



Castlemaine Golf Club

The Fairway - November 2020

To our Members

Our AGM was held recently, and we thank the members who attended. The President's report was presented at this meeting, and we are repeating it now, in case you haven't yet seen it. The complete AGM booklet, including all committee reports, is available from the clubhouse. Copies can be emailed if requested (contact Dee on 0447 635 223).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our year has been one of turmoil with COVID-19 having both positive and negative impacts. We had a negative impact when golf was closed down statewide for 12 weeks in the early part of this year and now, a positive impact, with golf the only sport operating in regional Victoria. We have seen an increase in membership and green fee players and our fields have been great, partly due to this and also to the closed borders. Tuesday fields have also increased, which is great to see.

The Committee, Volunteers, Members and our Green Keeper have all worked hard this year and the finances of the Club are in a healthy position.

Sponsorship has increased, due to the hard-working sponsorship committee. To have maintained the level of sponsorship we have with the current pandemic is a feat in itself, and we need to ensure we are supporting the businesses that support us so everyone can enjoy that continued support.

We were unable to run the junior golf and swing fit programs this year but hope to run them next year. Peggy has organised for Paul Powell to conduct lessons on a monthly basis when allowed, and these have been well supported.

The Club had secured the holding of the Power Industry Association Tournament in 2020. This was cancelled due to COVID-19, but the Power Industry Association has committed to hold the event at Castlemaine in 2021. The Tournament may be moved from the weekend prior to the Melbourne Cup to avoid premiums for accommodation and caravan sites in Castlemaine.

The Course Committee, with the support of the Management Committee, have decided to continue the Santa Anna couch program, with the tenth fairway being re-sowed in mid-November. With the good rain we have received and the use the course is getting, the Green Renovation has been delayed until March 2021.

The sub-committees at the club form a very important part of our club structure, and the club thanks the people who volunteer for these committees for their time and efforts.

Men's and Women's Pennant was a non-event this year - hopefully we will get back to pennant next year and Division 1 can take that final step. This year there was a lot of interest shown by a number of younger members wanting to play pennant which we hope will continue, and our pennant side will be very competitive.

To follow on from this, there is one area that is undervalued at our club, and that is the level of knowledge and skills we have within our membership. We have one paid employee, but we have many members who put so many hours into our club to improve and maintain the course, the club house and machinery.

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I would like to list all of these people but this year looking back, with the number of members who have helped out on the course, with functions and running of events, I would need to list most members. For all this, I cannot thank you all enough.

Glenn Carroll has done a tremendous job again this year to ensure our course is in great condition. The value of the group of volunteers that contributes to this work is greatly undervalued and we have had some new faces helping out this year which is also great.

The maintenance of our machinery is a never-ending battle for members and again we cannot thank everyone enough for all their efforts. This year we have been able to purchase a better class of utility vehicle for use around the course and we have just agreed to purchase a tractor with a bucket at the front and a mid-mount mower that will be a great help to our volunteers, with less shovel work required.

To all the people who have helped in the kitchen, bar and waiting on tables when required, the club thanks you immensely. To the handicappers, both men and women, a big thank you. To Matt and James O'Brien who stocked the bar since Ross injured his shoulder, the Monday bean counters, and to others who collate cards, help with starting duties and locking up - it is all greatly appreciated.

The new cart shed has been erected and powered, and the concrete will be finished very shortly. There are six carts currently in the shed and bookings for three more when they are purchased or arrive.

This year we have still not advanced the Coliban negotiations very far - Coliban wanted to see our final financials before further discussions took place. Smith and Maltby Accountants required information from them to finalise our financials and have only just received them last week.

I have had discussions with Coliban representatives who want to finalise arrangements around payments and the way forward. We will be meeting prior to Christmas, but I will believe that when it happens.

As stated earlier, we are in a healthy financial position currently, but we need to remain vigilant and really put a big effort in this year while conditions still favour us to some extent. If we can drive some areas and raise some funding from other areas we could reduce Bank debt.

The committee this year consisted of Dee Sansom, Bev Pike, Garry Moore, Trevor Bray, Leon Thomas, Peggy Ronnau, Rob Prendergast, Michelle O'Brien, Terry Williams and Klai Jermyn. I would personally like to thank them for their support and commitment. These people give up their time to fill these positions - with no financial reimbursement - to ensure we can continue to enjoy the great facilities our Golf Club provides.

It also pleases me to see more people using our facility, and when outside gatherings were the go, the barbeques that members had around the fire pit were great.

Martin Cross
President

Vale Dawn Angliss

Members are shocked and saddened to learn that on Sunday, 1st November, the same day we played the Una Carroll Anti Cancer Fund Raiser, yet another member, Dawn Angliss, passed away, after a brief illness.



Not only was Dawn a wonderful role model, who led by example for all women players, she was also a mentor, especially for new members, always calmly guiding them with patience and persistence while they learned the 'ropes'.

Aside from golf, she was a regular volunteer around the club in many ways - she helped in the kitchen for functions, had a keen interest in the native flora around the course, organised the golf lessons with Paul Powell for many years, and supervised the trading table.

A long time loyal club member, and special friend to many, Dawn's smile and happy demeanour will be sadly missed.

