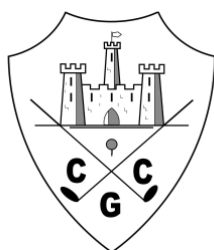




Annual General Meeting of the Castlemaine Golf Club

**Sunday 29th October 2023
at 3.00 pm**

**Minutes of 2022 AGM
Committee reports**



Castlemaine Golf Club Annual General Meeting Sunday 23rd October 2022 at 4.00 pm in the Clubhouse

Welcome

Life member Moira McLennan was welcomed, together with members.

Members attending: Ross Bottomley, Garry Moore, Julie Bottomley, Nigel Wilson, Dee Sansom, Marie Molan, Kors Van Eyk, Glenn Carroll, Peter Gresswell, Mary Harris, Moira McLennan, Phil Broderick, Trevor Bray, Terry Williams, Les Prendergast, Matt O'Brien, Michael Bottomley, Jeremy Bottomley, Jo Ralston, Kevin Adams, Bev Pike, Martin Cross, Marj Lang, Lynne Johnson, Owen Scott, Peggy Ronnau, unknown

Apologies: Helen McEwen, Marianne Allan, Kevin Gardner, Bronwyn Gudgeon, Kerin Lourey, Liz Wilson, Samuel Grimes, Megan Carroll, Gavin Lang, Jason Cordy, Jen Dyer

Motion: That the apologies listed and/or put forward by the meeting be accepted.

Moved: Dee Sansom

Seconded: Martin Cross

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting:

Motion: That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27th October 2021 be adopted.

Moved: Julie Bottomley

Seconded: Trevor Bray

Business arising from the 2021 Annual Meeting:

No business arising from the 2021 Annual Meeting

Correspondence:

No correspondence received for the Annual Meeting.

Executive Officer Reports:

President:	Martin Cross
Finance:	Bev Pike
Membership:	Jason Cordy
Course:	Ross Bottomley
Golf:	Garry Moore, Rosalie Roberts, Peggy Ronnau
Administration:	Dee Sansom
Policy & Planning (Sponsorship):	Trevor Bray

Motion: That the Executive Officer Reports of the previous Annual General Meeting be adopted.

Moved: Les Prendergast

Seconded: Glenn Carroll

Elections:

The meeting appoints a member to conduct the elections.

Kors Van Eyk was appointed to this role.

Election of Executive Officers:

The following nominations have been received for the executive officer positions:

		<u>Moved</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President:	Michael Bottomley	Ross Stevens	Tony Olsson
Treasurer:	Bev Pike	Dee Sansom	Trevor Bray
Membership:	Jason Cordy	Nigel Wilson	Dee Sansom
Course:	Nigel Wilson	Ross Bottomley	Dee Sansom
Golf:	Ross Bottomley	Ross Stevens	Tony Olsson
Administration:	Dee Sansom	Ross Bottomley	Bev Pike
Policy and Planning (Sponsorship):	Peggy Ronnau	Trevor Bray	Jason Cordy
Ordinary member:	Bronwyn Gudgeon	Rosalie Roberts	Dee Sansom
	Owen Scott	Nigel Wilson	Glenn Carroll

Our Constitution makes provision for the election of ordinary members to the Committee of Management. The meeting through a motion can decide how many ordinary positions it wishes to be in place for the coming year.

Motion:

That there be up to four ordinary vacancies to be filled as part of the incoming committee of Management.

Moved: Kors Van Eyk

Seconded: Dee Sansom

Recommendation:

That the following subscription fees will apply for 2023-2024, with an annual review to be undertaken:

Adult full member: \$545

Country member (living more than 60 km from Castlemaine Golf Club): \$300

Senior Student (Full time studies 18-25 yrs and Apprentices): \$300

Junior under 18 yrs as at 1/7/2023 (and a student): \$50

Social Member (non-playing): \$25

3 Month Membership: \$160

6 Month Membership: \$315

Moved: Matt O'Brien

Seconded: Martin Cross

This recommendation was passed.

Special thanks were expressed to:

- our outgoing President, Martin Cross, for his leadership, input and enthusiasm that he has brought to the club over the past few years.
- to other outgoing committee members, Trevor Bray (Sponsorship), Garry (Golf), Peter Gresswell and Terry Williams for their commitment to their particular roles over the past few years.
- to Matt O'Brien for his long-time commitment to handicapping.

