



Castlemaine Golf Club

The Fairway - February 2019

From the President

It is a busy time around the golf course and club again, and not just for the members - you may have noticed more bird damage on parts of the course. This is very disheartening, especially after all the hard work that has gone into the fairways and greens.

We thank our green keeper, the Wednesday warriors, Matthew and James O'Brien and Robert Prendergast for some great work in these areas.

While a large group of members (28 in fact!) played in the tournament at Yarrowonga recently, we had an issue with the pump used for watering the 'back nine' - and during a hot summer it could have been quite disastrous. Fortunately John Prendergast noticed the pump was not working - he diagnosed the problem and fixed it quickly. Thanks John!

Each and every one who volunteers time and services to our club is greatly appreciated by all members. With all the efforts of these people you can see the improvement in the course - and from feedback received, people are noticing.

Coliban Water

Three members met with local member Maree Edwards last week for preliminary discussions about finding a solution to the club's financial strain caused by our debt to Coliban Water.

Background information is being prepared for her, and when this is ready, Maree Edwards will take our case to the Water Minister for review. Thank you to Trevor Bray for setting up this meeting.

Junior coaching program at Castlemaine Golf Club

Students from Castlemaine Steiner School will start golf lessons at our course during the 2019 school terms.



The program will commence on Friday 8th February, and will run for two hours (1.00 to 3.00 pm) each Friday afternoon.

The first day will include a walk around the course, an introduction to equipment, etiquette of golf, and possibly a putt on the practice green.

Dean Dixon, Professional Coach from the Bendigo District, will join us on Friday 15th February for the next few weeks.

With so many weeks in the school year (32) we will be looking for a few more willing helpers to assist. Please talk to our Committee if you can help so we can set up a roster.

Club Functions

On Sunday 27th January we had a private function at the Clubhouse which generated \$800 profit for the club. We have a few other bookings coming up, but next Saturday, 9th February, we have TWO bookings for the same day.

The first function is a luncheon for St Mary's School Reunion, and we are providing the lunch.

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We need as many helpers as we can get for this luncheon. Cold meats and salads will be served for lunch, so if any members can provide a salad and/or offer some help in the kitchen, that would be great.

When this function finishes at 3 o'clock, our cleaner will clean the hall in readiness for another party that night.

We will also need bar staff for the luncheon and the evening event.

This day has the potential to generate \$2-3,000 for the club, so we need to get behind these events.

If anyone can help in any way on the day please contact myself or Dee as soon as possible. Thanks!

New shed

We have had the ground work done for the new cart shed, and work will commence shortly.



While it will be a 'work in progress' project, due to availability of funds, when completed, it will house 10 carts.

Regards
Martin Cross
President

WANTED - A CART



ONE OF OUR MEMBERS
WOULD LIKE TO BUY A
CART - DOES ANYONE
WANT TO SELL THEIRS?
CONTACT DEE.

Swing Fit Golf for Women



In conjunction with GolfVic, we are fortunate to have Dean Dixon, Bendigo District Professional Coach, on site to run an innovative women's program called Swing Fit.

Swing Fit is a beginners program that includes five 75-minute sessions, once a week, combining golf tuition and an exercise program.

Between hitting buckets of balls, the women do a series of exercises combining strength, fitness and flexibility, with a bit of yoga thrown in.

All are designed to strengthen the muscles that get the most workout during a round of golf.

Details are:

Start date: Tuesday 2nd April
Time: 1.30 to 2.45 pm
Duration: 5 weeks (2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 April)
Cost: \$10 per session

This program has been timed so that participants can join in with our women members for a cuppa and a chat after they have played their regular Tuesday game.

If you would like to book in, please contact
Peggy Ronnau
Mob: 0409 232 919
Email: pronnau@dodo.com.au

Next Big Hole - Friday 22nd February

With 44 degree heat on the day of our January Big Hole was cancelled (naturally!), so let's hope the weather is kinder this month.

- 9 short holes, all par 3
- hit off from 4.30 pm
- BBQ to follow the game
- \$15 for golf and casual meal.



Monthly medals

Our sponsor for the February monthly medals is Cellarbrations - they have generously given two monthly medal sponsorships in the last few months!



Congratulations to our Thursday January monthly medallist, Col Bean, and to our Saturday medallist for February, Mick Kehoe.



