



# Castlemaine Golf Club

## The Fairway - November, 2021

### To our Members

To help protect our members and our community from COVID-19, Castlemaine Golf Club is abiding by the rules set out from the Victorian Department of Health and guidelines from Golf Australia.

### In summary - here are the rules:

- Playing in groups of four is permitted
- Competition golf is permitted
- You must be fully vaccinated or have a vaccination exemption to play
- Only fully vaccinated persons may enter the clubhouse
- You must show your vaccination certificate if asked by a club official
- You must check in to the club using the QR-system or by providing your contact details at the clubhouse.

If you are not yet fully vaccinated, we really look forward to seeing you on the course again when you are!



**Our President's report** for the financial year is fully outlined in our reports presented at the recent AGM on Wednesday 27th October. To read the complete report - along with other reports - visit our website ([castlemainegolf.com](http://castlemainegolf.com)) under the Members drop down menu. There are a couple of copies in the clubhouse as well.

### A brief outline follows:

- COVID-19 - while this has been challenging, even more so than last year, we have been able to run social golf when competition was not permitted. Vaccination is now our priority for members.
- Membership - we are pleased to see our membership steadily growing, and we welcome new members. We have also received a steady income stream from green fee players.
- Sponsorship - this has continued to increase, with mutual benefits for the club and our sponsors.
- Course - improvements around the course have been appreciated by members and visitors. Our capacity to maintain the course has been improved by the purchase of quality machinery. More equipment will be required to maintain our course in good condition.

Glenn Carroll, our Greenkeeper - and our only paid staff member - has done a terrific job on our course. With the support of a group of committed group of volunteers, we are able to present the course in such good condition. We are pleased to see the numbers of this working group increasing, which is a positive and welcome sign for the club as we move forward.

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• Finance - we have serviced our commitments, and purchased some much-needed equipment. We are gradually reducing our debts, however our position with Coliban remains unresolved. The financials in the AGM report give more detail.

• Cart sheds - capacity for carts is an ongoing requirement - work has commenced on clearing the site for another cart shed.

• Pennant - while we had a men's team in each division we weren't successful, but it was very pleasing to see new faces playing pennant for the first time.

• Come and Try Days - this program, run so well by Peggy Ronnau and her team of CGC Community Coaches, has been greatly enjoyed by the participants, with several taking up memberships.

• PIA (Power Industry Association) - this event will be held at our club on 26, 27 and 28th November. It will be a valuable opportunity for our club to raise funds to improve our facility. We are asking for strong membership support to make this event a financial success for our club.

• Bookings on Thursdays, Saturdays and special days - a trial will be run where players can register, book carts, purchase drinks, food (hot and cold) and other items (eg. golf balls). A designated area will be set up for this service from the front of the clubhouse. We will be seeking member support to be on a roster - for registration, and for sale of drinks and food while players work their way around the course.

• Thank you to everyone - in the kitchen, the bar, to the handicapper, bean counters, volunteers on the course, functions, golf events - without your services we would simply not have a club at all.

And to our Committee - thank you for your support and commitment - you give your time to fill these positions, with no financial reimbursement, to ensure we can continue to enjoy the great facilities our Golf Club provides.

And finally, thank you to Rob Prendergast (Membership Officer) and Leon Thomas (Course Coordinator) for contributing so many hours to our club over the past few years. Leon will continue as a member of the Course sub-committee.

**Martin Cross,  
President**

## Your incoming committee ....

We welcome the following members who have taken on these roles on the Committee of Management for Castlemaine Golf Club for the coming year:

**President - Martin Cross (0417 635 490)**

**Treasurer - Bev Pike (0428 589 968)**

**Membership - Jason Cordy (0407 705 432)**

**Course - Ross Bottomley (0419 091 154)**

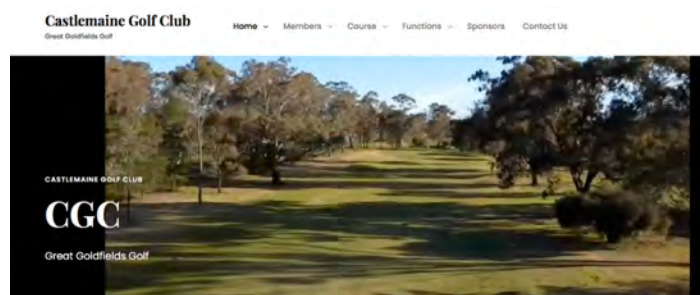
**Sponsorship - Trevor Bray (0428 606 886)**

