connor and Brodie will be taking on the Pro Shop role, welcome aboard, exciting times ahead.

Upcoming Events

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October 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 Stroke	9 Stableford Coring of greens	10	11 Stableford	12 Stableford	13	14 Stableford Stableford
15 Stableford Final Swan Cup to be completed	16 Stableford	17	18 Par	19 Stableford	20	21 Holt Shield 4BBB 4BBB Stableford
22 Par	23 Par	24	25 BMG Cup @ Gisborne TBC	26 Par	27	28 Presidents Cup Stableford
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Captain's Report October 2023

Coming Events

October 7th Monthly Medal -Stroke

October 14th Foursomes Championships – Played with a partner. One player drives from the odd tees and the other from the even tees. After the drive players take alternate shots until the ball is holed. Penalty strokes do not alter the order of play. This means that a player never plays two consecutive shots. All players play from the black tees.

October 21st Holt Shield named in honour of our Honorary Life Member, Past President/Captain, Club Manager and all round “good bloke” – this is a fourball better ball stableford event. Partners play their own ball and record the best stableford score for each hole. The best score for the day wins the Holt Shield. Players can choose the tees colour they hit from but both players play from the same tees.

October 28th Presidents Cup. This is one of our major events. I am sure most regular members have no idea of the amount of time and effort our current President, Tommy has put into getting our golf club back on track. He puts in many hours every month to ensure things run smoothly, often donating his company's time and resources to repair the roof, the sewerage system etc, etc.

Swan Cup match play rounds are underway. Round 2 matches need to be completed by the end of September. The Pennant Season for Northwest Pennant start on Sunday the 7th of January next year. We need three players in four grades. A Grade handicaps in the 4.5 to 9.4 range, B Grade handicaps in the 9.5 to 13.4 range, C Grade handicaps in the 13.5 to 17.4 range and D grade 17.5 to 27. A, B and C Grade play off the stick, D Grade give/ receive strokes using match play index. Women are eligible to play this year. If you are interested in playing, please put you name in the book in the Pro-shop. Brodie and Connor will be the organisers this year. The rules of play and a copy of the draw are also in the book.

A reminder to please rake the bunkers after you have been in them, not just the area you play from but the footprints you leave walking in and out. The bunkers are raked on Friday afternoons using the bunker bike. We do have green fee players out on the course late on Fridays and believe it or not they do not always rake up the bunkers. If you notice any areas unraked during your competition round, think of the players following and give any nasty areas a rake over if you have time.

Information on Bunker Play

If bunkers are deemed as Unusual Course Conditions (G.U.R) there will be signs up in the Pro-shop. It is not compulsory to take relief but if you do - you need to take a drop at the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole, (not the nicest point of relief), and not at the point of entry (unless it is also the nearest point of complete relief). This might mean that you have to play over the bunker. If there are Drop Zones marked you must use the one closest to where you ball lies not the one you like best for your game. You are allowed to remove loose impediments in a bunker, (stones, gumnuts, etc). There is no penalty for touching the sand with your club unless you are doing so with the intent to test the conditions of the sand. You are also allowed to rake a bunker while waiting for others to play as long as you are not improving conditions for your shot or testing the conditions of the sand near your ball.

The Match Committee is in the process of reviewing the Local Rules. When completed the updated version will be posted on the notice board outside the Pro-shop. We will also email all members a copy. Some Local Rules are on the back of the card but the ones on the notice board are more detailed. Every player should be familiar with the Local Rules and the Rules of Golf for that matter. They are available in the form of an app. (search for - Royal and Ancient Rules of golf).

Remember to keep filling divots even if they are not your own and repair pitch marks on the green, yep even if somebody else was too lazy to do their own.

Good Golfing

Cheers

Roger Suter (Captain - but not for much longer!)

Greens Report October 2023

Finally, members, we have some good news, the pump is fixed and has been operating. The complete system has a couple of little glitches, but they will be repaired in the next month, and we are ready to go for the warm times ahead.

