



### **NEWSLETTER**

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Events Manager Report - Cassandra Johnstone
Message from the Editor - Jan Shelley



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



The smell of AFL Finals is in the air and the blossoms are beginning to bloom. Everything is leading towards what will hopefully be a much better Spring than last year when we lost so many days due to rain.

Members who have headed North for the Winter are beginning to return and activity on the course is increasing.

We have a full book of events coming up over the next few months, beginning with the 'Mixed Scramble' on Thursday the 14th of September. This event is a shotgun start at 12.30pm, entry fee is \$45.00 and that will get you entry into the Scramble, a BBQ sausage lunch and six Callaway Golf Balls along with a chance to win one of these great prizes:

- 1st Prize 4 x Callaway Golf Bag or 4 x Odyssey Putters
- 2nd Prize 4 x Callaway Umbrella
- 3rd Prize 4 x Callaway Performance Pro Cap

The 'Ladies Scramble' scheduled for the 13th of September has unfortunately been cancelled due to a lack of interest, however for those ladies wishing to participate, they can do so by entering a team in the mixed event. To enter you can visit the Scramble website entry page at www.thescramble.com.au/event. Click on Mansfield and fill in the form.

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#### **GREG NUGENT - GENERAL MANAGER - CONTINUED/...**

I am pleased to advise members and guests that Shane Andrewartha, a qualified Golf Instructor, will be coming to Mansfield each Tuesday to take clinics or private lessons. Clinic participation is \$20.00 per member for a one hour session (maximum four to a group). Bookings can be made through the Golf Shop. This is provided as a service to the members and its continuation will be dependent upon the support given, so if you are looking for that tune-up or know somebody that would like a lesson, please contact the Golf Shop.

On the 12th of November the inaugural General Manager/Course Superintendant Golf Day will be held. This great fun day will be raising money for Men's Mental Health and will consist of 18 Hole Stableford in the morning after an egg and bacon breakfast. The top six qualifiers will then play nine holes of skins in the afternoon for a great prize. This will take place after a BBQ lunch. The day is a mixed competition and is open to all players with a GA handicap. Put the date in your calendar.

Entertainment inside the club continues with a Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show on the 16th of September. We still have some tickets available that can be purchased through our website. If you need assistance, just contact the friendly staff at the Club.

November is Horse Racing month and we are planning a great day for Oaks Day - watch this space!

Our Junior Clinics are back in the school holidays, so keep an eye out for those dates and bookings can be made through the Golf Shop.

Regards.
GREG NUGENT

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### **CLUB CAPTAIN - TOM SWAN**

With Spring now on our doorstep and predictions of a warmer and drier period upcoming, we might get the opportunity to enjoy some terrific conditions on the course.

Congratulations to Sheryl Sargent for winning the Ladies August Monthly Medal, sponsored by Snowgum

Nursery in somewhat trying conditions last Wednesday. The Men's medal was postponed and will now be played on Saturday the 16th of September.

Due to conditions and timing, this week's 'President Day' has also been postponed and will be played at a later date possibly in November.

There are a couple of important dates coming up in the next couple of months. The first being the PGA Scramble which will be played on Thursday the 14th of September. The event is open to all members who play in teams of four. The event is classified as a mixed event in the calendar, this means that it is open to men's teams, ladies teams and mixed teams. The winner of the event will go on to provincial finals, and then if successful onto the State Final and eventually the National Final which is usually held on the Gold Coast. I encourage everyone to enter in a team and enjoy the day.

The Mansfield Golf League will be played starting in October. I'm sure that Sheryl will mention the ladies side of things in her report. In the case of the men, the event is for teams of six who play in a round robin with the top four teams playing off in the finals. Once again, a great event that is fun to compete in, the sledging and competitiveness only increases as the event progresses.

Some other dates to keep in mind are the Club Championships which will be played in October, with the Ladies Championship starting on Wednesday the 4th October and then each Wednesday for the next four weeks. The Men's Championships will be played over consecutive weekends with the first round

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### **CLUB CAPTAIN - TOM SWAN - CONTINUED/....**

being played on the 14th of October, the second round on the 15th of October and the final two rounds being played on the 21st and 22nd of October. Once again I encourage everyone to enter and compete in "YOUR" Club Championships.

In conclusion, can I once again thank Tony and his team for the work they have done over the last couple of months in very trying conditions, to enable us to keep playing.

All the best.

**TOM** 



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

Finally the end of Winter is in sight. The weather is starting to warm up so hopefully the course will dry out soon.

As always the Mansfield ladies travel far and wide to represent Mansfield at various Bowls and Golf tournaments.

