

Around the Club

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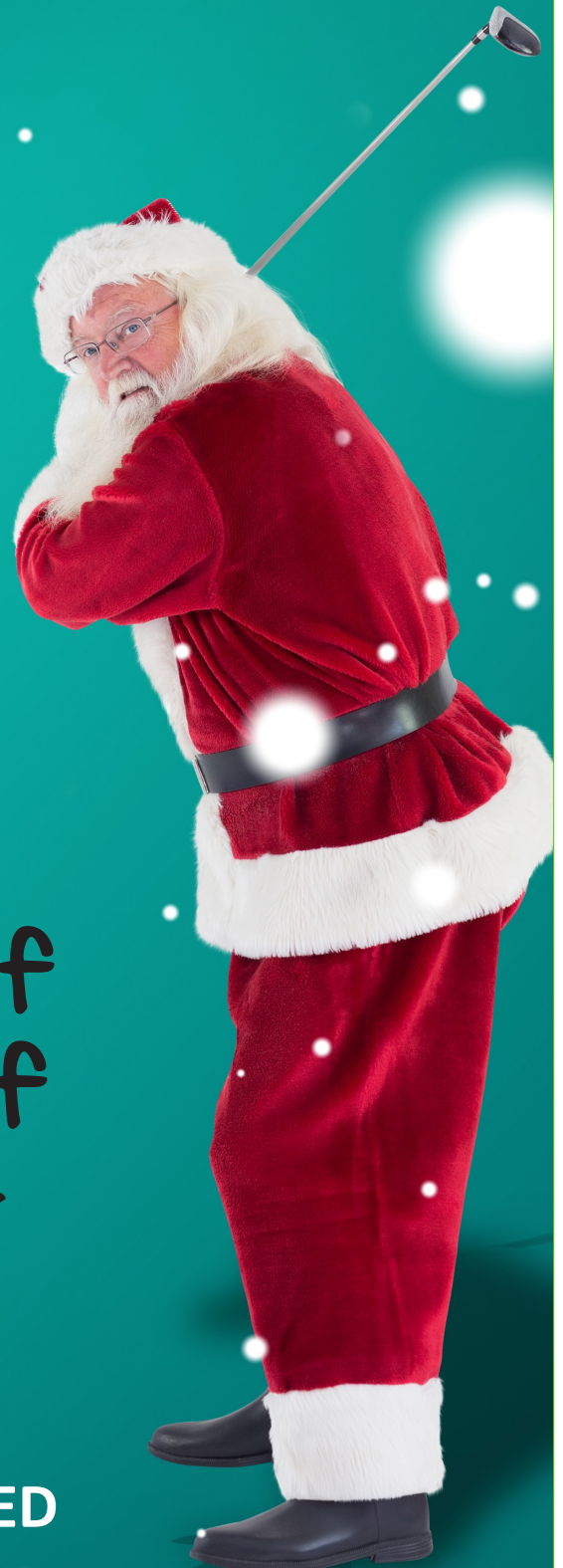
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Merry Christmas, everyone

Enjoy this special edition of the Wodonga Golf Club newsletter

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Pro-Am proves huge success

It would be fair to say Wodonga Golf Club's first Pro-Am in 10 years went off with a bang earlier this month.

A competitive field of 54 professionals as well as a strong line up of amateurs converged on the course in the club's return to the Ladbroke's Pro-Am series sponsored by Elders Insurance Wodonga.

Gavin Fairfax from Queensland smashed the course record with nine birdies and an eagle to take a four shot victory with a score of 61.

Wodonga pro Gavin Vearing heralded the event as a huge success and said the calibre of golf played on the day was phenomenal.

"The highlight of the day without a doubt was the incredible score by Gavin Fairfax shooting 61 off the stick which included 28 around the front nine," he said.

"The front nine included eight threes and one four.

"This would have been a once in a lifetime experience for his playing partners Norm Batters, Jack Pyers and Neville Isaac."

The runner-up on the day was Brady Watt with a score of 65 and third place went to Wodonga's own elite amateur Daniel Gill.

