

## The Fairway - February, 2022

#### To All Members

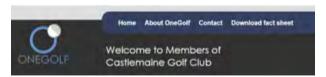
Castlemaine Golf Club has continued to operate through these tough times, with good fields. We have been fortunate to be able to hold all of our events recently.

Our membership is still growing, which is a healthy sign for the golf club.

**Visitors.** We have had some members from Maldon Golf Club, and other clubs, joining in our competitions, which is great to see. Now that we are all able to travel more between clubs, this is an encouraging sign for all golfers.

**Getting a game.** We are aware that it can be difficult for some, especially new members and visitors, to get a group together.

It has been suggested that we initiate a booking time sheet through our online system. For more information on this program, OneGolf, go to page 3 of the Fairway.



I would like to encourage everyone to actively include all members and visitors who would like to join us on competition days, and make them feel welcome.

Green Fees are still very strong; the pricing structure has been changed and is being monitored to see if offering 9 and 18-hole pricing is impacting income from green fees. The Green Fee price for 18 holes has been increased (now \$25) as part of this new approach.

The online MiClub system that is in operation has proved to be a great asset to the club and makes the Handicapper and Golf Co-Ordinator's jobs much easier. The system has pointed out a couple of anomalies which are being worked through. Members can now keep up to date on upcoming events, results and the Live Leaderboard, on our website.

The website and Facebook sites are providing a lot of interest, with a large increase in views; this is very good for promoting the club. January will be our biggest month so far for traffic to the website and Facebook pages - we have had 2502 visitors to the website (up to 31 Jan) and we've had around 5,000 unique page reaches on the Facebook page, which is up about 800% on last year.

Considerable interest has been shown in the write-ups of regular events, which are published on our website, and in the Castlemaine Mail. Thanks to Jason Thompson as major contributor to these informative and entertaining reports. We will also send brief results to the Midland Express.

The sponsorship committee is currently in discussion with several local businesses; these new sponsorships will be announced in the next few weeks. The sponsorship committee is doing a great job in growing this area of our income.

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The 11<sup>th</sup> fairway and 17<sup>th</sup> tee are open again, so we are back to playing the full course. The surrounds of the third tee have also come along in leaps and bounds.

The rain we received recently has also improved the course no end. The 11<sup>th</sup> fairway has not had the strike of Santa Anna couch we were hoping for, but there are patches through the common couch which have covered the fairway.

A greens renovation is planned for March. If anyone can assist with this, can you please contact Ross Bottomley or Glenn Carroll.

More course news is on page 4.

**Volunteers.** We have had continued support of volunteers who are doing a great job around the course. A hand watering program has been introduced during a period of hot weather, which has been helpful on the greens.

There are several functions booked at the club in the next couple of months including an engagement party, a wedding, as well as outside club functions. These functions add needed funds to help run the club and continue with the improvements being made. One of these functions is a lunch for the Lancier Car Club on Friday 4th March. If you're around that day, take a look at these magnificent vehicles!

Coliban. This Friday (11th February), some of the committee will be meeting with representatives from Coliban Water (yes, again). We hope to get a clear picture of where we are currently with our debt, and what may be on the table after the Coliban Board have finalised the review of our position.

Martin Cross President

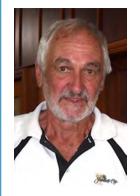
#### Are you missing something?

Have you lost your drink bottle, a golf club, or your sunglasses? Items are often left behind .. please check the lost property.





#### Remembering Stan Saville...



Stan, who died suddenly in September last year, was a very popular member of Castlemaine Golf Club.

Along with a large group of other members, he was a regular visitor to Yarrawonga Golf Club each January to play in their Annual Tournament.

So it is fitting to remember him by setting up a special trophy in his honour, to be contested each January at Yarrawonga - it's the

The Stan Saville Memorial Plate, Castlemaine Golf Club Boys Trip!

This shield is now installed in the clubhouse (near the bar), and we congratulate our inaugural winner, Simon Sheedy!





#### Men's Pennant 2022 - Sundays

Are you interested in representing Castlemaine Golf Club in this year's Golf Central Victoria Pennant season?

To assist our Match Committee in selecting teams, please provide your <u>name</u>, <u>handicap</u> and <u>indicate</u> your <u>availability</u> to Garry or Martin by <u>18th February 2022</u>.

The dates are - all Sundays: 20th and 27th March, 3rd, 10th, 24th April, and the final on 1st May.

Garry Moore E: <u>garry.muckleford@gmail.com</u> M: (0414 684 201)

Martin Cross E: <u>crossbow5@bigpond.com</u> M: (0417 635 490)

#### Club shirts

We are planning to have club shirts available for sale for men and women again. More details will follow soon ....

#### Saturday Morning 9 hole comp

If you'd like to play 9 holes on a Saturday morning, it's on every Saturday - arrive at 8.30 for a 9.00 hit off. The start time is the same every Saturday throughout the year.

#### OneGolf

Dear Members.

Our Golf Club has been fortunate to attract many new members over the past few years, and even more so during the COVID pandemic.

Most of these members are new to Castlemaine and therefore have no affiliation/friendship with other golfers.

Some new golfers have made their way quite successfully, but others have had some troubles understanding how to join the competition fields.

In a couple of instances, we have lost new members to other Clubs.

I am sure you will agree this is less than acceptable and not what we stand for in a sense of welcoming new people to our Golf Club and community.

To assist these new members join into our competitions, could we ask that you take two measures:

- 1. Introduce yourself to someone you do not know, and assist in find playing partners
- 2. Use OneGolf to book a time on the timesheet.

OneGolf is the new golf management software which we have implemented at Castlemaine Golf Club.

For those that have not done so yet, could you please endeavour to log in and update your personal details in the member directory area.

Our website has a link to the oneGolf website and instructions on how to log in follow.

#### Logging into OneGolf

Go to <a href="https://castlemaine.1golf.com.au">https://castlemaine.1golf.com.au</a> or click <a href="here">here</a> and search for 'Castlemaine Golf Club'.

(CGC website is an easier avenue to follow than this, but this works)

Enter your username and password. Your username will be your Castlemaine Golf Club membership number (usually the last four digits of your Castlemaine Golf Club Golflink number removing leading 0s. e.g. 0035 becomes 35). Your initial password is your day and month of birth (e.g., 25th of May would be 2505). If this fails, please try 0101.

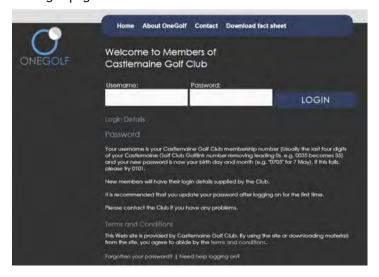
If you have difficulties logging in, please speak with club administrators. The administrators who can help you are

Garry Moore E: <a href="mailto:garry.muckleford@gmail.com">garry.muckleford@gmail.com</a> M: (0414 684 201),

Matt O'Brien E: <a href="mailto:obrien@gcom.net.au">obrien@gcom.net.au</a> M: (0400 565 849), and

Ross Bottomley E: <a href="mailto:rossandjulie@live.com.au">rossandjulie@live.com.au</a> M: (0419 091 154).

This is the log in page



Besides being able to book in for your golf, other functions within the members area are:

Member's directory – you can update your details and could hide your details if you wish. Having at least your phone number visible will allow other members to contact you, and you them.

Results – If you are not at Golf or have left before presentations, you can catch up with the winners under the results area.

**Leaderboard** – track players results before presentations.

**Prizes** – this tab will show what you have won during the year.

MiStats - for the statistically-minded.

**GolfLink** – a tab to take you to your handicap details.

**Booking** – to book for golf, simply hit the BOOKING tab in the top line of tabs; this will bring up a list of future events at CGC. Find the event you are booking for and hit OPEN, then simply click on BOOK ME.

There is an option to create playing partners. If you want to include them in your booking i.e., you are the "designated booker" then you BOOK GROUP which is in the column with the tee time.

We are not saying that booking is mandatory; if you have arranged a playing group this might not be necessary, but you will have to wait if people have booked the time you are hitting off. If you do not have a playing group, it allows another member to join you, and then they - and you - have certainty for a game of golf before arriving at the Club.

Over time we would hope this becomes the normal practice, along with use of the other functions that oneGolf provides for us.

If there are any queries or difficulties please contact one of the administrators.

Thank you, CGC Committee

#### Unknown payment

There was a payment of \$43.40 from a NAB account on 13th January, but it gives no indication of who made this payment.

#### J0043276178 MEMBERSHIP NAB

Please contact Bev Pike, our Treasurer, otherwise your payment can't be recorded against your name.

E: bevp33@gmail.com M: 0428 589 986

#### On the course

The protracted dry spell ended in spectacular fashion leaving behind debris but very little destruction.

The bridge on 16 has suffered but was really in a brittle state.

You will have noticed the 'new' dam on 15 is now all but full providing welcome fresh water to our water supplies.

The full course is now back in play. There is still some shaping work to do on the 17<sup>th</sup> tee when we eventually get the very stubborn posts for the retaining wall removed.

The 11<sup>th</sup> fairway has shown us what a strong common couch store we have. Unfortunately not much Santa Anna, investigation as to why is ongoing, but the fairway is still improving and is moving into areas that previously did not show grass.

