



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome New Board Members

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Mansfield Golf Club was held on Sunday the 26th of November and it is with great pleasure that the following wonderful people were elected as our new Board Members:

- **President - David McKenzie**
- **Returning Treasurer - Maurie Walsh**
- **Returning Board Member - Sue Crow**
- **Returning Board Member - Allan Parrott**
- **New Board Member - Grant Prosser**
- **New Board Member - Daryl Horwood**

We said "farewell" to David Octigan as retiring President, Dave has done so much to help the Club putting in hours of unpaid time and effort. We sincerely thank him and Kathy for all they have done and continue to do for the Club - it is very much appreciated.

We also said "farewell" to retiring board member Louise Calvert-Jones, thank you so much for all your time on the board, it is really very much appreciated, I am sure we will also see you on the course or in the Clubhouse.

Thank you to everyone - the Club could not operate without you.





CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TOM SWAN

November has been a quieter month with the majority of our major events having already been played. However, in November the finals of the men's Matchplay Championships were played with the victors being the following:

A Grade:	Mark Jones
B Grade:	Brad Grant
C Grade:	Alan Parrott
D Grade:	Tom Swan



At the time of writing this report, we don't have 'Monthly Medal' winners for November as the event was washed out last weekend due to heavy thunderstorms. The medal rounds will be held on the 2nd December for both the men and the women and this month is sponsored by Delatite Dental, thanks to Mark and Marg Knapp for their support.

In early November the Glen Foursomes was held over 27 holes with the winners being Peter Barnes and Pauline Ahola, with Geoff Brown and Millie Cumming in second and John and Jenny Koras finishing in third place.

The Mansfield Golf League is drawing to its conclusion in both the men's and ladies events drawing to a close early in December, the results of the men's league are published on the website and the ladies results will no doubt be mentioned in Sheryl's report.

There have been a number of changes made as many of you are no doubt aware, in particular the appointment of Phil Reid as our Golf Operations Manager - "Welcome aboard Phil". There have been a number of changes already, in particular the appearance of the Golf Shop, which now has distinct areas making



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

it easier to see what we have for sale, I encourage all members to visit the Shop and talk to Phil about any of the equipment requirements. If we don't have it, I am sure we will be able to get it for you at highly competitive pricing.

I would like to thank the members for their faith in me at the Annual General Meeting held last Sunday, by allowing me to continue in the role at your Club Captain. As was stressed at the AGM, the Board is there to represent the members of the Golf Club and if you have any questions or suggestions as to how we can do things better, please talk to me or any of the other Board Members.

A big 'THANK YOU' (as usual) to Tony Cooksey and his maintenance crew for continuing to provide us with outstanding conditions on the course. In the last couple of weeks, we have had a number of groups of visitors who have all commented on the wonderful conditions and quality of the course.

**Thank
You**

Can I also take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone out on the Golf Course or in the Club House enjoying the hospitality and excellent food in our dining room.

TOM





LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT

The Ladies Golf League has been well attended and battled fiercely again this year. Nine teams of three were entered with some entertaining team names. The nine rounds were played without hiccup, up until the semi- final which had to be abandoned due to the rain.

It has been rescheduled to Saturday the 2nd of December and then the final will be on Wednesday the 6th of December. "Hot Shots", consisting of Marion Sargeant, Shelly Comerford and Marion Mitchell will play "Mixed Bag", Nicki Cooper, Robyn Baker and Jackie Smithwick. The other semi-final will be between "KLS Sloggers", Kylie Egan, Lorraine Cullen and Sam Bailey versus "Tough As Nails", Linda Terry, Margie Franke-Williams and Linda Brook.

The November Monthly Medal was also washed out and is rescheduled for Saturday the 2nd of December.

Summer Pennant on Fridays is coming to the end also and after five rounds, Mansfield is second with eleven points. Myrtleford is on eleven and a half points, Jubilee on nine and Bright on eight. The last round this Friday the 1st of December should be a tough battle as we are playing Myrtleford on their own course. The final is being played at Mansfield on Friday the 8th of December. 'Good Luck' to all involved.



