

# Around the Club

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A newsletter for Wodonga Golf Club members



Tim Purtill will finish up at the golf club, where he has proved a popular staff member.

Tim Purtill plans to cash in all the beers he is owed from members before he leaves Wodonga Golf Club at the end of the month.

Tim has spent the past two years working as a trainee under golf pro Gavin Vearing, and will leave the club after completing his qualification.

"Tim has been an 11 out of 10 as far as being a staff member," said Gavin.

"He has been extremely thorough with the business side of working in the pro shop and has been really proactive in making sure everything is done."

Tim is well known around the club for his dry sense of humour

and has proved to be a well liked person around the course.

"He has been great interacting with members by giving and taking a lot of banter," he said.

"He wants them all to know he plans on cashing in any beers owing to him before he leaves."

Tim first picked up a golf club aged 10 at Thurgoona Golf Club and has never looked back.

"I am 23 now so I have been playing for 13 years," he said.

"It has been great being at Wodonga and I have really enjoyed meeting all the members."

Tim plays off plus 1, and as of December 31 he will have

completed his final year as a trainee.

"I will be a full member of the PGA upon finishing the traineeship," he said.

Tim will head back to Thurgoona Golf Club where he will work part-time in the pro shop and undertake some coaching.

"I will be looking to coach more than play next year," he said.

Gavin said golfers and staff wish Tim all the best in his career.

"We hope to see Tim back over here at Wodonga for a game with many of the friends he has met over the two years," he said.

## Veterans' news

The year has flown by and the Wodonga Golf Club Veterans have enjoyed a successful and enjoyable 2019.

With the upcoming Pro-Am not far away, Veteran members are being urged to help out before the event to ensure the day is a success.

Any member that can volunteer some time on a Thursday from 8am have been asked to leave their contact details with Gavin Vearing in the pro-shop or contact him on (02) 60591552.

The Veterans Group is open to men over 55 and women over 50.

Interested members are asked to fill out the entry form and note there is no fee attached to this competition.

Entry forms can be returned to secretary Gerry Voll by placing in the green box.

A over 55's Veterans Group and over 65's Super Veterans Championship Event will be held with the normal club championships.

Many Wodonga Veteran members are also members of the NEVGDA Group which play in monthly competitions costing \$15 per round.

The schedule for 2020 has been released with competition starting in January in Yarrowonga and then

for the following months in order with Bright (including an extra day for social play), Benalla, Jubilee-Wangaratta, Beechworth, Howlong, Corowa, Jubilee-Wangaratta, Howlong, Mansfield, Myrtleford and finishing in December at Wodonga.

Another popular event among Veteran members has been the Border Challenge between Thurgoona, Albury and Wodonga.

To join the NEVDGA group, members are asked to complete the enrolment form they can collect from the pro-shop and deposit it with the \$17.50 fee in the green box in January.

With the year coming to a close, we enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch on 2 December, which was a great time and enjoyed by all who attended.

The Veterans presentation night will be held on December 6.

The cost is \$40 per person with RSVP's due by December 2.

Touring members can enjoy a great day out in Myrtleford with 15 members tackling a very challenging course dotted with pine trees.

Up to 40 Veteran members will also play at Blackbull Yarrowonga on Christmas Day.

### Results

November 11: Congratulations

Ken McQuilton who won the Medal of Medalist Finals with a countback from Tony Austin each with a score of 38 points.

Balls were won by Andrew Harper, John Hamilton, Tony Austin, Les Myers, Colin Russell, Russell Dower and John Walpole.

November 18: Congratulations to Brad Younie who won the Stableford event with a score of 36 points, with Andrew Harper coming second with 36 points.

Balls were won by Michael Fenton, Phillip Missen, Graham Robertson, Ted Murray, Ken Whybrow, Graham Buchanan and Michael McCrohan.

November 4: Team McCrohan-Burns took out the American Foursomes with Team Crutch-Triglone coming second.

Balls were won by Ken Zapelli, Gary Little, Ted Murray, and Neil Hawkins.

October 28: Congratulations to Phillip Missen who took out the Stableford event with 39 points with Tim Triglone coming second on 38 points.

Balls were won by Bill Ryan, Tony Barlow, Darrell Hume, Bob Whitehead and Scott Burns.

## Ladies' news

November has been a busy month for our lady golfers at Wodonga Golf Club.

