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## **GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE**



Congratulations to our Division One Ladies Pennant Team on their success in the recent season. The Ladies certainly celebrated on their return to the Clubhouse. To all those that played throughout the year and represented the Club, a big 'THANK YOU'.

At a recent meeting of the Board, it was decided that from 1st June 2023, the Club will change over to digital scoring of competition rounds. This has been the preferred way in the industry for some time now, as it cuts down on costs of producing cards as well as the wastage when cards had fulfilled their usage. A number of our members are already using the Mi Club App on their phones and from feedback from those members, it would appear that it is easy to use. From the 1st of June there will be a two month phasing in period to allow members to transition to the new system. During the transition phase, there will be a number of instructional sessions planned to enable a smooth changeover and answer any questions that members may have. Our records indicate that already in excess of 160 members are accessing the new scoring system. Cost is free to members, this covers all rounds played at Mansfield and also allows you to book your game as well.

Following the two month transition period scorecards may still be used, however there will be a \$1.00 fee per card to cover costs.

## **GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE - CONTINUED**

On the 28th of May the Club will be participating in the Blue Tree Project. This worthwhile mental health initiative is designed to remind people as they walk past the Blue Tree, to take a minute and think about their mental health. The tree earmarked for the Blue Tree Project is located on the 18th fairway. This is a free community day with a barbecue, music, games for the kids and guest speakers. The day begins at 11.30am and concludes around 1.00pm. It would be a great message if we had a large turnout from the Golf Club at this day.

Coming up over the coming months we have plenty of entertainment for everyone.

- 20th May - Ross Wilson plays an intimate show at the Club, tickets are still available through [www.rangesmansfield.com.au](http://www.rangesmansfield.com.au)
- 8th July - Christmas in July returns.
- 15th July - Our next show is the 'Sensational 80's' brought to you by CATNIP.

The Mansfield Golf Club hosted two Debutante Balls over two Saturday nights, this is the first time that the Mansfield Debutante Ball has been held at the Club. Both nights were a huge success and full credit goes to our events team and Club staff for the work that they did to ensure that this night was a success for all involved.

Club subscriptions will be going out from the 5th of May. These are due by the 31st July 2023 but if paid by the 30th of June, you attract an early pay discount. If your details have changed at all, please let our administration team know so that they can update our records. This year we are again offering our 'Pay As You Golf' option. In these tough economic times, this option may be a viable way to keep your subscription without the large upfront commitment.

Regards.  
GREG NUGENT  
General Manager



## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

April has once again been a busy month not only here in Mansfield but also further afield in the North East Region.

A big 'CONGRATULATIONS' to our Ladies Pennant Teams who have had a big month with our Division One Team winning the Pennant and our Division Four Team only just losing their final. What a terrific result - well done ladies!



Whilst talking about Pennant, our three men's teams have completed their seasons and the finals will be held on Sunday 7th of May here in Mansfield. Our Division Two and Division Three Handicap teams have both made the finals and hopefully we will get a large number of members there to support the teams. Unfortunately our Division One Scratch team were not able to make the final, but their results have ensured that they will remain in Division One next season.

This month's monthly medal has been postponed until the 6th of May. The medal is being sponsored for the first time by The Mansfield Commercial Laundry. After the day's competition, we will be making the presentations of all the men's and women's awards for last years events including the Club Championships and once again I encourage members to come along and congratulate all our winners.

There have been a couple of fun events this month, perhaps the highlight was the Pink Ball Team Stableford. It was a fun event with both men's and ladies teams competing against each other. The number of players competing in the weekly events have been very encouraging with the Thursday Stableford event still attracting the largest numbers.

The Club is transitioning towards using the Miscore system and by the 1st August we hope that the system will be in full use. It's a mobile phone based app that allows you to mark both yours and your playing partner's score. We currently have around 160 members who are using this system and encourage all members to download the app and start using it. The Club, like most clubs throughout Australia will be moving away from paper cards.

TOM



## LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT

What a month it has been for the Lady Golf Members!

April kicked off on the first with the annual Board event of the K J Evans twenty-seven hole foursomes, which came down to a play off between Sheryl Sargent and Linda Brook against Andrea Marsden and Donna Sedgman, with the more experienced two winning on the first hole. Well done Andrea and Donna.



