

Around the Club

A newsletter for Wodonga Golf Club members



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Pro-Am proves great success

What a great privilege it was to have Geoff Ogilvy at Wodonga Golf Club to host the Elders Insurance Gen Z Pro-Am.

Geoff's golfing achievements include winning the 2006 US Open, spending 110 weeks inside the top 10 in the world with a career high of number three, as well as winning three WGC events and accumulating in excess of \$30 million dollars in prizemoney on the US tour.

This event could not have taken place without the support of our members and sponsors.

A big thank you to Mark Felmingham, Paul Felmingham and Paul Topalovich from Elders Insurance for being the naming rights sponsor, Wayne Gill from Gilly's steel, as well as Azzi Nusser, Bright Colonial Motel, Stewart, Tracy and Mylon and Joan Naldrett Real Estate.



Tournament winner Darcy Brereton with Geoff Ogilvy.

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Pro-Am proves outstanding success

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The nine-hole shootout was a tremendous success and was a great experience for Renae Pitargue and Casey Gamble on Team Ogilvy and Dean West and Tynan Cundy on team Murray.

Zach and Geoff were tied after nine holes as was the best ball match between Team Ogilvy and Team Murray.

Highlights of the shootout were Westy's drive off the first, Casey chipping in for eagle on the 7th and shooting two-under for the game.

Westy well and truly redeemed himself playing some excellent golf and holed a nice five-footer on the last to tie the four-ball match.

Thank you to Renae, Casey, Dean and Tynan for their donation to the Geoff Ogilvy foundation to have the privilege of playing with Geoff and Zach.

We finished up with 137 for the dinner on Tuesday night and had the pleasure of hearing Geoff talk about his experiences on the PGA

Tour. We allowed 30 minutes for a Q and A with Geoff and Zach but with Geoff being a great speaker we went well over the hour.

Geoff spoke about his passion for golf and his hunger to always improve.

A couple of important takeaways that members can apply to their own game was that Geoff was fortunate to realise early in his career the importance of not letting one bad shot affect his next shot and the rest of his game.

Geoff would look at the prizemoney breakdown after a tournament and notice that one or two shots could often mean a \$50,000 to \$100,000 difference in prizemoney.

Getting angry and frustrated out on the course after a bad shot was costing him a lot of money.

The other key point was learning to control the little inner voice that we all have.

Rather than being critical and negative, if you learn to train the little inner voice to be your

Results:

Professionals:

Winner: Darcy Brereton 65
Runner-up: Zach Murray 66
Third: DJ Louper 67
Fourth: David Micheluzzi 69
Fifth: Geoff Ogilvy 71

Amateurs - Male:

Winner: Baxter Droop 69
Runner Up: Sam Bakes 70
Third: Lukas Michel 71
Fourth: Caleb Bovalina 71
Fifth: Daniel Gill 72

Amateur - Female:

Winner: Alexandra Hilliard 75

cheerleader rather than your toughest critic you could achieve great things.

For the first ever Gen Z Pro-Am we had 14 professionals and 16 elite amateurs do battle in some challenging conditions.

Part of Geoff's vision is to help elite young golfers take the next step to being elite professionals.

Many of our elite players are struggling to take the next step to being successful professionals.

It is great that Geoff wants to help the younger generation and give something back to the game of golf.

- Gavin Vearing



Geoff Ogilvy and Zac Murray.



The Pro-Am dinner was greatly enjoyed by many.



Club Pro Gavin Vearing interviews Geoff Ogilvy.



Team Murray and Team Ogilvy were highly competitive.

Veterans' news

Welcome to the year 2021 which continues in similar fashion to 2020 with the Victorian border closed to NSW residents and Victorian Police attending all border crossings.

We have had many people tested by Albury-Wodonga Health and many are self-isolating after returning.

We must thank all our nursing and health staff for their vigilance and attention.

However, we are surviving and still playing golf.