With the weather warming up and the course in peak condition, the fairways have been a hive of activity with monthly medals and board meetings taking centre stage.

Chris Clancy (left) was November's Monthly Glass winner with great performances across the course.

Jan Trethewey (right) had a huge month winning the Monthly Medal with a nett of 74.

She then scooped the pool to be presented with the Medal of Medalist Winner's Award for 2019 with a nett of 72.

The Wodonga Golf Club annual general meeting was well attended by members of the club, with an election held for the positions of captain and vice captain.

The 2020 Wodonga Golf Club Women's Committee consists of:

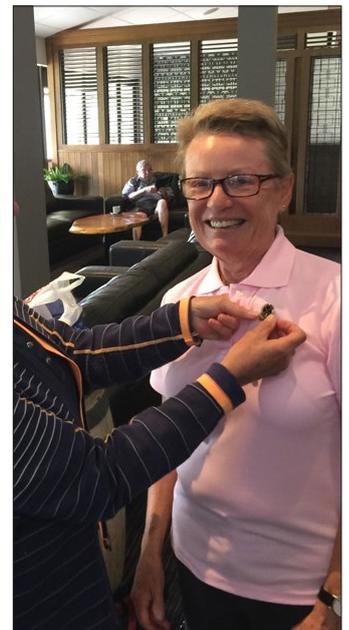
Captain- Marie Barnes  
Vice Captain-Jenn Younie  
Committee Members-  
Dianne Bainbridge, Maureen Barry, Jan Moore, Molly Krause and Gail Strang.

The ladies presentation night will be held on December 6 with results to be published next issue.

The ladies closing day will be held on December



12 which includes a draw for partners Stableford



event followed by a Christmas lunch.

# Spotlight on our sponsors

Golfers lining up on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at Wodonga Golf Course have been enjoying the marked transformation of the tee.

The team at Jackson's Earthmoving in Wodonga recently spent almost three days completely renovating both the men's and ladies tee.

Josh Lafferty said the work had involved completely stripping back the grass on the tee to begin the rejuvenation.

"We then utilised a laser bucket to ensure the tees were dead flat," he said.

"To finish off we topped them with sand, again using the laser bucket to ensure we had a dead flat result before turfing the tee again."

Josh said the machinery, material and labour to renovate the tee had been donated to Wodonga Golf Club by the team at Jackson's Earthmoving.

"My boss Wylie Jackson is a member of the club and he is passionate about helping out sporting clubs as well

as footy clubs, so we help out where we can," he said.

"It is a family run business that has been operating since 1985.

"We live in a small town and it's great to see people helping each other out."

He said the turf for the renovation had been supplied by local company Sun Country Turf.

"They supplied the turf and couch grass that was used."

Josh said the companies had provided the services and material to the club for free.

"If we were to charge this as a commercial job it would have cost more than \$6000, but we are just happy to contribute to the club and help the community," he said.

Josh said the 15 strong team from Jackson's Earthmoving regularly took to the course at Wodonga to play 18 holes.

Jackson's Earthmoving also provides site cuts, concrete recycling and laser grading.



# Jason enjoying mixing work with pleasure

Jason Merkel seemingly has the best of both worlds, mixing his passion for golf with his place of work.

The Clubhouse Bar and Bistro Venue Manager manages to sneak in a round of golf before he starts his afternoon shift at Wodonga Golf Course.

Picking up the clubs again after a 20-year hiatus, Jason has managed to reduce his handicap from 17 to 7 over the past two years.

He is known around the club for his passion for playing the sport he enjoys.

"I played golf from a young age up until I was 18 and then didn't play for about 20 years, I took it up again after I started working at the club," he said.

"Now I manage to play about three times a week, I mainly work the lunch time until close shift so I manage to play golf ever morning before work."

Jason started his position as Venue Manager two years ago, having previously managed The Telegraph Hotel in Chiltern.

"We have a good crowd here, probably an older crowd and we have no trouble which makes for a good environment in the clubhouse," he said.



"We can serve more than 150 meals on a Friday night without even batting an eyelid as well as functions."

He said the venue had grown consistently over the past two years.

"With the warmer weather upon us now we are also seeing more people coming into the

clubhouse," he said.

"And right now is a busy time of year with a large number of functions."

He said the golf course was also in a great condition.

"John Anderson has done a great job with the course and it really is looking really good," he said.

**Club management and staff would like to wish all players, members, family and friends a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.**



MERRY CHRISTMAS