

APRIL 2024 EDITION

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - CHELTON CROW



Hello from the General Manager's desk!

What a great period we have had for the Club over the past month. The weather Gods have blessed the golfers with beautiful sunny days and just in time the heavens have opened to water the course when in need.

On a sad note, members and guests would have noticed the flag flying at half-mast over the past few weeks. It is with great sadness that we have been notified of the passing of two of our esteemed members. Our heartfelt condolences go to their families and friends.

- Leslie Blake - Celebration of Life at the Mansfield Golf Club Friday 5th April 2024 - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- Keith Millott - Funeral and wake at the Mansfield Golf Club Friday 12th April 2024 - 11.30am - 4.00pm



Functions are still highly sought after with the following key functions and events on the horizon over the coming weeks:

- Historical Society Ned Kelly Dinner
- Autistic Centre Training Day
- Shire Business Functions
- ELVIS Tribute Show
- Pennant Golf Events from the region

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - CHELTON CROW - CONTINUED

Financially the Club has enjoyed another successful month with targets being exceeded and growth continuing in all areas of our operations. Easter was a 'stand out' with great attendance of the Club throughout the long weekend.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Club Staff! They have been doing a great job in all areas while we transition through new procedures, processes and internal changes. We have several new faces around the Club and I will be sending out some more updates soon around team introductions. Our team have really pulled together to ensure the Club runs smoothly and professionally.

APOLOGY:

I would like to thank the Mansfield Basketball Association for taking on our feedback from a function held at the Club last month.



There were several instances where conduct by some of the attendees was unacceptable and caused duress to members, guests, and neighbours of the Club. Attached (see next page) is the official letter of apology from the Basketball Association.

The Membership renewal process has begun for 2024/25 and members will see these come through in the coming weeks. As mandated, our club fees move in line with CPI, which means that an increase is on the cards. Please note that the Golf Australia and associated fees and insurances have also been raised significantly. These are out of our control, but we have tried to keep these to a minimum as best we can.

I would also like to thank all the members that have been open and honest with me regarding their issues and concerns, as well as providing some great feedback that I am able to pass on to the team. I feel a noticeable change in the "feeling" of the Club as we get back to being a Member's driven venue.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - CHELTON CROW - CONTINUED & LETTER OF APOLOGY

I look forward to a busy and profitable month for the Club and look forward to seeing many of you about either within the Club or out on the course. As always, I am available Monday to Friday within the Club or via email at manager@mansfieldgolfclub.com.au.

Cheers!
CHELTON CROW
GENERAL MANAGER

20 March 2024

Donna Keatch
c/- Mansfield Golf Club
24 Kidston Parade, Mansfield

Dear Donna,

Subject: Formal Apology for Inappropriate Behaviour by MDBA Members

I am writing on behalf of the MDBA committee to extend our sincerest apologies for the regrettable behaviour exhibited by some of our young members during our recent event held at the Mansfield Golf Club.

It has come to our attention that certain members of our association conducted themselves in a manner inconsistent with the standards of respect and decorum expected in your establishment. We fully acknowledge the seriousness of the situation and deeply regret any inconvenience caused to your staff, guests or neighbours as a result of their actions.

The behaviour displayed by these individuals does not reflect the values of the MDBA. We assure you that we are taking immediate steps to address this issue internally. We also understand the importance of maintaining positive relationships with our fellow community organisations, and we are committed to rebuilding trust with the Mansfield Golf Club. Please rest assured that we will take all necessary precautions to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.

Please extend our sincere apologies to those neighbours that were affected by this behaviour. The association is willing to pay for any damage caused to neighbouring properties as a result of this unpleasant incident, and we are happy to speak directly with residents regarding this if appropriate.

Once again, we offer our sincere apologies for any distress caused, and we thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter. We value the long-standing relationship between our clubs and hope to continue working together in the future.

Should you have any further concerns or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0401 537 405.

Yours Sincerely,

Shaun Langlands
Acting President

Mansfield & District Basketball Association



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - ROD SARGENT



Well, it's been a busy month of March with some long weekends, some great results and not a lot of rain! We started with a mixed 'Pink Ball Fun Day' on the 2nd which was proudly sponsored by Dave McKenzie, Alan Parrott and Maurie Walsh. The winners in the groups of four were Kane Blunt, Tim Rielly, Steve Chisholm and Lyn Poulson. The three person event was won by Aaron, Justin and Sheryl Sargent.

The long weekend saw a good field of fifty-seven players with a visitor Max Lewis winning the day from Brad Grant and Camilo Garces. The highlight of the day was Perrin Gooding having a hole-in-one on the 16th! This was his first hole-in-one in thirty three years of playing golf, after taking the sport up at the tender age of 54. "Congratulations" to you Perrin.



Wow!