Green renovation is our next project and will be undertaken on the long weekend in March. More details to come whether it be Sunday or Monday but if you are about we would really appreciate a few hours to assist with this.

It will be less labour intensive this year as we have hired a core collector which will mean many less people on rakes. However cores need to be removed from the collector and transported to a planned area. We envisage it would still need 8-10 volunteers.

Again thanks to all volunteers for whatever and whenever you get involved. Special thanks this month to Will Dodson for cutting up the fallen tree on the first - a solid chainsaw performance.

Ross Bottomley
Course Co-ordinator

#### **February Monthly Medallists**

Congratulations to Marie Molan (Tuesday) and James Park (Saturday). The Thursday Medal will be played on 17th February.





#### Near the 15th

This photo was taken exactly 12 months ago - showing a small, rather grubby dam in the foreground ...



... and these photos were taken a few days ago - after all that amazing rain. Over the last few months, and while soil is still gradually being delivered, this newlyreconfigured dam has been filling well.





How long since we've had water to this height in this dam? Note the overflow pipe adjacent to the path leading towards the 15th.

This is our day to remember Una Carroll (yes, our Greenkeeper, Glenn Carroll's mum), to enjoy the day's event, and raise some funds for this worthy cause.



# Una Carroll Anti Cancer Fund-Raising Day

### Castlemaine Golf Club Sunday February 27th

- Individual stableford
- ♦ Start time: 9.00 am for a 9.30 shotgun start
- **♦** Entry fee \$15.00
- ♦ Prizes for Straightest drive, Nearest the pin, the pinkest outfit! And great raffle prizes too!
- Breast Cancer Network Australia

- ♦ Sausage sizzle after golf
- ★ The Una Carroll Trophy is presented to the best Woman Golfer (sponsored by the Carroll Family)
- ♦ A prize is also awarded to the best Man Golfer
- ♦ We thank Paul Powell, our golf coach, who has also generously offered his support to this event.
- Bookings: Garry Moore (0414 684 201) also to book a cart Peggy Ronnau (0409 232 919)

Una Carroll was an active member of our club for over 20 years, and Treasurer for many. She passed away in 1992. As a memorial to her, the Una Carroll Anti-Cancer Fund Raising Day was established as an annual event the same year, and has continued to the present day - this year marks the 30th anniversary.

Money raised goes to the Breast Cancer Network to support their work across Victoria.



### ...and support our sponsors!

We had an instance a few weeks ago that required some quick attention to a broken door.

Thanks to a quick response from one of our sponsors, this was replaced with a few hours.

Daniel Klimeck, from Reddas Carpentry, did the job, so thank you Daniel!

Reddas Carpentry is a tee sponsor on the 7th.





If you've won a CGC voucher and don't know where to spend it, here's the list of current sponsors...

## **Castlemaine Golf Club Sponsors and Supporters**



Castlemaine Golf Club is very fortunate to have the sponsorship support of so many local businesses - as tee sponsors, score card sponsors, and event and service sponsors.

In appreciation of the support of our major sponsors, we encourage our members to spend their dollars - and to use their winning vouchers - at any of the following companies:

ASQ - Skydancers
Blue Sea Fish Shop
Campbells Fencing
Castlemaine Fresh
Castlemaine Hire
Castlemaine Mitsubishi
Castlemaine News & Lotto
Cellarbrations
Cliffords Quality Cuts
Computer Coaching
Drummonds Golf
Fasom Plumbing
Five Flags Hotel
Hughes Paint and Panel

Jellis Craig Kosmac and Clemens

Kowelec

Maldon & District Community Bank

McDonald Honey
Mt Alexander Funerals
Mt Alexander Wines

Mt Alexander Timber & Hardware

Maxi IGA

**Newstead Bakery** 

Petstock

Redda's Carpentry Saw & Core Smith & Maltby Stevens Mensland Taylor's Home Centre Thomas & Chong Tingays Smash Repairs

Top Meats Warral Honey

Other local businesses have also supported us in recent times through signage, donations, monthly medals and other prizes, and we thank them too:

Dales Discount Paints, Steve Barty Gas, Beehave, Desa Footwear, Stocks, McKenzie's Pharmacy, Maine Carwash, Michel's Fine Biscuits, Railway Hotel, Run Rabbit Run, Stonemans Book Store.

January 2022

As a way of saying 'thank you' to our sponsors, they have been given three free vouchers for use by themselves, their staff, their family or their friends, to come to Castlemaine Golf Club and play a round of golf.

So, to our sponsors, if you haven't yet taken up our offer, come along and have a go! We have clubs and buggies if you need them.



