



Castlemaine Golf Club

The Fairway - January 2020

To the Members

With the Festive Season now behind us and we move into a New Year, it has been fantastic to see the big fields we have had recently in our competitions. We have had over 100 people playing in our competitions per week over the last two weeks.

The warmer weather has seen some movement of the Santa Anna couch on the 18th fairway; it is still a long way from being playable but we knew that from the start of the project.

With all the bushfires that are going on at the moment I hope that everyone and their families are OK, even in our area with these conditions we need to be mindful, especially when operating machinery or power equipment.

Peggy Ronnau, our Women's Captain, has a monthly coaching program running at the course, with Paul Powell doing the coaching (more on page 4). This is going well at the moment and there is potential for new members coming from this.

Robert Prendergast has also been working hard at increasing our membership (more on page 3).

We have a new Treasurer, Bev Pike, who has taken over from Grant Thomas. To Grant a big thank you for the work you have done over a number of years, and to Bev a big thank you for taking on the Treasurer's position.

Bev is very keen to take on the responsibility and it is good to see some fresh faces on the committee.

I know the shed project has dragged out but we are hoping to have holes dug this week to start erecting the shed. We have a lot of interest from people requiring cart space so can you please contact us at the club so we can list interested parties.

It has been good to see more people around the Club and creating a social atmosphere; there will be some hiccups with this but we need to build this side with people from the community. We are looking at running a social evening meal in late March - more information will be put out to the members and community going forward.

The meals at the club on the evening of the Saturday monthly medal have been well supported and will continue while we have the demand. The next one will be on **Saturday 1st February**, at 6.30 in the clubhouse.

I have had some correspondence with Coliban Water leading up to Christmas but they have more important issues right now and they cannot convene a meeting with us at the moment.

On a sad note, just on Christmas, one of our members Nola Harding, passed away.

Nola contributed to this club for many years and we extend our sincere condolences to Laurie and Vaughan. We will all miss her smiling face.

Martin Cross
President



Yellow Ball day

The popular Yellow Ball/stableford day was played on Saturday 21st December, on a perfect day at Castlemaine Golf Club, and with a great field of 67 taking part.....

Leon Thomas arrived in this eye-catching outfit - love those fancy shorts Leon!

Father Christmas came as a double act or is that Vin Walsh and Ron Jenkins?



The day wasn't without a few hitches - a couple of teams didn't make it back to the clubhouse with the Yellow Ball still in play.

Glenn Lorenz struck a bit of trouble when he offered to retrieve the Yellow Ball from the dam on the 5th (hit by one of his team - initials DG). While he was looking for the ball, a gust of wind took his buggy from the dam wall and sent it into the dam as well!

In keeping with the spirit of the Yellow Ball event, he continued with his search for the ball, and fortunately, the ball, the buggy and Glenn, made it safely back to the clubhouse

The Yellow Ball winners were Harald Domanski, Rob Smith, Wayne Toohey and Peter Farrell.

After the game the players relaxed over Christmas drinks and a casual meal in the clubhouse. Martin, Ross and Peter prepared and presented a tasty,(and plentiful!) meal for everyone - thank you!



Update on golf cart road rule



Members may remember the incident when a golfer was picked up by the police for driving his cart to his local golf course - a distance of 1.1 km from his house to the golf course (Avoca Golf Club), late last year.

Following this incident, and with strong support from golfers, the case went to court in October.

The Maryborough magistrates' Court handed down its decision on 12th December 2019, and it's good news!

The case was withdrawn, with the police to pay all costs. This is pending an appeal, which is unlikely to happen.

And just to refresh - the current Vic Roads ruling states that as long as the vehicle (golf cart) is being used for its intended purpose, it can be driven 2 km from home to the course, and again on the return journey home.

What is the World Handicap System (WHS)?

Golf's two international governing bodies, the R&A and the USA Golf Association (USGA), have worked together with the world's major handicapping authorities to develop a single handicap system for the game. Golf Australia (GA) is one of the organisations that has been closely involved.

These important changes to the handicap system take effect on January 30th, 2020.

Please read the posters in the clubhouse carefully, or google **World Handicap System Australia** for more details.



Women's Christmas/Break up day

A 4BBB stableford was played on December 10th prior to our women's annual Christmas lunch. It was especially good to have Bev Tingay playing - **and** in the winning team - along with Jen Dyer, Lyn Maple and Marg Higgins.

Presentations were given for best rounds during the year - to Marj Lang for the least putts and three best stableford rounds, to Rosalie Roberts for the three best monthly medal rounds, and to Marj Stevens, who won the Captain's Trophy for the three best par rounds.

Marj's prize was a 'Christmas Box of goodies' which was put together by our Women's Captain, Peggy Ronnau.



The members thank Peggy, not only for preparing the Captain's Trophy prize, but also for her fine contribution to women's golf at Castlemaine Golf Club during the year.

A very pleasant shared lunch followed the day's play, when past players joined members for our end-of-year/Christmas celebration day.



Weekly 18 hole comp

We are offering golfers the opportunity to play in a weekly 18 hole competition - run the same way as our regular weekly 9 hole comp.

It will commence the first week in February.

It may run for a couple of weeks (as does the 9 hole comp) before winners are decided, but it gives anyone the chance to play a comp in either 9 or 18 holes (or both!), seven days a week.

The game will always be stableford, which is the same as the 9 hole comp.

Monthly medallists

We congratulate our recent medal winners. Our December Monthly Medal winners were:
Saturday - Stephen Cooper
Tuesday - Trish Sharrock
Thursday - Ian Gilmore



And our January Monthly Medal winners were:
Saturday - Les Prendergast
Tuesday - Rosalie Roberts



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The Thursday Medal will be played on 23rd January

Membership

EXTRA SPECIAL DEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

We have an extra special deal for membership which is available from now until the end of June 2020, of \$130 per person

Contact our Membership Officer, Rob Prendergast
Mobile: 0400 901 980
Email: memofficer@castlemainegolf.com

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

And a reminder to our members

It appears that some members are not up-to-date with their annual memberships. Please check to see that you have paid your membership, and if not, please make sure you include the invoice number if paying by bank transfer.

If you are unsure if you have paid, please contact Bev Pike to check it for you.
Mob: 0428 589 986 Email: bev33@gmail.com

Golf lessons at Castlemaine Golf Club

Coaching commenced for 2020 on 9th January, with some learning basic skills and others working on improving their game, under the supervision of our visiting coach, Paul Powell.

Previously, these sessions were run on the first Thursday morning of each month, however, starting in February 2020, they will run on **MONDAY** mornings instead (the next lesson will be on **3rd February**). If it clashes with another event, participants will be notified.

Start time is 8.15 am. If you would like to come along, contact Peggy Ronnau (0409 232 919) and she will put you on her regular mailing list.



Around the course

Our greenskeeper's work is never done



A few leaks have been keeping Glenn and his helpers busy in recent weeks.

This one was on the left of the 3rd tee - a tree root was the culprit if it's not one thing, it's another



..... the outside toilet on the 15th hole is a favourite nesting spot for swallows ... hatched last month, but have now flown off into the wide world

2020		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
JANUARY	Castlemaine Golf Club	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
					STABLEFORD		SATURDAY MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			WOMEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE		STABLEFORD		STABLEFORD	
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			PAR		STABLEFORD		YARRAWONGA STABLEFORD	YARRAWONGA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
	STABLEFORD		MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE		4 PERSON AMBROSE MEN & MIXED 12 NOON SHOTGUN START	AUSTRALIA DAY		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
	TEAM EVENT TBA		PAR					
3	4							