



Beechworth Golf Club

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Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. Member contributions and feedback are most welcome.

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From the President Andy Croome

As I sit down to write this a rare ray of sunshine has appeared through the window. What a Spring. The course, which looked like it might have the best cover of grass in recent years (and may still do) has become more like riverine wetland. Dylan, Graeme and Rod have been doing their best to keep it in some semblance of playable order but it is truly an uphill battle with numerous fallen trees, sodden fairways and washed-out scrapes. After the quote for large tree removal obtained by Stuart, I approached the Shire asking for assistance with cost. Mark De Campo was very helpful with this and firstly negotiated with the local community work gang from the Gaol to assist as far as their limited equipment could and this has already started thanks to Grant Pritchard and his work gang. Please feel free to come and take away any of the cut-up material ready for splitting to use for future firewood. The removal of the larger trunks will have to wait for the ground to dry out and how this happens is still under negotiation.

Gail and Dylan have done their best to keep competitive golf going for respective women's and men's players but if the course conditions have been allowing of some play, the weather on the day has often not come to the party. Thank goodness for Yack G.C.s preparedness to allow us to play there with them in the last six weeks. My thanks to those golfers who have come out and attended the few comps that have been held and contributed to club revenue in the process.

On a more positive note, our built infrastructure has continued progressing. Jason West and his Dept. of Corrections team have completed the hard structure for the new Golf Nets. We had a meeting this morning with the rep. from David Golf who will be supplying the nets and matting and he was most impressed with the structure. He indicated that for the structure so far to have been commercially supplied the cost would have been around \$14,000 whereas we have so far only had to pay some \$1800 for the concrete. Our thanks to all those involved.

The Golf Cart Storage shed has been built and the electrical installation is currently underway and will hopefully be completed by the end of the week. We believe there will be space for 12 carts when it is operational. The committee met last week and looked at usage policies and agreements developed by other clubs that we might adopt, this is still a work in process. However, so that the facility can be used as soon as it's ready the committee struck a fee of \$250 for electric and \$200 for petrol carts that will give access from the moment it is functional this year, until the end of March 2024. At this time the fees are to be reviewed and new fees become payable with memberships.

Please put the date of the AGM in your calendar, the details of which appear elsewhere in this newsletter and make every effort to attend, have your say and enjoy the day's play. (weather gods permitting).

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all our committee members in their various roles, for their continued hard work to improve so many aspects of our club.

Joe Chambeyron - A valued Life Member

Joe's practical skills and expertise continue to add improvements to the clubrooms and course. Currently, he has agreed to construct more shelving to hold all the trophies that our women members have been winning. We should see this installed in the near future, dependant on Joe's health and the availability of materials.

Thanks again Joe

COMMITTEE 2022

President Andrew Croome

Vice President

Secretary MJ Kane

Ass Secretary

Treasurer Doyna Collins

Men's Captain Dylan Pool

Committee members

Debbie Tully

Gail Smith

Brian Cropley

Col Carmody

Jamie Dolny

Zoe Gephart

Rod Shaw

The Committee meets regularly at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the Clubhouse.

This is an open meeting and members are welcome to attend.

A hard copy of the minutes is available on the notice board in the Club House

Thank You

It is not only the Committee that ensures our club functions at a level to make our golf an enjoyable time. Many members and community groups also make important contributions.

Thank you to:

The Pierce Family for donating their expertise and materials for the Par 3 hole discs and score cards. They also donate merchandise for the women's Bowl.

Jason West and Grant Pritchard for the Beechworth Correctional Centre's assistance in erecting the practise nets.

Stuart McIntosh for hunting up quotes for tree removal.

George and Coral Ward for the many hours each week maintaining our sandscrape greens. A very tricky challenge this year.

Andy Croome for overseeing the construction of the Cart Shed. Hours of work.

Nada Guyatt for filling in cleaning the clubrooms while Glenda recovers from her knee operation.



Located on the front external wall of the clubhouse.

A full first aid kit is on top of the fridge in the kitchen.

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Weekly competition

All competitions are open to both men and women.

