

# Around the Club



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A newsletter for Wodonga Golf Club members



## Season off to sweet start

The highlight of the Season Start for the Wodonga Ladies Golf was a hole in one for Cheryl Maddison on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole.

Congratulations to Cheryl - the new bench seat and plaque for the 16<sup>th</sup> hole is being organised and will be coming soon.



### Women's golf news:

Our 'Season Start Information Day' held on February 13, was a huge success with 52 participants and lots of fun on the golf course.

This was followed by lunch and plenty of information delivered by our Captain Marie Barnes.

Jenn Younie has followed up on Team App with most of the information given out and will be adding more as we go.

If you couldn't make the meeting the information will still get to you.

Welcome to our new lady members, Robyn Riley, Roma Christian, Amanda Smedley and Jan Sullivan.

Everyone looks forward to playing with you.

The February monthly medal was won by Patty Landman with an awesome 68 and the monthly glass was won by Robyn Riley with a fantastic +3. Well done Patty and Robyn.

We are holding two Saturday events this year. The 'Bra Cup Stableford', sponsored by House of Lingerie and the 'Ladies Committee Stroke Challenge', scratch and nett.

Entry is automatic if you play on the days listed in your program book and both theses competitions are the best four of six rounds.

The 'SS&A Ladies Championships'

starts on March 12. This year members have a choice of which day they play the first and second rounds.

Ladies can choose to play Thursday or Saturday, however they must nominate their choice prior to the start of the first round.

Ladies will not be able to change days for any reason.

The Final round will be played on March 26 and this will alternate yearly.

We have Division 2 and 4 teams in the Monday Pennant and one team in the Sunday Pennant this year.

For those ladies who are interested, the teams representing Wodonga can be seen on the ladies notice board.

Our Invitation Day was a huge success with lots of visitors from other Clubs attending and we look forward to the next one on April 16.

Jenn Younie will be putting a monthly etiquette tip on Team App for us.

For our members' convenience you will now find toiletries and sunscreen in the ladies toilets.

To all our ladies who are unwell, we send you our wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to see you on the golf course soon.

Play well ladies.

- Di Bainbridge, Secretary.



Robyn Riley with the monthly glass.



Marie Barnes puts the Monthly Medalpin on Patty Landman.

# Golf tips - with Wodonga pro Gavin Vearing

As many members may be aware, I will be travelling down to Melbourne every Sunday to represent Victoria Golf Club in pennant. It will be the first time I have played pennant in 25 years so I am looking forward to playing competitive golf and representing the club again. I have been a member at Victoria Golf Club since 1990 and it is the first time in the history of the club they have allowed pros to play.

In preparation for pennant I have been going out most evenings after work with the goal of holing two chips and one bunker shot.

That used to be my preparation as an elite amateur and in my early days as a golf pro before tournaments.

I would like to say I have achieved that goal every night but unfortunately that has not always happened, although it has been fun trying.

I recently had a game with Jenny and Ken Garner at Victoria and we went upstairs for lunch after our game and we were fortunate to bump into Geoff Ogilvy (Victoria Golf Club member).

Geoff won the 2006 US Open as well as winning multiple events on the US PGA tour.

I mentioned to Geoff that I was playing pennant again and that I was going out after work with the



**I thought I would give an update of my daughter, Hazel. She is now six months of age, has just started solids and is getting great use out of her PGA bib.**

**She has started swimming lessons every Thursday at Baranduda and has four teeth coming through.**

goal of holing two chips and one bunker shot.

Geoff then commented that he would start each short game session with five balls.

Each time he holed a chip he would put one ball back in his golf bag. He would not leave until he had holed five shots and had no more balls to chip with.

Now that Geoff has retired from playing in the US he has shifted back to Melbourne and has been spending a bit of time up at Victoria.

Sam, our pennant manager had a game with Geoff recently and commented to the pennant squad about the fact Geoff had a reputation as a junior as being a hot head and he would get very angry out on the course and was known to break a few golf clubs.

He asked him what brought about the change in his attitude, as he always seemed very calm out on the course.

He mentioned that when he got over to the US and was playing for big money he would look back and reflect on some of his rounds.

Geoff said he would often cost himself \$50,000 to \$100,000 by letting one bad shot affect his attitude for the rest of the round.

He pretty quickly learnt that one or two shots could be very expensive and it would be in his best interest to forget about the bad shot and get focused on the next shot he had to play.

