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GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE



If you are like me, you can't believe it is March already! Where has the year gone already. Soon we will be hearing the sound of winter sport whistles and snow will be back on the mountain. From a Club perspective, things are really starting to ramp up.

We just played host to the annual Hospital Auxiliary Golf Day, raising much needed funds for the local hospital.

Congratulations to the organisers of the day and as usual, the day went off smoothly and all participants were in high praise for the way that the day was organised and presented.

On Wednesday 1st March, the Club once again hosted the annual Rotary Sportsman's Awards ceremony and dinner. This long-standing event has returned as strong as ever after the mandatory COVID break and is a credit to our very strong and supportive Rotary Club.

I would like to remind golfers that the annual golf syllabus is now available online at www.mansfieldgolfclub.com.au. Move to the syllabus tab under Members and you will see the syllabus for the coming months.

We recently saw the conclusion of the Men's Championships. Congratulations to Captain Tom Swan and his Match Committee team for organizing the Championships and congratulations to all the winners. I am sure that Tom will elaborate on the winners in his column.

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE - CONTINUED/.....

From a Club point of view, we are hosting our regular bi-monthly music event this month with a great dinner and show night featuring a Queen Tribute band. This night has sold out and we are expecting a great night. Coming up in the near future we have Ross Wilson performing in May, followed by the return of Catnip featuring the 'sensational sounds of the 80's' night in July. Our Fleetwood Mac tribute night returns to entertain us in September. Christmas in July also returns in July after an absence.

With Easter quickly approaching, it's time to dust off the eggs and get ready for our 'Eggcellent Egg-Fest Eggstravaganza'. With over \$2,000 worth of Easter Eggs to be given away, it is an event not to be missed. To enter, all you need to do is spend \$5.00 in the Clubhouse to get a token. On the day of the draw, these tokens can be swapped for an entry number for the draw of twenty-five Easter Egg prizes. The promotions starts on Wednesday 8th March with the 'Egg-Fest' draw to take place on Wednesday 5th April 2023. Tokens need to be exchanged between 4.00pm and 5.50pm on the day with a maximum of 40 tickets per person.

Our Summer Darts Competition wrapped up last Tuesday. This was the conclusion to another great season of darts. Congratulations to Dave Joyce and the team for putting together the 'Darts Roster' which is getting bigger and bigger as each season comes around.

GREG NUGENT





CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TOM SWAN

With the holidays over and schools back, we have had a terrific month of golf coupled with great weather, which has allowed us to finally catch up with most of the outstanding events from last year's calendar.

The Club Championships were completed during the month and our new Club Champion is Kyle Bridgeman who had four terrific rounds. The 'A Grade' Championship only had a small field with all the players in the group playing off scratch or better. Well done to Mark Jones and Rod Sargent for fighting it out with Kyle. 'B Grade' was a tightly contested event with the leading four players being separated by four shots entering the last day, with Guy Barbuto being successful with Kevin Hall coming in second. 'C Grade' was not quite as tightly contested, with Steve Chisholm winning quite convincingly from Brendan Egan. 'D Grade' was the most tightly contested with Col Whytcross finally beating Daryl Horwood and Adrian Smith.

The men's Premier League was finally concluded with the 'Shitty Shitty Bang Bangs' beating the 'Masters Of Grass Destruction' in a very tightly contested final that went down to a countback before the winner was crowned. Congratulations to Peter Cullen, John Saggars, Ian Jones, Ross Vaughan, Larry Ball and Len Foster the members of the team.

The J. D. Neely Trophy and J. Nolan 4-Ball Knockout are currently running and will be completed in March.

With the Labour Day Long weekend and Easter fast approaching, we are hoping to have a number of visitors enjoying the course. Could I please ask all our Members to remember that these visitors are a major contributor to the well-being of the Club and that they are welcomed. If play is a little slower than usual, please be patient.

Cheers.
TOM

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TOM SWAN - CONTINUED

THE CLUB CHAMPIONS



COL WHYTCROSS
'D Grade'

KYLE BRIDGEMAN
Club Champion

STEVE CHISHOLM
'C Grade'

GUY BARBUTO
'B Grade'

LADIES CAPTAIN NEWSLETTER REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CLUB CHAMPIONS!

