

Castlemaine Golf Club

The Fairway - June 2020

Welcome back to all our Members

We have been allowed the privilege to play golf, and play golf we have! The fields have been fantastic since the restart of golf; it came back with a rush that surprised us. We have been fortunate to have some good weather for most competition days, which has been another plus.

Overall, the common sense being shown by our members has been fantastic. This is not the normal day at golf; it is a new normal that may have lingering effects for some time.

We will in the near future be able to run some of our functions in the clubhouse with social distancing and table service, but in the meantime takeaway food and beverages will be available near the BBQ and new fire pit.



Spacing of tables and chairs for social distancing in the clubhouse ...



... also allowing for spacing while outside.

The fire pit is a welcome addition to this area as it is also used for collection of scores.

If you enter the clubhouse please use the sanitiser in the entrance.

On Saturdays, raffles will resume. Fill in your tickets using your own pen. The results of raffles - and competition winners - will be placed on Facebook and on our website.

For those members who have been booking in early I thank you for your efforts, as this is one of the requirements in the guidelines that we need to maintain - and it makes it easier to spread the field.

Some members always play in the late time slot and have that time booked every comp. This is also very helpful.

There are several people to thank -

- * Our Greenkeeper Glenn Carroll, for the way the course has been maintained over the break, and all of his helpers.
- * The weekend warriors who cleaned up some small trees on the edges of 1st, 3rd, 14th and 15th fairways.
- * Lachlan Brown and his helpers for the fire pit.
- * All the volunteers who helped erect the new cart shed. The concrete should be going in the front two bays of the shed on Friday the 5th of June.



We are reorganising the finances for the start of the new financial year to address our ongoing costs which, apart from course maintenance expenses, include our loans from NAB and Coliban Water, and our tax obligations.

This will include a new look membership invoice which will itemise all the components of our membership to limit GST implications.

We would also like members to look at the direct debit monthly option so we can control our cash flow and budget moving forward. Ross Smith has been very helpful to the club over the last couple of months securing some of the financial aid available - in fact Smith and Maltby as a company have been fantastic, and for this we are most grateful.

Members will notice a newer piece of equipment on the course - a Toro Workman. Our Mule has broken down again and the repair time and cost is unknown, so we have replaced it to prevent golf carts being used as work vehicles (the last time we used a golf cart for a period of time it required two new sets of batteries which cost around \$3000).



Golf Australia is currently offering to assist clubs with shovel ready projects as part of the government stimulus package, though there are a couple of catches with these grants. The main issue is that the minimum grant is one million dollars, the project has to commence within 6 months and be completed within 12 months, and we need to be able to contribute as well.

I have made the initial contact with Mark Bamford from Golf Australia, and we will complete the application form online, but whether we can get projects quoted in time might be the stumbling point. The grants are for building infrastructure, mainly to keep the building industry going.

Coliban have made contact again and want to return to the discussion table. We can only hope we get some resolution this time as last time we stumbled with a couple of hurdles to go.

There is a lot going on at the golf club at the moment and the committee is working hard to get every bit of assistance we can but it may miss out.

The club, through James O'Brien, purchased new shirts that were to be unveiled for the first round of men's pennant, but of course pennant had to be cancelled.

There are several shirts and caps left, so if you are interested, please talk to James, or phone him on 0408 331 415.

The prices are:
Shirts \$50, Caps \$20.



Finally, it is great to see everyone using the facility again and getting enjoyment from the social side of golf, but please remember to watch our social distancing at the same time.

Martin Cross
President

Do you need to brush up your swing?



If you are a bit rusty after our enforced break from golf, why not have a lesson!

Our Professional Coach, Paul Powell, will be coming to our course on MONDAY 15TH JUNE AT 9.00 am.

The cost is still \$15 per lesson.

Meet at the clubhouse.

