

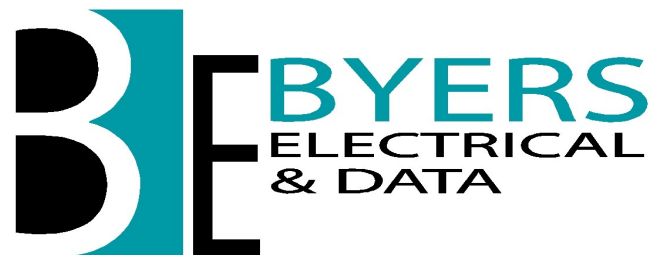


MARCH

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 30 th March	EASTER TOURNAMENT
Sunday 31 st March	EASTER TOURNAMENT
Monday 1 st April	EASTER TOURNAMENT
Wednesday 3 rd April	Mens Chicken shootout
Thursday 4 th April	Function
Friday 5 th April	Function
Saturday 6 th April	Function
Friday 12 th April	Ladies Annual Bowl
Saturday 13 th April	Function
Friday 19 th April	BISTRO
Saturday 20 th April	Function
Sunday 21 st April	Function
Friday 26 th April	BISTRO
Monday 29 th April	Trainee PRO AM



Newsletter March 2013

Welcome to our March Newsletter.

Our Golf Professional David Trower certainly caused us a lot of concern with his recent heart scare. He has been well cared for by the best in the business and is resting up at home. He tells me he can't wait to be back on deck and he should be back in the Pro Shop in time for Easter. Well done to Tim and Stuart for looking after things while David has been away.

The fitting out of Bill's shed is nearly complete and my thanks go to those who have donated to help finish this project.

The clubhouse has been a busy place during March with a number of functions keeping our employees on their toes. It is a credit to all involved that even though they have been short staffed due to holidays and injury they have maintained a hectic pace and a high level of service. I know they have started asking for a review from the customer at the end of each function and are very proud of the fact that they are getting 9's and 10's out of 10 for their work. Well done!

If any member wishes to hold a function at the golf club please see Sue Otto in the clubhouse and she will coordinate your function to suit your needs.

We have our Easter tournament coming up and this is always a great chance for us to showcase the facilities. Bill and his team have the course in fabulous condition as always and a big thank you to them and also to the volunteers who help maintain garden beds and cart paths etc around the course. Unfortunately we don't have a sponsor at the moment and if anyone can help us with this please contact Mark Washington on 0417123698.

As discussed in the last newsletter the committee is focussed on improving the income of the club by promoting both functions and memberships. Functions are coming along very well as talked about above and we are going to try a couple of initiatives to aimed at increasing membership numbers.

Firstly we are running a marketing program aimed at bringing people to the club. This involves a one off chance to play a free game of golf as well as enjoy a buy one get one free lunch. We are aiming to deliver these vouchers to sporting and other clubs in the Shepparton area. We would also like to deliver them to any other group that may have an interest in playing a game of golf. If you would like to help by distributing them in your workplace, social group or service club then please let me know on 0418123887 or e-mail me now at smudge1@bigpond.net.au . Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Secondly we have created something a bit different. We are going to trial two new categories to try to keep people as members of the club. These two new special green fee options are aimed at enabling people to keep an Australian handicap even though they may not be able to play golf as often as they like.

The first involves an annual fee of \$280 plus affiliation and entitles the subscriber to hold a handicap and at the same time play in competition or social rounds upon the payment of normal competition fees plus half price standard green fee.

The second is an annual fee of \$100 plus affiliation and works the same as above except it is reserved for people over 75 years of age or over 70 years of age with 15 years continuous membership of Shepparton Golf Club.

The second category is hoped to provide a way of keeping people involved in golf even though their health may be limiting their ability to play golf as much as they used to.

Please note that neither of these new categories have voting rights or are eligible for honour board recognition.

We have reworked an initiative that has been around for a while but I don't think was very well known. Any member that brings a new member of any category to the club will receive a golf club voucher to the value of 15% of the new membership fee. We think that is a nice reward for bringing new people to the club.

As I write this the first round of the GMCU Fourball is to be played on Sunday. Mark Washington and the Match committee have this year resurrected the Calcutta that used to be associated with this event. This will be held in conjunction with a bistro on Friday night March 22 and I encourage everyone to try to get there and enjoy the atmosphere these events create.

Good golfing everyone and I hope to see you at the Club some time soon.

Alan Schmedje
President
Shepparton Golf Club

MARCH - Junior Of The Month

Our Junior for the month of March is **Sarah Chaston**.



**TELSTRA STORES
SHEPPARTON & ECHUCA**

Sarah has been playing fantastic golf both at the Tuesday night clinic and also on Sunday mornings on the course.

Sarah receives a voucher courtesy of the Telstra Stores Shepparton & Echuca and we thank them for their continued support.

Junior Clinics will conclude this Tuesday night (26/3) for a two week break before continuing again on April the 16th at 4.30pm.

SHEPPARTON SIZZLER - THIS SATURDAY 23RD OF MARCH

Thanks

Washo

4BBB
CALCUTTA
& BISTRO

Friday 22nd of March,
2013

From 6.00pm
(Booking List in Pro Shop)

NEW MEMBERS

Ibrahim Ibrahim	junior
Suzie Smyth	beginner
Greg Birks	ordinary
Patricia Cummins	beginner
Simon Dowling	social
Emma Dowling	social
Brocq Robertson	ordinary
Nathan Friedrichs	ordinary
Barry Tippett	country
Brian Stagman	veteran

MEMBERS DRAW

**EACH
SATURDAY AT
PRESENTATION
AND NOT BEFORE 5.30PM**

**CURRENT JACKPOT
\$ 500
MUST BE A FINANCIAL
MEMBER IN
ATTENDANCE TO WIN!**

Bullant's Banter

25th February World Golf Championship – Match Play

To 60 players in the world – Arizona

Winner: Matt Kuchar		\$1,500,000
Jason Day	3 rd	\$615,000
Adam Scott	33 rd	\$46,000
John Senden	33 rd	\$46,000

4th March Honda Classic Florida Par 70 - Cut Even Par.

Winner: *Michael Thompson* 67,65,70,69 -9 \$1,080,000

Geoff Ogilvy	2 nd	\$648,000
Matt Jones	18 th	\$78,000
Steven Bowditch	29 th	\$37,000
Greg Chalmers	51 st	\$14,000
Marc Leishman	58 th	\$13,000
Cameron Percy	71 st	\$12,000

11th March Puerto Rico Open Par 72 Cut -3

Winner: *Scott Brown* 68,63,67,70, -20 \$630,000

Matt Jones	14 th	\$61,000
Cameron Percy	14 th	\$61,000
Nick O'Hern	18 th	\$44,000
Rod Pampling	57 th	\$ 8,000

11th March World Golf Championship Cadillac Championship Florida Par 72 No Cut

Winner: *Tiger Woods* 66,65,,67,71 -19 \$1,500,000

Adam Scott	3 rd	\$418,000
John Senden	20 th	\$ 88,000
Jason Day	33 rd	\$ 72,000
Geoff Ogilvy	47 th	\$ 58,000
Marcus Fraser	60 th	

18th March Tampa Bay Championship Florida Par 71 Cut +2

Winner: *Kevin Streelman* 73,69,65,67 -10 \$990,000

Greg Chalmers	=4 th	\$227,000
Adam Scott	30 th	\$ 32,000
Marc Leishman	38 th	\$ 24,000
Jason Day	43 rd	\$ 17,000
Aaron Baddely	56 th	\$ 12,000
Stuart Appleby & Geoff Ogilvy	=61 st	\$11,900

18th March Champions Tour Toshiba Classic California Par 71

Winner: *David Frost* -19 \$263,000

Peter Senior	3 rd	\$115,000
Steve Elkington	8 th	\$ 44,000

Leighton Lyle Pro Ams

Feb 27 Flinders	Par 69	75	Feb 28 Lang Lang	Par 70	70	\$366	
Mar 1 Drouin	Par 72	70	\$413	Mar 3 Phillip Island	Par 72	70	\$841
Mar 5 Growling Frog	Par 72	70	\$350	Mar 7 Portarlinton	Par 72	73	
Mar 8 Anglesea	Par 73	68	\$567	Mar 15 Heidelberg	Par 72	70	\$680
Mar 18 Cape Schanck	Par 70	67	\$673				

GREENS & COURSE REPORT MARCH

March 2013

There was no shortage of precipitation late last month with 92mm being received in a short period of time. This has provided plenty of moisture for growth and caused some damage to bunkers and paths which are currently being repaired.

