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GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

You wouldn't think we are well into Spring and heading for summer with all the rain and miserable weather about. As I write this article for the November newsletter, I reflect back on the past 3 months where we have had hardly any golf played on the course due to the on going rain. It has certainly been felt by us financially with the lack of green fee players and cart rental. Both are a staple to our bottom line. The Clubhouse thankfully has still been churning on with good support from members.

We played host to both Bonnie Doon and Mansfield FNC's annual presentation nights. Both were a great success, and the feedback was encouraging. Our latest offering in the dinner show space, was INXSIVE on Saturday 22nd October. Once again we had a full house and the atmosphere was most welcoming. Our next show is an intimate evening with Russell Morris to be held on November 19th. This will be a great night with a quality artist who has constantly reinvented himself since his hits of the 70's. Tickets are still available and can be purchased via our web page at www.rangemansfield.com.au.



GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE - GREG NUGENT CONTINUED/...

On Sunday November 6th we play host to some of Victoria's and Australia's best dart players. This follows on from our very successful winter darts competition held at the Club. The day will see the final of our singles championship who incidentally will go on to play an exhibition game against one of Australia's best in Mal Cumming.

Congratulations to David Joyce and his team for firstly organizing the darts competition and secondly for attracting quality players to come to Mansfield. Our Summer season kicks off straight after the Sunday extravaganza.

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FREE GREAT NORTHERN POT ON ARRIVAL

MANSFIELD PROFESSIONAL DARTS EVENT

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2PM - 6PM
TICKETS \$10 - TABLES OF 10 \$90

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STUART 'THE COBRA' COBURN

TEAM MANSFIELD

TEAM DARTWORLD

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE KODY 'KODSTAR' LANE

BOOKINGS - EVENTS@MANSFIELDGOLFCLUB.COM.AU

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 27th November. Nominations for Directors have now closed and it's pleasing to see new members putting their hand up to be considered for a position on the Board. The 2022-23 year has been very tough for us trying to manage the circumstances around COVID, while adapting to a totally new way of doing business that has been bought about by the Club renovation. We only really had six months of uninterrupted trading during the period, but the costs kept coming. Our bottom line this year will, I suspect, be in line with last years results which were also affected by COVID. The good news is that even though we have lost most of the first three months of the year to the weather, our trading figures are still strong for the first quarter. Forward bookings for golf packages are encouraging and our functions around Christmas are filling fast. If the weather holds, we expect to have a bumper summer.

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE - GREG NUGENT CONTINUED/...

Our staff numbers do still remain low and, as with every other hospitality business in town, the likelihood of recruitment is fairly low. So please give our staff encouragement when they are serving you around the Club. They are doing a great job in tough times.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

Positions open for Election are:

- President
- Treasurer
- Club Captain
- Board Member x 2

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

POSITION	NOMINATED	PROPOSED	SECONDED
President	David Octigan	Susan Crow	Charles Heath
Treasurer	Maurice Walsh	Charles Heath	David McKenzie
Club Captain	Laurie Harcus	William Parsons	Rod Sargent
Board Member	Louise Calvert-Jones	Susan Parsons	Jenny Foster
Board Member	Charles Heath	Adrian Smith	David Wilson
Board Member	Alan Parrott	William Parsons	Maurice Walsh

As per the Club Rules an election will be held prior to the AGM for the vacant position of Board Member. Candidates for election are:

- Louise Calvert-Jones
- Charles Heath
- Alan Parrott

Two (2) to be elected.

Proxy Voting forms are available from Friday 4th November at Guest Services or the Club Golf Shop and must be returned to the General Manager at least 48 hours prior to the General Meeting (i.e 11am Friday 25th November 2022)

GREG NUGENT
GENERAL MANAGER

LADIES CAPTAIN NEWSLETTER REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT

I am well and truly over the rain this year!! It has caused so many disruptions to the golfing calendar. Monthly Medals have been postponed numerous times and the Club Champs have been moved to November, I don't even know if the course will dry out by then.



There has been a lot of other North-East Club events being cancelled also, which is sad as the Mansfield ladies love travelling around and representing their Club. The Golf Victoria Country Week was held at three courses around Shepparton at the end of September and the North-East team was represented from Mansfield by Sam Bailey and Sheryl Sargent in the Ladies and Rod Sargent in the Men's. Unfortunately they only managed one game each before the whole tournament was called off due to the rain.