Appointment of Legal Representative:

That Robertson and Hyett be appointed as our legal advisers.

Moved: Martin Cross

Seconded: Garry Moore

Thanks were once again expressed to Ross Smith and staff at Smith and Maltby, Accountants, for offering their services pro bono. Their support is greatly appreciated.

The President closed the meeting at 4.30 pm.

REPORTS FOR 2022-2023

Life members, committee, (General) members and sponsors:

President's Report

Castlemaine Golf Club is a very busy place. There are events happening all the time and sometimes when we are moving forward, planning for and managing the expectations of the next event or task, the enormity of the commitment of many can be lost.

When I think back over the past 12 months I am reminded of:

- golf competitions – in a normal week at least 5 per week, and then we have our club major events, tournament and special days like the Grand Final Ambrose, Max Gale and Una Carroll
- use of club facilities – VIEW Club, Goldfields Quilters, Parkinson's Support Group, venue for training programs, various family celebrations and other interest group functions
- marketing to expand our membership - we welcomed 22 new members in the past year
- the planning for and implementation of course maintenance and development. This involves many volunteer hours for which we are most grateful
- the introduction of new technologies to encourage and expand access to our club services
- further building our sponsorship profile – we have 37 sponsors
- expanding and creating wider community interest in what our club offers through the website, Facebook, Instagram, weekly newspaper reports and our monthly Fairway
- reviewing and planning for further upgrade of our clubhouse, including the management and organisation of our bar facility
- ongoing upgrading of our finance reporting so it provides information for forward planning and the ongoing review of our debt
- two club training programs – Defibrillator and Responsible Serving of Alcohol
- the ongoing commitment of our Parma Night team, offering a social night each month.

It is a long list and we are most grateful for our committee people and our volunteers who have taken responsibility and provided leadership to work for our Club to make sure all our activities are welcoming and successful.

In the next twelve months, we have to plan for and make decisions about:

- ongoing maintenance and gradual replacement of equipment
- renewal and/or the construction of our bridges
- negotiating a new contract with NBN re the tower behind the 7th green
- further building club membership, promoting golf amongst the 6-15 age group
- planning for the upgrade of our clubhouse equipment and flooring
- managing our busy golf program, including the introduction of a new short course.

At this Annual Meeting two committee members are retiring from their positions.

Thank you to Jason Cordy our Membership Officer for his record keeping of our various membership categories and tactful relationship he has built up with our members.

Dee Sansom retires from our Administration Officer position. She has been in this role for ten years and has made an outstanding contribution to our club. Dee has been the live conduit that has ensured the committee is up-to-date, connected, and alerts us to tasks that we need to complete.

2024 sees our club reach 125 years – let's celebrate!

Thank you again to our committee members, our volunteers (on course or in other capacities) for the enormous contribution to our club.

Michael Bottomley
President

Finance Report

This past year has shown the club to be in a good position financially. We have held our own, turning a profit. This has been managed in a year that has seen a significant rise in the cost of many of our course materials and fuel. The full financial reports are included here in the AGM report.

We recently changed our banking from NAB to the Maldon District Community Bank (MDCB). This change has been welcomed by all. Our NAB accounts will remain open for some time. We still hold a loan with NAB which will be paid out in the near future.

Our income is derived from memberships, green fees, competition fees, sponsorship, bar sales, course and venue hire, functions and grants. Contributions such as cash donations have been received, often anonymously. Members have also forfeited vouchers which constitute "in kind" donations. These contributions are greatly appreciated.

The main items of expenditure are for the maintenance of the course and machinery. Continual maintenance of the machinery is essential to keep the course in good condition and will be an ongoing expense. Some new equipment has also been added as in previous years. Much of this added equipment has enabled work to be carried out with greater efficiency and less cost. There have been some upgrades to the clubhouse.

There are many people who contribute to the success of the club. Their efforts are largely unseen but are nonetheless much appreciated.

My thanks to Peter Gresswell and Phil Broderick who handle the banking of the takings each week. Thanks also to Ross Smith and colleagues of Smith and Maltby, who provide ongoing financial advice.

Finally, a special thanks to Glenn Carroll and all the volunteer helpers. Their efforts have kept the course and clubhouse in excellent condition for us all to enjoy.

