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#### **GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE - GREG NUGENT**



The Annual General Meeting of the Mansfield Golf Club is scheduled for Sunday the 26th of November 2023. Nominations have closed for Directors, resulting in an election required to elect a Director for a one-year term to replace Director Louise Calvert-Jones.

A copy of the Annual Report, when available will be forwarded to each Financial Member by email. A copy

will also be available from reception for those that do not receive information electronically. Following on from feedback received last year, our Auditors have given the commitment to ensure that the Club's Financial Figures will be audited in time to have the Annual Report sent to members in a timely manner.

The Club Championships for both Men and Ladies has been recently held and 'Congratulations' to all the winners. The course was turned out in magnificent condition so there were no excuses.

We are starting to welcome back social golfing groups at last. With the disruption of COVID and then the very poor weather last year, it has been at least two and a half years since we have been able to attract good numbers.

In the Clubhouse things are ramping up towards Christmas. We have a Lady's Day for the Oaks on Thursday the 9th of November. Tickets are \$35 and available from

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# **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - GREG NUGENT CONTINUED/.....**

Christmas functions are starting to roll in and our Sunday Raffle and Music Day is starting to gather steam.

It is with sadness that we have had to say "farewell" to some very loved and respected staff members recently.

Our Venue Manager Kelly has moved in a different direction, Front of House Supervisor Lisa has decided to seek other opportunities, Grace has embarked on another journey early in her career and our apprentice greenkeeper Lily is moving to Yarra Glen to continue her apprenticeship. I wish you all well in your endeavours and it was a pleasure to work with you.

As we look forward to Christmas, which seems to come around quicker each year, we also look forward to the Mansfield Golf Club prospering and providing the town and district with an entertainment venue that will serve the community for years to come.

As this is my last contribution to this Newsletter, I would like to finish by congratulating Editor Jan Shelley on the magnificent job that she does in compiling this publication. When she took over the role, the Newsletter was put together as an afterthought, now it is full of information, upcoming events and general Golf Club news. I have had positive feedback from members on the quality - "well done Jan"!

To all my staff, thank you for your support during my tenure. To members of the Board and Members of the Mansfield Golf Club, I wish you all the best for the future.

**GREG** 

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#### **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TOM SWAN**

What a big month October has been with a number of our major events being played, in particular our Club Championships. The Men's Championships were played over four rounds held over two consecutive weekends and the Ladies played their Championships over three weeks on their usual competition day of Wednesday.

Congratulations to our Club Champions - Kyle Bridgeman and Andrea Marsden, both of whom had rather commanding wins. The other divisional winners are also to be congratulated.

Men's		Ladies	
A Grade	Kyle Bridgeman	A Grade	Andrea Marsden
B Grade	Phil Conway	B Grade	Linda Brook
C Grade	John Koraus	C Grade	Glenis Skinner
D Grade	Zac Tanner	D Grade	Lesley Anderson

A number of other trophies were awarded during the Championships.

Men's		Ladies		
Founders Trophy	Chris Purcell	Veteran Champion	Robyn Baker	
Veterans 55 - 64	Adrian Cheer	<b>Ladies Nett Champion</b>	Linda Brook	
Super Veterans	Chris Purcell			
Grimwade Cup	John Koraus			

Kyle Bridgeman along with his Club Championship, also won the 'J D Perks Scratch Trophy', the 'Captain's Trophy' and also the 'J N Pickering Trophy'.

During October our 'Medal of Medals' events were also held, this is the final for all those who won a medal during the year and this year's winners were Rod Sargent for the Men and Lyn Poulson for the Ladies.



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

A reminder that the Wednesday evening competition has started again with a 9-hole competition every week. The list of events is posted outside the Pro-Shop, and we encourage everyone to come along and enjoy the late afternoon.

A big "THANK YOU" to Tony Cooksey and his team for presenting the course in such a terrific condition, considering that we have had some rather trying weather conditions during the month.

TOM.



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#### **LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT**

This year's Club Championships finally got underway with only one postponement due to rain.

There were twenty-seven ladies entered, competing over the four divisions. As always there were some great battles

and great scores.

The Club Champion again is Andrea Marsden (a record fourteen times won). A fantastic achievement.

B Grade was won by Linda Brook, C Grade by Glenis Skinner and D Grade by Lesley Anderson.

Nett Champion was Linda Brook and Veterans Champion was Lesley Anderson.

There was dinner to celebrate the Championship winners. As always the ladies excel in their effort to dress up in costume and laugh the night away.

The ladies represent Mansfield by all the events they travel to, but this month only runners up prizes were awarded, so no winners this month.

October Monthly Medal sponsored by Sanae's Collections was won by yours

truly Sheryl Sargent with 68 nett.

**SHERYL** 



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

The Club Championships are over for another year, a huge "CONGRATULATIONS" to both the men's and ladies winners in all divisions. The weather is summer one day then back to winter the next. It is hard to believe that the top of Australia is in drought and we don't even look like irrigating yet! Course-wise we are in good shape, greens ran well for the Championships and the fairways and tees striped up nicely. We are keeping on top of the

rough cutting which will be a weekly task.