Other major winners on the day in the amateur section included:

Men

A Grade Winner- Casey Gamble 40 points

B Grade Winner-Cam McCormack

39 points C/B

C Grade Winner- Ben Wauchow 40 points C/B

Women

Molly Krause 37 points C/B

Team Winner

Renae Pitargue, Hank Van De Ven, Steven Beck, Brady Watts 92 points

Best score by a sponsor

Ernie Whitehead 39 points

Vearing said the first Pro-Am in a decade was made successful thanks to the contribution of players, staff and sponsors.

"I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who contributed to make this event a success," he said.

"John Anderson and his team did a magnificent job in preparing the course as well as Jenny Garner for her organisation and management of the event.

"The volunteers of the club did a great job on the barbecue and getting all the signs out on the course in time for the event.

Vearing expressed his thanks to Colin Haynes from RV World and Nova Caravans for arranging the \$123,000 Hole in One Prize.

"This prize was the icing on the cake for a great event, and unfortunately the caravan didn't go off but Josh Hayes had his heart in his mouth when he hit it straight down the stick but finished 60 centimetres away," he said.

Vearing said the new signage

helped create a tournament-like feel to the Pro-Am

"A big thank you to Mark Lafferty from Specialty Press for arranging a great deal on the signs for our sponsors," he said.

"The event was a great success."

Our Sponsors

Naming rights sponsor

Elders Insurance - Mark and Paul Felmingham, Paul Topalovich

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Pro-Am testimonials

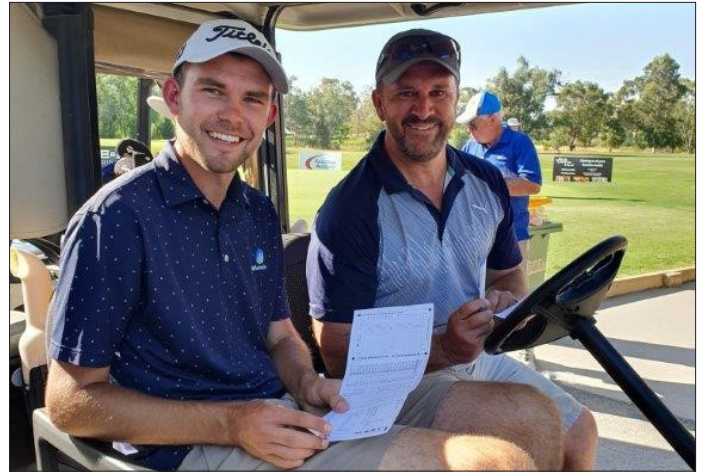
I just wanted to say a thank you to you, your staff and volunteers for running such a wonderful event. Also the sponsors and members of the course for making the day possible. The course was in excellent condition and very enjoyable to play.

- Trent Britton

Great to see you after so many years and congrats on a great event last week. The course was fantastic as was the hospitality. I hope I can make it to next year's event. - Scott Barr

The image shows a golf scorecard for Gavin Fairfax. The card is divided into two main sections: the front nine holes and the back nine holes. The front nine section shows a score of 61, and the back nine section shows a score of 28. The total score is 89. The card also includes a list of players, their scores, and a section for the player's signature and date. The player's name is Gavin Fairfax, and the date is 2019-12-10. The card is signed by Gavin Fairfax and dated 2019-12-10.

A new course record was achieved at Wodonga Golf Course with Gavin Fairfax scoring a phenomenal 61.



PHOTOS:

Zach Murray hitting off the 1st; Zach Murray with naming rights sponsor Mark Felmingham from Elders Insurance and Zach taking a break before hitting off again and then coming in afterwards.

Daniel Gill hitting off the 8th

Volunteers Brian Manzie, David Armstrong cooking the BBQ with Ben Hollands from Dutch Media.