Bev Pike
Finance Coordinator



Income and Expenditure Statement

CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Golf Income		
Buggy / Cart Hire Income	6,665	10,250
Club House Hire	4,875	3,890
Competition Fees	45,618	44,699
Course and Venue Hire	659	6,705
Golf Cart Storage Rent	3,468	3,711
Golf programs	455	1,027
Green Fees	36,084	41,201
Trophy Donation Account Money	-	1,300
Total Golf Income	97,823	112,783
Fundraising Income		
Advertising & Sponsorship	17,199	10,418
Catering & Function Proceeds	1,921	1,958
Donations	3,930	3,111
Raffle Income	4,006	4,287
Wood Sales	2,273	-
Total Fundraising Income	29,328	19,774
Membership Income		
Country Memberships (>60kms)	4,473	4,837
Junior Memberships	445	309
Membership Fees Received	60,102	53,277
Paid in Advance Membership	-	20
Senior Student & Apprentice Membership	-	215
Short Term Membership (Minimum 3 months)	840	2,138
Social Memberships	23	-
Water Levy Fee	19,677	18,385
Total Membership Income	85,559	79,181
Sales		
Bar Income	74,586	82,335
Total Sales	74,586	82,335
Total Income	287,297	294,072
Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock	635	700
Purchases	39,844	45,195
Closing Stock	(4,456)	(635)
Total Cost of Sales	36,023	45,260
Gross Surplus	251,274	248,811

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.



	2023	2022
Other Income		
Grants & Subsidies	30,000	2,520
Interest Income	8	1
NBN Tower Rent	9,601	9,366
Other Revenue	750	9,638
Other Revenue - Coliban Loan	-	50,590
Sales	-	4,427
Unclassified Income	-	909
Total Other Income	40,358	77,452
Expenditure		
Advertising	2,292	1,315
Apprentice Expenses	2,610	-
Bad Debts	342	45,685
Bank Fees	1,616	1,418
Cleaning Contractor & Supplies	7,578	6,682
Course Maintenance	17,714	14,531
Depreciation	13,026	11,103
Donations Paid	2,050	-
Electricity	6,827	7,043
Fuel & Oil	9,448	8,513
Gas	2,250	1,171
General Expenses	6,476	6,377
Golf Registration Fees	11,827	16,034
Golf Trophies	12,866	16,887
Greens Supplies & Maintenance	20,008	15,672
Hire of Plant & Equipment	8,319	6,101
Insurance	6,416	13,399
Interest Expense	8,780	4,485
Internet / NBN Charges	1,014	935
Licenses, Permits & Memberships	759	1,036
Machinery & Cart Maintenance	12,756	5,827
Postage	43	40
Printing & Stationery	4,290	1,877
Rates & Taxes	1,766	401
Registration Fees	502	109
Repairs and Maintenance	6,034	1,514
Subscriptions	3,353	4,483
Superannuation	4,795	4,640
Telephone	562	693
Training	99	-
Wages - Casual Hire	545	89
Wages - Employee Entitlements Expense Provision	2,626	1,060
Wages - Employees	46,175	47,915
Waste Disposal	2,258	1,423
Water Charges (Club House)	1,220	649

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	2023	2022
Water Charges (Course - Annual Usage)	13,769	11,014
Workcover	632	636
Total Expenditure	243,643	260,758
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	47,989	65,505
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) Before Income Tax	47,989	65,505
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	47,989	65,505

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Assets and Liabilities Statement

CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB

As at 30 June 2023

	NOTES	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	90,966	116,785
Trade and Other Receivables	3	29,462	29,344
Inventories		4,456	635
Total Current Assets		124,884	146,763
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles	6	122,890	124,366
Land and Buildings	5	1,942,063	1,937,807
Total Non-Current Assets		2,064,954	2,062,173
Total Assets		2,189,838	2,208,936
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	8	12,482	35,326
GST Payable		637	2,556
Provisions	11	16,549	13,923
Employee Entitlements	12	2,474	1,210
Total Current Liabilities		32,142	53,016
Non-Current Liabilities			
Loans	13	331,293	377,506
Total Non-Current Liabilities		331,293	377,506
Total Liabilities		363,434	430,522
Net Assets		1,826,404	1,778,414
Member's Funds			
Capital Reserve		435,473	387,483
Reserves		1,390,931	1,390,931
Total Member's Funds		1,826,404	1,778,414

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Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2023	2022
2. Cash on Hand		
Cash On Hand	500	550
Equipment Fund (NAB)	4,513	1,368
General Account (NAB)	77,002	95,748
H Barton Fund	355	347
Trophy Account (NAB)	8,595	18,771
Total Cash on Hand	90,966	116,785
	2023	2022