It is good to see more ladies coming back to play as the weather gets better, and more players in the nine-hole competitions Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas & New Year.

SHERYL





TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY

As I write this the rain is pouring down giving the course a nice fresh drink. With over 50mm falling in the last week of November, this sets us up for the summer. The weather Gods are definitely looking after us, as I am sure once summer kicks in the precipitation will stop!



As you will all be aware, Kano has decided to move on and we wish him all the very best. So, with Lily leaving five weeks ago we are now down to two staff, all I can say is that lucky it's a quiet time of year. There is always a silver lining though, Al who is into his 7th Year has now been promoted to my assistant which he is so excited about, and he is ready for the challenge and the extra hours and work it will bring. We are currently trialling a new young fella and so far, he seems great. Really keen and plenty of enthusiasm, which is exactly what we are after here. So, we will run with three this summer which will be a big ask, but we are up for the challenge.

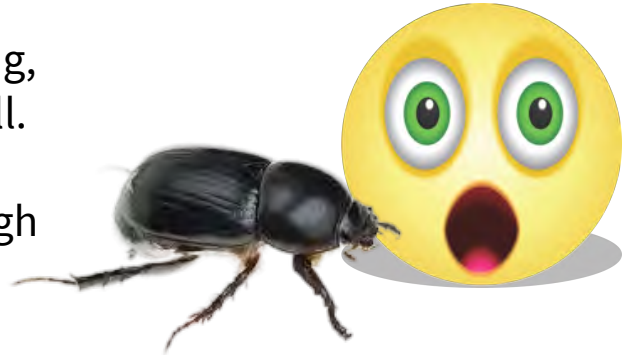


We have had huge Social Groups the last couple of weeks and the compliments coming back in from them has been fantastic. The best thing about this Club, is there is always members willing to put their hands up and help. We had a big Cypress come down and I put the word out and the boys were there the very next day to clean it up!



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

On top of all the cutting that has been happening, there has been some spraying happening as well. Greens have been fertilised, sprayed for African Black Beetle and had soil conditioner put through them. Fairways and tees have been sprayed for summer grass prevention and a treatment for African Black Beetle. Next week they will be fertilised and sprayed with a herbicide to clean up any clover and other weeds.



Keep enjoying the course everyone, this time of year is an absolute picture and just so nice to be out there.

Have a wonderful Christmas & New Year.

COOKSEY





GOLF OPERATIONS REPORT - PHIL REID

Greetings from the Golf Shop!

I am Philip Reid (Phil or Lucky to most!) and I have started as the Golf Operations Manager. Some may recall me from when I worked at the Club during Covid some years back. I am really happy to be back at the Club and am looking forward to meeting you all, and playing with you all.

The first order of business has been to enhance the layout and presentation of the retail space. To this end, the Golf Shop has been cleaned from top to bottom and many of you will have noticed that the stock has been organised to present better to you the members!

We will be looking to clear some of the older stock from last season, which will enable the Club to plan ahead and purchase new, fresh and exciting stock for next season, so there will be some further excellent bargains to be had!

We would love to have some input on what our members like, so we can ensure that we have the right products at the right prices.

Please remember that we have access to most suppliers in the golf industry, and we do get some excellent pricing offered to us. We are happy to order any product that we do not stock and have it delivered to the Club for collection.