We are accustomed to the special playing conditions, masks in the clubhouse and Pro-Shop and appreciate the long hours worked by staff to help us enjoy our golf

NEDVGA DAY 14 December

It was a memorable day for all 150 players and volunteers who worked to help us host our members and visitors.

In thanking members I must start with donations by Dean West and Ross Hore.

Helen Triglone and Sue Wood served coffee and breakfast and raffle tickets to all guests and John Walpole did an amazing job in organising prizes for our raffle and playing events.

Tim Triglone and Kevin Tracy helped guests start on time and with incidental things.

Our all-day barbecue was run by David Armstrong with Graham

Robertson, Brian Manzie, Gerry Voll and Joe Owens helping.

Jen and Josh in the Pro-Shop did an amazing job with such slow play and issuing cards.

Finally, I must give a special thanks to Glen who kept the Clubhouse open for a lot longer than planned.

We appreciate all the assistance given on our Annual Day. We are not due until October 25.

BRIGHT ANNUAL TRIP

A notice and details of our annual Bright trip has been posted in the Pro-Shop and 18 members have given their \$50 accommodation deposit.

The dates are Sunday February 21 and Monday February 22 for accommodation and playing in Bright's NEDVGA event on those days as our social day.

NEDVGA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To date 64 members have paid \$15 and renewed their NEDVGA membership.

This entitles them to play in special events at North Eastern Clubs each month for a \$17 playing fee.

Receipts and cards have been placed in a box near the Vets Green Box in the Pro-Shop for members to collect.

Non-financial members are expected to re-join and pay their annual subscription before they

nominate and pay to play in any NEDVGA event.

RAFFLES

The Clubhouse Friday and Saturday draws are held at 6.30pm.

We started our raffles again before Christmas with some modification to our selling procedure.

Thanks to Jane Boland for again rostering members for each night for the next few months as we get back to normal numbers.

VOLUNTEER GROUNDS WORK

Every Wednesday night we receive a short email with the proposals for works on Thursday from 8am to 11am.

Anyone who can help is invited and can enjoy morning tea at 11am.

Tasks include maintenance jobs, picking up fallen branches, trees and sticks, weeding garden beds, mowing lawns, whipper snipping with industrial machines and marking blue no-go lines.

Special projects have included making steps for 9th, and 3rd tees, concreting drains around the buggy shed, and concrete paths near the 14th tee.

Our raffle proceeds help finance these tasks. Contact Tony Barlow, Ross Black or Michael McCrohan if you have some spare time.

- Des Malone

Men's news

Congratulations to John Anderson and his crew on the excellent condition of the course, which is reflected in some of the scores in the past month.

We have had ideal weather, apart from some windy nights, but it still requires maximum effort to keep our course looking great.

We are still moving forward with redo of the 7th green and hopefully we will have more news on that in the next newsletter.

This month Bruce Sukroo had a stellar 41 points to win A Grade, while Alex Sweetman chimed in with 39 points to triumph in B Grade and "Evergreen"

Kenny Zappelli 41 points to snare C Grade.

We plan to run a Sunday Texas Scramble as a major fundraiser this season, possibly in February, more details on that at weekly presentations.

Many thanks to Gav for changing Saturday timesheet deadline to Thursday at 6pm to give more members a chance to access a preferred timeslot.

Also top marks to Jenny Garner for her work on team app and also her help with presentation night. Thanks Jen.

Mick Last
Vice Captain

Ladies' news

Happy New Year everyone, and welcome to 2021, and let's all hope that it is going to be better than the year we just left behind.

I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed Christmas and New Year together.

There hasn't been too much happening through the tail end of December and January.

The December Par Monthly Glass was won by Chris Dixon with plus 6. Congratulations Chris!

January's Monthly Medal winner was Marie Barnes with a scintillating 69. What an awesome score Marie, well done!

There may not be much happening on the surface ladies but there is a lot of work being done behind the scenes with the committee having its first meeting on the January 14, and starting work on the new golfing season events.

Our Information Day is the first event of the year on February 18.

