

Castlemaine Golf Club

The Fairway - August 2020

To our Members

Unfortunately we have returned to stage 3 restrictions due to COVID-19, but at least this time we can play golf. For the duration of the lockdown we cannot run club sanctioned competitions, that means, just social golf, and only in twos. Golf Australia's latest update on 5th August is on page 3.



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If members want to play and have their handicaps registered, you can take a photo of your card and text it to Matt O'Brien (Mob: 0400 565 849).

We have maintained good fields up until this point, as many haven't been able to go north this winter.

It is hoped that everyone continues to play golf over the next couple of months and maintains their form for when we recommence our competition calendar of events.

Members who require use of a club cart due to age or disability please let us know early so we can have it cleaned and sanitised prior to use for your round.

I received notification from the Power Industry that they have pulled the pin on their tournament which was planned for November at Castlemaine. They have said that they plan to hold the event at Castlemaine next year instead. This will allow us some more time to prepare our facilities.

I would like to thank Matthew and James O'Brien for stocking the bar while Ross is out of action. We held one Chicken and Parma night before the lockdown; it was well supported again.

We will try to organise for take away drinks to be available through your rounds of golf through these challenging times.

For those members who haven't received invoices for cart storage or membership, they will arrive, it has just taken extra time to get them out this year.

Martin Cross
President

Some good signs on the course: wattle in full bloom near the 13th/14th, and fairways being mowed. We are fortunate to be able to play.



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The new golf

Playing golf has never been like this - sanitised, self-distanced, and masked-up! Welcome to the new golf world (temporarily, we hope!).



Frank Edwards Par Trophy

Three consecutive weeks of par came to an end last Saturday, 2nd August, when the last round of the Frank Edwards Gold Letter event was played.

Congratulations to John Jefferies, winner after three solid rounds (+3, 0, +1).



Well done, John!

It was very pleasing to see large fields with most playing in every round and competition tight to the end.

Golf lesson

Paul Powell will be coming again to our club on



Monday 10th August at 9 a.m.

Numbers are limited and social distancing will be strictly observed.



Bookings are essential, by Sunday 9th please, to Peggy Ronnau. Text her on: 0409 232 919.

Monthly medallists

Harvey Zepnick won the Thursday July medal, and Dee Sansom won the Tuesday August Monthly medal.



McKenzie Davey Amcal Pharmacy was scheduled to sponsor all three medals this month, with vouchers for winners and runners up in all three events.

However a few days after the Tuesday medal was played, new COVID-19 restrictions came in, so we've had to make a change.

We will postpone the August Saturday and Thursday medals, and the sponsorship, until we can play full competition again.

We thank McKenzie Davey Amcal Pharmacy for their generous support during the early part of this month, and whenever we resume competition!



Living through it

- I'm so excited - it's time to take out the rubbish. What should I wear?
- I need to practise social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog we laughed a lot.
- Every few days try I jeans on my just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have me believe all is well in the kingdom.
- On remote learning - my child just said 'I hope I don't have the same teacher next year' ...
- Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under.....

One of our members has set up their regular debits as GOLF MEMBERSHIP BENDIGO BANK GOLF, but we don't have a name. Is this you? Please contact Rob Prendergast so we can allocate your payment. Mob: 0400 901 980.

Golf Operations

Based on advice published on the DHHS website and verbal advice received from the Victorian Government, Golf Australia advises the following:

- Groups will be limited to two people unless they all reside in the same household. For the avoidance of doubt, groups of three or four will only be allowed if all members of the group reside in the same household.
 - Club competitions must not be conducted, but handicapping of scores through non-contact means is allowed.
 - GA has engaged in depth on this topic with the Victorian Government as competition golf is a key aspect of club/facility life across the state. It was confirmed to GA that competition golf is unable to be conducted under Stage 3 restriction.
 - Club/facility driving ranges, putting greens and chipping areas cannot operate unless a distance of at least 100 metres between groups of 2 can be maintained.
 - No hire equipment, including golf clubs, pull buggies, golf carts or range balls may be made available for hire under any circumstances
 - *Exception:* Golf carts may be hired to a person who has a disability, or who is over the age of 65, or who can demonstrate that they require one due to having special needs. (Note: players are permitted to bring and use their own cart, however the one person per cart limit applies.)
 - A one person per cart limit, unless both riders live in the same household and both meet the criteria as listed above.
 - Clubs/facilities are required to thoroughly clean the carts before and after each use.
 - 1 to 1 coaching can continue in a non-contact, socially distanced setting
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- Indoor coaching is not permitted
 - If you are not doing exercise or a physical activity where you are out of breath or puffing then you must wear a face covering. You must carry a face covering with you and wear it before and after you exercise.

Clubhouse Operations

Clubhouses must close for food and beverage service. Clubs & facilities may trade for takeaway service provided they can meet all physical distancing conditions in doing so.

Golf Service Centres/Pro Shops must limit the number of people within the facility to comply with the requirement for patrons to keep a minimum of 1.5 metres apart.



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