

# Around the Club



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A newsletter for Wodonga Golf Club members

## Return to play providing relief

Well it's been three weeks since we started back from lockdown for the second time and it seems pretty clear that we were all getting a bit of practice in by taking advantage of the opportunity to at least play in pairs.

The latest lockdown came just after we played our August medal and fortunately the restrictions were eased with enough time for us to squeeze the September medal in on the 26th and stay up to date.

The September medal was won by Joe Gray with a very nice 67 nett (24) and the October medal was well won with an excellent 65 nett (10) by Gordon Anderson.

Well done to both boys on qualifying for the Medal of medals later in the year.

Best score since the resumption of play has been 41 which was achieved by Ben Lawson twice and by Ty Murray who in the process broke 80 for the first

time and is in a pretty good patch of form.

Other notable happenings have been a hole in one by Alex Sweetman at the 16th hole and an Eagle 2 at the 5th hole (from 180m) by Ian Shirley.

Some fantastic stuff from these boys in just a few short weeks.

Now that we're back with eased restrictions, make sure you get down and buy something you've been saving for from Gav, or get some lessons.

Also don't forget to get in and support the Clubhouse with a sherbet or two after your round and of course dining is back on.

Finally, and thankfully, daylight savings has also kicked in so now there's a bit more time for us to get down and hone our skills. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can back out on the course.

*Good golfing,  
Mark Evans*



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## Veterans' news

We still have some large fields for golf as many are using golf as a means of returning to normal.

For the past three weeks we have been playing in fours and in competition too.

Once again, I thank the Pro shop staff and the grounds staff for their excellent work in running and maintaining our course in fantastic condition. We also appreciate the co-operation of all members.

### Competition Results

Monday September 21: 1st Bill Allott 42 points, 2nd Ken McQuilton 39 points, 3rd Dave Davis 39 points.

Monday September 28: 1st Peter Kellow 40 points 2nd Neil Hawkins 39 points 3rd Paul Johansen 38 points.

Monday September 15: 1st Andrew Klotz 42 points 2nd Gary

Byrnes 40 points 3rd Scott Burns 39 points.

### Veterans' Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in the Clubhouse after golf on Wednesday October 21 at 5pm.

Please contact me or Kevin Tracy (0412 727 769) if you have ideas or issues for us to discuss.

At this stage limited numbers may be able to attend.

### Blackbull Day

We have a booking to play 18 holes at Blackbull Yarrowonga for 40 players on Monday November 23 in groups of four from 9.28 am. The cost is \$45 per player. Please place your name on the time sheet and money in an envelope with your name in the Vets Green Box if you are interested.

We will arrange prizes but will not be able to have the usual barbecue afterwards for we will only be using the first tee for all players.

### Volunteers Group

Congratulations to Ross, Mick and Tony for the design and installation of the new steps to the 8th tee - a masterpiece of planning and construction.

Also thanks to Ross for finding a reliable John Deere mower for our Thursday course maintenance work.

### NEDVGA Mansfield

This will take place on Monday October 26. Please place your name on the list and your money (\$17.00) in a named envelope on the Vets Green Box.

- Des Malone , 0409 219 556

## Ladies' news

Is that cheering we can hear? You bet it is!!

We are practically back to normal, playing in groups of four and it's an absolute joy!

I have never seen so many happy ladies. We still have to wear our masks maybe until Christmas, but hey we will survive.

We were lucky enough to play our September and October Monthly Medals, and even though we are all a bit rusty playing Stroke, we had some cracking scores.

The September Monthly Medal was won by Jenny Garner with a 74 (pictured with Marie Barnes top right) , and the October Monthly Medal was won by Judy Langford with a 71 (also pictured with Marie Barnes). Congratulations ladies. We were so happy to have a presentation and be able to pin those medals on in person.

The Twins finally had the presentations for their games and there were quite a few thrilled ladies with all the prizes that were won.

The Singles Knockout Qualifying round was played, and we now have 16 ladies playing against each other in Matchplay to determine our 2020 Singles Champion in November. Good luck everyone.

The Ladies Committee was also able to finally have a meeting so that

we could get on with the business of moving forward in 2020.

We received a letter; which Marie Barnes (Captain) has asked to be put on our notice board for all of our ladies to be able to read.

