

# Castlemaine Golf Club

## The Fairway - December 2018

### From the President

Dear Members

Christmas is fast approaching - our annual Christmas Break Up will be on Saturday 22nd of December, following the Yellow Ball team's event.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to help with the Santa Anna project on the second fairway; if this is as successful as the third fairway it will produce another great result.

Through John Prendergast the club has purchased a thatching machine which will enable us to harvest our own couch sprigs to use to improve other fairway areas. We only have limited couch areas to thatch but if we can continue to access the current source annually, and are able to add our own, we will be able to slowly increase the area we introduce the sprig into.

The greens are really coming along now and we should see the speed pick up over the next month, the course as a whole has improved with more grass coverage on the fairways.

On Monday, December 3rd, the final Vets day for the year was played at Castlemaine Golf Club.



It was very well attended, with 85 players taking part. A big thank you is extended to Moira, Dawn, Jo and Rosemary for providing lunch for the players after the game.

Our club was well represented, and featured among the winners was Neil Campbell, the B Grade winner.



As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank so many of our members who have helped out throughout the year:

- the Committee Members, for their efforts through the year, and all the members of the sub committees for their efforts.
- the Wednesday warriors and other members who volunteer their time to help out with the course
- Peter and Phil for the balancing of the till every week
- Ross for his help with bar supplies and stacking the coolroom

- Matt and Michelle O'Brien for their ongoing handicap management

- Liz and Kathy for their work in the kitchen with the catering events we have run this year

- all the starters who have sent the fields off and the trophy presenters who have collated the score and finalised the winners.

And a couple of **Big Thank You** wishes ...

- to our Greenkeeper, Glenn Carroll, and
- to all our Sponsors - we appreciate your involvement with our club, and we look forward to your continued support as we move forward again next year.

**THANK YOU!**

The Committee wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Martin Cross**  
President



## 2018 major winners

At our Presentation evening on Saturday 25th November, our major winners for 2018 were presented with their awards.



Lynne Johnson, Megan Carroll, Marj Lang (Women's Champion), Florence Stevens and Jo Ralston, and Laurie Harding, Kane Clack, Rob Prendergast (Men's Champion), Rob Tingay and Kevin Adams.



Over the year there have been many other successful players who have been acknowledged in the Fairway during the year.

We congratulate all our members who have done well on the course, and we thank each and every one of you who has turned up to play - club participation makes our club survive and prosper, not only on the course, but also in the clubhouse when members can relax over a drink and social interaction.

Lady Luck was seldom kind to Sam. Although he had a real zest for life he was constantly beset by bad luck.

He loved poker but poker did not love him; he played the stock market with great anticipation but always seemed to be the one who bought high and sold low.

His life seemed to be full of more downs than ups.

His greatest delight was his golf game. Not that Sam was a great golfer; in fact, he never managed to break 100, but the odd shot that somehow ended up in the general area he had in mind was enough to keep his hopes alive.

Finally Sam became ill and passed away. But just before he died, he asked that his remains be cremated and his ashes be scattered just off the fairway on the ninth hole of his home course.

Accordingly, a gathering assembled to carry out Sam's wishes. It was a bright sunny day and all was going well. Then, as the ashes were being strewn ... a gust of wind came up and ... **blew Sam out of bounds.**

## In the bar

Members will be aware that a few months ago we employed Leanne Williams in the bar.

We have found that this commitment has put an increased financial burden on our running costs, and so it is with reluctance that we have decided to revert to having volunteers instead.

We thank Leanne for helping us over the past few months and are sorry to see her go.

We are fortunate though, to have Kathy and Terry Williams, who have offered to help out in this area.

## Security

Following the break-in to our clubhouse a couple of months ago, new sensors have been installed, including a new high decibel siren and strobe light to the outside.



The high decibel siren alone should be enough to frighten any potential intruder!



This echidna was spotted on the 3rd and later on the 8th fairway a couple of weeks ago - cute, isn't he!

## November monthly medals

Jen Dyer won the Stonemans voucher for November, and Mary Harris was our runner up.



James O'Brien won the Thursday November medal, with Robert Tingay our runner up.



