



# Castlemaine Golf Club

## The Fairway - August 2019

### From the President

The weather has not been friendly to us poor golfers; the course has been very heavy in places.

Through these colder months our numbers have dropped off due to the weather, but also because many like to travel. We have had some larger fields but the average is low to high twenties.

We have run some special event on Sundays through the winter - these haven't been very successful but we will continue to look at ways to bring a different element to our normal events.

I hope that everyone has noticed all the work being done around the course around the dam walls, mainly the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes, and the improved visual and playing aspects are fantastic.



Looking back from the 5<sup>th</sup> green to the tee

The Sponsorship committee has continued to increase the sponsorship interest in the club (more on page 3).

We are also using sponsors' vouchers for our Medal day raffles - with six or seven draws and tickets at 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10.

We hope this monthly raffle will benefit our business sponsors by giving something back to them.



Through the sponsorship committee there has been an approach to the Mount Alexander Shire Council around upcoming grants. We may not be ready to apply for this round but we will be in a very good position to build a strong case to apply for the next round.

In the discussion with Mount Alexander Shire Council, access to machinery or possible purchase of turnover machinery that may be of use to us was mentioned. For this to occur there will need to be further discussions with a relevant person from the shire and someone from the club.

This may mean that if they have a machine that we need from time to time they may hire it to us or do the job - we won't know if that can occur until the discussion has gone a lot further.

And on Wednesday, a group had a meeting with Mark Bamford from Golf Australia around funding and grants that may be coming up, and ways of accessing these grants.

We will have to prioritise what we want to achieve and base our application on that list, but we will have to put a lot of effort into building the case for these grants to be successful.

I have had more contact with Coliban Water who want to get back to the table and have further discussions around what can be done to help us in regard to our current loan with them.

Jay from Coliban contacted me earlier this week and we will continue the dialog between us to get a result.

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A new cart shed will start being erected in the next couple of months, depending on the weather. The area where the shed is to go is very wet, making the set out very hard.



The new shed will have a capacity of 15 to 17 carts, and we are hoping to concrete the floor and have a remote control door. If the remote door goes ahead there will be a refundable charge for the remote control that would be refundable on its return when the member stops playing golf or removes their cart.

We are in the last month of winter so let's look forward to the warmer weather and drier fairways coming up.

**Martin Cross**  
**President**

### **Work continues around the course**

Geoff Margary is on hand to help Glenn every Tuesday with a willing pair of hands and a cheery smile. Thanks Geoff!



And some members may have seen Phil Marsh, who is on a 26-week government-sponsored WDEA program, working alongside Glenn.

### **World Handicap System (WHS)**

Golf's new World Handicap System is expected to launch in January 2020. It is designed to welcome more players, to make golf easier to understand, and to give all golfers a handicap which is portable all around the globe.

'The World Handicap system is the latest example of our work to make the game more welcoming', said Mike Davis, CEO of the USGA. 'Golfers throughout the world will be able to play equitably, measure their success and more fully enjoy and engage with the game.'

To find out more on its implementation in Australia, google World handicap system, or visit the Golf Australia website: [golf.org.au](http://golf.org.au)

### **Major Raffle prize, donated by Golf City**

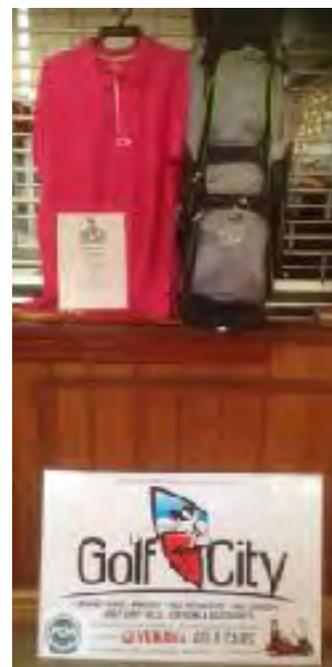
The prize includes

- ◆ Golf bag
- ◆ Golf umbrella
- ◆ T/shirt
- ◆ Golf cap
- ◆ Golf towel

Only 150 tickets on sale \$5.00 per ticket.

Tickets are on sale at the bar.

- ◆ (don't be concerned if the t/shirt is not your size, or your colour - all these products can be changed).