3. Trade and Other Receivables

Other Receivables		
Accounts Receivable	5,233	856
Total Other Receivables	5,233	856
Prepayments		
Prepaid Interest (Coliban Loan)	24,229	28,488
Total Prepayments	24,229	28,488
Total Trade and Other Receivables	29,462	29,344
	2023	2022

Members Loan Accounts

	2023	2022
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4. Financial Assets

	2023	2022
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5. Land and Buildings

Land		
Land at Cost	1,685,000	1,685,000
Total Land	1,685,000	1,685,000
Buildings		
Buildings at Cost	236,944	236,944
Total Buildings	236,944	236,944
Leasehold Improvements		

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.



Leasehold Improvements at Cost	20,119	15,863
Total Leasehold Improvements	20,119	15,863
Total Land and Buildings	1,942,063	1,937,807
	2023	2022

6. Plant and Equipment, Motor Vehicles

Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment at Cost	33,094	34,537
Fixed Assets	89,796	89,828
Total Plant and Equipment	122,890	124,366
Total Plant and Equipment, Motor Vehicles	122,890	124,366
	2023	2022

7. Intangibles

	2023	2022
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8. Trade and Other Payables

Trade Payables		
ATO - Integrated Client Account	-	22,875
Total Trade Payables	-	22,875
Other Payables		
Accounts Payable	10,504	10,634
PAYG Withholdings Payable	1,978	1,817
Total Other Payables	12,482	12,451
Total Trade and Other Payables	12,482	35,326
	2023	2022

9. Tax Payable

	2023	2022
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10. Deferred Income

	2023	2022
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11. Provisions

Provision for Employee Entitlements - Long Service Leave	16,549	13,923
Total Provisions	16,549	13,923
	2023	2022

12. Employee Entitlements

Superannuation Payable	2,442	1,210
Wages Payable - Payroll	32	-
Total Employee Entitlements	2,474	1,210

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.



	2023	2022
13. Loans		
Non Current Liability		
Loan - Coliban Water	284,584	303,184
Loan - NAB	46,709	74,322
Total Non Current Liability	331,293	377,506
Total Loans	331,293	377,506

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Membership Report

The membership presently stands as follows:

MEN	118
WOMEN	41
COUNTRY MEN	15
COUNTRY WOMEN	5
SPONSOR MEN	14
SPONSOR WOMEN	1
JUNIOR	9
STUDENT	1
SOCIAL	3
LIFE MEN	2
LIFE WOMEN	<u>2</u>
	<u>211</u>

Note: the above represents members who have been invoiced for 2023/24 fees and thus there are likely to be some who ultimately will not pay / renew (hopefully no more than 8-10 reflected in the numbers above). We would expect these to be offset by new members joining throughout the year.

A concerted effort was made to tidy up our debtor ledger last year, meaning that we now have an accurate representation of membership fees outstanding and are able to concentrate our efforts on chasing up fees in a timely manner and maintaining an accurate membership database.

Our membership fees were increased slightly for the present financial year:

Full member	\$545
Country member (>60km)	\$300
Senior student member (full time studies & apprentices 18-25)	\$300
Junior member (under 18)	\$50
Social member	\$25
3 monthly memberships	\$160 / quarter
6 monthly memberships	\$315 / 6 months

In general, the modest increase to full membership fees and the change to the country member distance (30km to 60km) was well accepted, however some complaints and comments from members were noted and discussed by the committee throughout the year.

I understand that the committee will again seek to increase these fees at the 2023 AGM to reflect increases in the cost of running the Club.

We continue to offer flexible / monthly payment options for full memberships and on occasion offer other special promotional deals as incentives to increase our membership base.

Thanks to Dee Sansom, Bev Pike, Ross Bottomley and Matt O'Brien who have contributed to processing and welcoming new members during the year.

Jason Cordy
Membership Officer

Course Report

The AGM year began with the most rain since 2011, major floods through the course, damage to creek crossings and the last three months of the year with very restricted access for maintenance and mowing. We had a lot of catch up to do and other projects were delayed, but the weather in 2023 has been kinder and allowed some good progress.