The Ladies Open Day was another huge success with the pairing of Linda Terry and Jan Bedford combining well to take first prize, followed by Margaret Knapp and Jeanette Hopgood in second, Marion Mitchell and Kate Pilbrow in third place. It was great to see Jan having her first win in competition golf. The day welcomed nine new ladies to golf competitions, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Golf Australia Doris Chambers Foursomes is another favourite of the ladies, all vying for a win to play the Victorian final at a Melbourne course. The winners this year were Sue Parsons and Margie Franke-Williams.

April Monthly Medal sponsored by Edith & May, was won by Robyn Baker with a fantastic 68 Nett. Robyn was so happy to win, as it has been quite a few years since her last one.

I have left the best to last.

After another fantastic season in the NEDGA Pennant, we fielded three teams using twenty-four of our regular playing ladies. After a nail biting last round, we ended up with Division 1 and Division 4 making the finals, but unfortunately Division 2 narrowly missed out. Sadly our Division 4 went down to Commercial Albury 3 - 2, but with a great individual win to Pennant first timer Jackie Smithwick, who won four out of four of her matches. All the celebrations were with our Division 1 team, having defeated Yarrawonga last week to qualify for the final, we were once again to face the exact same team in the final. The girls withstood the pressure to beat them 4 - 1 again. Congratulations to Sheryl Sargent, Gayle Wells, Linda Terry, Nicki Cooper, Sue Parsons and to the players

## LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT - CONTINUED/...

that contributed over the season, consisting of Kylie Egan, Andrea Marsden and Linda Brook. Thanks to all the caddies that kept the players focussed on the day. The celebrations started on the bus trip home from Wodonga and continued for a few hours at the Club. Thanks to Greg Nugent for supplying some drinks and food to keep us going!

Now comes a time for a well-earned rest for myself with all the major events finished.

Regards.  
SHERYL SARGENT



Ladies Division 1 Pennant Winners -  
Sheryl Sargent  
Linda Terry  
Nicki Cooper  
Sue Parsons  
Gayle Wells



Ladies Division 1 & Division 4 Pennant Players & Caddies

## **TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY**

What a fantastic turn out for Easter, the course was pumping and in mighty fine condition. We had the water shut off 3 weeks prior to Easter to dry the course out as much as possible as the weather had turned, and I don't want to be left with a wet course heading into winter. It worked out perfect as the rainfall we received at Easter was just what the course badly needed.



We are now turning our attention to fixing drainage in certain bunkers and adding fresh sand to those bunkers that are getting low. The arborists are here making the fairways wider pruning back encroaching trees so no more excuses if you hit a tree off the tee.

The course is in good shape heading into winter and we will continue our works of upgrading cart paths, aerating tees and fairways and pruning low branches around the course.

Signing Off.  
COOKSEY



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

## TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY CONTINUED/....



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## DUTY MANAGER REPORT - KELLY LAWRENCE

Autumn is here and the weather is stunning. It is a real joy coming to work, looking out at a pristine green course with the backdrop of Mount Buller, blue skies and sunshine. Can you tell Autumn is my favourite season?



Our Club has seen a few changes since our last Newsletter. Sadly, we said "goodbye" to our lovely staff member Andrea North. Andrea has moved out of Mansfield to be closer to her new Grandson - lucky boy! Andrea was a valued team member who always walked in with a loving smile. She will be greatly missed.

We have also unfortunately said "goodbye" to Brayden our Restaurant Manager, another great team member. Brayden brought style and grace to all our functions and events, co-ordinated our restaurant like the professional he is and entertained us with his quick wit. Not to mention all the 'behind the scenes' work he did. Brayden, you will be leaving a huge chunk out of our team.

On a happier note..... Bonnie is back!! Bonnie is filling in where she can in the Bar, Pro-Shop and Restaurant. So good to have her back on the team.

We are very excited to have a new local brewery - Buller Road Brewery on tap. We will be promoting a variety of ales, we have a delicious American Pale Ale, a full flavoured US Style Pale Ale with a solid malt backbone highlighting the toffee malts and generously lated hopped with Citra, Centennial and Amarillo. Come in and have a taste - guaranteed you will love it.