Our December Monthly Medal sponsor is Michel's Fine Biscuits. Our lucky winners for this prize are ...

Laurie Smith, who won the Saturday medal, with Ossie Symons in second place. Vouchers for \$30 and \$20 for Michel's will be presented to all our winners and place-getters.

Our Tuesday December medallist was Barb Livingstone, with Peggy Ronnau runner up.



We thank Michel's for their sponsorship support.

## Big Hole

The last Big Hole for 2018 was played on a perfect summer evening, on Friday 30th November.

With the usual BBQ and salads to follow the game, it was a pleasant way to spend a few hours.

Our winner, for the second consecutive month, was Phil Broderick, with Terry Williams close behind.

Terry also won the prize for the last number of putts (11) on a 5-way count-back.



## Cup Day 2018

Just after play commenced on Melbourne Cup Day the heavens opened - while most of the field pulled out, some hardy souls pressed on through the rain to complete 18 holes (it did clear up later, but too late for most of us.. ...)



Kane Clack and Rosalie Roberts should have won a medal simply for completing the course - their winning scores (41 and 34) were quite impressive, in spite of the weather!

While passing the time waiting for the few intrepid players to complete the 18 holes, some checked out the horses ..... though rumour has it that their efforts were all in vain ...



## Max Gale Memorial Day

Our annual Max Gale Memorial Stoney Creek 3 ball classic was played on Sunday 18th November, and we welcomed Dianne and Barry Mahlstedt, who represented Max's family.

If you haven't yet played this game, make sure you do so next time, because it is a fun day. Our winners were Dee Sansom, Wayne Toohey and Rosemary Ashby, on a countback from Lynne Johnson, Neil Turner and Heather Ritch.



Barry Mahlstedt won the nearest the pin on the 7th, and it was good to see a representative of Max Gale's family taking out one of the prizes!

## Christmas Break up

Following Tuesday's game (4BBB Stableford) on Tuesday, 11th December, our women will celebrate the end of year (including some presentations), with a Christmas lunch, commencing about 1 pm.

We invite all our women members, past or present, to come to our lunch, and share the day with us.



## VIEW Club

The Castlemaine VIEW Club (Voice, Interest and Education of Women) will be holding their monthly dinner meetings in our clubhouse, commencing on Tuesday 11th December (a Christmas special), and each third Tuesday evening throughout next year.



The VIEW Club is closely associated with the Smith Family, helping disadvantaged families, particularly through the Learning for Life program for students.

If anyone would like to know more about VIEW, please contact Dee: Mob. 0447 635 223 or Email. [admin@castlemainegolf.com](mailto:admin@castlemainegolf.com)

This picturesque photo of the 13th men's tee can be a trap on Yellow Ball day (22nd December) when hitting off ..... some players have even tried to rescue their ball from the lake!



.... and good luck with that ....!

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Castlemaine Golf Club DECEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	28	29	30	1 MONTHLY MEDAL MENS STROKE	2
3 CV VETS AT CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB	4 LADIES MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE 8.00 AM FOR 8.30 START	5	6 STABLEFORD	7	8 STABLEFORD	9
10	11 STABLEFORD 4BBB CHRISTMAS LUNCH PRESENT ECLECTIC	12	13 STABLEFORD	14	15 PAR	16
17	18 PAR	19	20 STROKE	21 	22 XMAS BREAK UP YELLOW BALL TEAMS EVENT 12.00 SHOTGUN START	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 STABLEFORD	28	29 STABLEFORD	30
31	1	NOTES: <b>SATURDAY</b> 18 Hole Mens Comp. Ladies welcome. <b>TUESDAY</b> 18 Hole Ladies Comp. Men welcome. <b>THURSDAY</b> 18 Hole Comp. Members and non members welcome. <b>SATURDAY</b> 9 Hole Comp. 8.30 for 9.00 hit off. Men and ladies welcome. <b>BIG HOLE EVENT:</b> 9 par 3 Holes. BBQ after golf. Members, visitors and non-golfers welcome. <b>MONDAY THRU TO SUNDAY</b> 9 Hole Comp. Men and ladies welcome.				