Upcoming plans are to fix a few irrigation leaks around the course and re-shape the fairway bunkers on the 18th. We have put sods on the left side of the 9th where the tree came down and the right-hand side of the 2nd where another tree came down. Plenty of fertiliser will be put out on greens, tees and fairways.

We are sad to see our little apprentice Lily leaving us. She is headed to Melbourne to explore 'The Big Smoke' and has a job at Yering Meadows where she will complete her apprenticeship. She has been such a great asset to our Club and everybody here is going to miss her so much. We wish you all the best in the future Lily.

#### **COOKSEY**



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#### **EVENTS REPORT - CASSANDRA JOHNSTONE**

October was another busy month for the Club. It's been great seeing lots of people out enjoying the course. We hosted the 'Seniors Ball' again; a great night was had by all. Two Easy Duo entertained everyone with some great music and guests enjoyed a delicious two-course buffet. Thanks to the Mansfield Shire who subsidised this event,

so we can offer Seniors the great price of \$15.00 per person.

We also hosted the Mansfield Football Netball Club Presentation Night, this was a big night with over 200 people attending. Unfortunately we have had to cancel our 'Big Band Swing Show', we just didn't get the numbers we needed. Hopefully we can get more interest and get them back for next year.

We are having an 'Oaks Day Luncheon' on Thursday the 8th of November, prizes for 'Best Dressed', Sweeps and Canapes throughout the day. Ticket are \$35.00 per head and available through our reception.

November is looking to be a busy month with several big private functions including a wedding. The 'Grip It & Rip It' bar is still proving a popular spot for kids and adult parties. The simulator is available to hire, just book with our friendly Pro Shop staff.





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#### **EVENTS REPORT - CASSANDRA JOHNSTONE CONTINUED**

We are getting lots of bookings coming through for Christmas Parties, book now to make sure you get the date you would like. The Club is the place to be every Sunday, with free live music from 4.30 to 7.30pm, Happy Hour 5.00 to 6.00pm with a \$12 'Happy Hour Cocktail' each week. Not to forget our Member's Cash Draw and Monster Meat Raffle. Don't forget to come in for lunch Tuesday through to Friday for our \$12.00 lunch specials.

Pot & Parma Night is every Wednesday, we have a great selection to choose from. Pasta Night is every Thursday - \$20.00 includes a glass of house wine.

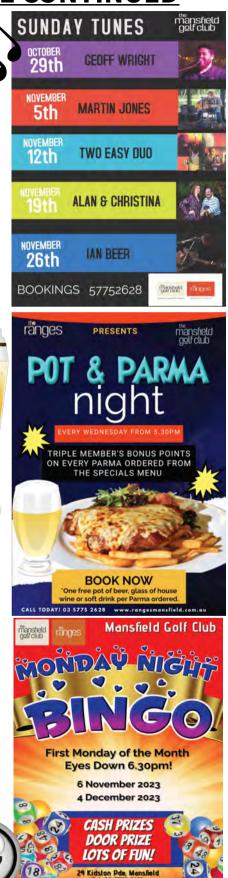
We sadly said "Goodbye" to our Duty Manager Kelly in October. She was a great asset to the Club and will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her new venture and hope to see her enjoying the Club from the other side of the bar.

Our monthly 'Monday Night Bingo' will be on the 6th of November and hosted by our wonderful Bonnie. Our restaurant will be open on Tuesday, but there will be no darts. Unfortunately there will be no darts on Tuesday 14th November either due to a private function. You don't need to have a team organised to play darts, just come on down!

Well, that's it from me, I hope to see you at the Club!

CASS





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### **EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN SHELLEY**

Well this month is certainly seeing some changes here at the Club, we sadly said "farewell" to our fantastic Duty Manager Kelly who has decided to pursue a change in career. We also say a sad "Goodbye" to our General Manager Greg Nugent who will be leaving us this month, he has decided to also go in another direction. We thank Greg for his huge contribution to the Club during some

very difficult times. Greg has steadily steered the ship through the likes of huge Covid waves and tough financial times and I am sure that all our valued Members, guests, visitors and staff wish him well now and in the future.

I am hoping that this month will see the introduction of our new guest automated sign in system. We will finally be doing away with the manual paper sign in books for non-members/visitors and replacing them with a licence scan in machine and ticket printer - YAY! Not only will this save on printing costs but also will make the process of checking into the Club a lot more user friendly. Social and Golf Members will still use the usual swipe in machine at this stage.

Bingo this month will be at 6.30pm on Monday 6th November 2023 and will be hosted by our wonderful Bonnie. As it will be Bonnie's first time hosting the Bingo sessions, please kindly be patient while she gets into full swing of what is required.

I can't believe that another year is rapidly drawing to a close and Christmas will be with us next month. As per usual the Club will have lots of events and happenings to keep you entertained this festive season and no doubt Cass our wonderful Events Manager will keep you all informed.

We appreciate your support and patronage. See you in December!

JAN