

Around the Club

A newsletter for Wodonga Golf Club members



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JAC Surman, pictured, couldn't be in better form.

And a hole-in-one on the 6th hole this week has sealed the deal.

"It was pretty exciting, I was 165 out and I used a driver and at first I thought I had hit it a bit too far and it had rolled over the back," she said.

"I did scream at the start and then I thought, hang on compose yourself as I did think it had gone left over the back.

"A guy on the hole was in a cart and went up to the hole and yelled out that the ball was not over the back.

"And there it was in the hole, I was stoked.

"The guys in front of us and behind could hear the screaming and they were clapping.

"When I walked into the clubhouse they announced it over the microphone and everyone was clapping and really excited and supportive."

Surman said after she had achieved the hole in one she needed to re-group to finish the round to qualify for the next event.

And she did, with her final score and the illustrious hole-in-one seeing Surman win the Handiskins Event and qualify for the upcoming Handiskins Final.

Surman was also the Scratch Champion with Judy Langford in the October Foursomes Championship.



She currently sits in second place for the Eclectic.

The hole-in-one honours includes her name being placed on a seat on the 16th hole and her ball being mounted into a trophy.

She is joined by Alex Sweetman and Joe Owens who both also bagged a hole-in-one in the past month on the 16th hole.

Wodonga Pro Gavin Vearing said snaring a hole-in-one was a golfing highlight not often achieved by many players during their career.

"They really don't happen very often, I would say the odds are a million to one," he said.

"To get one is a real highlight in someone's golfing career."

He said he had notched up three hole-in-ones during his years playing golf on both the amateur and professional circuit.

"My last hole-in-one was in 2004, so that is 16 years ago, so it goes to show how hard they are to get," he said.

"Some golfers will never get one during their playing years."



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Men's news

The weather is warming up and the grass is jumping out of the ground; the course looks fantastic thanks to John and his dedicated crew.

More daylight also means more opportunities to get out for a hit after work.

The November medal was run and won by Rod Jones with an excellent score on the day of nett 70 (23) on countback from Wal Larkin.

The Monthly Mug was well won by Michael Fraser with a very nicely crafted 40 points (12).

Well done to both Rod and Mick, there's always next month Wal.

Best score of the month goes resoundingly to Murray Ashcroft with a 4BBB like score of 45 points (15) all by himself.

This was a keenly fought segment this month with a host of 42s, 43s and a 44, so the scores are out there to be had (no matter how elusive they are to me).

Other notable achievements during the month included a hole-in-one by Joe Owens and Alex Sweetman both at the 16th hole, fantastic stuff guys.

Daniel Gill and Ross Hillary showed us all the reward for dedication and practice by shooting 65 and 69

respectively, and this would have been fantastic to watch.

The Foursomes Championship was played last week and well won by Ross Hillary and Peter Miller with a fantastic score of 75 off the stick, well done boys.

The Nett Champions for the year are Mark Vaughan and Dave Lacey who shot a very impressive nett 69 in a format of the game that not all of us enjoy, there have been some great results all round this month.

Finally, the Men's Annual General Meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday December 2 in the Clubhouse.

We're hoping to see a good turnout and will have nibbles on for the meeting as well as a free beer/drink at the conclusion for those in attendance.

Keep your eye out for the flyers for the meeting and the Committee nomination forms in the Pro-Shop and the Clubhouse.

That's all I have for this month, and again I hope to catch up with as many of you as I can out on the course and look forward to when we can recommence with presentations.

- Mark Evans

Veterans' news

November has been a busy month in the world of golf.

Our Annual General Meeting was held last month with the following office bearing positions including:

President - Des Malone

Vice President - Kevin Tracy

Secretary - Gerry Voll

Treasurer - John Walpole

NEDVGA Representatives -

David Crutch and David Armstrong

Committee members - David Crutch, David Armstrong, Jane Boland and Brad Younie.

At the Annual General Meeting I highlighted what an unusual year we have all had with COVID-19 causing a dramatic change in the way we all lived our lives.

Special thanks were given to all committee members for their support throughout the year, particularly Tim and Helen Triglone as Treasurer and committee member who are retiring.

A big thanks also to Jane Boland for her efforts and organisation

with the raffles throughout the year and David Armstrong for his assistance with raffles and barbecue duties.

A big thanks for Sue Beattie and Kristy Grant for our monthly newsletter and to our fantastic group of Thursday volunteers for their many works and planning projects.

