



NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE - GREG NUGENT



The miserable weather that we have experienced just keeps hanging around - so much for the predicted dry winter! It has had a savage impact on our golf numbers with the course very soggy.

We have tried hard to keep the course open to carts but unfortunately, we have finally been beaten and carts will not

be able to be used on the course from Friday 7th July. Hopefully this will only be short term, but we need to make this decision in the best interests of course maintenance.

In staffing news, I have to report that our Assistant General Manager David Joyce has tendered his resignation. This has meant that we have had to shuffle staff responsibilities around, so please be patient while we put in place systems and procedures that we hope will deliver members a great experience at the Club. In the short-term, David will not be replaced with the management of the Golf Shop accommodated by the General Manager and Management Staff. Darts on a Tuesday night will continue as normal and is being overseen by David O'Sullivan.

Golf Memberships are now due and payable. I want to remind members that the period of grace for membership finalisation is the 22nd of July. Any subscriptions not paid by that date or alternative arrangements made, will mean that you will be unfinancial. This will lead to suspension of your Golf Link number. If you are experiencing difficulty, I urge you to look at our current offering through one of our

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partners 'Pay As You Golf', who may be able to assist in spreading your memberships over affordable monthly payments.

As you may know, the member's points for 2022-23 have expired and a new round of issue started on the 1st of July 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to explain to members the difference between 'Loyalty Points' and your 'Wallet' as there still seems to be some confusion.

Loyalty Points are accumulated as you purchase goods through the Club - i.e food and beverages. They are allocated to your member card as a \$ value and can be used for purchasing goods throughout the Club. They expire on the 30th of June each year. Loyalty points cannot be used for payment of Membership Fees, they are issued to pay for food and beverage throughout the Clubhouse.

Wallet \$ amounts are issued as a result of (a) a win at a Golf Competition at Mansfield Golf Club or (b) if a member wishes to exchange cash for \$ on their membership card. Wallet \$'s do not expire and can be used as payment towards Membership Fees.

If any member is confused with the difference between loyalty points and Wallet \$'s, our staff will be only too happy to run through this with you.

On the social side, the Club has some great acts booked in over the coming months. Our sensational 80's night is on Saturday the 15th of July with the band 'Catnip' returning by popular demand. Tickets for the dinner and show are available through our website www.rangesmansfield.com.au.

In September we have the Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show returning by request. The last time they visited they delivered a great show and I'm sure this will be no different. Tickets will be available soon.

GREG NUGENT

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CLUB CAPTAIN - TOM SWAN

Due to a good deal of inclement weather, June was a quiet month in terms of numbers playing in our weekly competitions, together with a number of members heading north to warmer climes and hopefully drier courses for those who took their clubs.

Congratulations to Gayle Wells and Phil Conway who won their respective Monthly Medals during the month.

As not much has been going on here, there is not a great deal to report on. Could I ask all that are playing at the moment, to please respect the directions of the Ground Crew and try to keep the course in as good a condition as we can. Unfortunately as I write this, we have had to say that no carts are to be used until further notice to try to protect the course?

For those who do endure the current weather and venture out to play, have fun

and enjoy!

Regards TOM





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LADIES CAPTAIN - SHERYL SARGENT

As the weather gets colder and wetter, the members playing golf starts to dwindle.

June Monthly Medal sponsored by 'Loyola', was won by Gayle Wells with a fantastic score of 70 Nett. In these terrible course conditions, 70 is an amazing score, possibly helped by only having 23 putts overall. Well done Gayle!

Another great achievement was from Millie Cumming who recently travelled to Avenel with a team to compete in the Avenel Ladies Bowl. An expert on playing sand greens, Millie won B Grade and also the Veteran's Trophy. Congratulations Millie!

Regards. SHERYL



Millie Cumming





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TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY

The talk of a dry winter hasn't happened yet, with over 150mm of rain recorded for the month of June and more rain to come! Quite a few courses have had to close already this year, I can assure you that we will never close.

With this rain comes challenges such as carts. My aim is to keep them on as much as I can and I will rope more areas off to achieve this. Please just drive in the rough and walk to your golf balls to hit them. The tree on the 9th that was doing the splits, has finally fallen over. I have been approached by a gentleman who wants to take the trunks away and make furniture out of them which will be nice.

We are completing drainage in between the 6th Bunker and 7th Tee, as the old drainage had completely collapsed. All the bunkers have been topped up with fresh sand and this month has tested the drainage in them, but the fresh sand has won out and they are draining well.

One month of winter down and only two to go!

Regards. COOKSEY







EVENTS NEWS - CASSANDRA JOHNSTONE

Hi All!