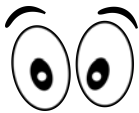


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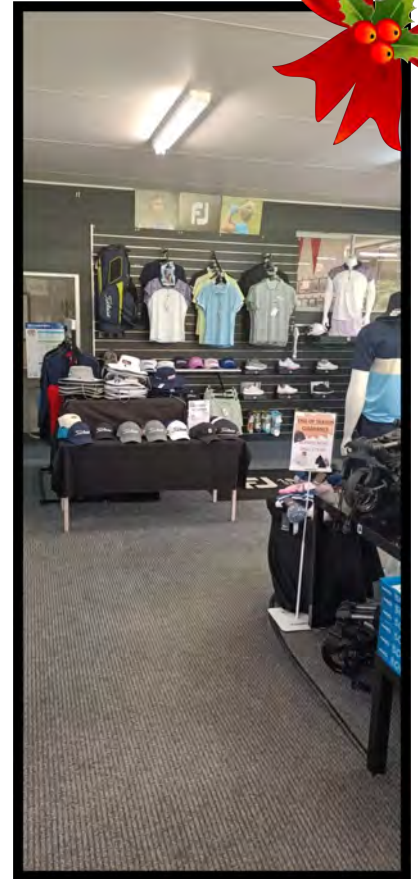
The Pro Shop team will be looking to enhance the level of service we offer to the members and guests, not only in the retail space, but also in the provision and management of competitions, lessons, repair of clubs, and single or group bookings.

As time allows, I am planning to better utilise the 'Grip It & Rip It' space for use by members. We will be planning some exciting events for members to participate in - so watch this space!



The course is in a most excellent condition thanks to Tony and his team - especially given that they are short handed at the moment - a monumental effort not helped by Mother Nature!! This has translated into more impromptu bookings for rounds and for cart and club hire which is very encouraging.

Through December and January we will be extending the shop hours to accommodate longer daylight savings playing hours and to maximise the hire of carts and clubs. Revised hours will be posted on the website and on the noticeboard.



GOLF OPERATIONS REPORT - PHIL REID CONTINUED/....

The Team and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and assisting you with all your golf related requests. Please remember that we are entering one of the busiest periods of the year, and we appreciate your patience and courtesy in your interactions with us! We always do the best we can!

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

PHIL

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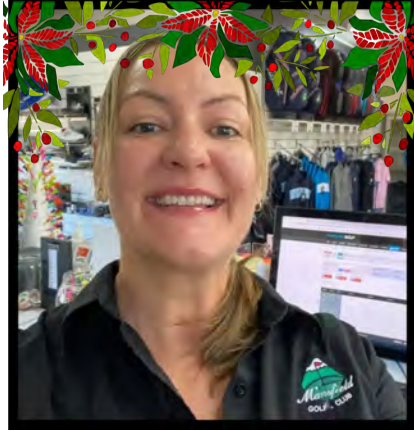
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EVENTS & WHAT'S ON - CASSANDRA JOHNSTONE

Well November has certainly been a busy month for all staff at the Club. We have had lots of golfing groups coming through and have solid bookings coming in for social groups. We have welcomed Philip Reid to our team, taking on the role of Golf Operations Manager.

Phil is doing a fine job getting the Pro Shop organised and has some great ideas for the future.

November in the Clubhouse has been huge, we have had our busiest night ever, we did two hundred and ninety four meals for dinner and over eighty for lunch on the Sunday of the Melbourne Cup Long weekend. A huge "THANKS" to all the staff that worked that day. Well done team!

We have successfully hosted dinners for the charity groups - Variety - The Children's Charity and the Tour de Cure. It was great being a part of these nights and it was really lovely seeing Rosehaven being the worthy beneficiaries of a \$10,000 donation. We also had a wedding and the feedback from the bride and groom was "it was perfect". I don't think you get better praise than that. We finished off the month with the Steiner School Ensemble Night, which I am sure was a great night enjoyed by the two hundred guests who attended.

Heading into December, we have lots of Christmas break-ups including our own! The Club will close on Monday 18th December so our staff can enjoy their Christmas celebrations. Please be aware that the Club will be closed on Christmas Day.

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, Bingo on Monday the 4th of December has had to be cancelled - apologies for any inconvenience.



EVENTS & WHAT'S ON - CASSANDRA JOHNSTONE

Our '\$12 Lunch Specials' are still available every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Also if you feel like lunching outside on our deck area, you are more than welcome to bring along your furry dog friends!

We are continuing with our 'Parma & Pot' nights every Wednesday evening and 'Pasta & Glass of Wine' every Thursday evening. Make sure you join us at 4.30pm every Sunday for free 'Live Music', 'Monster Meat Raffle', 'Happy Hour' including a \$12 Cocktail Special and not to mention a 'Members Cash Draw'.