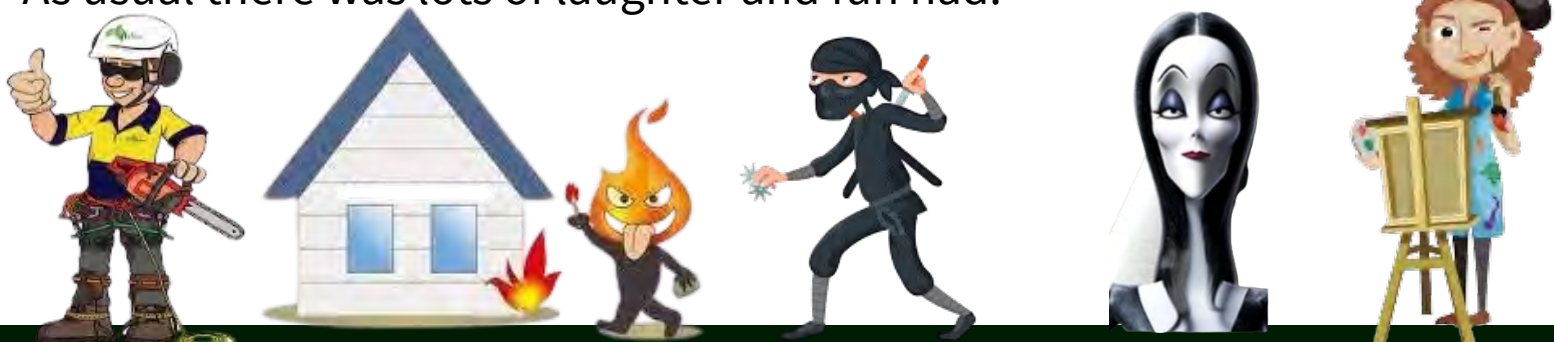
The 2022 Championships were finally decided with a nail-biting play off for the overall Club Champion. Andrea Marsden was three shots ahead going into the final round with Sam Bailey and Donna Sedgman hot on her heels. Sam played a fantastic round to even up the gross score at the end of the final round. Down to the first Sam and Andrea went for a play off hole, with nerves of steel, the more experienced Andrea chipped on closer to the hole to allow for one putt to win the hole.

B Grade was won by Kylie Egan six shots clear of second place Patsy Smiles.

C Grade was won by Shelly Comerford twelve shots ahead of Marion Mitchell.

D Grade was won by Pam Abbott twelve shots ahead of Susan Kinloch.

The presentation dinner was held that night with everyone dressing up in something beginning with the letter 'A'. It was great to see the ladies put in a lot of effort into the costumes. There was the 'Adams Family', an Arborist, Arsonist, Assassin, a few Artists, Angels, AFL Players and more. As usual there was lots of laughter and fun had.



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LADIES CAPTAIN NEWSLETTER REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT - CONTINUATION

January Monthly Medal sponsored by Cathy Henry Pharmacy was won by Lyn Poulson, with a great score of 69 Nett.

February Monthly Medal sponsored by Sanae's Collections was won by Jenny Koras with another fantastic score of 67 Nett.

The next big event on the ladies calendar is the Mansfield Bowl on Monday the 27th March 2023. Hoping this year will be bigger and better than last year with more ladies from the surrounding districts travelling again.

Happy Golfing!

Sheryl.



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TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY

The Club Championships have finished and congratulations to Kyle on being the overall Club Champion and well done to the winners of the other grades. The feedback from the pins on the last day were so positive, that I may do them like this weekly!



The greens were scarified this week, and this will be done for the next three Mondays to thin the greens out and de-thatch them. It is minimal disruption and makes sure we keep providing a great putting surface. We are cutting fairways and tees twice a week and rolling greens three times a week to keep them at a reasonable pace.

COOKSEY



DUTY MANAGER UPDATE - KELLY LAWRENCE



March?? What happened to February?? They say time flies when you are having fun..... we must be loving it here at Mansfield Golf Club, as the last two months have flown by.