I am back from beautiful sunny Bali and ready for a busy July. Saturday the 15th of July is one not to be missed with our 'Back To The 80's' night. Make sure you get your tickets, if you haven't already and your 80's outfit ready. This is going to be a great night with lots of prizes to be won. We have 80's inspired games including Music Bingo

and back by popular demand is the band 'Catnip', who will play all your favourite 80's tunes. Chef has created a delicious 80's inspired two-course buffet. We are looking forward to taking all that attend "Back To 1980".

We have resumed our Tuesday night Darts Tournament as well as our Sunday Tunes from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. We would love to see you come down and support our musicians. This Sunday the 9th of July we have Ian Beer, the 16th July we welcome Neale Williams who will keep us entertained with some funky blues, 23rd July we have local favourite Geoff Wright and capping off the month on the 30th July we have Alan Cherry and his lovely partner Christina Carlin.

We are also hosting an evening for any parents with children aged 11 - 17, John McMahon is a youth specialist with over thirty years experience. He travels all over the world giving motivational talks for teens and tweens. Monday the 17th of July is Motiv8ing boys and Tuesday the 18th of July is Savage Angels for girls. I am really happy to bring John, also known as 'The Rev', to the Club and I hope that everyone who attends has a great experience.

June saw us host the 'Baby Bombers Show', for which we received excellent Feedback from. We also had several conferences and received lovely feedback

from hosting these as well.

See you in August! CASS



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DUTY MANAGER - KELLY LAWRENCE

'Happy Half Year' to everyone!

June has provided enough rain to last the year. Ok, thank you Mother Nature we have had enough now, can you send us just a little sunshine please?

Despite the wet weather, June was a great month. We have been kept busy with the arrival of the Snow Season

and school holidays. It is always lovely to see families enjoying our Club to reunite, celebrate or to just enjoy the ambiance. Our new chocolate and toy machines are very popular with the children. Their little faces lighting up when they win is priceless.

Chef has added his delicious soups to our bar snack menu. Make sure to order some, they will surely warm your belly. Also, we welcome Nick to our team in the kitchen. He has settled in to the team and is proving to be an asset to the Club. On the bar front, we have also just put on tap a Stout from Buller Road Brewery. A chocolate flavoured dark ale - absolutely delicious. Come and have a try, you won't regret it.

Darts night is up and running again and Dave O'Sullivan is doing a great job as the new darts host. Good to see the competitive teams return, always a fun night.

I would like to send out a big 'SHOUT OUT' to all our staff. Winter is always a challenging time with so many bugs in the air resulting in sick leave. We have a great team, always helping out or filling in when they can. We really appreciate you.

Looking forward to the 80's Disco Night, we are sure to have plenty of footage and

stories for the next Newsletter!

KELLY

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN

It seems yet again another month of wet weather for winter, I think we are all waiting for Spring to return with a bit of sunshine and warmth so that we can get out and about to do the things we love such as Golf, walking, meeting friends for a catch up drink and delicious meal at the Mansfield Golf Club. At least the

open fire is raging at the Clubhouse at the moment to keep you toasty warm while you watch the Footy if it is too wet to do 18 holes!

You will have noticed that we are kindly requesting all guests who enter the Clubhouse to either sign in on one of the sign-in books if you are not a member or to swipe your membership cards in the machine near reception if you are a member - either Golf or Social. The swiping of your membership card upon entry will earn you 10 loyalty points onto your card, awarded just the once per entry as a 'thank you'. Swiping in your cards will also indicate on the machine if your membership needs to be renewed which is now \$10 per year. Please be advised that signing in is a requirement of entry into the Clubhouse and if you go into any Golf Club, RSL, SS & A Club or Licenced Gaming venue not only here in Victoria but also in New South Wales, you will also be asked to sign in usually with a membership card or drivers licence or sign-in book. It has been very unfortunate that I have recently been subjected to aggression and not very nice conduct from a small number of patrons coming into the Clubhouse, when a request for signing in has been politely made. I completely understand that this is a very difficult time with a lot of outside pressures, but to take frustration out on staff who are only doing what has been requested of them is not acceptable. This does not only apply to me but to any staff member working for the Mansfield Golf Club, a little bit of kindness, patience and consideration goes a long way so please bare this in mind.

As you will see from previous pages, we have a lot of exciting things happening here at your Club and we are adding to the list of events, new ideas and ways in



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES CONTINUED

which we can entertain you and provide you with a wonderful experience when you come into the Club. If you have any suggestions or ideas as to what you would like to have at the Mansfield Golf Club we would welcome your feedback and you can either use the 'Contact Us' form on our website or shoot through an email to hello@mansfieldgolfclub.com.au.

As a bit of fun, enjoy this 'Golf Wordsearch' while it is cold and wet outside!

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