

October Newsletter



From the Editor

Since the last edition, many golf related activities have occurred, whether it be members journeying north to escape the harsh winter or others playing in a variety of golfing events both here and elsewhere.

Our own course was somewhat impaired by the elements for a period but due to the careful management by course superintendents and our many generous volunteers, with their skills and expertise, it is now in excellent condition and appears primed to meet the summer demands.

Dams are full, summer grass is well established, the (mighty) magpies have all but finished protecting their young, Twilight golf has begun and player (members, visitors and green fee) numbers are now on the increase.

The club continues to benefit from the 'Work for the Dole' scheme, which will continue on into 2019 and is very competently overseen by Bob Stagoll. The gravelled paths are a real feature and are an effective means of protecting the fairways. In addition, David Coldbeck has a steady group of 'Community Correction' workers, who have undertaken substantial work throughout the course with their cleaning up, which has added to the aesthetics of what is a highly regarded country layout. Bob's and Dave's commitment are very much appreciated.

As mentioned, Twilight Golf has begun on Wednesdays from 4.00 and Jim and Marg King's Sunday events began Sunday, Oct 21st. As a result of their efforts, valuable funds are directed towards areas of need, including grounds' equipment, so your patronage is encouraged.

From the President

Hello to all members,

This report will be fairly brief as we are nearing the AGM to be held on November 13th at 7.30pm. My typing skills are only so-so and I want to save my poor finger from RSI and I have to type my report for the AGM as well. This year seems to have flown by but I guess that time goes faster when you are busy. We have been assisted throughout the year by many volunteers who have helped the club to be presented in pristine condition. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by the board. I have played on quite a few courses over the past couple of months and they can't hold a candle to our course. We should all be very proud of what we have and spread the word of how good it is. At the AGM, there will be an information presentation on the proposed sale of land for building blocks. The committee has put a lot of time and effort into reaching this stage and I recommend that as many as possible attend the AGM and hear the presentation. See you all at the AGM. Good golfing in the future.

Ian Ferguson

From the Lady President

During our colder, quieter months, ladies travelled to many different golf courses with quite a deal of success here and there. We hosted the Western area final of the Royal Women's

Hospital event with 60 or so playing and enjoying our course. The top two pairs are playing off in Melbourne.

The ASAA day followed quickly and we ladies catered for afternoon tea, and several assisted on the course also, to help make this a resounding success. We have welcomed Katrina Schneider onto our staff and I have enjoyed working with her- she has some fresh ideas and should be an asset to our club.

We ran a colourful fun golf "PINK" day- raising funds for Breast Cancer Trials and approx \$1450 was raised. November is around the corner with a busy run of events. Hopefully, it will run smoothly as we trial our Rose Bowl and Melbourne Cup events together. The ladies work very hard catering for these two events then the tournament later in November.

Good Golfing

Gerri Griffin



Lady Captain's Report

The Ladies' year to date has typically been busy, with significant numbers playing throughout in all of the major events, including pennant. Unfortunately, August became too wet, so many ventured across to Grampians and we were grateful that they only charged us half green fees. Notable events still to come include Rose Bowl, the Melbourne Cup Day and of course, our tournament, so plenty for all to be involved in.

As usual, we have many ladies travelling far and wide in search of golf and fun. Thank you for supporting other clubs and there have been many winners out there, so well done and congratulations to your all.

Many thanks to my committee members for all their hard work. It was Robyn, Enid and Kerry's first year in office and most has run smoothly. Di, our handicapper, has everything under control and with us now handicapping 9 hole card, I believe this has been of benefit for all.

A special mention to Ath, Beth, Marg and helpers for the fantastic work you all do with our Beginner Tuesday golfers: we all appreciate the time and effort that goes into getting these ladies ready and confident for Wednesday golf.

A reminder that new rules are being implemented as of Jan 1st, 2019. I will hand out new books and fliers on major changes later in the year and at the start of next year, will hold a couple of 'rule change' sessions'. They are all self-explanatory and I don't see too many problems.

To Gerri Griffin, well done on your 2 years as President and to all our ladies on committee— lots of hands make light work and go to making it a fantastic club.

I look forward to the busy coming months ahead and onwards to next year. Good golfing and many thanks.

Lyn Satchell

Captain's Report

Hi all. Well, we have managed to get through the winter months with no closure of the course (although the hail and rain kept a few golfers away) and now we are approaching the better weather, it's time for all our members to come back playing and encourage our friends to try this great game and experience the excellent atmosphere that the golf club provides.

As always, just a friendly reminder to the cart drivers that as the course dries up, we still need you to use the cart paths that are provided to help keep greens surrounds in good condition.

Good golfing

Mal



Cart Shed

Of some concern, one of our members' golf carts was recently borrowed from the cart shed without permission. It was then returned in less than satisfactory condition and incorrectly parked. It raises questions as to how entry was gained to the shed, origin of the cart key and who might be on the premises.

Please be vigilant in this regard and close the shed after use, as there is a substantial amount of money invested in these carts and any damage, which cannot be accounted for, has to be borne by the owner – very unfair.