*- Gavin Vearing*

## Five key steps to better chipping

- 1. STANCE.** Half shoulder width and half the distance you would normally stand from the ball. Ball position in the middle of stance  
**HANDS** level with the front of the ball  
**OPEN** Stance  
**WEIGHT** forward 75 per cent on left leg
  - 2.** The golf ball **MUST** be hit with a descending blow (angle of attack)  
Do not **EVER, EVER, EVER** try to lift the ball in the air. The club has loft on it to do that work for you.  
The golf ball gets up in the air as a result of backspin not you trying to help it.
  - 3.** Must brush the ground with the club after you have made contact with the ball.  
Imagine there is a leaf under the ball.
  - 4.** Firm wrists – One of the biggest mistakes is the left wrist breakdown at impact – this is often caused by trying to lift the ball.  
Practice with the club extension.
  - 5.** If you can, putt  
If you can't putt, chip  
If you can't chip, pitch  
If you can't pitch, lob  
If you can't lob, pray
- Don't feel embarrassed about putting from off the edge (especially if you have a poor lie)  
It's how many, not how.  
Consider putting with your hybrid or 3 wood around the edge of the green.



## Veterans' news

Over the past two years a group of our veteran players have stayed and played at Tocumwal and Cobram-Barooga Golf Club.

It has always been a great trip with some fabulous golf played and friendships developed.

This year the committee has received quotes from Tocumwal, Yarrowonga and Cobram-Barooga clubs for this year's trip.

The committee has selected Cobram-Barooga Golf Club and paid a deposit to reserve 26 places for our Wodonga veteran golfers.

The dates selected have been May 17, nine holes to be played, May 18 for 18 holes and May 19 for 18 holes.

The quote we received includes golf on the two courses, carts, accommodation for two nights in a four star hotel, breakfast and

club vouchers and will be \$330 per person.

Tim Triglone will place a list on the Pro-shop notice board and if you are interested write your name on the list and place a \$50 deposit in a signed envelope in the green box by April 17.

The final payment of \$280 is due on May 1.

Players can also email the deposit and final payment to our Hume Bank Account , BSB 640 000 Account Number 111 230 312.

We are putting the call out for more Thursday volunteers to help keep the course in top condition.

There is always the added bonus of finding a wayward ball on the fairways.

The course has been kept tidy after the recent windstorms by groups of volunteers who

dedicate some time from 8am to 11am each Thursday.

The work is not heavy and usually involves picking up leaves and branches, weeding and watering.

Volunteers then enjoy morning tea afterwards.

Tony Barlow and Peter Sargeant were recently spotted driving around watering young trees on a Friday morning.

It was a 45-degree day and without this intervention the trees would have died.

If you can spare some time to help please contact Tony Barlow, Michael McCrohan or Ross Black or alternatively just turn up on Thursday morning.

We would really appreciate your help.

- Des Malone

## Daniher shows support at MND Golf Day

Wodonga Golf Club was proud to host the MND Golf Day in support of Pedalcure4MND. It was great to have Terry Daniher involved in the event and to present the prizes to the winners.

Thank you to the 76 players who supported the event.

Results were as follows:

Winners:

Adam Flagg, Lachlan Flagg, Wayne Flagg, Zach Burton-Brown

Handicap of 11.25, Score 50.75

Runners Up:

Brad Kirk, Peter Miller, Daniel Gill, Wade Harris

Handicap of 1.13, Score 54.87

Third Place: (c/b)

John Anderson, Steve Wangman, Nathan Peard, Chris Rogers

Handicap of 7, Score 55

NTPs

6th Matt Robertson 5.2m

8th Brian Manzie 1.78m

11th Ty Murray 0.89m

16th Paul Ansell .43m



# Spotlight on our sponsors



Daryl Condon, pictured above, has gone from playing golf three times a year to now frequenting the course a few times a week.

The owner of Condo Industries in Wodonga, Daryl has recently become the sponsor of the men's 15<sup>th</sup> tee.

"I have played golf over the years but not very frequently," he said.

"I started off with a handicap of 36 and I have got that down to 30 now.

"I am playing a couple of times a week now."

Daryl has been an electrician for 43 years and started Condo Industries on the Border in 2003.

"I do all types of electrical work and no job is too small," he said.

"I particularly like working on renovations to kitchens and bathrooms.

"I can wire up sheds and pergolas and have an AUSTAR licence and can do phone, TV and data work."

Daryl also has experience in industrial electrical work as well as control work with switchboards.

"Other people also use me as a subcontractor," he said.

He encouraged other businesses to get on board and consider sponsoring a tee at Wodonga Golf Course.