Despite COVID-19, the Veteran's Group has enjoyed a number of great events including NEDVGA events, trips to Cobram-Barooga and Blackbull and Border Challenge Events.

Tim Triglone gave a detailed treasurer's report on the years finances which showed a balance of \$31,308.

In other general business within the meeting it was announced that no final of the Monthly Medal would be held.

The 2020 medal winners would become part of the 2021 Medal of Medal Finalist in November next year.

The Black Bull event at

Yarrawonga has been scheduled for November 23 with 40 players and the annual Veterans Ambrose and Christmas function will be held on December 7 with lunch and shotgun start.

In addition, Wodonga will be hosting the NEDVGA event on Monday December 13.

Competition Results

Monday October 12: 1st Peter Findlay (Monthly Medal) 41 points, 2nd Scott Burns, 41, 3rd, Neville Jarvis 38 points.

Monday October 19: 1st Phillip Missen 39 points, 2nd Daniel Goff 39 points, 3rd Edward Dunlop 38 points

Monday October 26 :1st Joe Owens 42 points, 2nd Tony Smith 42 points, 3rd Colin Russell 37 points

Monday November 2: 1st William Allott 40 points, 2nd Michael McCrohan 39 points, 3rd Tim Triglone 38 points

- Des Malone
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Ladies' news

What a resounding success our Bowl was on November 5.

Albury won the Bowl only beating us by one point. It was so close!

Even with our COVID-19 restrictions we still managed to have morning tea, small team events, a raffle and lunch.

The ladies who attended from other clubs said it was a fantastic day. I am not going to attempt to list results as it would be too difficult, but there were some great scores out there.

Closer to home we have had some great wins this month.

October's Par Monthly Glass was won by Amanda Smedley with a plus 2.

November's Monthly Medal was won by Helen Triglone with a handy 73.

We had our Foursomes Championships on October 15 and our Scratch Champions are Judy Langford and Jac Surman with 84.

The Nett Champions are Jan Trethewey and Gail Strang with 68.

The Singles Knockout has been completed with a tough battle between Jan Trethewey and Gail Strang for the Champion title. Jan Trethewey won the day.

Congratulations to all of the above winners.

We have also had two amazing Eagles from our ladies over the past couple of months.

Jenny Garner was first up with an Eagle on the 10th Hole.

Then Dawn Smith showed some flare with an Eagle on the 17th hole. Great work ladies

We had a contingency of ladies representing our club at Myrtleford and Yackandandah on October 28 and 29.

Yackandandah ladies won their own Bowl and the Beechworth ladies won the Myrtleford Bowl.

We did have a couple of shining stars at Yackandandah with Judy Langford winning the A Grade Scratch event and being presented with the Jan Clarke Memorial Trophy, and Jan Moore, B Grade Runner-up with a huge score of 42. Fantastic work, ladies.

Equally as successful at Myrtleford was Jan Trethewey, Division A Runner Up with a 38, and Chris Heinrich, Division B Runner-up with a 35. They both also won an NTP.

While I am talking about champions, Judy Langford won both the Tocumwal Open and the Tocumwal Seniors earlier this month.

It was a 36-hole stroke event and the best gross score won both. Well done Judy.

A quick note ladies, the Saturday Bra Cup and Committee Challenge has played all rounds. We have removed the results so that the winners get a surprise.

You will all know by now that nominations are open for the committee.

Team App has done a very detailed information sheet but this is just a reminder.

The nominations close on Tuesday November 23.

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting is on November 26 at 5.30pm for 6pm with nibbles being served prior to the start. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Happy birthday to those celebrating a birthday this month.

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

See you around the greens.

- Di Bainbridge
Secretary



Here's cheers - Jac Surman and Judy Langford have been in fine form.



Jan Trethewey and Gail Strang celebrate their successes.



Judy Langford with the Jan Clarke trophy.

Members encouraged to be vigilant about vandalism

Wodonga Golf Course has been the target of vandals over the past two weeks.

Golf Pro Gavin Vearing said the disturbing incidents seemed to mainly occur on a Saturday night.

"Examples of the damage and vandalism includes carts being driven across greens and flagsticks being broken or stolen," he said.

"Water bubblers on the course

have also been smashed so when ground staff arrive they find water gushing up into the air like a fountain.

"We would ask people to be vigilant and if they see any suspicious activity on the course to call the Pro Shop during business hours or Wodonga Police after hours."