In January, we renovated the 17th fairway using our own Santa Ana couch sprigs scarified from the 18th fairway using our new scarifier. The process, with the sprigs picked up using Dave Gudgeon's sweeper (and Dave) and immediately spread using our own spreader allowed us to complete the task in a day, and at a time of our choosing rather than relying on sprigs from other sources. We also spent considerable time preparing the ground with additional soil from the reclaimed dam area, removing rocks and adding fertiliser. We had a great turnout for the working bees and the results are looking very good, though the couch has yet to come through after the winter. The poa and ryegrass will be treated to allow the couch to become established.

The results of soil tests over the last 15 years have been collated and show the effects of the recycled water we use for irrigation on the soil. The soil structure is not great, with the main issue being poor drainage. This can be treated with gypsum, and the second application on the front nine was completed in September. We used a higher quality material this time and it has been absorbed quickly. It is a long-term process though, so we'll apply to each nine in alternate years for the foreseeable future.

The 7th tee was turfed in October 2022 and has settled in well, and the surrounds of the 17th tee have been finished off, so both these tees are now of a good standard. The redevelopment of another tee has been deferred to 2024, given the other projects on the go.

In March, as in 2022, we completed the full renovation of the greens and with a great turnout of helpers we were able to finish in a day and a half. The sand used, although meant to be the same mix, had a coarser element to it and although this was a slight concern early on, it washed in quickly and in fact may have improved the drainage. The greens had been vertidraind in December, late because of the rains, and have been vertidraind again recently, with the next coring scheduled for March 2024.

The club has purchased a set of new grooming/verti cut reels which dethatch the greens, improving the growth of turf, drainage and uptake of fertilisers. The surface of the greens has improved in the first few applications of the reels, and grooming will be a regular activity from now on. The quality of our greens is often commented on by visitors and is a great asset for the club.

The winter months have been used to continue to clear parts of the course which had become overgrown, such as the area on the right-hand side of the 13th green, left-hand side of the 5th and 17th fairways, and pine trees along the fence line of the 1st and 9th etc. Opening up the course improves playability but also light and airflow to the fairways and greens, and showcases the magnificent eucalypts we have around the course.

Of course, removing small trees and bushes leaves stumps and between our two stump grinding efforts in August 2022 and October this year, we have removed close to 200 stumps and encroaching roots around the course, which allows quicker and safer mowing of the rough. There are always more and this working bee will likely be an annual activity.

We have also had several visits from the prisoners who have taken clearing to heart and gone for it next to the 2nd, the dam banks from 2 to 5 and the area left of the 7th. It's not all removal though, as we've planted 100 new local, native trees around the course in gaps and well-spaced away from the playing areas.

Following the floods in 2022, we were successful in securing a grant from the state government for flood damage to the creek crossings on the back nine. Now that the course has dried out after winter we will be moving ahead with replacing the bridges on 14, 16 and 17 with wider rail and sleeper bridges. The 12th will follow. These replacements will allow easier and safer movement across the creek. There will be working bees required so please get involved.

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped around the course in the last year, especially Glenn, who works tirelessly to maintain and improve our course. We have a great team of volunteers who show up weekly and without whom we could not achieve anything like the great standard of the course that we have. And everyone who has turned up for a working bee - these days are crucial to getting things like the coring done - or has loaned their equipment and expertise. I'd like to also thank the Greens and General Committees for their time and support.

Nigel Wilson
Course Coordinator

Golf Report

It was a bumpy start to the new committee year where the 2022 calendar of Board events did get completed until after the presentation night in December due to the wet spring and early part of summer. This affected all things golf, including green fees which are a critical income stream.

Happily, the 2023 program has been unaffected, except for the first week of the Men's Championship, which was a good postponement given the next three weeks were good weather and delivered excellent numbers for this collection of events.

All major events have been well supported during 2023.

However, the week-to-week attendances have fluctuated across the year and particularly over winter. Whilst competition rounds have not reduced across the year there have been soft periods, and we can put that down to the increase in travel and life in general returning to normal, with people taking advantage of what was on offer in their life.

Green fees reduced in comparison to the previous financial year, also reflecting these changes but our take-in fees are certainly way above that of before Covid.

Congratulations to all Board event winners this year (listed on the Honour Roll page)
As mentioned, these events were very well supported and hotly contested across the year. They also provided a wide range of winners and runners up.

The Annual Tournament was reinvigorated this year and with good helpers we had a successful event that we can build on in 2024.

Targeting visitors is important to our major events, which includes Australia Day, Anzac Day and Grand Final Eve as well as the tournament and ladies' events. Feedback across the year has been very positive about the course and hospitality.