This is an opportunity for our Captain Marie to go through the program for the coming year and answer any questions you may have.

It's also a great time to enter for the events encompassing the Eclectic, Gobblers, Silver Spoon and NEDGA Brooch.

The following week on February 25, we will host our Invitation Day which was a huge success last year.

You all get an opportunity to invite a guest for a

fun day of golfing.

Jenn Younie will post details for both events on Team App once we have more information.

We are fielding a team for Sunday Pennant and it is absolutely fantastic for our working ladies to have the opportunity to play Pennant. The first round is Sunday March 14.

Monday Pennant will be starting Monday February 22. More news regarding the teams will be coming soon.

The first round of the Blazing Stump Motel Challenge will be on Saturday February 6. This is a Stroke event of best four of six rounds played throughout the season.

The Bra Cup will start its first of six rounds on Saturday February 20. This is a Stableford event.

If ladies play on a Saturday they are automatically in the Blazing Stump and Bra Cup events as they happen.

It's fantastic to see out local businesses sponsoring our events, so don't forget to support them as well ladies.

Happy birthday if you are celebrating a January birthday.

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

See you around the greens.

*Di Bainbridge
Secretary*

Josh's move to golf paying dividends

Taking up golf five years ago was a challenge that proved worthwhile for Wodonga's Josh Smith.

"Being an athletic person, this was the first sport that gave me a real challenge," he said.

"I used to be into Moto-cross and then my Dad got me into golf."

It didn't take Smith long to master the game, currently playing off a handicap of plus 1.

The sport has also seen him recently secure and start a three-year traineeship at Wodonga Golf Course.

"I have always had an interest in golf and I am very happy to see what the future holds with this traineeship," he said.

"I have already worked in the Pro-shop as a casual for the past 12 months and it's been a great experience - I play on average five times a week."

Smith, 20, is a Wodonga local and attended Wodonga Senior Secondary College.

"Part of the traineeship is to work in the Pro-shop, while studying all areas of golf, as well as play golf to a certain standard," he said.

Smith said Wodonga Golf Course was looking great.



"Ando is doing a great job with the course and it is all looking really good out there," he said.

"It is great to be doing this traineeship with Gav, he is great to work with and really cruisy."

Smith said he would reassess at the end of his traineeship what his next career move would be.

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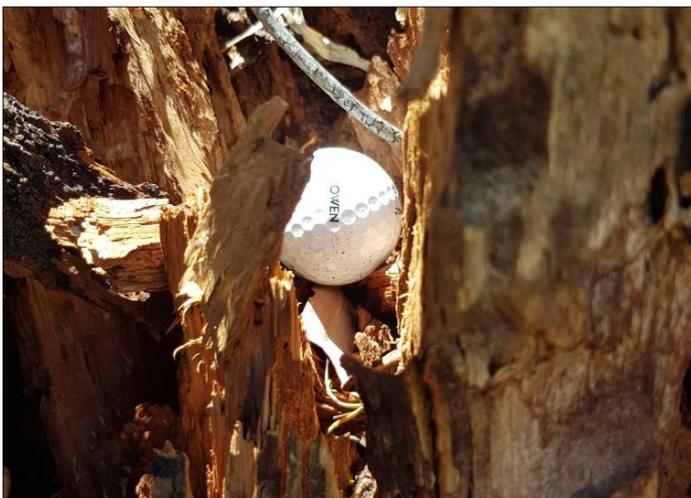


Around the course

in pictures



Some volunteers laying a concrete path on the 14th ladies tee.



This was a tree broken by a storm in which Owen Roberts' ball lodged halfway up. He obviously claimed unplayable and took a penalty of one shot.



The 8th is a Par 3 - this was Owen Roberts' first shot.

A storm over the first tee.

Save the date:

Volkswagen Scramble Ladies: Friday 5 February
Volkswagen Scramble Mens/Mixed: Sunday 14 February
Entries at vwscramble.com.au/event