There have been several improvements on the course over the last couple of months the latest of which is the grassing of the tenth and eighteenth tees. Thank you for your patience as they are made ready for play. We have used some of the left-over pieces of turf to repair the mounds around the course.

The cutting of the grass in the hollow on the 16th hole netted some 80 plus golf balls, hopefully it will save some expense and shots to our members in the future.

Please be aware that the irrigation system is always in a state of repair, with over 200 hundred sprinklers throughout the course likely to break down or at least cause concern. Again, bear with us as repairs are being dealt with.

Finally, after 17 years of loyal service Rob Ball is retiring. He has been a fantastic aid to several superintendents during the years and we would have been lost without him. We wish him all the best in his new pathways, and I know we will see him and Buddy



Much of our work done on the course is a team effort and the tee improvements came about through BJE Constructions, Gav and a loyal ban of volunteers. Great work everyone.

Women's Captain Update 25 th September 2023

Modified 9 Hole Ambrose

In late August we hosted a 40+ handicap Ambrose event for women new to golf in perfect sunny conditions. Wendy Lewis took control of the planning and execution of the day and was assisted by women members in accompanying and supporting each group of players. We hosted teams from as far away as Warrnambool and for some it was their first experience of competition golf. Everyone had a very enjoyable day with many comments about how much fun and stress free the competition was. Six of our recent Get Into Golf graduates had success with Mary Jagos and Kerry McElroy making up the winning team with Helen & Debbie from Mt Xavier beating Patrice Shelly, Wendy Hopkins, Sue May and Mikaela Cunnington by the narrowest of margins. Well done girls and a big thank you to Brodie and the members who helped make the event successful.

Committee for 2023/2024

Captain - Gail McInnes (Representative on Match Committee)

Vice Captain - Wendy Lewis

Secretary - Heather Steegstra

Committee Members - Carol Young (Representative on Green Committee) & Di Barnett

Get Into Golf Program

The final classes for 2023 have been completed for the 6 participants who were supported by our newly GA accredited Community Instructors Glenda Wu, Wendy Lewis and Carol Young. The follow up pathway to membership offered as 'Five for Five' mentoring sessions will commence shortly. This vital component of our program gives the participants the opportunity for on course experience to practise and build on their newly learnt skills, imbed golf etiquette, learn how to care for the course and gain knowledge on the basic rules of golf. Importantly, this is a time to foster and develop relationships with each other and members so when a membership is taken up they have already established a strong support base.

August & September Board Events

Foursomes Championships Gross: Jenny Walker & Gail McInnes

Foursomes Championships Nett: Janette Bellman & Kate Thompson

Medallist of Year Saturday: Wendy Lewis

Medallist of Year Wednesday: Gail McInnes

Coming Up

The Swan Cup – final round must be completed by October 22nd.

BMG Cup (Host Gisborne) October 25th to be confirmed.

State Final Doris Chambers Foursomes October 26th



Winners of the Ambrose event (left)

Runners up of the Ambrose event (right)



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Dear Club/Member,

At the AGM held on Monday 25th September the membership fees for 2023/2024 were approved. With cash flow being an ongoing issue, the Board asks that membership fees be paid within the 14-day period.

Congratulation to Michael McGonegal who has been elected Vice President

After feedback from some members the Board have decided that the Bendigo Bank Hole In One Competition prize will be shared if there are more than one hole in one on the day.

*A reminder to all members to check the notice board outside the Golf shop for updates on local rules before you go on the course to play.

a) Players need to check in no later than 15 mins before their hit off time. Failure to do so may result in the player losing their tee time.

b) Please have the courtesy to ring the pro shop and let them know if you are not going to play.

It is unacceptable to just let a friend know. The pro shop staff need to know, and it is the players responsibility to let them know.

Regards
Match Committee

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