The 2024 program is currently being drafted, and looking back on 2023 the program was very vanilla/predictable. We did introduce a 4BBB hero which will go again in '24 and has been well supported, with some 56 players in the event with two rounds to go.

We will look at introducing or reinventing past trophies onto the new program, plus some Sunday mornings and pushing Big Hole back to its roots of introducing people to the game and our course. Support not only to these events, but conducting them would be appreciated.

Our membership profile does show some under representation of certain groups, namely ladies, although this has had healthy growth, and younger/junior members. Records would reflect that the only junior to play in recent years would have been Brock Cooper.

Accordingly, we are starting to get on board with Golf Australia's introduction to golf programs. Peggy Ronnau's ladies' programs have been successful in past years and ladies' rounds have been on the increase over the past year in particular.

This will be a long-term project I know, but essential, and it should be satisfying for us older members who have had decades of enjoyment (add frustration!!) from the game to help pass the baton on so that golf can continue to flourish in our community.

To support these programs, we have mapped out a short course, thanks to Matt O'Brien. This course is rated by GA so can be played by all members but will be promoted towards new golfers as they develop their skills. Other applications for a short course are time saving (still the biggest impediment in the game), ageing, those with some physical handicap, or just for a fun day.

Thank you - to Garry Moore, who puts in an enormous amount of time, not only on golf days but right across the club. To Lady Captain Julie. Being 'close' can have advantages and disadvantages, i.e., it can be all golf, a great support. Thanks to Greg Crowe for coming on board and Matt O'Brien for another year of service. Also to Michael Bottomley for attending all Golf Meetings - his attendance and experience are much appreciated.

Also thanks to the general committee for their support and to all volunteers that make golf what it is at Castlemaine Golf Club.

Ross Bottomley
Golf Coordinator

GOLF LESSONS

Each month we run group golf lessons at 8.30 am and 10.00 am, usually on Monday mornings. Most months we have six golfers in each session, with this number being the most effective for group lessons.

Powel Powell from Belvoir Golf Club is our coach, and most golfers see the benefit of learning and relearning skills to make the game more enjoyable.

From October 2022 to October 2023 Paul has given 130 individual golf lessons to the participants.

Peggy Ronnau

Honour Roll

Men's Champion	Robert Prendergast
Ladies Champion	Jen Dyer
Bill Dennis Trophy	Robert Prendergast
Val Bassett Trophy	Jacquie Phiddian
Men's Veterans Champion	Harvey Zepnick
B Grade Men's Champion	Peter Verlaan
B Grade Ladies Champion	Swee Ho
C Grade Men's Champion	Tony Olsson
A Grade Men's Nett Winner	Daniel Pollard
A Grade Ladies Nett Winner	Julie Bottomley
B Grade Men's Nett Winner	Laurie Harding
B Grade Ladies Nett Winner	Jacquie Phiddian
C Grade Men's Nett Winner	Malcolm McKellar
Men's Four Ball BBB Champions	John and Robert Prendergast
Bud Annand Trophy Champions	Kane Clack and Mark Brackley
Mens Foursomes Champions	Matt and James O'Brien
Mixed Canadian Champions	Glenn and Megan Carroll
Frank Edwards Trophy	Andrew Wilson
Una Carroll Trophy	Dee Sansom
Ladies Four BBB Club Shield	Barb Livingstone and Helen McEwen

Medallists

Men	Matt O'Brien
Ladies	Jo Ralston

Women's Golf Report

Seventeen teams from across the district took part in our Open Day in March. The winning team came from Midlands, and our Castlemaine ladies were runners up.

We were unable to offer a pennant team this year, but with our new lady members, maybe we will, in 2024.

Winners of our major events for the year:

A Grade Champion	Jen Dyer
B Grade Champion	Swee Ho
Van Bassett Shield	Jacquie Phiddian
Par Club Shield	Barb Livingstone and Helen McEwen
RWH 4BBB	Rosie Rajki and Rosalie Roberts
Doris Chambers	Rosie Rajki and Swee Ho
Silver Spoon	Julie Bottomley

Our Medal of Medallist winner will be completed in December, with 10 ladies battling out for this event.

The Milford Salver was played in October, with a good field from clubs around the district as well as several other teams comprised of our ladies. The day was very successful, and we received many complimentary comments from visiting clubs. The winning team came from Gisborne.