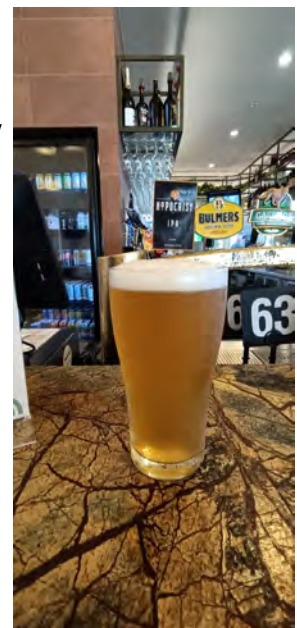
The mad rush of the silly season has finished, and we are now back to welcoming mostly locals at our Club. We are enjoying seeing families here not only for our 'Kids Eat Free Sundays', but also throughout the week as well. It is so lovely to see parents being able to enjoy their meals and a few drinks while watching their children amusing themselves in the kid's playroom.

We have a lovely Brown Ale on tap. It is a wintery ale however perfect to drink with a roast dinner. Packed full of malt flavour with pine and citrus undertones. The aroma of chocolate and coffee are immediately obvious. Ask our friendly bar staff to have a taste, you will be pleasantly surprised.

If you prefer a more Summer flavour, we have Hopocrisy IPA on tap. This beer is all about the hops! This Indian Pale Ale has generous amounts of Warrior, Simcoe and Amarillo Hops over a blend of malts, making this an IPA as it should be. Hopocrisy is a family owned, independent Australian Brewing company.

Chill out, sit back and relax, these beers are perfect for a lazy hazy sunny afternoon out on our deck, looking out over our stunning Golf Course.

We are sad to say "goodbye" to our lovely talented Chef Theresa Stevenson. Your stunning delicious desserts are going to be missed as well as your professional, cool and calm attitude towards your work. Every day you brought happiness to the kitchen. We wish you well and all the very best on your next adventure.



DUTY MANAGER UPDATE - KELLY LAWRENCE - CONTINUED

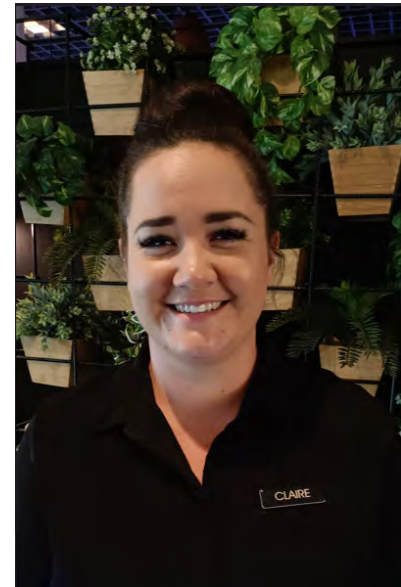


Just an update on Bingo, morning sessions have now been cancelled due to low numbers. We are still running the evening sessions with 'Eyes Down' at 6.30pm, so come along and join in the fun. We have a Door Prize and Jackpot prize at the end of the night.

Tell us a bit about yourself Claire.....

1. What brought you to Mansfield?

My husband Phil and our two children moved here in 2020 after the first Covid Lockdown. When we were able to visit family again, we visited my mum and stepfather in Howqua and quickly remembered how much we loved the area. Upon returning home to our small property on the Bellarine Peninsular, we quickly realised where we wanted to raise our family. It was also upon the discovery of the Mansfield Autism Statewide Services that we knew we could obtain great support for our eight year old son. We put our house on the market, bought a block in Mansfield and built our forever home and life has been amazing ever since.



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

My mum Jan who works in Guest Services on the front desk, told me how it was a lovely place to work. I jumped at the opportunity to have an interview and honestly, in the two years of working here it's one of the happiest and most enjoyable places to work.

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

I have so many to be honest - the 2021 Christmas Party was a great lot of fun! Also helping create the 'Titanic Toy Sale' display was also a favourite.

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

There are many wonderful opportunities to grow and learn, so many lovely faces you get to see each day, all the fun events held at the Club and how I am also a valued and appreciated team member.

DUTY MANAGER UPDATE - KELLY LAWRENCE - CONTINUED

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

I had my own Wedding Floristry business in Geelong and created stunning bouquets, arbours, table decorations, buttonholes and courages for over 40+ weddings.

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

Big-hearted, supportive and bubbly.

7. Do you have any hidden talents?

I can touch the tip of my nose with my tongue - not proud of that one!!!!