You need to all take a bow and pat yourselves on the back. It is heartwarming to receive this type of correspondence. (I'm not adding it, go check it out).

It is decided that our Wodonga Bowl will go ahead on the November 5.

Jenn Younie will be putting all the relevant information on Team App, most probably before you read this newsletter.

I mentioned the Annual General Meeting in the last newsletter with a promise of further information this month.

We will be providing nomination forms for the committee at the beginning of November.

Where to find them and the closing date information will be provided via Team App at the end of this month.

We are pleased to advise you that Marie Barnes (Captain), Jenn Younie (Vice Captain), Di Bainbridge and Jan Moore will be standing again next year.

Gail Strang, Molly Krause and Maureen Barry will be bowling out.

It would be wonderful to welcome some new faces to the committee, so have a think about it ladies.

Welcome back to all our intrepid travellers that have returned home.

Big birthday wishes to all those celebrating a birthday this month.

Get well wishes for any of our ladies who may be unwell.

See you around the greens.







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# Keen competition for Handiskins

With Wodonga  
Golf Club pro  
Gavin Vearing



It is great to be back playing competitions, in fours and being able to share carts.

Hopefully it won't be long and we can get rid of the masks, be able to take the flags out, have nearest the pins and have rakes back in bunkers.

Last Saturday we had 195 players for the comp which is a great turn out from our members.

We also had 75 players enter the Handiskins.

Well done to Jo Whitehead on having the best score for week one with 39 points (Jo beat Ben Robertson on a countback for the bottle of Peter Lehman wine and Luke the Duck headcover).

Round 2 will be Saturday October 17; Round 3 has been put back one week due to the four person Ambrose we will be running on Grand Final day.

Round 3 will now be held on Saturday October 31, Round 4 Saturday November 7 and the final round on Saturday November 14.

The Handiskins final will be on Saturday November 21.

On Grand Final Day, Saturday October 24 we will be running a four person Ambrose.

Unfortunately, we are not able to run shotgun starts so it will be a one tee start as per normal.

Tee times will run from 6:30am to 2pm to accommodate as many players as possible.

With the warmer weather, we are now seeing the couch grass starting to take off and give better grass coverage of the fairways.

We hope to be able to remove the preferred lies by the end of the month.

We have some new stock that arrived in the Pro Shop in the last month. I am now stocking Ecco golf shoes. (see advertisement P3).

Ecco are a premium brand and not cheap but are very high quality and extremely comfortable.

We also had the arrival of the new Ping G425 demo irons and woods, the new Callaway Great Big Bertha woods and irons and we are awaiting arrival of the new Titleist TS i woods.

All these clubs are demo clubs so you can take them out onto the course and give them a try.

Thank you to our volunteers for the great job they do each week on the golf course.

A special thank you to David Armstrong on installing a hook for the defibrillator so it can be easily found.

Hopefully we don't need to use it, but it now can be easily found above the scanner in the Pro Shop.

Also thank you to Mick McCrohan and Ross Black for the new steps on the 9th tee and the 3rd tee.

## Gav's Tips

The shot that causes the most problems for higher handicapped players is the bunker shot. It is important to have the right technique in order to get out of bunkers.

Below are some tips to follow that will assist you getting out of trouble.

### TOP 6 BUNKER TIPS

#### 1. Light grip pressure

On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being very loose and 10 being very tight, grip pressure should only be 2 or 3. By having light grip pressure it makes it easier to hinge the wrists on the backswing.

#### 2. Wide stance

It is important to dig feet into the sand to help create stability.

#### 3. Hinge the wrists on backswing

Y to L - Left arm parallel to the ground, club forming right angle (or Letter L) with forearm.



#### 4. Double your current club head speed

One of the major problems I see with poor bunker players is not enough club head speed for the club to get through the 2 to 4 inches of sand.

#### 5. Follow through

Finish with club resting on shoulder.

#### 6. Only need to hit 2 to 4 inches behind the line

Draw a line in the sand and see where you are making contact with the sand. On many occasions golfers hit 6 to 12 inches behind the ball.

If you are still having trouble getting out of bunkers it may be time to book a bunker lesson with me. My coaching times are Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.