Vearing said he also wanted to remind parents that golf carts were

to be used to play golf or to travel to and from the Clubhouse.

"The golf carts are not to be used for children's joy-riding," he said.

"Children under the age of 18 must always be accompanied by an adult in a golf cart."

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With Wodonga Golf Club pro Gavin Vearing



Thank you to all the members who have renewed their membership on time.

Welcome to all the new members who have recently joined.

It is a great time of the year to play golf with nice weather and longer daylight hours.

What's new in the Pro Shop?

We have new demo Callaway, Ping and Titleist clubs.

The majority of the golf clubs in the Pro Shop are demos so you can take them out onto the golf course and try them.

In my opinion, it is the best way to see how the club performs when you can actually see the ball flight.

If you would like to try any of the new clubs or be professionally fitted to clubs that suit your swing, come and see me in the Pro shop.

We also have new Footjoy and Island green shirts with the Wodonga Golf Club logo.

I am still a member at Victoria Golf Club in Melbourne and I remember going down there for a game last year and it was interesting to see that two of the guys in the group had Victoria Golf Club shirts, and the one that did not have the shirt was wearing a Victoria Golf Club hat and socks.

May have to make it compulsory that anybody who walks into the pro shop wearing a Richmond shirt during November will be required to purchase a Wodonga Golf Club shirt.

Footy season is over!

My top five keys to help you hit the Driver

1. Good grip

(Information below is for right handers)

In the fingers at least two knuckles visible on left hand when looking down.

V's (between thumb and pointer finger) going to the right shoulder.

The more the hands are to the right the more likely the ball will go to the left.

The more the hands are to the left the more likely the ball will go the right.

The more the grip is in the palms the shorter the ball will go.

The more the grip is in the fingers the further the ball will go.

For more detail type in Gavin Vearing grip into YouTube

2. Correct set up

"Golf is 50 per cent mental, 40 per cent set-up then 10 per cent swing" Jack Nicklaus

Set up in a nice athletic position. Feel strong, feel the ground.

Feet shoulder width apart - you can't fire a cannon from a canoe.

Bum out - Back straight.

Upper body tilted back to help promote hitting the ball on the upswing.

Ball position inside left heel.

Tee the ball with half the ball above the height of the driver/fairway wood.

"Tee it high and let it fly as their ain't no bunkers in the sky".

Important to not only have your feet aimed up square to the target but also your hips and shoulders aimed up square.

3. Two pivot points. Right leg on backswing, left leg on follow through

Use the right leg as a pivot point for the backswing.

Your head is allowed to move back. If you don't move your head, you will most probably sway your hips.

At the top of your backswing I would like to see 75 per cent of your weight on the inside of the right leg. Important to turn back and not sway back.

As you make your transition from backswing to downswing, you move into your left side starting by unwinding with the lower body, then shoulders, then arms then club.

By the time you hit the golf ball the majority of your weight is on your left foot. At the completion of your follow through I like to see 90 per cent of your weight on the left leg.

4. Know why the ball goes where it goes

If the ball is starting off to the right it is because the heel of the club is getting to the ball quicker than the toe, if the ball is starting to the left it is because the toe of the club is getting to the ball quicker than the heel.

If the ball is curving to the right, it is because of an out-to in swing path. (club face is open to the path)

If the ball is curving to the left it is because of an in-to out swing path (club face is closed to the path)

5. Hit the ball in the centre of the club face. Improve smash factor

Ball speed divide by club speed equals smash factor.

A smash factor for example of 150 miles per hour ball speed and 100 miles per hour club head speed is a smash factor of 1.5. I

if you don't hit the ball off the middle of the club the ball won't go as far (or straight)

Ball Speed determines distance

If you are hitting the ball off the toe of the club, it can be from

1. Standing too far away from the ball.
2. You could have an out-to in swing path.
3. Arms shortening at impact.
4. Weight moving away from the golf ball.

If you are hitting off the heel of the club

1. Standing too close to the ball.
2. You have an in-to out swing path.
3. Weight moving towards the golf ball.

If you are hitting off the bottom half of the golf club

1. Can be trying to lift the ball up in the air.
2. Body can be standing up during the downswing.
3. Ball position could be too far forward.
4. Ball not teed up high enough.

If you are hitting off the top of the club

1. You are hitting down on the ball.
2. Ball teed up too high.
3. Ball position too far back in stance.



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