**Golf - Garry Moore (0414 684 201)**

**Administration - Dee Sansom (0447 635 223)**

**Committee members: Peggy Ronnau, Nigel Wilson, Peter Gresswell and Terry Williams.**

## The Castlemaine Golf Club is being updated



As our website is the first point of contact for visitors, it is important that it is up to date, interesting, and easy to follow.

If you haven't had a look at it lately, check it out! ([castlemainegolf.com](http://castlemainegolf.com)).

After several years in the same format we are starting to make some changes and updates to some sections. It is still a 'work in progress' but it is already taking shape!

Notices and items of news are regularly loaded on to our website to keep everyone up to date with happenings around the club.

Jason Thompson has been instrumental in making these changes, and we thank him for his time and expertise.



## PIA (Power Industry Association) three-day Tournament at Castlemaine Golf Club



With this special three-day golf event coming up very soon now - 26, 27 and 28th November - plans are well under way in preparation for Castlemaine Golf Club's hosting of this event.

The financial benefits for our club in hosting such an event will be well worth the effort - while our members cannot play during these few days, they can contribute by being involved - and we hope you do!

We are expecting between 100 and 120 to be playing each day, and about 80 for dinner on the Friday evening in the clubhouse.

Here's a list of our responsibilities:

- preparing the course to be in tip-top condition
- cooking breakfasts on three mornings
- preparing and serving dinner on Friday evening
- preparing sandwiches each day
- setting up and manning the hospitality tents
- stocking and serving in the bar
- tidying up and keeping the clubhouse clean
- cleaning and preparing the carts for hire.

We have already received very good support from our members but the more, the merrier!

Talk to any of our committee members if you can help (their mobile numbers are on page 2), or put your name on the lists in the clubhouse.

## Recent winners

In a rush to the end of year, and after some events being postponed, we've recently played a few ...

The 4BBB Bud Annand Gold Letter event, played on Saturday 30th October was won by Lachlan and Liam O'Brien (51 pts). Following your win in this event last year, can you make it a hat trick in 2022?



Another Gold Letter event, the 27 hole Foursomes event, was played on 13th November.

Our winners were Jason Cordy and Rhys Jenkins.



Men's Medallist of the Year is Jason Thompson, also Saturday Monthly Medallist for November, and nearest the pin on the 7th on the same day - the trifecta!



And congratulations also to other recent Medallists, Samuel Grimes, Thursday, October, and Marj Lang, Tuesday, November.



## Course news

Recent wet conditions have seen the creek on the 12th running a few times this spring! And still the rain comes ....



Apologies to members for the working on the greens during our Thursday comp last week.

Circumstances were such that the Verti Drain machine was only available Thursday/Friday and we knew that rain would interrupt work on Friday, as it did. Will not make a habit of this.

Further work is expected on the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway this week. We have been notified the contractors will be in town to dethatch the ovals so the sprigs will be spread across 11 immediately after they are harvested.

Glenn will also be looking to fertilise both tees and greens and also apply some fungicide to eradicate some spring unwanted growth over the coming week to 10 days.

Continual clean up, particularly off the fairway, is taking a lot of time and thanks to the Gravelly mower men for their time. Whipper snippers are also supporting the Gravelly cutters, going closer to the trees and stumps.

Third tee surrounds have been renewed, this work assisting ease of cutting and reducing garden bed maintenance.

Distance markers and tee block markers have all be repainted and mostly relaid. Thanks Nigel.

Thanks to all volunteers for your invaluable time and effort.

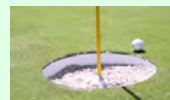
**Ross Bottomley,**  
Course Coordinator

First Friday evening Big Hole for the summer season ..

