



# Shepparton Newsletter

Welcome to the first of what, hopefully, will become a regular newsletter to members. It aims to keep members informed of club events, activities and issues, and is a direct response to an expressed wish from participants in our survey.

## **FORUM - JUNE 7th**

Also in response to the survey, the Committee has decided to conduct a members' forum on the evening of June 7th, in the clubhouse, commencing at 7pm. This is an opportunity to express your opinion on issues arising from the survey, or to discuss other concerns and ideas that will assist in improving our club. 80% of survey respondents said they would attend a forum, so here is your opportunity.

How can we increase participation in our tournaments? Are you in favour of a tree levy? Has communication improved? Have you ideas for social activities? What areas would you like to see improved? What are we doing well?

## **NEW SIGNS**

Thank you to all members for complying with our dress regulations as displayed on the sign at the entrance to the pro shop. Also for reporting to the pro shop prior to play and keeping groups to a maximum of four players. We remind members that these rules apply at all times, and not just on competition days. Commencing play from the 4th tee is strictly prohibited.

## **BUNKER RAKES**

A big thank you to Walter Lee for his generous donation to purchase new replacement bunker rakes. Greatly appreciated.

## **PITCH & PUG REPAIR PROGRAM**

The Course and Greens Committee will be introducing a new initiative to assist in keeping our fairways and greens in top condition. Commencing in June will be a Pitch and Pug mark repair program. Members are asked to look for the sign that will indicate which hole is to be the repair hole of the day. Players are then asked to repair any pitch and pug marks seen, not just their own.

## **LADIES**

Congratulations to Cheryl Mahon who defeated Marie Brown to win the singles knockout. Club Championships are now underway with finals to be played on June 6th. With two weeks of Pennant still to play, Div 1 Gold and Div 4 are on top of their respective ladders. The six teams that have represented the Club in five divisions are to be congratulated. Pennant dinner will be on Monday May 31st at 6.30pm for 7pm at the Clubhouse. Cost is \$25 per head.

## WORKING BEE

A working bee is to be held on Sunday June 6th., commencing at 10am The purpose of the working bee is to tidy up the front entrance and carpark area, and to clean the windows in the clubhouse. The more members (male and female) attending, the easier the task. Come and lend a hand, then perhaps stay on and support the players in the finals of the Club Championships

### STAFF & COMMITTEE GOLF DAY

Last Monday, the staff and Committee came together to enjoy a day of fun and fellowship whilst competing in an Ambrose event. The idea for the day came from Damien, who did a fantastic job of organising the event, with the assistance of Sue, Felicity and staff members. Damien threw in some novelty challenges along the way, to make the event more fun. Thanks for a most enjoyable day Damien, from all involved.



### VOLUNTEER THANKS

Thank you to Rosemary Tyquin and Jenny Kneebone who gave of their time to help maintain the garden beds around the clubhouse. Also to Nick Munari who does a



power of work around the course and recently rejuvenated the garden bed beside the tenth tee. It looks fantastic. Thanks Nick.

### REMINDERS

Members are reminded that practice on the course is not permitted at any time. A member may play a round hitting a second ball.

*There have been several instances of players arriving late for their tee off time. Players arriving later than five minutes may be disqualified.*

### Captain's Corner

We are well in to the process of identifying our Club Champions for 2010. At the time of writing, the first round of Match Play (Men's is due to be contested this weekend). The Ladies have had their first round of stroke play qualifying. Good luck to all concerned.

As always Bill Daunt and his boys have produced a wonderful course which we fully appreciate. It would be an even better show of appreciation if we could assist these guys by ensuring their hard work and efforts are not wasted. A couple of ways we can assist is by ensuring that plug marks on greens and divot marks through the green are repaired.

While we are on the subject of showing consideration for others, Members are reminded that smooth traffic flow on the course is every one's responsibility. The most basic of rules of etiquette will ensure this: Keep up with the group in front.

Your Match Committee thanks you in anticipation of ensuring consideration for others, and adherence to the Rules and etiquette of our wonderful game, are uppermost when enjoying our course.

If any one has any rules queries we are always ready to assist.

Good Golfing  
Gavan Mears  
Captain  
S.G.C

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31st Ladies Pennant Dinner

June 4th Bistro

June 6th Working Bee

June 6th Final Club Championships

June 7th Forum

June 20th Sunday Roast

June 21—June 22 Shepp Golf Club Senior Amateur Championship

July 2nd Bistro