The September Monthly Medal was finally played in October and the winner was Glenis Skinner with 72 Nett. A great score in the difficult condition of the course. Thanks to Fraser from Sports First for sponsoring this event.



"IF IT DOESN'T LET UP A LITTLE BY THE TIME WE GET ON THE BACK NINE, LET'S CALL IT A DAY."



LADIES CAPTAIN NEWSLETTER REPORT - CONTINUED

Earlier this year we hosted the PGA Scramble at Mansfield and the winners of that went to Keysborough to the Ladies State Final on Monday 21st October, but struggled to control their ball flights in the horrendous winds. It was a great day otherwise, playing the Ambrose format with Mansfield's Golf Professional David Joyce. The winning team was Howlong, which now get to go to Queensland all expenses paid to represent Victoria in the National Final. As we know these ladies, we wish them all the best of luck. Fingers crossed we have another team next year to compete.



Photo: Left to Right Nicki Cooper, Sheryl Sargent, David Joyce, Glenis Skinner, Louise Calvert-Jones.

Signing off until next time.

Sheryl Sargent
Lady Captain

TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY

The rain continues to fall making it very hard to keep the grass under control now that some heat has kicked in. Getting machines bogged is down from three to two times a week compared to four or five, so it must be drying out a bit. I'm trying my hardest to keep carts on. Members and visitors are doing their best to stay on paths and avoid wet areas. Soon the weather will be warm enough and carts will remain on, no matter how much rain we receive.



Course-wise, we have been able to cut the entire course before the next rain event and the place scrubs up well. I can't wait until we have two weeks of fine weather and we can stripe the place up like it should be. A few trees came down in the last storm which we have cleaned up. We have earmarked several trees along fairways to be pruned by our Arborist. This won't be happening until January due to how wet the ground is and heavy equipment needed to perform these tasks.

The bunker on the right-hand side of '6' has been holding water for way too long and it turns out the drain line is full of tree roots and sand. We have also added another drain to help get the water away quicker. We have works planned on fixing several bunkers that are holding water. Our biggest issue is over the years with big rains, it washes debris and dirt into the bunkers contaminating them which then restricts the drainage. So, sand will need to be removed with fresh sand added. Another problem to that, is that our trailer that transports all the sand has been stolen so we are currently restricted. Drainage works on '1' and '18th' fairways are set to happen most likely in March.



DUTY MANAGER UPDATE - KELLY LAWRENCE

Another month has passed, and we are still wearing the 'wellies' and rain coats! Just can't believe the amount of water that has fallen from the sky!

On a brighter note, our Club has seen some great events and experiences in the last month. Our 'Fuel Fairy' was drawn, and major prize was won by Louise. Congratulations and thank you to all participants.



'Inxsive' Show was an amazing night. Great food and fun music to dance and sing the night away. A big 'THANK YOU' to Kyle for sharing his expertise with the Cocktail Shaker. He was very entertaining and his cocktail skills were amazing.

Also, a fantastic job by Lisa who in Brayden's absence kept a smooth running service in the restaurant - job well done! Once again our Head Chef Marcus and his team dished out incredibly delicious meals and sensational desserts. The feedback we received was astounding.

November is looking to be an exciting month with the Russell Morris show and many private functions, weddings and Christmas parties.

Make sure you all come in and try our new Pale Ale 'Triggered' on tap from our local brewery Social Bandit. This ale highlights Mosaic Hops showing off it's Melon and Tropical Fruit flavours and aroma.



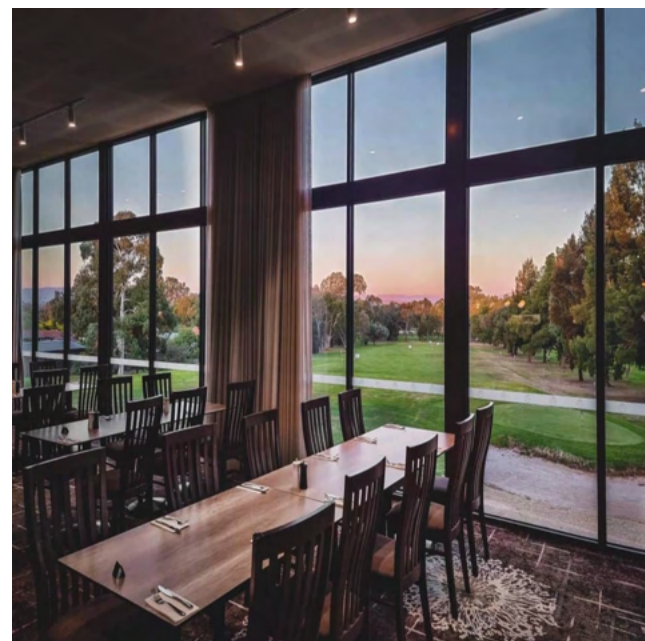
DUTY MANAGER UPDATE - KELLY LAWRENCE - CONTINUED/...