Friday 19th  
November



- \* Hit off from 4.30 pm
- \* 9 holes, all short par 3 - give it a go!
- \* BBQ and salad after the game
- \* \$15.00 for golf and BBQ (\$5 for golf, \$10 for the meal)
- \* Family and friends are welcome!
- \* Bookings to Garry Moore (0414 684 201)



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## Golf Lessons



If you would like to brush up on your swing, or pick up a few golf hints from our golf professional, Paul Powell, come along to our lessons!

Held monthly on Monday mornings, in two sessions - 8.30 and 10.00, these lessons are very popular, so make sure you book in by text to Peggy Ronnau - 0409 232 919.

At this month's lesson (Monday 15th November), Paul is seen here lining everyone up in readiness for a few practice hits.



## Get into Golf!

These girls had a lot of fun learning some hints from Peggy Ronnau and her team of CGC Community Coaches, Helen McEwen, Bronwyn Gudgeon, Marj Lang, Dee Sansom and Glenda Jeffries. We hope you continue to have some fun on the course, and enjoy the company of others too!



### Max Gale's Stoney Creek 3 ball classic Sunday 14th November 2021

The weather wasn't kind to us last Sunday - at the start of play, and part way round the course, the heavens opened!

Fortunately, apart from those who pulled out even before the start due to the inclement weather ... everyone else made it round the course and back into a warm and cosy clubhouse before the next shower! We'll be hoping for a better day next year....

We thank Dianne Mahlstedt (Max's daughter) and her husband Barry, who joined us on the day for this fun game - the Stoney Creek 3 ball classic.

Congratulations to the winning team - Kevin Gardner, Tony Olsson and Mick Keogh (86 pts), pictured here with Dianne.



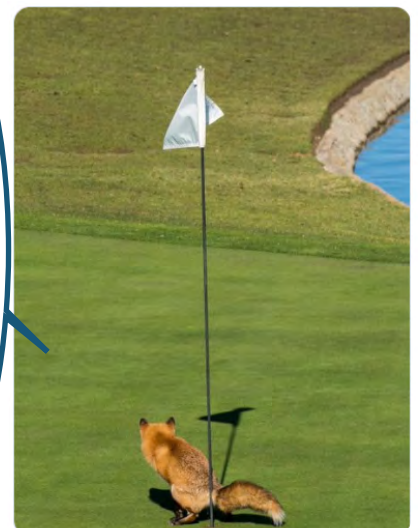
### The container is moving!

The container that has been near the work sheds/car park for several years (affectionately known as Caesar's Palace\*), will soon be taken away, as it has been sold.



\*Caesar-Gordon was a highly-respected member of our club during the 80s and 90s. He was Honorary Secretary for several years.

**Keep  
an eye  
out for  
foxes  
on the  
greens**





# ...and support our sponsors!

We are delighted to have the Community Bank Maldon & District as sponsors of our golf club - their sign is displayed on the fence as you come across the road towards the 10th tee.

Their sponsorship commitment will include a sporting event, however due to COVID-19, we have been unable to run it yet...

We have also been very fortunate to receive two payments of \$560 from the MDCB totalling \$1,120.... they say 'the joy of the community bank is to give back to local groups' - thank you MDCB!



The MDCB is offering a Scholarship Program Applications are now open for \$2,000 scholarships to go towards the cost of study in 2022. Four categories will be awarded: University, TAFE/higher education, Agriculture and Indigenous. Applications close on 17th December.

To find out more, visit their website

<https://maldoncb.com.au/investing-back-community/sponsorships-grants/>



We welcome another new sponsor, Good as Gold Carts! Have you noticed their sign on the practice nets?

## Computer Coaching

Are you having problems with your computer, or your mobile? James Robertson - another of our sponsors - has a wealth of experience and can help you - give him a call on 0418 515 915.

Did you know that if you buy a car from Toyota, just let them know that you are a member at Castlemaine Golf Club, and Toyota will send \$300 to our Castlemaine Golf Club bank account!



Liz Bray recently picked up her new car, and in the process, gave our club a \$300 bonus!