Una Carroll Anti Cancer fund raiser

On Sunday 1st November, our annual Una Carroll Anti Cancer Fund Raiser event was played.

We thank the Carroll family for supporting this event for the past 28 years to raise funds for this most worthy cause.

Over \$600 was raised for the Breast Cancer Network on the day, through entry fees, donations and raffle tickets sales.

We thank local businesses who supported us by donating their goods for the raffle prizes - Beehave, Maine Shoes and Accessories, Harcourt Valley Wines, Cliffords Quality Meats and Warral Honey.

This flowering cherry was planted near the bbq area by Una's family in her memory.



We congratulate our winner of the Una Carroll Trophy for 2020, Barb Livingstone.

Bev's seat

This brightly painted seat on the women's (red) 12th tee was the spot for a light snack break on Sunday (Una Carroll Day). It is a memorial to Bev Tingay, who recently passed away - the perfect spot for a stop for Barb Livingstone, Peggy Ronnau and Leonie Auhl.



Golf lesson



Need a few hints to sharpen up your game?

The next golf lesson will be held at the golf club on **Monday 9th November, at 9am.**

Places are limited, so please book by text to Peggy Ronnau (0409 232 919) soon!



Management Committee

At the recent AGM, the following nominations for the Management Committee were accepted for the year to October 2021:

President	Martin Cross
Treasurer	Bev Pike
Membership	Rob Prendergast
Course	Leon Thomas
Golf	Garry Moore
Women's golf	Peggy Ronnau
Administration	Dee Sansom
Sponsorship	Trevor Bray
Ordinary member	Terry Williams

While we greatly appreciate all the help many members give, the committee is sometimes stretched to keep up with all the 'goings on' around the club, and some more assistance on the sub committees would be most welcome.

Please talk to Martin (0417 635 490) or Dee (0447 635 223). Even if you can only contribute in a small way, that would be helpful.

Parking under trees

Trees have a habit of dropping branches.

Please be advised that if members park under trees they do so at their own risk.



Recent events

Medallists of the Year

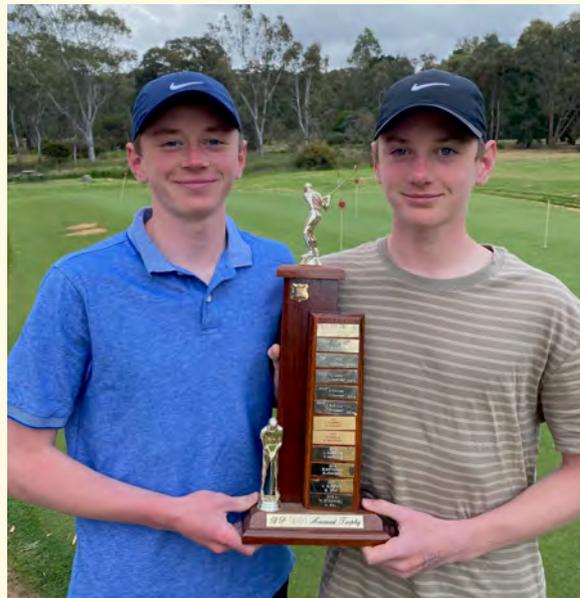
The Men's and Women's Medallists of the Year have now been played, and we congratulate Lynne Johnson and Stephen Cooper as our winners for 2020!



4BBB Bud Annand Annual Trophy

This Gold Letter annual event was played on Saturday 31st October. With a great field of 62, it was quite an achievement for a couple of our young players to take out the major prize!

We congratulate Lachlan and Liam O'Brien, who appear to be following in their Dad's footsteps!



November 2020 is a busy month!

With restrictions being lifted, we are rescheduling as many events as we can into the remainder of the year.

Championships (Foursomes 27, Mixed, Stroke Club Championships) will be played this month, with the final rounds of the Stroke Club Championships being played on 1st December (women) and 5th (men).

And on **Melbourne Cup Day**, another very good field of 37 played. With members keeping to social distancing rules, chicken and salads were on offer after play in the clubhouse. Cup sweeps for 'The Race' were run by Phil Broderick, and Peter and Annie Gresswell prepared the lunch to their usual high standard. Thank you!

2020		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Castlemaine Golf Club	NOVEMBER	A gushy reporter told Phil Mickelson, 'You are spectacular; your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?' Mickelson replied, 'The holes are numbered.'						1
		2	3 MELBOURNE CUP STABLEFORD HIT OFF FROM 9.30 CHICKEN AND SALADS AFTER PLAY	4	5 STABLEFORD	6	7 NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	8
		9 GOLF LESSON 9 AM AT THE CLUBHOUSE	10 WOMEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	11	12 STABLEFORD	13 BIG HOLE HIT OFF FROM 4.30 BBQ TO FOLLOW	14 FOURSOMES 27 HOLES CHAMPIONSHIPS	15
		16	17 TEAM GAME VEGAS	18	19 THURSDAY MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	20	21 MIXED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (STABLEFORD INDIVIDUAL)	22 MAX GALE MEMORIAL STONE CREEK 3 BALL CLASSIC
		23	24 STROKE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND 1	25	26 PAR	27	28 STROKE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND 1 MEN	29 STROKE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND 2 MEN AND WOMEN
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