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

1. Buy an outdoor spa
2. Take my kids to Disneyland
3. Pay off one debt (if they had any) for each family member.

9. How do you spend your spare time?

I like to take my Labrador 'Bundy' for long walks and being creative and arty with such things like sewing, cross-stitch, Diamond Dotz and labelling using my Cricut machine.

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

My youngest child taking the 'Scout Honour Pledge' as a Joey Scout. Pretty proud mumma moment!

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

I would say that there are two animals - first being a Labrador because I love to eat and go swimming but also because of my unconditional love and loyalty. I am also a Lioness, because you don't cross a protective mother!

12. What superhero power would you want to have?

To turn back time so that my children can stay young forever and we don't lose loved ones.

Thanks Claire.

KELLY

EVENTS NEWS - CASSANDRA JOHNSTONE

February has been another busy month for the Events Team and we have lots of exciting things planned for the rest of the year.

Our Queen Tribute Show on the 20th of March has sold out, we are very excited for that one. Chef has got some great ideas for the menu.

We are looking forward to welcoming Ross Wilson to the Club on Saturday the 20th of May and we will continue to have our Sunday Live Music Tunes from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

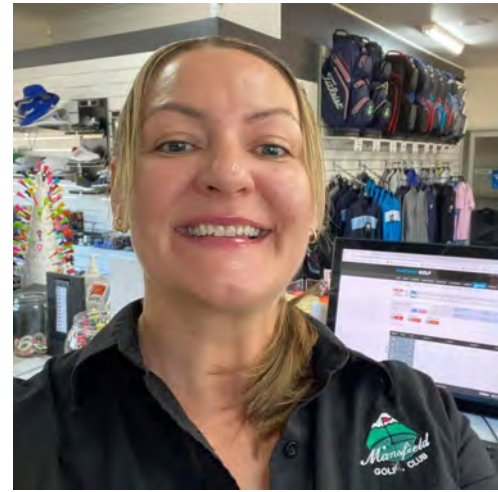
Don't forget our downstairs 'Grip It & Rip It' Bar is available to hire. It is a great space for both kids and adults alike. We will be more than happy to give people a tour and discuss function options.

We are looking at having a 'Music Bingo' night soon - watch this space! Regular Bingo is still the first Monday of each month but only in the evening now - eyes down at 6.30pm.

The Summer Darts season ended on the 28th February and the new season starts on Tuesday 14th March, get your teams in. It is a great fun night.

It has been great seeing everyone enjoying themselves in this gorgeous weather.

Cheers Cass.



Performer	Date
ALAN CHERRY	19.02
GEOFF WRIGHT	05.03
BRUCE POULTER	12.03
CHLOE JADE	19.03
IAN BEER	26.03
GEOFF WRIGHT	02.04
2 EASY DUO	09.04
BEV + LEIGH FRASER	16.04

GUEST SERVICES/EDITOR - JAN SHELLEY

Another jam-packed issue of the Mansfield Golf Club monthly Newsletter done and dusted. The months are certainly flying by and I cannot believe that we are already two days into Autumn! I am certainly looking forward to the beautiful Autumn colours, open fires, a glass of good red and watching the Geelong AFL matches - yes I am an avid Cats supporter!

Talking about Footy, don't forget that the Club is running it's usual Footy Tipping Competition. Anyone can join, it is just \$25 to enter, once fees are paid then you will be able to download the Fanzo App and join in the fun or we can do a printed copy to lodge your tips. Commencing Wednesday 16th of March 2023, there will be a first, second and third prize plus a slab of beer for the 'wooden spoon'. See any of our friendly staff behind the bar for details.

A friendly reminder to our Social Club Members to please check with Guest Services Staff to see if your membership has expired. If you have one of the green membership cards then it has definitely expired and memberships are valid for a year from the date of renewal/joining. The fee is a very reasonable \$5.00 and for those new members who join, you get a voucher for a free glass of house wine, pot of beer or soft drink - there's your money back straight away! We have a member's raffle every Friday night, you must be at the Club on the night if you win the jackpot to claim your prize. Members also enjoy a discounted rate on food/drink and you earn points when you make a purchase which can be used in our bar or restaurant. These points expire every financial year - 30th June 2023.

Hope you have enjoyed this edition and see you in April.

JAN

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