The team at Wodonga Golf Club are always grateful for the fabulous volunteers that turn up week in and week out, and the recent Pro-Am was no exception. Wodonga Pro Gavin Vearing said volunteers installed signage throughout the course making the event an even bigger success. "A big thank you to them, our volunteers were down at the club nearly every day leading up to the Pro-Am, taking the old signs down, repainting the posts and then installing the new signs," he said. "It was a big job that took a lot of man hours. "Thank you to our volunteers who are at the club every Thursday morning doing jobs around the course and clubhouse." Vearing also thanked the owners of the club for purchasing the new signage and Ben Hollands from Dutch Media for the fabulous design work.

Top achievements celebrated

The annual Wodonga Golf Club presentation dinner was well attended with golfers of all skill levels celebrating a stellar year on the course.

Wodonga Pro Gavin Vearing said the event showcased the fine calibre of golfers playing at Wodonga.

"The winners of major events during the year were presented with their trophies," he said.

"The pinnacle event of the year

was the SS and A Club Championships in 2019.

"We would like to express a big thank you to the SS and A for sponsoring the club championships this year."

Ross Hillary won the Men's Championship and Judy Langford won the Women's Club Championship.

"We had a couple of our members who had to bring a trailer along to

collect their numerous trophies," he said.

"Ross Hillary won the Men's Club Champion, Veterans Champion and Mixed Foursomes Championship with Judy Langford.

"Jan Trethewey won the Ladies Medal of Medalists, Bra Cup and the Ladies Committee Challenge.

"I would like to thank Mick Last, Marie Barnes and also a special thank you to our Men's Captain Mark Evans for organising the event."



Top left - John Walpole & Anthony Whitehead; Top middle - Judy Langford, John Walpole & Ross Hillary; Top right - Gail Howard & Marie Barnes; Bottom left - Jack McAuliffe & John Walpole; Bottom middle - John Walpole & Ken Zappelli; Bottom right - Linda Butler & Marie Barnes.

2019 champions' honour roll

Championships and other Trophies

Club Championship Winner's

Junior Nett Champion: Connor Flavell

Junior Champion: Jack McAuliffe

Men's Super Vet Champion: Keith Bruinhout

Men's Vet Champion: Ross Hillary

Ladie's C Grade Nett Champion: Helen Herbert

Ladie's C Grade Champion: Marlene Tobin

Ladie's B Grade Nett Champion: Marie Barnes

Ladie's B Grade Champion: Gail Howard

Ladie's A Grade Nett Champion:

Linda Butler

Clarice Olsen Trophy: (Best Nett over the 3 rounds of the Championships) Linda Butler

Men's C Grade Nett Champion: Ken Zappelli

Men's C Grade Champion: Steve Rodgers

Men's B Grade Nett Champion: Neil Mann

Men's B Grade Champion: Anthony Whitehead

Men's A Grade Nett Champion: Jack McAuliffe

Saladin Trophy: (Best Nett over the 3 rounds of the Championships) Jack McAuliffe

Ladie's Club Champion: Judy Langford

Men's Club Champion: Ross Hillary

4BBBAll Ladie's KO: Chris Clancy and Swee Peng Yong

Ladie's Single KO: Penny Mullumby

Ladie's Foursomes Championship: Judy Langford and Jac Surman

Ladie's Foursomes Championship Nett: Di Bainbridge and Molly Krause

Sponsor Event - Bra Cup: Jan Trethewey

Ladie's Committee Challenge: Scratch: Maree De Wit; Nett: Jan Trethewey

Azzi and Nusser 4BBBAll KO: Brad Kirk and Rod Jones

Mixed Foursomes Championship: Judy Langford and Ross Hillary

Mixed Foursomes Championship Nett: Chris Dixon and Peter Sergeant

Men's Foursomes Championship: Peter Miller and Daniel Gill

Men's Foursomes Championship Nett: Rob Hanley & Peter Hancock

Barlow Bros Match Play - Ladies Handicap: Jen Younie

Barlow Bros Match Play - Ladie's Scratch: Jac Surman

Barlow Bros Match Play - Men's Handicap:

Barlow Bros Match Play - Men's C Grade Scratch: Lew Bainbridge

Barlow Bros Match Play - Men's B Grade Scratch: Mark Evans

Barlow Bros Match Play - Men's A Grade/Club Scratch: Daniel Gil

Ladie's Medal of Medallists: Jan Trethewey

Men's Medal of Medallists: Buster Krause

Men's news

Well it's almost time to wind down for Christmas and I've spent the last few months getting into character, making a list and checking it twice.