Our fundraising was well supported this year with a cheque being donated to Dhelkaya Health for the sum of \$485 from our last round of Club Championships with lunch and raffle. We were also able to forward to the club proceeds from our well-supported raffles on Open Day and Milford Salver days.

A big thank you from me to all the ladies for the wonderful donations for our raffles and also all their help whenever it was needed, i.e. making slices, kitchen duties and the list goes on, especially on our major days.

Special thank you to Bronwyn for being my offsider for the year, her computer knowledge is invaluable.

Thank you to Glenn and his volunteers for their course work and having it in great shape for our events, especially when on days when visiting clubs play at Castlemaine. Also, thank you to the Golf Committee for all their help.

My last thank you is to Ross, who has helped me so much and supported me with all the ladies' events - and we survived the year!!!

Good golfing for 2024 ...

Julie Bottomley
Ladies Captain

Sponsorship Report

Castlemaine Golf Club continues to have a strong sponsorship base. There are 37 active sponsors at the moment. Sponsorship includes tee signs, fence signs and the newest Devil's Triangle signs (Love Shack). Income generated through the various avenues of sponsorship was close to \$20,000 this year. The support we receive from our sponsors is greatly appreciated, and we encourage our members to spend their dollars at these businesses.

Some sponsorship support is received by way of supply of goods, services and donations. Leech Earthmoving sponsored our Una Carroll Breast Cancer Awareness day. We also thank Paul Powell, who runs our monthly lessons, who also sponsored this event. This year we fielded 23 teams, and raised \$2,000 for the Breast Cancer Network. And the winners from another sponsor on the day donated their prize money back to the Club. Dee Sansom took out the winning trophy.

Marty Beck has donated the timber for the new sand boxes, and we thank him for his kind donation.

We hosted a great Sponsors Day in May to thank our sponsors for their support. Many sponsors had a grand time, but there were no holes in one. Dee Sansom and I made sure all players had liquid refreshments along the way, which of course made the scores much better.

Several sponsors are still in negotiations with the club regarding their preferred sponsorship deal; we expect these arrangements to be finalised in the near future.

Our club is generous with our prize money, and most members have accrued their winnings in their account, for collection at a time that suits them. Winning vouchers can be spent with any of our sponsors. Some members choose to donate their winnings back to the club, and we thank them for their generosity.

Just before Christmas we will send letters of thanks to our sponsors, along with free vouchers for three rounds of golf. The sponsors have the option to use the vouchers themselves, or share, or offer them to their employees or their family.

Three tee sign sponsors have relinquished their sponsorship this year – Hughes Paint and Panel, Redda's Carpentry, and Campbell Fencing. We thank them all for the support they have given us in recent years. These three tee signs - on the 6th, 7th and 16th tees – are now vacant, so if any local businesses are interested in taking one of these spots, please us know.

Peggy Ronnau
Sponsorship Coordinator

Our sponsors: ASQ, Blue Seas Fish Shop, Castlemaine Fresh, Castlemaine Hire, Castlemaine Mitsubishi, Cellarbrations, Carpet Flooring Group, Cliffords Quality Cuts, Don KR, Drummonds, Elgas, Fasom Plumbing, Five Flags Hotel, Good as Gold Carts, Jellis Craig, Kosmac & Clemens, Kowelec, Love Shack, Maine Shows, Maldon and District Community Bank, Maxi IGA Castlemaine, McDonald Honey, McKenzie Davey Pharmacy, Mt Alexander Funerals, Mt Alexander Timber and Hardware, Petstock, Pyrenees Premium Cuts, Saw & Core, The Rod Shop, Smith & Maltby, Spa Country Colonics, Stevens Mensland, Taylors Home Centre, Terry White Chemist, The Bridge Hotel, The Railway Hotel, Thompson Family Funerals, Tingays Smash Repairs and Warrall Honey.

Clubhouse Report

Your clubhouse has experienced a busy year, with the implementation of our new EPOS point of sale system, the upgrade of our tired foyer, revamping the bar and storage areas, upgrading our defibrillator unit, upgrading and restocking the clubhouse first aid kit and the hosting of several functions and interest groups.

Earlier this year a committee decision was made to improve the efficiency and operation of the bar by utilising volunteers to staff the bar. To enable us to do this and meet our club license obligations we conducted an RSA course which was well supported by club members. Several of these members are now staffing the bar, but more volunteers would be appreciated.