Our Bingo nights are going well. We had fifty-four players last month - hopefully we can beat this number next Bingo night - Monday 5th June, eyes down 6.30pm. The more players, the higher the Jackpot Prize and the more the merrier!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Club.

Regards.  
KELLY





## EVENTS MANAGER REPORT - CASS JOHNSTONE

April has been another busy month for functions, we hosted two Debutante balls, both of which were a huge success and we thank the Committee for all their help and hard work. The girls looked beautiful and the photographer utilised the course to capture some stunning shots.

We finished the month with the Mansfield Basketball Presentation Night, this was also a great night with around two hundred attendees.

Our next 'Dinner and Show' night is Ross Wilson & The Peaceniks performing on Saturday 20th of May. Tickets are now available for sale - go to [www.rangesmansfield.com.au/events](http://www.rangesmansfield.com.au/events) to purchase your tickets. It's going to be a great night.

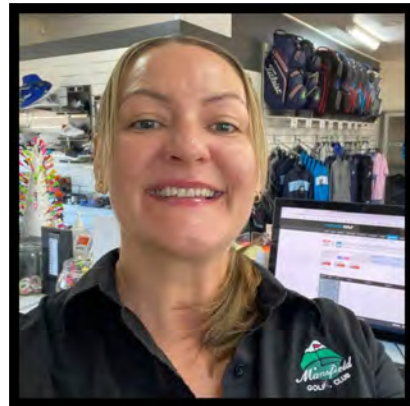
The 'Grip It & Rip It' Bar is proving to be very popular. This is a great area for both children and adults alike. Feel free to ask for a tour if you haven't seen the space already.

May is looking like another busy month already. We have the Golf Presentation this Saturday 6th of May and then Pennant finals on Sunday.

We are holding a two-course luncheon for Mother's Day including a glass of bubbles for Mum, the menu looks beautiful. To book for lunch please call 03 5775 2628.

That's all from me.

Cheers.  
CASS



## EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES REPORT - JAN SHELLEY

Yet another month has flown by and here we are into May already, almost half-way through the year and the nights and mornings are beginning to get very chilly - thank goodness for warm open fires. We will have to get ours going again at the Club, nothing like a warm coffee, hot chocolate or glass of wine in front of a roaring open fire.

Just a friendly reminder that if you have a green Membership card for the Mansfield Golf Club, your membership has expired and we kindly ask you to renew. Just see the staff at reception who will be more than happy to renew your membership for you. The cost is still \$5.00 for the year, although this will be increasing to \$10 from the 1st of July 2023 - still a bargain and value for money considering the benefits you reap from being a member! It is also advisable to look at using your accrued points as these will be expiring on the 30th of June 2023.

Just to let you know that we have 'Footy Feast Panel Show with The Baby Bombers' for all you Essendon Fans out there. The Panel will consist of Kevin Sheedy, Mark Harvey, Mark 'Bomber' Thompson and Dustin Fletcher. This will be held at the Mansfield Golf Club on Saturday the 3rd of June 2023 - dinner and show \$110. For tickets go to [www.babybombersmansfield.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.babybombersmansfield.eventbrite.com.au).

For a bit of fun while the mornings are dark and evenings are drawing in, I have done a Golf Crossword Puzzle to work the grey matter - see next page. Solution will be in the June Newsletter.