I'd like to say how well John Anderson and his energetic crew have the course looking in an area that hasn't really had any rain all year.

There's been plenty going on in recent times and plenty of events decided and good golf played.

I'll start with Dave Lacey's hole in one at the 16th hole, fantastic stuff Dave.

The December Monthly Medal was won by Stephen Jiang with an excellent score of 69. Stephen is one of our most passionate golfers and is up at the golf course most evenings after work to practice.

The November Monthly medal went to Peter Sawyer who had a nett 69 to take home the chocolates (and the medal).

The Medal of Medallist was played on 16 November and won by Buster Krause with a 71, well done Buster. The Monthly Mug for November was won by David Coome with a fine

score of plus 6.

Best score of the last couple of months goes to Dean West with 43 points.

The A, B, and C Grade scratch Barlow Brothers matchplay championships have been completed and the 2019 Champions are Daniel Gill, Mark Evans and Lew Bainbridge respectively.

We're just waiting on a couple more matches to be completed in the Nett championship and they'll be announced at the Presentation dinner.

The Foursomes Championship was decided in spectacular fashion with a 6 hole playoff seeing Daniel Gill and Peter Miller just edge out Jack McAuliffe and Josh Hayes with some very exciting golf played, well done Daniel and Peter.

The Mixed foursomes was also run and well won by Judy Langford and Ross Hillary, well done to Jude and Ross.

The VW Scramble was held on Sunday 17 November and was won by Mark Felmingham, Paul Topalovic, Paul Felmingham and Andrew Little

with a great score of 53.37 from 21 other teams, well done and good luck to those boys in the next stage.

Thanks to VW and Wodonga Prestige for their ongoing sponsorship of the event.

The Handiskins qualifying was completed and the 4 that qualified were Bob Craig, Laurie Fitzpatrick, Wal Larkin and Scott Burns playing a nerve wracking round for the cash.

It was good to see all of the boys take home some of the money with Wal taking home the lion's share followed by Laurie, Scott and Bob.

Finally, we had a couple of relatives of 'Anonymous', who's performed pretty well in our Wednesday comps, visit and carry on the family tradition with 'Sum Juan' shooting 41 points to win the A grade and 'Sum Chap' doing the same thing while compiling 39 points.

All the best to everyone for Christmas, good company and good golfing!

- Mark Evans

Spotlight on our sponsors

The team at Consec Security is proud of its contribution to sport on the Border and has recently signed up to sponsor the men's third tee at the Wodonga Golf Club.

Regional Security Manager Paul Nicholas said the business had always been passionate about supporting local people and local clubs.

"My parents bought a house on the third tee, so it just made sense," he said.

Paul, a social golfer, plays off a handicap of 11.8 and said many of the 100 plus staff at Consec also enjoyed playing golf at Wodonga.

Established in 1994, Consec Security has been providing comprehensive security services throughout Victoria and NSW for more than 25 years and in recent years formed a foundation where Consec Group was launched.

"Our fundamental focus is to deliver the highest quality products and services that allow our clients to concentrate on their core business," he said.

He said the group had recently started to provide services to clients across Australia as well as in the United Arab Emirates.

In 2018, Consec Group expanded its services through the addition of Consec Security Technology Solutions to its portfolio of companies.

He said this now supplemented Consec Security's manpower based services to the Australian and international markets.

The companies' mantra is being authentic, innovative, disciplined, approachable, progressive and operating as leaders in the field.

"We strive to be an employer of choice and work closely with our people to maximise their full potential, which in turn benefits every organisation we are engaged with," he said.

"We seek to employ all staff directly and are a supporter of employment in rural Australia."

Paul said the team at Consec Security planned to continue their sponsorship with Wodonga Golf Club for years to come.

"We enjoy contributing to the local community," he said.