Any queries to Peggy Ronnau (Mob: 0409 232 919)



Membership

Castlemaine Golf Club offers very reasonable rates for our members, which, at the rate of around \$43 per month, are excellent value.

Full adult membership for the year July 1st 2020 to June 30, 2021 is \$520, with payment options as follows:

-  In full on 1st July 2020
-  Bi-monthly instalments of \$130 (1st July, Sept, Nov and Jan 2021)
-  Direct debit monthly instalments of \$43.40 (1st of each month).

Full details including bank account numbers will be outlined on our revamped invoices, which will be distributed this month.

Any questions? Ask our Membership Officer, Rob Prendergast, (Mob: 0400 901 980, or email to memofficer@castlemainegolf.com).

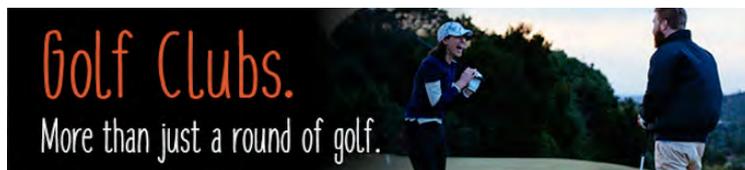


A round up of recent events

Without the usual events, we don't have much to report on yet, but we do have a monthly medallist for May (Thursday), when Daniel Pollard took out the honours.



A great field of 68 took part in last Saturday's 4BBB stableford, enjoying the company, and the pleasant weather. It's been great to catch up with everyone again.



The O'Brien boys won the men's section....



... and Marj Stevens and Florence Stevens won the women's/mixed section. Congratulations to you all!



2020		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
JUNE	Castlemaine Golf Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		29	30	1	2	3	4	5

**Golf Australia's communication of 25th May 2020 follows.
Please check the Home page of our website
(www.castlemainegolf.com) to open the links.**



Dear Victorian Golf Clubs and Facilities,

As you are aware, COVID-19 or the Coronavirus as it is more commonly known has created global health concerns regarding the disease and its infection rates.

Golf Australia is writing to provide further assistance and guidance to our clubs and facilities on this important topic.

Clubhouse Opening - UPDATE

Golf Australia is writing to further provide clubs with the State Government Hospitality Industry Guidelines for coronavirus (COVID-19) published late yesterday (25 May 2020).

On 21 May we wrote to all clubs and facilities communicating the Victorian Government announcement regarding reopening of hospitality businesses on 1 June. Click 'More Info' for a copy of the information communicated on 21 May.

[More info](#)

The communication on 21 May stated the government guidelines would be released on 25 May. Click "Guidelines" to read further.

[Guidelines](#)

Clubs and facilities should consider the guidelines and develop a tailored bespoke plan based upon the information contained in the guide. Clubs and facilities must note the key actions stated within the guidelines:

- Protect staff wellbeing by ensuring safety and hygiene measures are in place as well as ensuring workers are complying with health advice and are not unwell. Ensure staff have been offered the Victorian Government COVID-19 training (from 1 June)
- Record all patrons contact details with their name and a contact number
- Undertake a preopening deep clean of the premises and implement hygiene and cleaning measures and practices
- Complete and display coronavirus (COVID-19) signage
- Strictly limit number of patrons in each separate dining space to a limit of 20 patrons (not including staff)
- Density quotient of one patron per 4 square metres of floor space; and
- Tables to have no more than 6 patrons and arranged so that patrons are not closer than 1.5 metres when seated.
- Dine-in service is limited to table service only.

The COVID-19 crisis has been the most difficult challenge our industry has faced in many years. Golf Australia remains committed to working with clubs and facilities across the state to ensure that our industry rebounds as one that is vibrant and strong. We will continue to make available to clubs and facilities assistance through our Clubs and Facilities Support program, and work closely with industry partners such as the PGA of Australia, GMA and the Australian Sports Turf Management Association to ensure these offerings meet the needs of all of our clubs and facilities.