Make everyone welcome!

While the majority of our members take the extra step to make sure no-one is left at the clubhouse waiting to hit off, sometimes this can slip through the net.

Please take an extra moment if you see if anyone is waiting anywhere near the clubhouse, and include them in your group.



Tickets are available on the website: pga@org.au

Birthday celebrations

Celebrating a birthday (five birthdays actually) - and the end of another year - are always good reasons to have lunch out. On Friday 11th January this crew assembled at the Five Flags for this popular event; it gives everyone - players and non-players, an opportunity to have a few laughs together.



Amy nails it!

Did anyone see this news item recently? It is a great story - Amy Bockerstette, a golf-loving teenager with Down syndrome, stuns the crowds - and leading pros Gary Woodland and Matt Kucher - on one of the most famous holes in the game at TPC Scottsdale.



Google Amy Bockerstette to see how she hit a par 3 with the professionals!

SPECIAL DEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

We have a special deal for membership which will be available to the end of June 2019 - \$150 per person.

Contact our membership officer, Rob Prendergast

Mob: 0418 721 771

Email: memofficer@castlemainegolf.com

Please note that this offer is not available to members whose membership has lapsed in the last year or two, but rather is an incentive for new players to join the Castlemaine Golf Club.

2019 Calendar

The calendar for this year is on our website, and some copies are available in the clubhouse. A few more variations to the normal run of events may also be added to the program during the year

2019		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
2019	FEBRUARY	28	29	30	31	1	2 MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	3	
		4	5 WOMEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	6	7 STABLEFORD	8	9 STABLEFORD	10	
		11	12 IRISH 3 BALL	13	14 STABLEFORD	15	16 2 PERSON AMBROSE Any combination of players - 12 noon shotgun start	17	
		18	19 STABLEFORD	20	21 MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	22 BIG HOLE - HIT OFF FROM 4.30 - BBQ AFTER GOLF	23 POTTOSE	24	
		25	26 PAR	27	28 PAR	1	2	3	
		4	5	NOTES: SATURDAY 18 Hole Mens comp. Women welcome. TUESDAY 18 hole Womens comp. Men welcome. THURSDAY 18 hole comp. Members and non members welcome. SATURDAY 9 hole comp. 8.30 for 9.00 hit off. Men and women welcome. MONDAY THRU TO SUNDAY 9 hole comp. Men and women welcome. BIG HOLE 9 par 3 holes. BBQ after golf. Members, visitors and non-golfers welcome.					

Our Extreme Heat Policy follows - please be mindful of these conditions

The Castlemaine Golf Club Extreme Heat Policy is to inform members of what will occur on competition days and to provide guidance to members and guests in relation to playing conditions that might impact on the health and well-being of players on the golf course.

Should the forecast temperature on the day before any club competition or the day be **38 degrees or more** (as indicated on the bom.gov.au website for Castlemaine, by 6 pm the day prior), the following will result:

- The course will remain open for competitions.
- It is strongly recommended that players hit off early in the morning.
- Once the forecast temperature reaches 38 degrees C the club advises members not to play; if members decide to play, they do so at their own risk.
- If a day of extreme heat occurs when the program states it is a Monthly Medal or a Gold Letter event, the event will be transferred to a date to be determined.
- If a day of extreme heat occurs when the program states the competition is a shot gun start, the start time or competition will be changed.
- Golfers are advised to take appropriate action to prevent heat stress including wearing a wide brimmed hat and carrying sufficient water to maintain hydration, and resting in the club house between nines for a short time if required.
- Golfers are advised that there is no fresh water available on the first nine.

Rationale:

1. The Club has a duty of care to its members and seeks to take a reasonable approach to days of extreme heat.
2. The Club is cognisant of advice given by the VGA and Sports Medicine Australian and expressed in the VGA Heat Policy.
3. The Club is concerned for the health and well-being of all of its members.
4. The average age of members is more than 60 years of age.
5. Cancellation or adjustment to the recommended conditions of play as shown above in the dot points is advice from the Club that it considers that it is too hot for play.
6. Golfers who play on days of extreme heat do so at their own risk. Members are advised to take appropriate actions to prevent heat stress.
7. The members will have certainty and will know from the forecast on the evening weather report what to expect on the following day.

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