Last month Golf City organised a day when carts could be serviced and lessons could be booked. In spite of the rather foul weather, five people had lessons (sometimes in the rain) and eight carts were serviced.

Another day will be arranged later in the year, and we thank Ben Roberts and his mechanic who came along on the day.

### **The married couple**

As a couple approaches the altar, the groom tells his wife-to-be, "Honey, I've got something to confess: I'm a golf nut, and every chance I get, I'll be playing golf!"

"Since we're being honest," replies the bride, "I have to tell you that I'm a hooker."

The groom replies, "That's okay honey. You just need to learn to keep your head down and your left arm straight."

## Tee sign sponsorship

We are delighted to have some new tee signs - they will be ready for installation very soon ...

- ✓ Waller Realty will be represented on two tees - the red 1st tee and the white 10th,



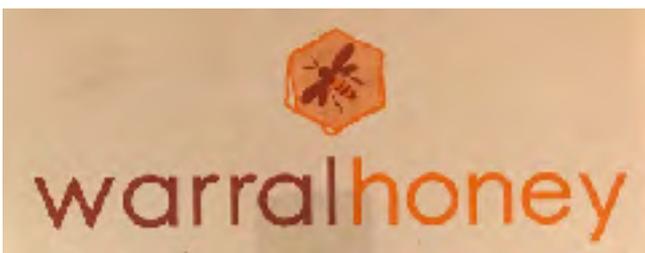
- ✓ Mt Alexander Timber and Hardware will be on the white 13th tee, and



- ✓ Campbell Fencing Contractors will be on the white 16th tee.



Also, Warral Honey are sponsoring the Saturday Nearest the Pins one week each month - it will be called Nearest the Honey Pot!



Sponsorship in its various forms through tee sign sponsorship, raffle prizes, monthly medal sponsors, and in other ways, all form a crucial part of our annual revenue, and we thank our sponsors for supporting our club in this way.

## Monthly medals

James O'Brien, was the winner of the Stevens Mensland Monthly Medal for July ...



George Gray won the Saturday Railway Hotel Monthly Medal for August ...



and Lynne Johnson won and Jo Ralston was runner up, in the Tuesday Monthly Medal for August.



The last monthly medal for this month will be played on Thursday 22nd August.

## Clubhouse functions

Our clubhouse is available for hire for private functions. Recently it was used for a most successful MAAW (Mt Alexander Animal Welfare) Fashion Parade for 130 women (one of our members was a model!).

Functions like this show how versatile the clubhouse is - we would like to see it used more often!



## On the women's calendar .....

Coming up soon is the annual Doris Chambers Foursomes Stableford on Tuesday 20th August, played in pairs. Start time is 9.30 for 10.00 am.

Also coming up next month, on Monday 16th September is our club's special day, the Milford Salver, in memory of our Life Member, Olive Milford.

Members are encouraged to invite players from other clubs to join with us on the day.

Afternoon tea will be supplied by our ladies, and we hope everyone will contribute, so we maintain our usual high standard of catering!

### Lost property

If you have lost any clothes, golf clubs, or golf club gloves, please check the lost property basket in the foyer, before the goods are disposed of!



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### Milford Salver 3 person Stableford

*Proudly sponsored by ASQ  
Garden and Landscape*

**MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2019**  
9.30 for 10.00 am hit off

Played as a team with two best scores on each hole to count

Prizes for the winners, runners up and nearest the pin

**\$60 for a team of 3 including afternoon tea**

Enquiries including carts to Jo Ralston 5476 2549  
Limited carts available \$40.00

Entries to Peggy Ronnau [pronnau@dodo.com.au](mailto:pronnau@dodo.com.au)  
after August 25th

Entries close on Friday 13th September



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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
2019	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				STABLEFORD		MEN'S AUGUST MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		WOMEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE		STABLEFORD		STABLEFORD off the red tees	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		STABLEFORD		4BBB STABLEFORD		STABLEFORD	
AUGUST	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		DORIS CHAMBERS STRAIGHT FORESOMES		MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE		BUD ANNAND TROPHY MEN'S 4BBB STABLEFORD	
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
		POTTOSE		PAR			
	2	3	<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.				
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