



Castlemaine Golf Club

The Fairway - March 2019

From the President

To our members

We have a lot going on around the club at the moment.

Coliban Water

The main topic of discussion is with Coliban Water and what can be done in relation to our loan terms. We have had the first meeting but there will be a number of meetings before the final outcome is known. When more news is available on the Coliban Water situation we will let our members know.

Sponsorship

Dee and I had a meeting with Jellis Craig real estate agents, around sponsorship of the flags. Jellis Craig will be submitting a proposal to us.

Trevor Bray has organised a meeting with the Bendigo Bank to talk about possible sponsorship, and funding opportunities. Trevor and I will attend this meeting.

Junior golf

Golf Australia are keen to run a Go-Golf program for junior golfers; this would be in addition to the current Steiner School program, and may be eligible for funding for equipment and long-term junior clinics. This junior program would culminate in a nine hole tournament in June.

Tony Collier from Golf Australia has submitted a grant application which could get us funding of up to \$5000.

I would like to thank the volunteers who are helping with the coaching on Fridays with the Steiner School Children (more later in the Fairway).

Women's golf

Swing Fit is a special program to encourage more women to take up golf. It will run for five weeks during April. Peggy Ronnau has done a fantastic job organising this (more later in the Fairway).

Functions

We have had four functions so far this year at the Clubhouse. Each of these functions has made around \$1000 profit, which provides the club with some much-needed income.

We have been asked to cater for a function on Mother's Day, May the 12th - if anyone has some time on their hands either on the day to help or the day prior to set up tables, please let us know. This function will also generate income which will be very helpful for the club.

New tees

Red and white oversize golf balls have been installed on all 18 tees as new markers.

We thank an anonymous donor who has generously provided them!



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Course

Another renovation of our greens has recently been carried out. This is part of a three-year program which was suggested by an associate of Golf Australia. It has made a dramatic improvement to our greens overall.

We are still encountering problems with the local corellas. Our Greenkeeper and some of our members are spending a lot of time patching up greens that have been attacked, and we thank them for their efforts. We are looking at a longer-term solution to the corella population going forward.

General

The fields for our competitions have been fantastic lately and I hope it continues - it is great to see so many people out having a hit of golf.

We have taken several group bookings for golf and carts over the last couple of weeks, which is good, as it brings extra money into the club.

There are other issues and events happening but they are minor at this point, so continue golfing, enjoy our facilities and promote them at every opportunity.

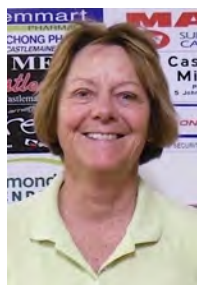
Martin Cross
President

March Monthly medals

We thank Castlemaine Fresh for sponsoring the vouchers for the winners and runners up for the March Monthly Medals.



Congratulations to Rod Entwisle, winner, and Harald Domanski, runner up in the Saturday competition, and to Barb Livingstone, winner, and Rosalie Roberts, runner up for the Tuesday competition.



The Thursday Monthly Medal will be played on 21st March.

Castlemaine Football/Netball Golf Day

An enthusiastic group of local footballers from the Castlemaine Football/Netball Club recently played golf at Castlemaine Golf Course, to raise funds for their footy club.

No scores were available (for publication in the Fairway at least...), but from all accounts, the day went very well. Frank Bryne and Jason Cordy were spotted relaxing in the bar after their game.



Footy tipping is back!

With the AFL 2019 footy season only a few weeks away, it's time to put your name down for this season! A list has been placed near the bar for anyone interested in being in this competition.



The footy tipping is split into two sections: Rounds 1-12, and Rounds 13-23.

The cost is \$30 for the whole season, giving everyone two chances to win a prize: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be drawn half way round, and again at the end of the home-and-away games.

If anyone forgets to put their tips in they will be given the away teams.

The footy cards will be on the table outside the kitchen, beside the box for the tips.

Tips can also be sent to me:
Email: kathyterrywilliams@bigpond.com
Text: 0438 626 565.

Good luck!
Terry Williams

Junior coaching program

Members may be aware that Castlemaine Golf Club is running coaching for students from the Steiner School on Friday afternoons during school terms this year.

This term's students were on the 12th hole, trying their luck hitting over the creek, and learning some putting tips!

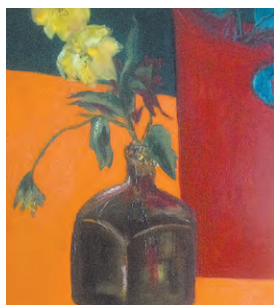
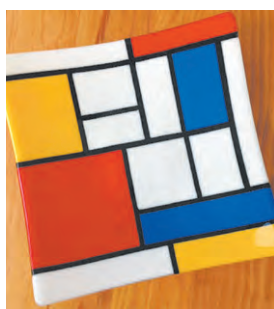
We are very fortunate to have Dean Dixon, golf professional from GolfVic, coming along for the first few weeks.

Dean is well supported by our willing members, Michelle, Kevin and Neville, and we hope that during the year a few others will join the team as well.