Wednesday 8.30 for 9.00

Thursday Twilight 4.30 hit off (9 holes) Daylight Savings
hours

Friday Twilight 3.00 onwards Oct/Nov Feb/Mar

Sunday 12.30 for 1.00 (from 3rd April onwards 11.30 for
12 hit off)

Grounds Committee

The working bees are on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

8.30 onwards

Consider helping – even if it's only for one hour.

Rod and Brian ??????????????



The 17th at St Andrews. They have a bit of trouble playing in Winter as well.



Women's News

It has been a disappointing Spring with so many Bowls being cancelled. Including ours. 😞 It was re-scheduled for the 16th November from its original date of 19th October. Wet under foot, and the difficulty of getting the course ready (mowing and sandscape maintenance) made our decision to cancel inevitable. So instead of playing in our Bowl on the 16th we headed to Big Swing at Drummonds in Albury.



We had 5 women entered in The Sally Symonds 4BBB at the Bright Golf Club. This is the official end of season event for the NEDGA calendar.

Our end of season/Christmas event will be on Wednesday 23rd November at Bright GC followed by lunch at Tatanka Nursery. (We are a bit concerned as Nada is dusting off her Santa Boxer Shorts!!!!!!!!!!)



Chiltern Bowl

We had great success at the Chiltern Bowl in September.

Debbie Tully B Grade winner

Doyna Collins C Grade winner

Jacqui Cato C Grade runner up

Jan and Debbie won the Small Team with Leanne Carmody from Jubilee

Gail's on a winning streak!

Gail has been having a successful run lately.

She was the B Grade winner at the Yackandandah Bowl in October with an impressive 38 points.

Gail, Debbie and Rhonda Boxall (Chiltern) won the small teams. Debbie's playing partner for the day quipped that the "other two must have played well" 😊



Gail was awarded the NEDGA Merit Award at the Sally Symonds 4BBB.

Also, the best score at a sandscape tournament for Beechworth Golf Club.

AND third place for The Heather Eggleston Sandscape competition.

MEN'S NEWS

Unfortunately due to the weather and very wet nature of the course there has probably only been about two Sunday competitions played in about the last three months.

Scheduled events including, monthly medals and most namely the Men's Annual Tournament have been cancelled.

The hope is to run an Ambrose at some stage to replace the Tournament.

Which at this stage isn't looking likely to happen well into the new year surf the full course is back playable.

Twilight golf has kicked off on Thursday afternoons with play happening on 4 of the 6 weeks, albeit on a composite stretch of hip led on all occasions.

Numbers have been great with 20 players just last week and even on the two weeks where we had no play, there was still at least a dozen who turned up to have a chat and a drink.

Thanks must go to Rod Shaw who runs the BBQ like its his own and Kerin Rowbottom who cooked up the snags one week when we didn't even play.

I would like to thank the local businesses that have jumped on board as sponsors this season in Alpine Indigo Accounting, George Kerferd Hotel and the Beechworth Bakery.

With no golf being able to be played on Sundays some members have still been able to get a game in. With Yackandandah's course in fantastic condition.

We have played in their Sunday comps 5 of the last 6 Sundays with at least 5 members venturing down each week.

One of those weeks Yackandandah had their Tournament, where we had 11 members in attendance and performed very well.

With Dean Howard (B Grade scratch), Vaughan Saunders (A grade scratch runner up), Jacob Howard (A grade handicap runner up) and Dave Clark (B Grade Scratch runner up) in the winners list.

We are hoping the weather turns around and allows us to get back into the full swing of things soon.

We are hopeful to be able to set a date for the mixed foursomes at some stage and the men's medal of medals final. Which looks like in the new year might be the go.

In the meantime, happy hitting when you can and we hope to see you out on the course.

Remember that Thursday golf is a 4:30 to 5pm hour off and while the course at Beechworth is too wet for Sunday golf there is an open invitation to join in Yackandandah's Sunday events which is a 10 for 10:30 hit off each week.

Keep an eye on Facebook, the local paper and emails for more golf information or get in contact with Dylan if you are wanting to know what is happening if you want a game at any stage.

Dylan Pool. BGC Men's captain.