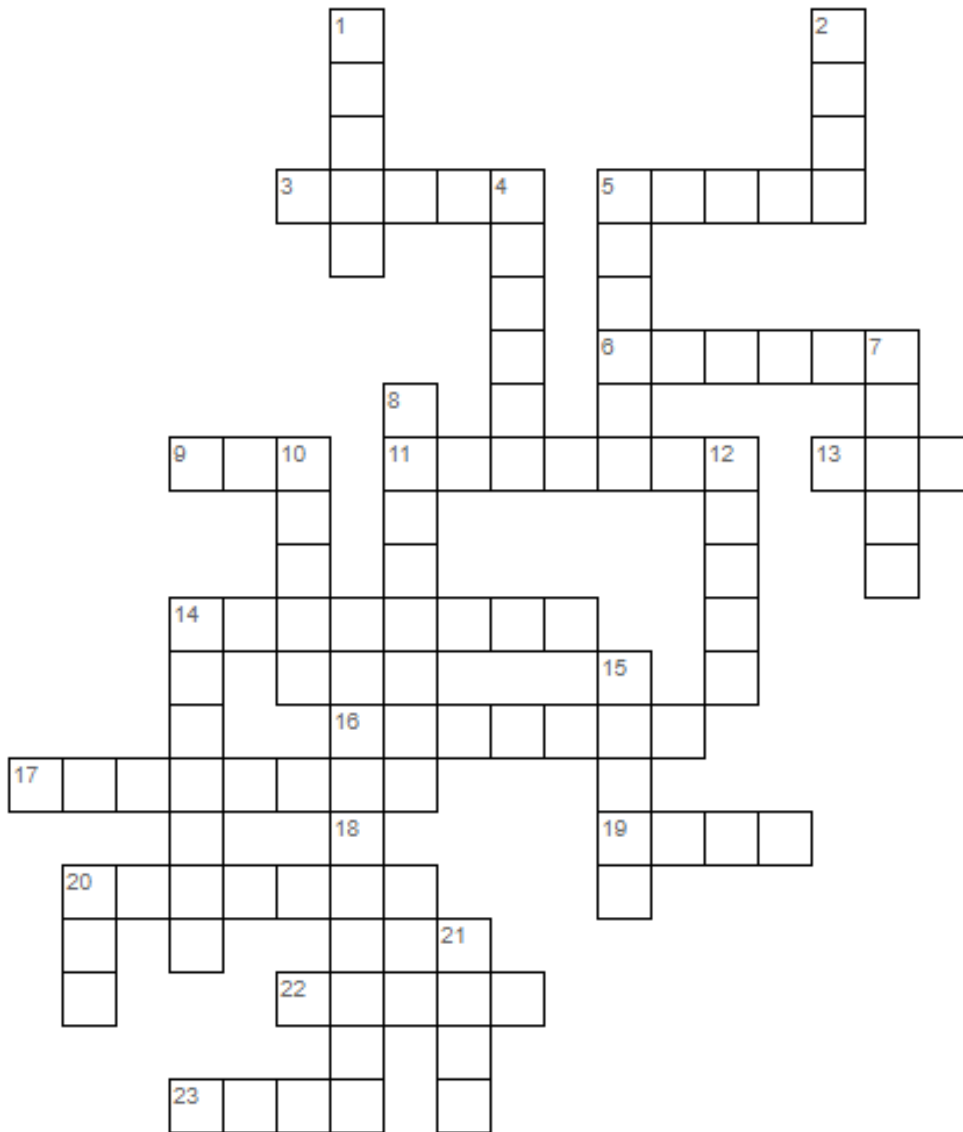


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Get your pens ready for a Golf Crossword Puzzle - enjoy and see you at the Club!

### The Game of Golf

JAN



#### Across

- 3 The longer grass that lines each side of the fairway
- 5 Getting the ball in the hole one stroke over par
- 6 A fairway that curves left or right from where you tee off to the hole
- 9 A hole in one
- 11 The position you take when you are ready to hit the ball
- 13 The short wooden peg on which you place the ball when starting each hole
- 14 When you get to take a bad shot over
- 16 The area between the teeing ground and the green, except for the rough and hazards
- 17 A large sand-filled area, also called a sand trap
- 19 A short shot from just off the green
- 20 If you do something wrong you must add one or two of these strokes to your score
- 22 The person who had the lowest score on the previous hole is said to have the \_\_\_\_\_ tees off first on the next hole
- 23 The warning word you shout if your ball is headed toward another person

#### Down

- 1 A hole in the grass made by your club when you hit the ball
- 2 The player whose ball is farthest from the hole
- 4 Any bunker or water
- 5 Getting the ball in the hole one stroke under par
- 7 The putting area with very short grass where the hole is located
- 8 A method of adding or subtracting strokes to allow players of all levels to compete fairly with one another
- 10 Getting the ball in the hole in two strokes under par
- 12 A golf shot that curves sharply to the right
- 14 When you put a small coin or marker behind your ball on the green you are \_\_\_\_\_ your ball
- 15 When each hole is a separate contest it is called \_\_\_\_\_ play
- 18 Any attempt to hit the ball
- 20 The number of strokes it should take a good golfer to play a hole
- 21 A golf shot that curves sharply to the left