Some of the functions hosted by our club this year were the Mount Alexander Shire Council staff day in May with around 100 staff enjoying our golf club facilities. Castlemaine Health has used our club for a staff information dinner in September and another dinner is scheduled for November. The Lancia Car Club held their club lunch on the 20th October. There are several advance bookings for 2024 including a wedding and an 80th birthday.

We continue to host the VIEW Club for their monthly evening dinner meetings. Goldfield Quilters utilise our club rooms every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month for their sit'n sew days, and Parky Pals (a Parkinsons support group) through Castlemaine Health, are using the clubrooms for exercise and wellbeing classes on Monday mornings once a month.

The club recently conducted a Defibrillator and basic CPR session for club members. This session was ably conducted by Bronni Grieve from Castlemaine Health, which was well supported by club members.

My sincere thanks to all members who assist with staffing the kitchen for functions, Parma nights, etc.

A big thankyou to members who assisted with the kitchen deep clean, club room cleaning and the repainting of the foyer.

Your clubhouse can only function effectively with input and assistance from all of our Club membership.

It is not what your Club can do for you, but what you can do for your Club!

Owen Scott
Clubhouse Coordinator

Social Media Report

After reading all these reports, it is obvious that our Club is very active. With so much going on, it is important that we share all our news with our members, and the wider community, whether it be by emails, conversations, or other media forms.

The publication of the Fairway was handed over to Bronwyn Gudgeon in January this year. And when you read the weekly golf report in the Castlemaine Mail each Friday, it is now Bronwyn who sends this copy (sometimes lifted from our Facebook page), along with photos, to the paper. She has taken on both these tasks with enthusiasm and competence. Thank you Bron!

Other key aspects of social media are our website, our Facebook page, and Instagram. To keep you updated on progress in these fields, Jason Thompson, though not a committee member, has been the driving force in these areas. Thank you, Jason, for giving us your time and expertise! His report follows:

Castlemaine Golf Club's Social Media presence has again increased in the last 12 months. By providing comprehensive analysis of results and more regular updates of competition dates and club events, engagement has increased significantly.

We had over 21,000 hits on the Club website in the last 12 months, alone. This is 400% up on 2022.

We have also increased our Social Media Presence significantly this year on our Facebook Page, adding another 170 followers, which takes the total to a smidge under 800 - that's an increase of 300 over the past two years. Some of this has been assisted by our new Instagram Page, which has attracted 110 followers over the year.

The Club Website is continuing to function well after a re-vamp last year. However, it would be advisable to think about a different support structure. The Administrators / Web hosts are quite unresponsive to ongoing issues we have had, related to updating editing templates, etc.

The use of web forms has been taken up by many prospective members and competition participants, with a fairly regular number of people choosing to complete a form to become members rather than needing to download .pdf forms, print them out, get them signed, etc., Anything we can do to make this easier for people to join is great.

Bookings on the MiScore system are still lower than ideal - this makes it difficult for single players to find partners on occasion - It would be great if we could encourage more people to use the system - perhaps by cutting back on the number of slots available to just 15 minutes, etc. At present, we have 220 slots per competition day and even if we have 50 players, it looks empty, which discourages use.

Jason Thompson

You're nearly there!

Administration Report

In conjunction with other committee members, our common aim is to present a varied golf program, to offer a high-quality course, to support our sponsors, to update our members and the wider community on Club life, and to provide a welcoming clubhouse for members to enjoy social activities. I am just one of the many, who have given time and energy for the benefit of the Club, over these last ten years.

With the exception of our Greenkeeper, Glenn Carroll, this is all done voluntarily. So, Castlemaine Golf Club is indeed fortunate to have such committed members. It is important that we continue to build this volunteer base.

Aside from day-to-day administrative duties, other aspects of Club life have inevitably crept into my role over the years. This is not necessarily the role of Administration Coordinator, but something I have chosen to take on.

Broadening of the scope of the use of our clubhouse is one aspect that has continued to be a focus this year. The number of outside bookings has increased, including those mentioned in another report. Although Club events take precedence, nevertheless, there are many occasions when we can utilise our venue for other occasions ... not only does it offer our clubhouse as an additional venue in our region for community or private events, but also, it provides us with an additional income stream. We receive many positive reports about our facilities, and our hospitality, which are encouragement enough to continue.

As I step down as Administration Coordinator, I thank not just the committee members I have had contact with over the years, but also the members, whose support and friendship I greatly appreciate.

Dee Sansom
Administration

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