We have also introduced a new wine called 'The Shy Pig'. This wine is from South Eastern Australia and we are serving a light Shiraz, Cabernet Merlot Blend and a nice crisp Sauvignon Blanc.

Come in to say "hello" to our lovely team and enjoy the entertainment, food, and drinks. As we are entering the silly season, make sure you book for the Restaurant so you don't miss out.

A reminder that Bingo will be held on Monday 7th November at 11.30am and another session at 6.30pm. Hope to see you there!

Each month we would like to share a few things about our wonderful team here at the Mansfield Golf Club.....



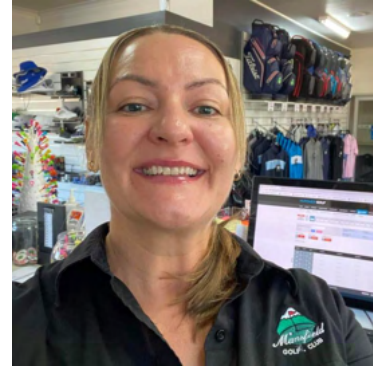
DUTY MANAGER UPDATE - KELLY LAWRENCE - CONTINUED/...

Firstly we are going to meet our fantastic energetic 'Events' team - Cassandra Johnstone and Ash Universita.

Tell us a bit about yourself Cassandra.....

1. What brought you to Mansfield?

I used to love coming up to 'Cattleman's Cup', my mum used to work up here, so I decided to give it a try and fell in love with the area and never left.



2. Why did you decide to work at the Mansfield Golf Club?

I was looking for hospitality work after being out of the business for ten years.

3. Describe one of your favourite work memories so far.

Demolishing the old bar.

4. Tell us why you like working for the Mansfield Golf Club.

Our awesome team of staff and seeing our customers enjoy themselves.

5. Tell us a fact that most people don't know about you.

I've never hit a golf ball apart from mini-golf!

6. Share three words that your close friends would use to describe you.

Thoughtful, fun and independent.

7. Do you have any hidden talents?

I can make horses feel better using Craniosacral Therapy, Photonic Therapy, Kinesiology Taping & Myofunctional Therapy.

8. If you won the lottery what would you do with the money?

Buy a big property and create a rehab centre for horses.

9. How do you spend your spare time?

With the people I love.

10. What's the one thing that has made you smile recently?

My children make me smile on a daily basis.

11. What animal do you believe most closely matches your personality and why?

My horse is my mirror image.

12. What Super Hero power would you want to have?

Healing.

DUTY MANAGER UPDATE - KELLY LAWRENCE - CONTINUED/...

Firstly we are going to meet our fantastic energetic 'Events' team - Cassandra Johnstone and Ash Universita.

Tell us a bit about yourself Ash

1. What brought you to Mansfield?

We visited Mansfield many times over the years. Mainly camping along the lake. The ideal location to raise children I had always thought. After having our second son, we made the split decision to up and move from the Mornington Peninsula. Best decision we have made.

2. Why did you decide to work at the Mansfield Golf Club?

I was very eager to return to the working world when my youngest was only 4 months old.

I was excited about being part of a new (and old) team.

Whilst the golf club was undergoing renovations, I noticed an advert and jumped at the opportunity to join the team.

3. Describe one of your favourite work memories so far.

Joining the staff darts team has been a lot of fun.

Planning and attending the 'INXSIVE Tribute Show' was also a highlight for me.

4. Tell us why you like working for the Mansfield Golf Club.

We are lucky to have a team that all work very well together.

It's a beautiful venue to work in and taking a moment to step outside and admire the greens is always magic for the soul.

5. Tell us a fact that most people don't know about you.

I spent the best of 20 years in competitive state gymnastics & sport aerobics

6. Share three words that your close friends would use to describe you.

Resilient, nurturing and fun.



