



July Newsletter

VOLUNTEER THANKS

Great job from the working bee on the entrance last week. Thank you to people who donate their time to make our course look like it does ..great.

Special thanks to Geoff Stephens, John Hammond and Alan Bush who are often seen around the course keeping our garden beds and paths in tip top condition.

COURSE AND GREENS NEWS

The greens & course committee has works to be completed in the coming months. This includes tree planting along the left hand side of the 16th fairway, the back of the 5th green path repairs, the back of the 4th tee redevelopment and various tree replanting. We have 170 meg of water to carry over to next year which will enable the course to remain in the condition you see today.

We will also release a plug and divot repair program. We need all members to embrace this program which will improve the playability of our course.

FORUM

Around forty members attended the June 7th Forum where a number of topics were discussed. These included communication, presentations, memberships, sponsorship, management, tree replacement program, competition formats and social activities. Issues and ideas were put forward for consideration by the Committee. Thanks to those who attended and contributed to the value of the meeting.

CORPORATE CUP COMMITTEE

The Corporate Cup Committee has been on the job for several months under the chairmanship of Ken Baxter, organising this prestigious and highly successful fundraising event for November 19th. Major sponsors have already been secured, entry forms are out, and highly sought after spots in the field for teams of 3, are filling fast. Anyone interested in entering a team should contact Erane in the office.

Meanwhile, organisers are looking for assistance with donations for raffle prizes to the approximate value of \$100. If you are able to assist, Erane would love to hear from you.

BISTRO

THIS FRIDAY

JULY 2nd

BOOKINGS TO OFFICE

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The Rules of Golf: Good Ones/Bad Ones We Have a Choice

There are 34 Rules of Golf, which are updated every 4 years by the 2 ruling bodies worldwide; The R&A and the USGA. In addition to these rules there are over 1000 decisions on these Rules. Decisions on the Rules of Golf are published every 2 years in response to the 3000 plus written requests received by the R&A each year seeking clarification to matters that appear ambiguous.

As can be ascertained from the above, The Rules of Golf are not always black and white! What is black and white is in which category we, as golfers choose to stand as to the application and adherence to these rules, i.e. we either play by the rules or.....

Definition of the word cheat according to the Ox ford dictionary : One who does not abide by the set rules.

"Whoa! Hang on a minute!" you say "There are some that are absolutely ridiculous and others that are really only for the pros. Besides, I'm not playing for sheep stations when I play. And didn't I read somewhere that Kevin Jacques, the incoming V&A Rules Committee Chairman was asked: "What rule of Golf needs changing or even deletion?" and he answered :Rule 13-4 which prohibits the raking of a bunker after retrieving it prior to making a stroke in that bunker." Surely that justifies the possible rules oversights which may or may not occur in amateur golf?"

Let us look at those points :

(a) Absolutely ridiculous; which one(s) are they that apply particularly to you? Are they the same as those of the next player? In a field of 100, is it conceivable that at least, say, 20 rules could be considered ridiculous by any number of players? Consider the consequences.

(b) Only for the pros: Nope not applicable . The rules are standard for both professional and amateur ranks.

(c) Not playing for sheep stations: Correct! We are playing for something far more valuable than that! We are playing to maintain the integrity of the rules and etiquette of the game, a game which has traditions and history of fair play dating back to the 18th century. We, as temporary custodians, must ensure these standards are maintained, and additionally our sense of fair play demands that the only way to win is according to the rules. Is this not the Aussie way?

(d) Kevin's rationale is quite sound but does that mean he disregards rule 13 whilst playing? Of the millions of golfers in over 130 countries one can assume there would be many more rational thinkers just like Kevin. The majority of golfers accept and abide by all the Rules!

So in which category are you? What is your choice?

If any member has any queries regarding the rules or decisions, your match committee is readily available to answer your query. Alternatively the rules and decisions are available on the net. Just Google randa.org

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Men's Club Champions

Congratulation to our 2010 Men's Champions.



Daniel Adem, 2010 Open Champion



From Left: C Grade Champion Craig Mathisen
B Grade Champion Adam Williamson
D Grade Champion Damien Beazley

SENIORS TOURNAMENT

On June 21 & 22nd, Shepparton Golf Club conducted its 2 day Senior Amateur Championship. This Men's 36 hole stroke and handicap event is part of the Victorian Senior Order of Merit for the Doug Bachli Trophy. The winner of the scratch event was Alan Bullas from-Commonwealth and the Handicap event was won by Geoff Davidson from Wangaratta. Many highly favourable comments on the conduct of the tournament, club facilities and catering and the presentation of the course were received. Grateful thanks to our generous sponsor, Barry Hobbs, of Shepparton Aged Care, and to tournament Director Bob Dixon. Special thanks to Graeme North and Max Dawber for their organisation and to Tom Downie for his assistance. Damien and course staff did a wonderful job preparing each day, as did catering, bar and office staff. Thanks to all.

LADIES GOLF NEWS

The Ladies have enjoyed a successful June to date, the championships produced 3 new championships with Kim Morris taking out the Open division, Heather Brain won B grade and Chris Hall was the C grade winner . Well done ladies.



Ladies Open Champion Kim Morris



Ladies C Grade Champion Chris Hall
Ladies B Grade Champion Heather Brain

Chris Hall was having a purple patch, as along with Rose Priestly and Joy Reeves, they won the Kialla Bowl and then Chris joined forces with Norma Pollock to win the Royal Women's Hospital Day on the Wednesday.

On Wednesday 23rd the annual Captains versus Presidents Day was held with 13 former captains present. We were especially happy to welcome 96 year old Martha Rigg for lunch. Paula Dixon was thrilled to win the Captain's badge with a score of 39. The teams ended the day square with 632 points each.

On July 9th the G.V Ladies will play North East Ladies at Shepparton Golf Club. Goulburn Valley won this event last year, so hope we can do it again.

Good Golfing everyone. Di Hands

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members
WENDY CROW, VIRGINIA BURGMANN and ROBERT VALLENTINE

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2nd Bistro

July 9th G.V. Ladies V North East Ladies at Shepparton

July 18th Sunday Roast Lunch

August 13th Bistro & Band

August 13th GVLGA 18 Hole Ch/ships & Final of GV Brooch at Shepparton

August 19th — 22nd Annual Tournament