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - ROD SARGENT CONTINUED

The 16th of March was the 'Parsons Father/Son Family Day' kindly sponsored by Bill and Sue Parsons. The winners of the 'Father/Son' were Geoff and Ross Brown with Aaron and Justin Sargent winning the family event.

The daily competition was won by Shane O'Brien with a magnificent score of 44 points. The Monthly Medal was a tight contest with young Jack Marks coming out on top with a great nett 68, from Kyle Bridgeman second with a one under par round followed by John Koraus on nett 70 also. Jack also won the B Grade for the day. It's great to see all the young juniors out on the course every week, so don't be shy and say "hello" to them around the course and encourage them as well.



Monthly Medal



Thanks to Foodworks Mansfield for their continued support of the Monthly Medal.

Thursday competitions have been well patronised all summer, but with the end of daylight savings coming quickly, there will only be next Thursday left for a late tee time, then we are back to 1.15pm at the last spot.

The highlight of the last month for me came last Thursday with Peter Valance, on the eve of his 80th birthday, shooting a magnificent 44 points (that's even par) to break his age again by a big margin. Peter had an eagle on 13 and a couple of birdies as well. Pete you are a marvel!

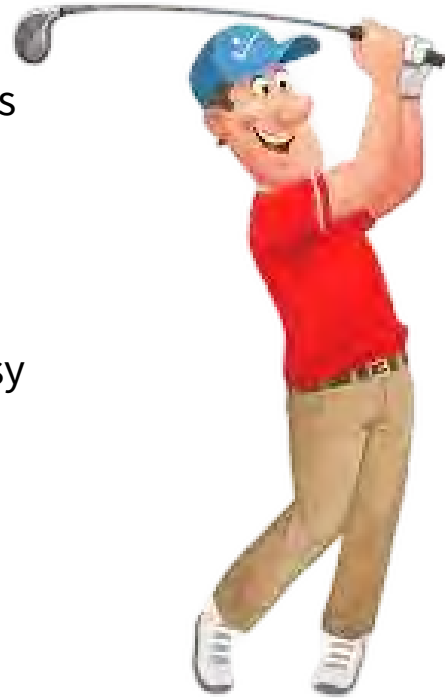
CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - ROD SARGENT CONTINUED

Keep up to date with upcoming events on your email and via our Facebook pages. The K J Evans 27 Hole Scratch and 18 Hole Nett event is next Saturday the 6th of April.

Can I also just say what a wonderful job the Pro Shop and Clubhouse staff are doing over the busy Easter Holiday period, your efforts do not go unnoticed and it is very much appreciated.

All the best to everyone and 'Happy Hitting'!

ROD SARGENT



FALL BACK

LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT



The NEDGA Pennant season has finally started with four ladies teams representing Mansfield, three on a Friday and for the first time one on a Sunday.

Division 2 started off fantastic with three wins to put them top of the ladder by 2.5 points.

Division 3 hosted the first week, then had a loss and squared last week so each week they go one better.

Division 4 won their first game but have lost the next two, with them hosting next week they will have to be all on their best game for the final round to make finals.

Sunday ladies had one loss and one win and are enjoying meeting new players who either haven't played Fridays before or work full time.

The highlight of the month was the team of Lorraine Wilson, Sharon Gysberts, Kerri Nicol and Susan Kinloch winning the Wangaratta Bowl. A great achievement for these ladies who dedicate themselves to playing every week and representing Mansfield at many Bowls. A special "well done" to Sharon who is relatively new to golf as she won her first Bowl.



LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT CONTINUED

March Monthly Medal sponsored by Mansfield Shoe Store was won by Sam Bailey with a great score of 67 Nett. Sam always brings out her best game play when there is a Monthly Medal.

Next week we are hosting the 'Ladies Open Day' and at the moment I have forty players registered, so it should be an entertaining day with us playing Pinehurst Foursomes followed by lunch.



Regards.

SHERYL



TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY

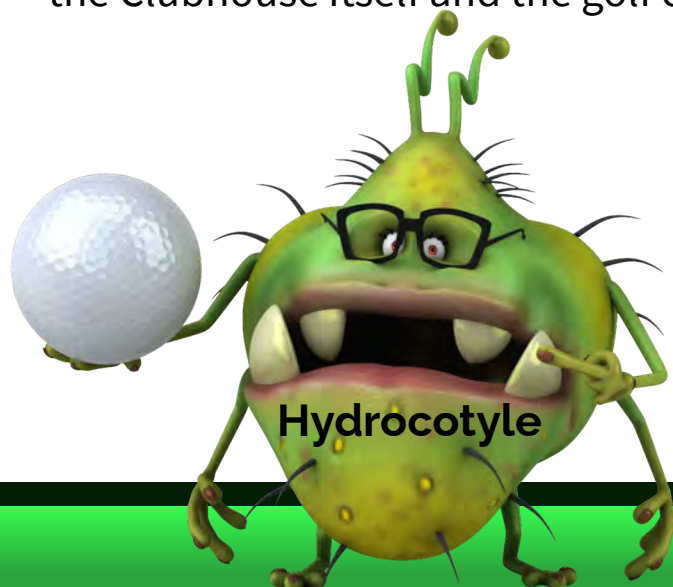
The late summer has kicked in with February recording 8mm and March 26mm. The countryside has dried out. On the 19th March, I came to work and the irrigation system had gone out on "no flow", so I rang Goulburn Valley Water to let them know and they informed me they are getting low on water! I said that my pumps went out