DUTY MANAGER UPDATE - KELLY LAWRENCE - CONTINUED/...

Firstly we are going to meet our fantastic energetic 'Events' team - Cassandra Johnstone and Ash Universita.

7. Do you have any hidden talents?

Cooking and darts apparently!

8. If you won the lottery what would you do?

Buy a tonne of land, hire an army, and take in as many homeless animals as I could.

9. How do you spend your spare time?

Being outdoors in the fresh air. Not a lot of spare time with two little boys.

10. What's the one thing that made you smile recently?

Watching my boys on the trampoline in the pouring rain, in fits of laughter.

11. What animal do you believe most closely matches your personality and why?

Lion/ess. Fierce and protective, yet cuddly and loveable. I also don't mind a nap. "Lioness, the female lion is an icon of bold and fierce beauty yet gentle and nurturing like a true queen should be."

12. What Superhero power would you want to have?

Healing.

I do hope you have enjoyed learning a bit about our Events Team, more staff stories in next month's issue.

Signing off.

Kelly Lawrence.

DUTY MANAGER



GOLF SHOP NEWS - DAVE JOYCE CLUB ASSISTANT MANAGER

Well, what can you really say apart from rain, rain go away!!!

With the continuing postponement of events, it has been hard for Members to get motivated, but SUMMER IS COMING.



On a positive note, for those who are keen for a hit in the rain, the 'Grip It & Rip It' Bar and simulator room is up and running with a few rounds already played at "The Old Course" St. Andrews.

With over one hundred courses to play and some practice games, there is something for everyone. Pricing for the members is being sorted this week so please see General Manager Greg Nugent or myself for more information.



Paige and Mitch from the Junior Program playing the kids short game challenge on a rainy day.

GOLF SHOP NEWS - DAVE JOYCE Continued/....

JUNIOR PROGRAM

The Junior Program continues throughout the School Term on a Tuesday and or Wednesday from 4pm - 5pm.

If you know of any juniors interested, please contact dave@mansfieldgolfclub.com.au.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TBC

MEN'S AND LADIES NOVEMBER CLINICS

We will run a number of one day Clinics throughout November for both Ladies and Men. The first Ladies Clinic will be the Short Game/Bunker Clinic to be held on Tuesday 15th November from 9.30am - 11.30am.

The first Men's Clinic will be a Clinic on 'Distance Off The Tee' to be held on Wednesday 16th November from 10.00am - 12.00 noon.

Cost is \$30.00 per person including coffee. To book for these Clinics, contact the Golf Shop.

CHRISTMAS NINE, WINE & DINE - SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER FROM 1.30PM

Mixed two-player Ambrose, wine and dinner \$50.00 per player (golf, wine and dinner), \$10.00 per person (golf only).

Christmas Hampers will be the prizes for this fun two-player mixed Ambrose event. Local wines and our 'Cellar Range' wines will be served with dinner. Players receive a glass of beer or wine after the round. Book on the timesheet.



SEE YOU ON THE COURSE SOON!

Dave Joyce

CLUB ASSISTANT MANAGER

EVENTS UPDATE - WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB! - Ash & Cass

It's been a busy month for the Events Team and Clubhouse staff in general.

In early October the club hosted the Mansfield Football & Netball Presentation. This saw over 200 patrons enjoy our space. Feedback was that it was an extremely successful night for everyone.

Later in the month, our much-awaited INXS tribute show was held. One hundred and eighty tickets were sold, and this number proved to be the perfect amount to ensure a positive, fun night went about, without any issues. We nailed this on the head.

The band were great and had people up dancing by the second song.

Feedback from guests was that it was a highly enjoyable night. The new menu was also a hit with everyone.

In under a week the club will see its first Wedding Reception since the renovations. We have been busy planning this for quite some time and are positive it will be the perfect evening for the newlyweds.

Christmas function enquiries are coming in quick and fast. Plenty of enquiries about hiring the downstairs 'Grip 'N Rip' bar which is great.

Russell Morris tickets are now on sale via Eventbrite or via the www.rangesmansfield.com.au website. Tickets are selling steadily, with over half sold already, so get in quick to ensure that you don't miss out!

Don't forget our Bingo which is held on the first Monday of every month so the next one will be Monday 7th November 2022. We have two sessions - 11.30am in the morning and 6.30pm in the evening - cash prizes to be won and great fun for all.

