



# Castlemaine Golf Club

## The Fairway - April 2019

### From the President

To the Members

The club seems to be full-on at all times at the moment.

### Coliban

We have had our second meeting with Coliban Water with no formal outcome yet. All indications are that Coliban will work with us to have a positive outcome as long as we are continuing to look at all aspects of running the club and not just expecting Coliban to carry the load.

This will be a fairly long process but we will get there in the end. When more news is available on the Coliban Water situation we will let the membership know.

### Mygolf

Golf Australia are keen to run a program for local primary school students.



To run this program we will need to have more people who are willing to become community coaches.

A 4-6 hour on-line course will need to be undertaken by these coaches prior to the commencement of the lessons (for insurance purposes),

and the cost of the course will be covered by Golf Australia or our club.

The short program will run on two Mondays after school for one hour during June (3rd and 17th June), and the course will finish with a tournament on Monday 24th June (during school hours).

The objective is to have a few games, and some prizes, so the kids will get a taste of the game, and have some fun along the way.

This is not a large time commitment for us, but an important one, as we need to keep progressing this area to attract some junior golfers.

### Steiner golf program

We also run a program in conjunction with the Steiner School each Friday afternoon during school terms from 2.00 to 3.15 pm, with a new group of students taking part each term.

The first term of the Steiner golf program is over and was very successful. The volunteers did a fantastic job, but we need more, so please put your hand up if you have some spare time.

Volunteers for this course will also need to do the on-line training course prior to the next lesson, which will be on Friday 3rd May.

### Swing Fit

The Swing Fit program has started and Peggy and Dee are very happy with the attendance and participation.

Peggy has suggested that some women may be keen to continue to play, and our members would be delighted to have them along (more on page 2).

### Sponsorship

Trevor Bray has continued his good work on the sponsorship front and has identified a number of opportunities.

Our members are spending their vouchers at several sponsors, which is a positive for them as well.

### Functions

We have some functions coming up soon, with Megan Carroll's birthday this weekend, and another birthday party on Mother's day.



The VIEW Club has booked the clubhouse for a MAAW Fashion Parade on Saturday 20th July.

We have also had some enquiries for a wedding to be held later in the year, but this is yet to be confirmed.

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### Course

The greens have recovered well from the renovation. Glenn has been dealing with some other issues relating to disease on a couple of greens.

A number of groups have played recently, with the Ballarat Probus Club playing last Friday, the Vosti group Friday and Saturday and the Niblick Golf Club on three days this week. This has increased our green fee and cart hires.

### Cart shed

I have approached the owner of half the old car yard in Forest St about the shed on the land. He will be using the shed for the next 6 to 7 months, but once he has finished with it we are more than welcome to take the shed.

The shed is not bolted together so we will need to cut it with angle grinders but we can weld it back together. Chris, the owner of the block, suggested the other shed on the other block may also be up for grabs - he will try and find out.

### Pennant

The Pennant Season has started and all three men's teams are in good positions and the women's team is going well also. We wish all teams success in their endeavours, and hope we can win some of the divisions we are competing in.

### Golf

Garry has the golf program going very well and he spends a lot of hours organising these events for us. If anyone can help Garry please do, as he needs a rest from time to time.

April is a busy month, with some extra golf days over Easter and Anzac Day, and our annual tournament is coming up soon (2-3-4 May).

**Martin Cross**  
**President**

### Swing Fit program

Our members welcomed a very enthusiastic group of women to participate in the Swing Fit program, which runs for five Tuesdays during April.



The women are having a lot of fun combining some exercises with golf instruction, under the guidance of the professional coach, Dean Dixon.

Our program links in very well with a recent initiative of Mt Alexander Council called 'This Girl Can' and Council has generously donated \$200 towards the program.



### April Monthly medals

We thank The Shoe Connection for sponsoring the April Monthly Medals.

This store is soon to be renamed as Desa Footwear, and will be located where Paninis used to be.



Congratulations to Connie Dimopoulos who won Tuesday's monthly medal, and to Kevin Gardner, who won the Saturday medal.

The Thursday medal will be played on 18th April.

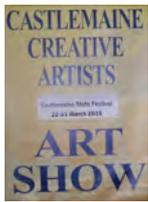


The new larger than life red and white tees look terrific - thanks to our unknown benefactor for donating them - but have you ever felt tempted to have a go at one when you are having one of those days when nothing goes right?

One of our members had the urge, but fortunately thought better of it in the end!!



## Castlemaine Creative Artists



Castlemaine Creative Artists recently held their biennial art show at the Castlemaine Golf clubhouse, and once again it was very well attended.

Our group appreciates the use of this venue as it does provide easy parking and access for visitors, with only a short drive out of town.

Many also appreciate the layout of the show, again, because of the easy access to walk around the exhibit, and visitors were complimentary of the diverse range of art shown.



Meet the artists day on Wednesday was rather disappointing for the golf club ladies who had prepared tasty snacks for lunches or to have with tea or coffee. However the next day, visitors really enjoyed the left over sandwiches, particularly our elderly visitors from the hospital aged care homes. They came for morning and afternoon tea, so nothing was wasted!

Sales were not high in number, but our group did break even, and it is always good to learn that your art is not done in vain, but appreciated.

Thanks again for the co-operation from your Golf club members for sharing their facility and allowing this show to happen.

**Ann McAlpin**  
CCA representative



### Eucalyptus mulch - free!

Following recent cleaning up around the course and roadside, we have a large stockpile of eucalyptus mulch. If anyone would like some, talk to Glenn Carroll.

## Women's Open Day

Castlemaine women welcomed players from several clubs to our annual Open Day on Tuesday 19th March. Sixty played a drop out 3 person ambrose, and enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by our women after the game.

We thank our helpers in the kitchen, our committee of organisers and donors of raffle prizes. It was a most successful day socially and financially for our club.

The winners from Gisborne Golf Club were delighted with their prizes.



The club thanks our sponsors, ASQ/Skydancers, who supplied the floral prizes for the winners and runners up for this event again this year.



## Cutting the grass

If you have played on the first nine recently you will notice that the long grass has been cut near the 4th/5th hole - we wonder how many balls were found when it was cut! And doesn't it look so much better!!



### 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 of \$100 per person.

Contact our membership officer,  
Rob Prendergast - Mob: 0400 901 980  
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2 9.30 FOR 10.00 WOMEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE SWING FIT	3	4 STABLEFORD	5	6 MONTHLY MEDAL MEN'S STROKE	7 3RD ROUND MENS PENNANT
8 1ST ROUND WOMENS PENNANT	9 PAR SWING FIT	10	11 STABLEFORD	12	13 STABLEFORD	14 4TH ROUND MENS PENNANT
15 2ND ROUND WOMENS PENNANT	16 STABLEFORD SWING FIT	17	18 MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20 STABLEFORD	21 EASTER DAY
22 2 PERSON AMBROSE - OFF THE RED TEES 12 NOON SHOTGUN START	23 STONEY CREEK 3 BALL CLASSIC SWING FIT	24	25 ANZAC DAY - 3 PERSON AMBROSE MIXED AND MENS 12 NOON SHOTGUN START	26	27 MENS 4BBB STROKE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	28 5TH ROUND MENS PENNANT
29 GCV VETS AT CASTLEMAINE GC 3RD ROUND WOMENS PENNANT	30 PAR SWING FIT	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	NOTES: <b>SATURDAY</b> 18 Hole Mens comp. Women welcome. <b>TUESDAY</b> 18 hole Womens 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 women welcome. <b>MONDAY THRU TO SUNDAY</b> 9 hole comp. Men and women welcome. <b>BIG HOLE</b> 9 par 3 holes. BBQ after golf. Members, visitors and non-golfers welcome.				

## Here's a handy refresher of some new rules

- New dropping height.**  
All drops must be from knee height.
- New dropping procedure.**  
Ball must land in and come to rest in relief area.
- Time reduced for search.**  
Ball is lost if not found within 3 minutes.
- Putting with flagstick in.**  
Hitting unattended flagstick in hole now allowed when putting.
- Spike mark repair on green.**  
Repair of almost any damage to green now allowed.
- Ball or ball-marker moved on green.**  
No penalty for accidental movement of ball or ball-marker on green.
- Ball accidentally moved while searching.**  
Replace ball with no penalty.
- Loose impediments in bunker or penalty area.**  
Removal of loose impediments in bunker or penalty area now allowed.
- Touching line of play on green.**  
Touching line of play on green now allowed.
- READY GOLF** (in Stableford, Stroke Play, Par). The new Rules actively encourage Ready Golf.



## Rules don't mean anything to Donald Trump!

Quoting from Rick Reilly's book, *Commander in Cheat: How golf explains Trump .....*

'He cheats. He lies. He kicks. And not just his ball - yours too. He props up a 2.8 handicap that's faker than Wrestlemania 35. He wins tournaments he never even played in. He wins tournaments that weren't even held.

He drives his golf cart on greens. He drives it on tee boxes. He never, ever walks, even on the courses he owns that have banned carts. He always hits first, never mind who won the last hole, and then jumps in his cart before you've even hit. He plays only at clubs with his name on them and only with caddies who love his \$200-a-round tips.

He has to win. A loss is to Donald Trump is what a shower is to the Wicked Witch of the West. He has to win no matter how much cheating, lying, and pencil erasing it takes. He has to win whether you've caught him or not. Maybe it was his father beating into his kid brain - Win, Win, Win. Be a winner, over and over. Maybe it was where he learned the game - Cobbs Creek, a scruffy public course in Philadelphia full of hustlers and con men who taught him to cheat your opponent before he cheats you.

If you're willing to lie about something small, why not lie about the more important things the presidency brings'.

What a guy!! 🤔 🤔

Go to [www.golf.org.au/newrules](http://www.golf.org.au/newrules) to see the details plus a series of short videos on the main changes.