### Those clubs in the back room

It was a mess in there - clubs and stuff all over the place!

Thanks to Ross Bottomley and Peggy Ronnau, the space has been tidied up, old clubs and bags have been removed and a few reasonable sets are now ready for hire.

What happens in the men's room? Are the clubs left there as 'donations'? They will be sorted into hire sets or removed.

Please do not leave them in the back room, or men's room.

Most clubs are not worth keeping - Peggy took about 60 to the steel recyclers last week! So if you do decide to donate your clubs, please don't if they aren't good quality. It just becomes a pain for others to deal with.

The back room has now changed from this ..



...to this. Much better!



Clubs are available for hire (womens and mens, left and right handed) for \$5 a set.

#### Castlemaine Golf Club Open Day

Every year the CGC women invite teams in the Bendigo District to our Club for our Open Day.

It is always a popular event, and we hope this year will be no exception. Our women provide the lunch; we have a team of willing caterers already on the case, though we would like a couple more - and we will be asking for donations of sweets from our members.

We look forward to another enjoyable day!



#### Castlemaine Golf Club Women's Open Day - Drop out Ambrose

Tuesday 8th March 2022 9.00 for 9.30 shotgun start

Teams of 3 - \$75.00 per team - including lunch



Proudly sponsored by ASQ Skydancers



Limited cart hire is available at \$40 per cart. Bookings are essential.

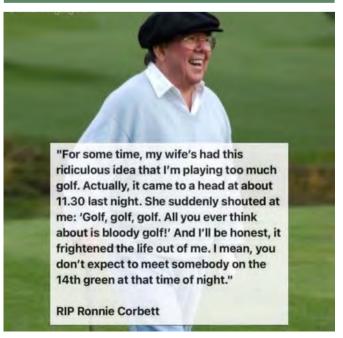
To enter, contact Rosalie Roberts Text to: 0427 723 975 Email: rosalier3450@gmail.com



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Kevin Adams has been playing golf for more years than most of us have had hot dinners.

He recently celebrated another birthday, and is now in his 90th year. Happy Birthday Kevin!

That must make him the elder statesman of the Castlemaine Golf Club!

Kevin enjoys two or three games each week - and along the way, he regularly checks the ball washers while on his rounds - thank you Kevin!

#### **Big Hole Golf**

Have you played Big Hole yet?

- Next game: Friday 18th February
- Hit off from 4.30
- 9 short (par 3) holes
- **■** \$5 for golf
- **■** \$10 for the BBQ
- No membership or handicap is required.
- Everyone is welcome kids too!



I don't know why, but I love this game!



#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS GOLF





Students attending schools that are affiliated with School Sport Victoria are eligible to play in the Golf Events conducted in partnership with Golf Australia.

Junior Secondary (Years 7-9) and Senior Secondary (Years 10-12) students will play 9 holes modified stroke on a short course (a handicap is not required to participate). Students can progress from Division Qualifying events to the SSV State Final.

Players will be notified of their progression to the SSV State Final by Golf Australia. The State Final format is 18 holes stroke play at The Metropolitan Golf Club. Participating students have the opportunity to be considered for selection in the 18 Years and Under Vic Team.

Entry to the events is online - Events Calendar / Golf Australia

Your local event is at Bendigo Golf Club on Monday 28th March 2022

Contact Jayne Young M: 0459 660 003 E: jayne.young@golf.org.au

## Our outdoor toilets are becoming the place to visit - not only for humans!

We've had swallows regularly nesting in the outside toilet on the 15th; they are cute, but oh boy, do they leave plenty of droppings! ...



..and what appeared to be a bunch of healthy possums, took up residency in a prominent position in the roof of the outside toilet on the 6th. Whatever they were, they sure liked our toilet paper and paper towel!



Volunteers are doing their best to repair the damage, and keep these facilities clean, so hopefully they will be more presentable in future. Thank you, volunteers!

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Castlemaine Golf Club FEBRUARY	31	1 WOMEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	2	3 STABLEFORD	4	5 SATURDAY MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE CHICKEN PARMA 6.30	6
	7	8 iRISH 3 BALL	9	10 STABLEFORD	11	12 STABLEFORD	13
	GOLF LESSONS 8.30 AND 10 AM BOOKINGS BY TEXT TO PEGGY 0409 232 919	15 STABLEFORD	16	17 THURSDAY MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	BIG HOLE 4.30 FOLLOWED BY BBQ	19 STABLEFORD	20
	21	22 PAR	23	24 PAR	25	26 3 PERSON AMBROSE	UNA CARROLL ANTI CANCER FUNDRAISER
	28	1	2	3 8 of 8	4	5	6