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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE MANSFIELD GOLF CLUB 2024!

The Board of Management would like to advise all valued Members of the following:

MEMBER'S INFORMATION NIGHT

**MANSFIELD GOLF CLUB
TUESDAY 6TH OF FEBRUARY 2023
10.00 AM
ALL WELCOME!**

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TOM SWAN



As a tumultuous year comes to an end, we are now looking forward to an exciting new year at the Club.

Congratulations to our Club Champions Kyle Bridgeman and Andrea Marsden on great wins in this year's Championships and to the other winners in Grade B - Phil Conway and Linda Brook, C Grade - John Koras and Glenis Skinner and in D Grade - Zac Tanner and Lesley Anderson.

Our Pennant Teams have all played some highly competitive golf with both the men's and ladies teams having success throughout the year and to the ladies teams in various bowl events across the region flying the flag for the Mansfield Golf Club.

There have been a number of changes made, not the least being the changes to the Golf Shop and the golfing operations, with the appointment of Phil Reid as the Golf Operations Manager. The changes Phil has made to the shop are a significant improvement and with ongoing training, the staff in the shop are proving to be an asset to the Club with large numbers of visitors commenting very favourably about the Club and the course.

At the Annual General Meeting, as a board we were able to provide the members with a true indication of the state of the Club and the changes that are being made to try and turn the situation around, which with the help of members will ensure the ongoing success of the Club.

A big "THANK YOU" to Tony Cooksey and his crew, Allister and Seth for their hard work in maintaining the course in outstanding condition, against at times somewhat trying conditions. The comments made recently by visitors from some of the top courses in Melbourne have been very complimentary, saying that the course is fantastic and a real challenge to play on.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TOM SWAN CONTINUED/....

I would also like to thank the members of the Match and Greens Committee for their help and guidance - to Rod Sargent, Sheryl Sargent and Linda Brook along with Tony Cooksey and recently Phil Reid a big "THANK YOU".

**Thank
YOU**

As the New Year approaches, I would like to wish all our valued members a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all out on the course, and please remember if you have any questions or suggestions please come and talk to me and I will try and answer or take suggestions to the board for further discussion.

All the best.

TOM





LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT

The ladies held their annual 'Christmas Golf Fun Day & Lunch' on the 13th of December which was a great day. Thirty-two ladies played in pairs for a 16 hole Pinehurst Foursomes. This format is a great way to have higher handicaps. Captain Tom delivered 'bubbles' around the course which was very much appreciated as the day was hot. One lady (in her later years) was heard to say she had never drunk alcohol while playing golf, but thoroughly enjoyed it!

Lunch was a traditional Christmas lunch served in The Ranges restaurant followed by presentations. The daily competition was won by Marg Knapp and Marion Mitchell, second place Lorraine Cullen and Lorraine Wilson, third Shelly Comerford and Lesley Anderson. Winter Block and Golf League presentations were also done with the 'Player Of The League' season being Millie Cumming.

December Monthly Medal was sponsored by All Things Natural & Organic was won by Robyn Baker with 71 nett.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that 2024 brings great things for the Club and all of you.

Regards.

Sheryl





LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT CONTINUED/....



2024



TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY

Well what an amazing start to the year! We had the Christmas storm which brought some good rain and some trees down with it and then just as we had finished cleaning up that mess, the next huge storm came through and tore the course a new one! And you know what they say, "when it rains it pours".

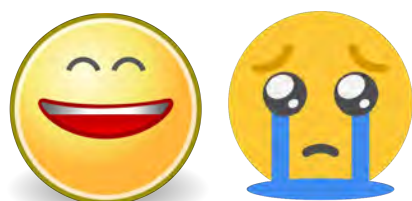
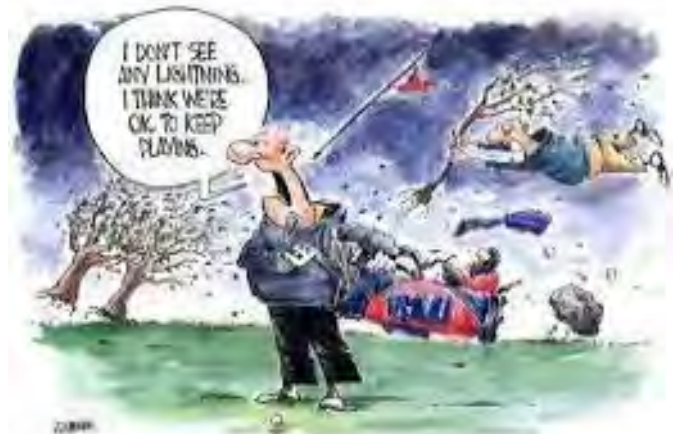
So, when the new year kicked in the irrigation system didn't want to go into 2024 so I had no irrigation until the IT guys fixed that issue. I then discovered that lightning had knocked out one of my decoders on the course. So, once again no irrigation and the only way to fix this is to find the decoder, and there are 130 of them spread throughout the course, so off I went to test them individually.

Now 'Murphy's Law' would say I will find the faulty one on the 130th attempt but I got lucky and found it on my fifth go! We have had a bit of sun damage to the course, but hopefully now everything is alright.

A huge "THANK YOU" to all the members that gave up their time to come in and chainsaw and pick up branches, and even some of our mates came in who don't even play golf, but were more than happy to help out - it says a lot for their character.

You ask "how I'm doing?" I'm fine as always, the beer fridge is full in the shed and if you don't laugh you will cry.

Regards.
COOKSEY





GOLF OPERATIONS REPORT - PHIL REID

Greetings from the Golf Shop!

December has been a busy month, with numerous Christmas parties and other functions for businesses all over town.