GREENS

The following practices were undertaken on the greens:

- Fertiliser application
- Fungicide applications
- Blowing pine needles
- Application to assist with nematode suppression
- Grooming

Hand watering

Maintenance to be undertaken in the coming month:

- Needling tyning
- Fungicide as required
- Fertiliser and wetting agent application
- Summergrass, kikuyu, couch and broadleaf control in the greens and on the green perimeters.
- Growth retardant to suppress the poa

Grooming and sand dusting

The continuing hot weather has prevented the spraying of broadleaf, kikuyu and couch on the greens. This will occur as conditions cool.

TEES

They are being cut twice a week.

FAIRWAYS

They are being cut two to three times a week. They were sprayed with a growth retardant; however its full effectiveness may have been reduced due to the continued warm and humid weather. The broadleaf weeds will be sprayed as conditions cool.

BUNKERS

The damage they received from the storm two weeks ago is currently being repaired. There has been a leak near the 10th bunker causing part of the back face to collapse. This will be repaired in the coming weeks.

They will be trimmed and bases levelled in preparation for the Easter Tournament

IRRIGATION

Maintenance is occurring as required.

There have been several leaks on the irrigation mainlines which have been repaired.

The leaks on the dam wall have stopped, in part due to the recent rain. Work will need to be undertaken in the winter months to correct this problem. Steve Winnett will be assisting in this process. The algae bloom in the dam is being controlled by running the sprinkler on the dam wall. Ross Anderson continues to dump material to raise the level of the wall on the western side.

The bearing in the jacking pump motor is still to be replaced.

ROUGH

Rough is being cut as time permits

PLANTATION AND WILDLIFE

The rabbits and birds have been culled with follow up action to occur.

The tree watering is still occurring. The trees will be sprayed around to suppress weed growth

Trees are being re-staked as time permits.

SHED CONSTRUCTION

The windows are to be fitted to the frame and once completed the cladding will commenced. The cladding was received from The Laminex Group.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The nursery work is commencing slowly due to other issues on the course

The bare area in front of the 6th green has been turfed. This area has been fertilised to assist with grass recovery.

The track between the houses and the practice fairway has been blocked to prevent car access, but is still open to golf carts.

Fallen branch on 5th fairway has been removed.

Watering of trees continues with assistance from volunteers.

Figurines (2) to be sited in island bed in carpark and garden at top of hill.

Inspection of fairways (contouring) and trees on front nine to be conducted by greens and course committee after Easter Tournament

Lighting on drive-way to be addressed. In view there is a dark area at foot of hill and concern is for visitors returning to cars after night functions.

Consideration given to contouring areas around bunkers which are mostly affected by heavy rain runoff. Ground raised slightly to channel runoff away from bunkers..

Seats at front of Clubhouse need to be sanded and repainted prior to Easter Tournament.

Poles on protective screen adjacent to 16th tee have been erected. Netting has now arrived and will be attached asap. Member Graeme North has arranged and paid for all the equipment. Voluntary labour has assisted with works.

Rock at rear of 17th tee to mark the original site of our clubhouse has been re-sited with use of mobile crane. The mobile crane (Quicklift Cranes) hire was donated free of charge to our club by Mr Jarrod Sutherland. A letter of appreciation has been forwarded to Mr Sutherland. A suitable plaque will be attached to the rock indicating that this is the original site

of our clubhouse.

Once again Mr Graeme North has covered all costs of this project and we will need to further beautify the area to compliment his efforts.

Consideration has been given to updating cart paths. A costing is underway for path from 15th tee to give us a clear indication of costs etc.

Once again all members of the committee reported the positive comments about our course which they have received. Bill and his team are again to be congratulated on their unwavering efforts in ensuring that our course remains the jewel in the crown in regional Victoria. Keeping in mind the trying weather conditions.

WORK OVER THE NEXT MONTH

- Preparation for the Easter Tournament
- Greens related tasks
- Associated shed construction activities
- Broadleaf spraying
- Nursery reestablishment work
- Branch and debris removal

Fertilising of selected tees.

WORKING BEE FOR VOLUNTEERS:

A working bee is planned for Wednesday March 27th to:

- **Whipper snip around trees and markers in preparation for our Easter Tournament**
- **Remove branches and debris from course**
- **Weed and present island bed in car park to standard**
- **General weeding and clean up**

Assorted tasks to assist Bill and his team in preparation of the course for Easter Tournament

Our many volunteers are invited to attend the working bee next Wednesday commencing at 8.30 am. Please bring whipper snippers and rakes. Your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Ron Wilkinson / Chairman