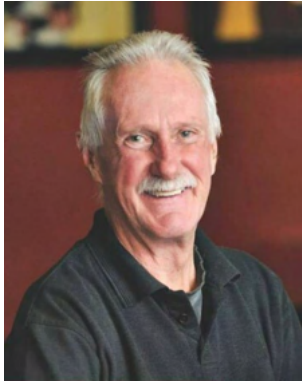
See you at the Club!

ASH & CASS

EVENT CO-ORDINATORS/MANAGERS



CLUB CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER REPORT - LAURIE HARCUS



October has continued in the same manner as September with significant rainfall impacting on Golf and even into the start of November it is looking pretty much the same!

The Match Committee has had to make significant changes to the programme, these are outlined below:

Men's Competition Changes

Club Championships are unable to be completed this year and will move to 9th, 11th, 16th and 18th February 2023.

Monthly Medals

- 19 November - SBD Plumbing (Sean Wade)
- 26 November - Marks IGA
- 3 December - Walshy's Wiring
- 10 December - Delatite Dental
- 17 December - Alliance Insurance

Medal of Medals - 3 December (with Walshy's Wiring)

Glen Foursomes - 12 November

Premier League

- 17 November - Round 4
- 24 November - Round 5
- 1 December - Round 6
- 8 December - Round 7
- 15 December - Semi Final
- 22 December - Grand Final

Here's hoping for some sunshine!

LAURIE HARCUS

CLUB CAPTAIN

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR - JAN SHELLEY



Well, another bumper edition for November which once again unfortunately seems to be dominated by the atrocious wet weather! In my thirty-two years of being in Australia I have never known it to be so wet and cold in October/November. In fact I have had my cousin staying with me for the past five weeks from the UK and she told me that for the last week it was between 22 and 25 degrees and sunny there in London - I think we've exchanged weather patterns!

Just a reminder that our Bistro is closed on Monday and Tuesday of every week, although bar snacks are still available from 11.00am. Our Friday night dinner bookings continue to be packed out, as it is when we hold our Member's Weekly Raffle. It is adviseable to book early if you require a table, so call 03 5775 2628 to secure your booking. Please be advised that this Friday 4th November the Bistro is offering an 'All You Can Eat BBQ' only for \$29 per person, this is due to a Private Function on the night so the normal a la carte menu will not be available. We will also NOT be having the Member's Raffle Draw on this night - apologies for any inconvenience caused.

For anyone who would like to participate in the next Member's Raffle - which now stands at \$900, please ensure that you are a current member of the Club. You can check at reception to ensure that your name goes into the weekly draw, this is for both Social and Golf Club Members.

Just for a bit of fun, I thought I would share a poem called 'Rainbow Rhyme' that I wrote back in 2014 - seems appropriate with this weather.

RAINBOW RHYME

A red sky at night, a warm day to follow
A sea of red poppies, to bring you great sorrow
A red signal flashing there's danger of flood
A single red trickle of wet sticky blood

A golden dawn breaks it's a new day ahead
A peach coloured doona to cover your bed
A light flashing amber, there's something come loose
A tall frosted glass of freshly squeezed juice

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR - JAN SHELLEY - continued/....

A daffodil blooming in the warm sun of Spring
An uncaged Canary how sweetly she sings
An egg nog at Christmas to make you feel mellow
A new painted nursery of Buttercup Yellow

A Greek Isle surrounded by an emerald green sea
And six little pods you find in a pea
A freshly mown lawn, it smells really nice
A glass of Tequilla with lime and some ice

A baby's blue eyes that sparkle so bright
A light shade and dark shade of day and of night
A mood swing you change when getting sad news
A foot that keeps tapping as a band plays the Blues

An indigo colour, now I have to think
A new fountain pen filled with deep purple ink
An artist will use this on canvas you know
A hue of dark blue that's called indigo

A violet is a flower and a colour as well
A shade of soft lilac that has a sweet smell
An elderly lady with this rinse through her hair
A new baby's blanket that's knitted with care

A world full of colour it's all out on show
A visual archway that's called a rainbow
An awesome display when sun shines through rain
Amazing 'Mother Nature' has done it again.
JAN SHELLEY

Please don't forget that we welcome any suggestions for the Newsletter, whether it be things you would like to see at the Club, suggestions for Newsletter content or just general news - we welcome your feedback.

Thanks for reading and stay safe - see you in December!

JAN SHELLEY
NEWSLETTER EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES

