



## MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

9th November 2020

### CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

Although there have been some delays the Club House renovations are now moving rapidly towards conclusion. The latest progress meeting with the contractors has confirmed a handover date of the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020. It is anticipated that the re-opening for business will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020. In the week prior to this, members will be invited to a pre-opening orientation and tour. Members will be kept up to date on details relating to all activities relating to the opening. The official, formal opening, including invitations to dignitaries will be held in late January, early February next year.

Dave MacKenzie and Charlie Heath have done a great job in project managing the redevelopment from the Club's perspective.



### COVID-19 UPDATE

With the easing of restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne we can be expecting more city travellers turning up in Mansfield as people are released from lockdown. As a Club and a community we have survived the pandemic pretty well to date. Now is not the time to let our guard down. Masks are still compulsory, contact tracing and social distancing is still required. Although the maximum seating in the outdoor marquee area is 70 patrons, please do not go re-arranging the chairs. The Club thanks all members for supporting the restrictions even though nobody really liked them. Let's keep going.

## **THE COURSE (from Tony Cooksey)**

The greens have had a fungicide application to clean up some disease that has crept in. Due to the world coming together at once it created the perfect environment for disease. Greens have been fertilised and a growth regulator has been added.

The drains put in on 4th, 8th and 11th have now been finished with the grate lids being completed. The drainage areas have stood up well to the recent rains. We had our first leak on the irrigation for the year on the 13th which is just part and parcel when the irrigation is cranked back up again.

Plenty of cutting is happening now with the new fairway mower getting a good run. The weather just keeps delivering which means we still haven't yet had to water much at all.

New cart path works are happening monthly and we are working in with the builders to remove their works from the practice tee when they can. This will enable us to begin works on the extension of the practice tee and re-open the practice bunker.

## **GOLFING NEWS**

Competition entries in all categories seem to have slowed down over the last couple of months. This is probably due to the easing of restrictions in regional Victoria offering members the opportunity to do other activities and travel more. On a more positive note we continue to attract more new members in all categories, including juniors. This is great news.

Golf Premier League has once again attracted much interest and the banter between teams is escalating as we move towards the pointy end of the competition and finals. The Ladies have had a fantastic ten teams competing in their GPL this year.

The Club Championships have been played and won. Congratulations to not only the winners but all who competed.

The winners in the Men's Championships are:

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| • Champion:           | Oliver Pearson – 294 | Runner-Up Dean Grining - 304   |
| • B Grade:            | Domingo Diaz – 333   | Runner-Up Josh Green - 335     |
| • C Grade:            | Alan Parrott – 355   | Runner-Up Nick Siperki - 362   |
| • D Grade:            | Peter Barnes – 376   | Runner-Up Laurie Marcus – 388  |
| • Vets (55-64):       | Mark Bettany – 316   | Runner-Up Dave Octigan – 342   |
| • Super Vets (65-74): | Domingo Diaz – 281   | Runner-Up Tom Swan – 294       |
| • Grimwade 75+:       | Adrian Smith - 294   |                                |
| • Founders Event:     | Domingo Diaz – 281   | Runner-Up Allister Bennett 293 |

The winners in the Ladies Championships are:

- Champion: Andrea Marden – 273                      Runner Up Gayle Wells - 280
- B Grade: Millie Cumming – 281
- C Grade: Glenis Skinner - 282
- D Grade: Jenny Koraus
- Overall Nett Glenis Skinner
- Veterans: Millie Cumming - 281

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This year's AGM will be held at the Club at 11am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

Due to the closure of the Club House the AGM will be held outdoors in the marquee area. There will be a vote required to fill a Board Committee member vacancy. The nominated members are Charlie Heath and Chris Leamon. Voting can be done, in person, on the day or by proxy. You will find forms to assist you in voting in the Pro Shop.

In order to give members some insight into the candidates the following messages from the candidates have been provided.

### **Chris Leamon**

“My name is Christopher Leamon. I have been nominated to volunteer for the Board position vacant at the Mansfield Golf Club. I hope to bring some fresh ideas and be more open and transparent for all members.

I have previously served on committees and Boards and been involved in management of golf clubs and in the private sector. I have also had a lot to do with investment over the last twenty years.”

### **Charlie Heath**

“Dear Member, I have decided to once again run for the office of a Member of Mansfield Golf Club's Board of Directors. I have been a Member of the Club's Board of Directors for the past 8 years and have served on both House and Building Sub Committees.

While the overall responsibility for the development, planning and oversight of the Club's new building project rests with the Board, project management rests with the Building Sub Committee. Planning and development of our new club house started 4 years ago with construction commencing in mid-July this year.

Since then David McKenzie and I have attended the building site, almost on a daily basis, to ensure builder compliance with contractual obligations, including pricing and budgets, as well as liquor and gaming licensing requirements.

Rather than appoint Professionals to oversee the project, our work has saved the Club tens of thousands of dollars and while we anticipate opening our new Club House for business in coming weeks, building and landscaping works will continue for some time to come.

Although I am now retired my experience in the building industry all my working life and having been the owner/operator of a hotel in the Mansfield Shire for 7 years provides me with the knowledge and experience necessary to qualify for this important position on the Board and its Building Sub Committee.”

**The Board is encouraging any members that can make the AGM to attend.**