last night and they replied "Oh, well then you are out of water"! This isn't the end of the world, as the cooler mornings mean we can start backing the water right off. We still have access to fresh water, but we can only water greens and tees with this. So, you will notice things drying up a bit and you definitely will be getting extra bounce and run. This time of year is a juggling act, as coming into winter we really need to dry the course out as our heavy soils hold the water and can turn the place very boggy in spots.

Now that the cutting has slowed down, we will be turning our attention to smaller jobs around the Club. We recently pruned over hanging bushes and gave the car park a good clean, painted the entrance lines, and cleaned up around the rubbish bins out the back. We are going to put a real focus on the appearance of the Clubhouse surrounds, the Clubhouse itself and the golf course.



Aeration of tees will commence and heavy top-dressing and over seeding will happen. Extra sand will be applied where there are uneven places on the tees. The fairways will be aerated as well and the ugly hydrocotyle weed will be spot sprayed as we go. Cart paths will be tidied up as every



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TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY - CONTINUED

year I try my best to keep carts on all through winter.

The Easter weekend was huge, which brought plenty of visitors to our course, which is fantastic. We have a very good product here and we should all be very proud of it.

COOKSEY



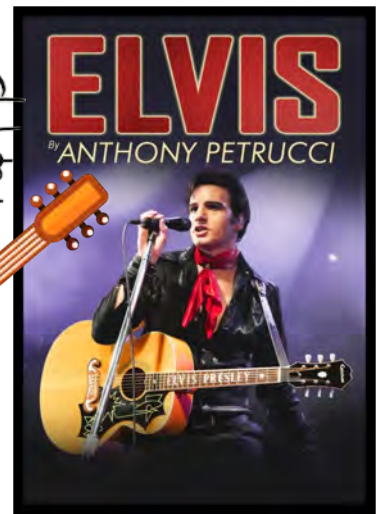


EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN SHELLEY

Welcome to the April Edition of the Mansfield Golf Club and oh boy are these months flying by, it will be Christmas before we know it! We've had some beautiful warm sunny days over the Easter long weekend and the Clubhouse has been jam packed with locals and visitors alike enjoying either our Golf Course or Social scene - welcome to one and all and thank you for your patronage, we wouldn't be here without you.

Just a couple of things to advise, please be aware that our Courtesy Bus now only operates from Friday to Sunday and is for pick ups within a 5km radius of the Clubhouse. We can do pick ups a little bit farther afield but this has to be pre-arranged (03 5775 2628) and for a full bus - eleven guests in total.

Please mark Saturday the 27th April 2024 on your calendars for our amazing 'Elvis' tribute show featuring the fantastic Anthony Petrucci. Just to put the icing on the cake we also have the incredible talent of John-Luke Shelley as support act (yes the name is familiar - my wonderful stepson). John-Luke was a Mansfield local but is currently down in Geelong and he and his band Rhythm X Revival won the MBAS Blues Challenge back in 2018 and represented Australia in Memphis - boy did they do us proud! Tickets for this amazing Show on the 27th April can be purchased via our website or via Eventbrite and are only \$65.00 including delicious platters/finger food throughout the evening - you won't want to miss this one.



John-Luke Shelley

EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN SHELLEY CONTINUED

Don't forget our 'Sunday Tunes' and 'Monster Meat Raffle' as well as our Members Draw every Sunday. April is jam packed with great talent. On Sunday 7th April we welcome back '2 Easy Duo' with Dale and Jude, then on the 14th April we have Alan Cherry & Christine, the 21st April sees our regular local talent of Geoff Wright and Neale Williams is seeing April out on the 28th. It is advisable to book a table if you are looking to stay and enjoy a meal in our 'Ranges' Bistro, just call the friendly guest services staff on 03 5775 2628 to make a booking.



Please don't forget to renew your Social Club Memberships for just \$10 for the year, you will be required to sign in using either your cards or a driver's licence when coming into the Clubhouse.

Golf Membership Renewal Notices will

be sent out soon to all our valued members. If you are looking to take out a new Golf Membership, just see either Donna or myself and we will be happy to assist you.

See you in May!
JAN SHELLEY

7TH



14TH



21ST



28TH