The end of December sees us farewell our Executive Chef Marcus Van Clute. Marcus has been a huge asset to the Club and will be missed. He has created a great team in the kitchen and will be handing over the reins to Sous Chef Nick. Nick has got some great ideas for things to put on our Summer Menu. I have sampled some of his creations and they have been mouthwatering. We wish Marcus 'Good Luck' in his future endeavours and thank him for all of his hard work over the past couple of years.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to two new staff members - Chelsey and Vanessa who will be working in the restaurant and bar/gaming, they are already proving to be an asset to the Club with their enthusiasm so great to have them join the team.

I would like to wish all of our Members and visitors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your patronage and I will see you at the Club.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS - CASS

A promotional poster for Mansfield Golf Club. At the top, it says 'MANSFIELD GOLF CLUB BEST LUNCH IN TOWN'. Below that, 'LUNCH SPECIAL FROM \$12.00'. A list of menu items includes: Fried Buffalo Wings with hot buffalo sauce or sweet chilli & lime sauce; Club Sandwich - toasted Turkish bread with bacon, chicken, tomato, egg, lettuce & garlic aioli; and Grilled Ham Steak with mashed potato. At the bottom, it says 'EVERY - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12.00 Noon to 2.00pm COOKINGS - 03 5775 2928' and provides the address '24 ROSTON PDE, MANSFIELD VIC 3722' and website 'WWW.RANGESMANSFIELD.COM.AU'.

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A promotional poster for 'Pot & Parma night' at The Ranges. It features a glass of beer and a plate of food. Text includes: 'THE RANGES PRESENTS POT & PARMA night', 'EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 5.30PM', 'TRIPLE MEMBER'S BONUS POINTS ON EVERY PARMA ORDERED FROM THE SPECIALS MENU', and 'BOOK NOW'. A note at the bottom says '*One free pot of beer, glass of house wine or soft drink per Parma ordered.' and provides the phone number 'CALL TODAY! 03 5775 2628' and website 'www.rangesmansfield.com.au'.

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A promotional poster for the 'Monster Meat Raffle' at Mansfield Golf Club. It features a large meat tray. Text includes: 'MANSFIELD GOLF CLUB MONSTER MEAT RAFFLE', '10 x Meat Trays 1 MEGA MEAT TRAY', 'STARTS 15TH AUG + MEMBERS CASH DRAW', '+ SUNDAY TUNES + KIDS EAT FREE*', '4.30 - 5.30pm', 'TICKETS ON SALE FROM 4-00pm', 'DRAW STARTS AT 5-30pm', and '*DINNER ONLY'.

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EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN SHELLEY

What an absolute ripper and bumper edition of the December Newsletter this has turned out to be! So much exciting news, changes, events and happenings at the Mansfield Golf Club - if this is the end of 2023, I can just imagine what the new year 2024 has in store for us - in fact just where did that year go - it has absolutely flown by?

I would personally like to welcome all our fantastic new staff to the Club - Phil, Chelsey and Vanessa. You have joined an awesome team of great people who are privileged to provide great service in a wonderful place for our Members, locals and guests to enjoy. Also it is fantastic to have such a great group of knowledgeable, hard working and enthusiastic Board Members both returning and new to steer the ship of the Mansfield Golf Club - thank you for all that you do to make this Club work.

As it is rapidly closing to the end of the year, I would also like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all the staff in every department, sometimes we do not realise that it takes a village to raise a baby - in other words all the Board Members, Managers and Staff are the villagers and the baby is the Mansfield Golf Club. Everyone here does their bit without expecting praise or recognition - you don't go unnoticed and that's what makes this Club a great village to be in.

Also, to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter "THANK YOU", I know that I nag you every month to write your reports, but there simply would be no information for our valued Members and guests to read without you!

So, I will rant no more other than to wish everyone a very Happy, Safe and enjoyable Christmas with your families and friends and sincerely hope that 2024 brings you good health and prosperity.

JAN