The shop continues to evolve and progress with its presentation standards. We will be reviewing what and how we will be stocking going forward in preparation for the Autumn season.

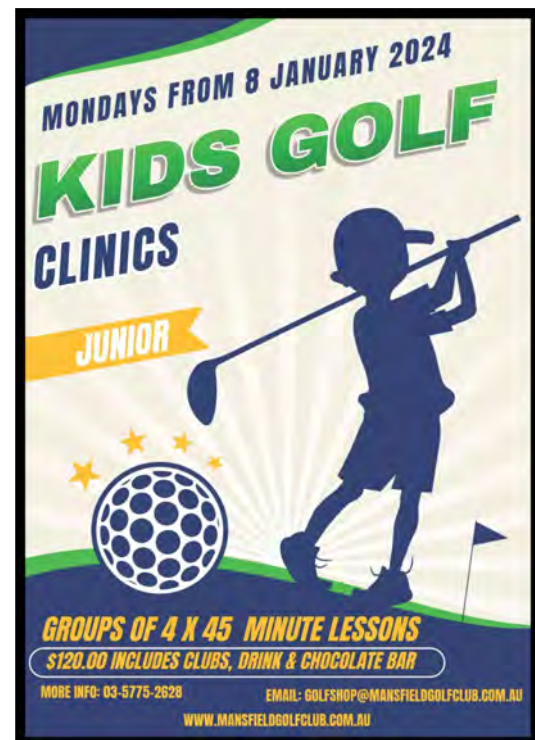
The initial deals that we have offered have been well accepted by members and guests alike. There will be some excellent new offers coming for January, so keep an eye out when you are in store and on Facebook!!

New for January are 'Kids Clinics'! These are organised by age group and are to be held each Monday starting the 8th January 2024. Groups of 4 x 45-minute lessons available for \$120.00. Includes clubs to use, a drink and a choccy bar. Bookings can be made through the Pro Shop.

Cooksey had his Christmas wish for more rain granted in abundance, and for a time parts of the course resembled the Wetlands across the road! Recovery has been good, with only a few small parts of surface water remaining as I write.

The week between Christmas and New Year is super busy, with holiday golfers all taking advantage of our excellent facilities. Plenty of new membership enquiries across all levels which is encouraging!

See next page for Phils January deals!



GOLF OPERATIONS REPORT - PHIL REID CONTINUED/...

January Deals - One Month Only

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Bag & Buggy for \$699

The Stinger SG-5 Buggy features; **RRP - \$999.00**

- Adjustable umbrella holder
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- High grip low profile tyres
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- 10 x Pockets
- 14 Way Divider Top with 14 Full Length Dividers
- Adjustable Shoulder Strap
- Bag Lock Technology – Golf Bag Base
- Cart Strap Pass-Through
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- High Quality Material
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- Pencil Holder
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- Stinger Bag & Buggy - 2 only - were \$999 now only \$699 - a saving of \$300 - first in best dressed!
- The headwear deals have worked well, so will continue through January!
- Caps & Hats - were \$49 - \$54.95, all now \$29.95. An awesome range of colours and styles available - on show in the Golf Shop. "Head in" to grab a bargain!!
- Don't forget to watch our Facebook page for some limited time offers.

Happy New Year everyone!

PHIL



EVENTS & WHAT'S ON - CASSANDRA JOHNSTONE

December has been a busy month with lots of Christmas parties in the Clubhouse and the 'Grip It & Rip It' Bar. A lot of businesses also incorporated a round of golf into their staff break ups, or just hit the driving range. The G & R Bar is a great space to practice your golf swing on the days when the weather isn't suitable to play on our course. Just see the Pro-shop staff to book a time.

Our Chef Nic has created an amazing new Summer menu, with lots of delicious new dishes. Don't worry, we still have the classics as well! We have welcomed Suzy to the kitchen team, she has created some mouthwatering dishes for our daily 'Specials Menu'. We are continuing with our Wednesday Parma & Pot night with a delicious range of Parmas to choose from - to book call 5775 2628 Option 1.

We now have 'Hard Solo' on tap (soon to be renamed 'Hard Rated'), which is proving very popular. Ask the bar staff for a taste if you haven't tried it already.

Don't forget our first Bingo Session for the New Year to be held on Monday the 8th of January 2024.

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and hope to see you all at the Clubhouse in January. That's all from me!

CHEERS - CASS





EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN SHELLEY

I do hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends, despite the shocking wet weather conditions. I can't quite believe that we are already into the first week of January 2024 and as per the norm time is flying by already!

Just a couple of changes to make you aware of. As we are now in Daylight Savings, the Clubhouse will be opening from 10.00am daily and not 11.00am. An added bonus to enjoy all that the Club has to offer for an extra hour!

Please be advised that we are NOT now offering our Pasta & Wine night on a Thursday evening, however our Pot & Parma Night on a Wednesday is proving very popular so this will remain. Also, our \$12 lunch specials have also ceased for a while - don't worry, we have plenty of new delicious items on the menu as well as our bar snacks if you only want something small.

BINGO is back on Monday 8th January 2024, get in early and grab a table with your marker pens in hand for some exciting games hosted by Bonnie, eyes down 6.30pm sharp!

For those of you who have not visited the Club lately, we now have a new Licence Scan-In system here at reception. This is for those of you who are not current members of the Club or who have guests visiting/accompanying you. All you need to do is place a Drivers Licence face down on the scanner and the system will print you off an entry ticket. No need to sign in the books anymore, we are doing our bit to save a few more trees! All current members both Golf and Social are still required to sign in with their membership cards.

Finally a reminder - no singlets in the Clubhouse please gents and no hats to be worn in the Gaming Area.

See you in February!

JAN