Sunday Golf

The highly successful and well patronised Sunday Golf is continuing in 2018 – 2019. Organised and coordinated by Jim & Marg King, both women and men enjoy social golf and camaraderie. However, whilst there is a relaxed atmosphere on course, there is keen rivalry back in the clubhouse where, over a drink and bbq, players vie for raffle prizes and in particular, the yummy yo-yos. Look, it's a terrific day and it would be great to see more participants, especially men, come along and enjoy the laid back day. (**Keep your eye out for the entry sheet in the foyer.**)



2018 “My Golf” Junior Clinics – the future of the club

We are very fortunate to currently have a successful juniors’ program running. 17 children (10 boys & 7 girls) are participating, ranging in age from 6 to 13 years, with others involved on an ad hoc basis. It was initiated and promoted by golf professional, Tony Collier (Golf Victoria), who visited a number of local primary schools. Here, there is certainly room to grow, with more school visits possible.

Not surprisingly, the children showed significant improvement over the 4 week program. With instruction in full swings, chipping, putting through ‘game sense activities’, the emphasis was upon promoting enjoyment through achieving reachable goals. In addition, the children were given the opportunity to play some shortened holes to meet the needs of their abilities, which they loved.

With the additional expertise on hand of Mal Groves, Warren Hall, Mark O’Brien, Adam Manson, Guy Sevier and Mat Walkenhorst, one can gauge that these students are being exposed to quality tuition and it’s no surprise that parents are very happy with the program and hoping it will continue.

This opens the door for our next challenge; to establish a more permanent junior golf program at the HGC. *More information to follow.*

Ben Kelson

Work Experience

Baimbridge College year 10 student, Brooklyn Cunnington, has started a long term work experience with the club. He is working alongside our superintendent, Warren Hall and is quickly settling in. Brook is a terrific young man and has an ambition to become the turf manager at Punt Rd (he is a mad keen Tigers supporter). If you see Brooklyn out on the course, please say hello and make him welcome.



Social Side

Dear members, just a short update on what the social side of things has been up to since the last letter, not that much has happened socially but the Friday night members’ draw and raffle continue to provide a social gathering for those who attend. Grand final day was a great day and it was good to see families here all enjoying the day, especially with all the children. Pity

various 'reps', thus placing her in a position to obtain best deals for food, beverage and other relevant items.

However, her immediate priority is to get the place in order—'a new broom sweeps clean' - and to work from that position. So, whilst some changes may occur, members can look forward to professional service.

Katrina's vibrant nature and professional demeanour are and will continue to be real bonuses and we can be confident that the running of this important area of the club is in good hands.

Stock Agents' fund raiser

Friday, September 21st saw the culmination of what had been a substantial amount of work carried out by key personnel, in order to raise vital funds for the newly established Oncology & Dialysis centre at WDHS.

HGC's David Coldbeck, along with stock agents, Heath Templeton and Craig Pertzelt, saw the initial concept grow to fruition and along the way, others came on board to assist in what proved to be a most successful venture.

All up, the event raised over \$24,000 for the centre, due largely to the generous support of stock agents and related businesses.

WDHS board chairperson, Ian Whiting was most grateful and praiseworthy of not only the concept but of the determined and unflinching efforts of those involved and took much pleasure in awarding the Taylor Motors' team with first prize and a trophy each.

On the day, over 130 players took part in the 4BBB Stableford event, vying for lucrative prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, along with a number of hole awards. In addition, participants could pit their skills against the bookie, opt to 'buy a drive' on a par 3 and par 5 and of course, try their luck on the spinning wheel and at the auction, where substantial prizes were on offer.

So, the regular weekly meetings between Bernie Porter, Dave Coldbeck and Noel Jennings kept everyone in the know and everything on track and were definitely needed to bring such a massive program together for this worthy cause.

The HGC is very pleased to be part of such community events and is in the early stages of gearing up for more to follow.



Suggestion Box

A reminder that all your suggestions (and grievances) can be left in **writing and signed** in the **suggestion box**, to be found close by the bar or talk to a committee member.

November 2019

Whilst more details will be forthcoming, we can reveal that a Morwell based power company will have access to the HCG during November 1st, 2nd & 3rd (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) of next

year, just prior to the Melbourne Cup. During this time, the PIA (Power Industry Association) and its affiliates will require the course and its facilities, meaning regular HGC club members will not have access. However, the club stands to make a considerable sum of money from the venture (in the area of \$15,000) and there are clearly spin off benefits for both the club and for the town and district.

Ian Ferguson and Kev King are in the process of investigating this further and club members will be kept informed as to developments.



Personal Pars

Sadly, we recently farewelled Mary Haynes, who had experienced ill health in recent times. Mary was a long standing club member, who will be sorely missed.

... and finally,

On a golf tour in Ireland, Tiger Woods drives his BMW into a petrol station in a remote part of the Irish countryside. The pump attendant, who obviously knows nothing about golf, greets him in a typical Irish manner, completely unaware of who the golfing pro is.

“Top of the mornin’ to yer, sir,” says the attendant.

Tiger nods a quick “hello” and bends forward to pick up the nozzle. As he does so, two tees fall out of his shirt pocket onto the ground.

“What are those? asks the attendant.

“They’re called tees,” replies Tiger.

“Well, what on the god’s earth are dey for?” inquires Paddy.

“They’re for resting my balls on when I’m driving,” says Tiger.

“Jesus, Joseph and Mary!” exclaims the amazed man. “BMW thinks of everything!”