Art Display in the Clubhouse

Take a break after your game of golf to view the works produced by the Castlemaine Creative Artists, which will be on display in our clubhouse during the Castlemaine State Festival.



CASTLEMAINE CREATIVE ARTISTS

ART on COURSE

Diverse, quality works including acrylics, oils, watercolours, printmaking, kiln-fired glass, hand printed textiles, sculptures and cards by two local art groups, Castlemaine Creative Artists (CCA) and Castlemaine Plein-Air Artists.

Ample parking, easy access, seating.
Supported by the Castlemaine Golf Club.

VENUE: Castlemaine Golf Club

ADDRESS: Cnr Pyrenees Hwy and Rilens Rd, Muckleford

DATE/TIME: 23-30 March 10am-5pm. Free entry

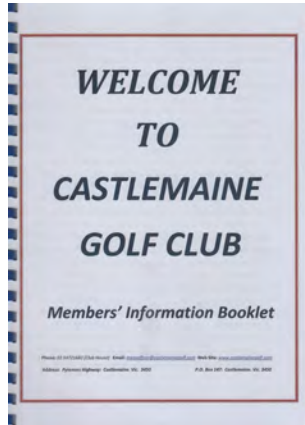
Meet the Artists: 11am-2pm Wed 27th and enjoy eats/drinks on sale 10am-3pm
Ph: Ann 0409 031 926 Vivien 0412 882 402

Membership

In recent months our membership has increased, and we welcome all our new members!

Please have a look at our website (in the drop down menu, Membership) to view our Membership Booklet for new members.

A copy is also on display in the foyer of the clubhouse.



EXTRA-SPECIAL DEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

As the current financial year draws to a close, we are offering an extra-special deal for membership from now to June 30: **\$100 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.

Coming up soon for the women ...

Tuesday 19th March - our annual Open Day when visitors from Bendigo District clubs will join us for a Drop-out Ambrose. Start time is 9.00 for 9.30, and lunch, provided by our members, will follow.

Tuesday 26th March - 4BBB Royal Womens Hospital Day. This is a fund-raiser for the hospital. It is played in teams of two, so if you need a partner please contact Peggy (0409 232 919).

Women members are reminded that the start time for the 4BBB is 8.00 for 8.30 - we will revert to a winter program (9.30 for a 10.00 am start) on Tuesday 2nd April during the winter months.

Golf for the women?

Did you know that men members outnumber our women members by a ratio of about 5:1? While it's terrific to see so many men on the course, we would love to have more women playing as well.

The Swing Fit program (see below) is already attracting a lot of interest, so here is a great opportunity to try your luck! And we will welcome you with open arms!!

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

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
2019 MARCH Castlemaine Golf Club	25	26	27	28	1	2 MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	3
	4	5 WOMEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	6	7 STABLEFORD	8	9 STABLEFORD	10
	11	12 STABLEFORD	13	14 STABLEFORD	15 BIG HOLE - HIT OFF FROM 4.30 - BBQ AFTER GOLF	16 4BBB STABLEFORD	17
	18	19 9.00 FOR 9.30 WOMENS OPEN DAY - DROP OUT AMBROSE	20	21 MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	22 WOMENS PENNANT INFO/CLINIC BENDIGO	23 PAR	24 1ST ROUND MENS PENNANT
	25	26 4BBB ROYAL WOMENS HOSPITAL DAY	27	28 PAR	29	30 STABLEFORD	31 2ND ROUND MENS PENNANT

BIG HOLE GOLF

Our last Big Hole golf is on this Friday - have you played it yet?

- ◆ Friday 16th March
- ◆ Hit off from 4.30 pm
- ◆ 9 short holes (par 3), using extra big holes!
- ◆ Cost: \$15 per player (golf and BBQ)
- ◆ Members, guests, friends, families, new golfers - everyone is welcome.
(No membership or handicap is required)



I don't know why, but I love this course!

Spending your winning vouchers

Members may have seen this list in the clubhouse, but just to confirm - and to correct an omission ...

We are very fortunate to have the sponsorship support of so many local businesses, and in return for their sponsorship, we encourage our members to spend their winning vouchers at any of the following businesses.

Members are also welcome to spend their vouchers at the club.

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| ASQ/Skydancers | Maine Shoes |
| Castlemaine Fresh | Maine Carwash |
| Castlemaine Mitsubishi | Michel's Fine Biscuits |
| Castlemaine News & Lotto | Mt Alexander Funerals |
| Cellarbrations | Mt Alexander Wines |
| Central Carpets | Newstead Bakery |
| Castlemaine | Robinsons Heating & Cooling |
| Cliffords Quality Cuts | Running Rabbit |
| Dales Discount Paints | Shoe Connection |
| Drummonds Bendigo | Smith & Maltby |
| Fasom Plumbing & Appliances | Steve Barty Gas |
| Five Flags Hotel | Stevens Mensland |
| Golf City Ballarat | Stonemans Book Room |
| Jellis Craig | Tingays Smash Repairs |
| Kosmac and Clemens | Thomas & Chong |
| Kowelec Electrical Services | Top Meats |
| | Warral Honey |