Well done to Jenny Koraus and Susan Kinloch for playing at the difficult Shepparton course and coming in 3rd place at the recent 4BBB Tournament.

A large contingent went to Black Bull Bowl which was a chance to play on a dry course with run. The team of Sue Crow, Patsy Smiles, Susan Kinloch and Marg Knapp narrowly missed out on the winners prize, with the result being decided on a countback. Losing this way is often more upsetting than losing by a large margin. Fantastic result ladies!!

The Sandgreen Championships were held at Talbot near Maryborough last weekend and the team of Millie Cumming, Lesley Anderson and Sam Bailey did us proud. Sam was the A Grade overall Nett Champion with a NTP also. Millie missed out on winning B Grade on one of the days by a countback and Lesley had a NTP. Great effort ladies!!

The 'August Monthly Medal' sponsored by Snowgum Nursery was won by Sheryl

Sargent with 71 Nett.

Wednesday was also the final round of the Golf Victoria Silver Spoon in which Sheryl Sargent was also the winner. The State final is to be held at Gardiners Run in November.

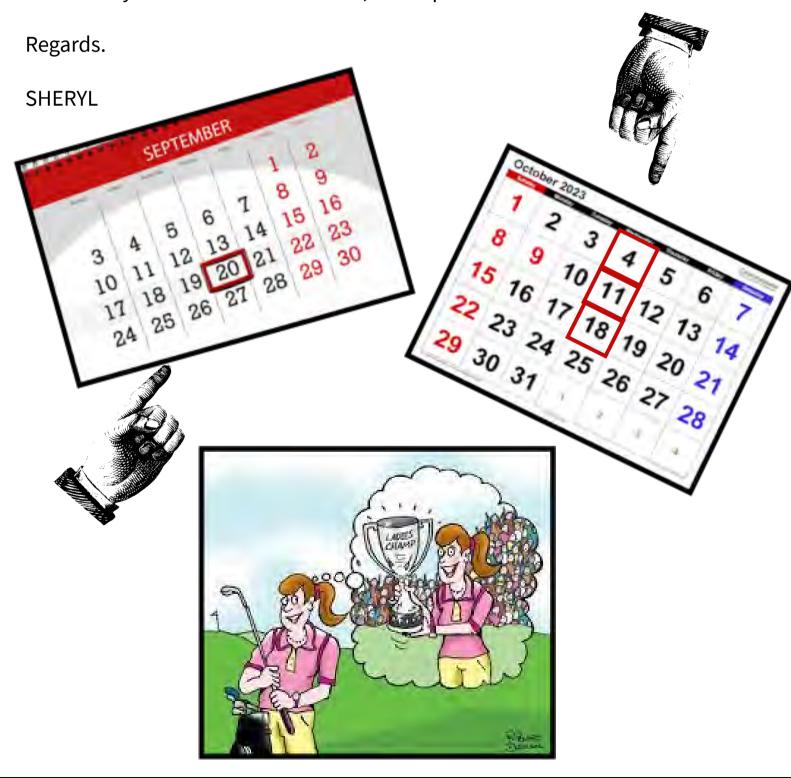
The golfing calendar is starting to get busy with more Tournaments and Bowls happening around the North East District.



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### **LADIES CAPTAIN - SHERYL SARGENT CONTINUED**

Locally, Mansfield Golf League which is always hotly contested each week starts on Wednesday the 20th of September and the Club Championships being held on Wednesday the 4th, 11th and 18th of October with a dinner on the last day to celebrate the winners, so keep the dates free.



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#### **TUFFAS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY**

A few days in a row of sunny weather and there's some heat in the air. This is more of what we want, and the crew are very keen to get back into cutting grass. Been a long, cold, wet Winter and now we are all ready for the Spring to get here. We have been able to cut all areas and have only been bogged six times! But Jane Bunn assures me that it will dry out.

So, it's now renovation time and we have cored the greens and top dressed them. The big question we get asked is "why we core them and there is nothing wrong with them, they don't need it?" The reason we core is to relieve compaction which is due to foot traffic and us cutting and rolling, to break through the organic matter, to allow the roots to absorb oxygen and it also allows us to add fertilisers down the holes to get into the soil profile. The greens will bounce back very quickly and be nice and healthy for the upcoming Summer.

We have a big Spring full of golf coming up with plenty of big events. Can't wait to have the course back in great shape and get away from this wet, boggy time of year. Bring on the

sunshine!

COOKSEY







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#### **EVENTS MANAGER - CASS JOHNSTONE**

Spring has sprung, looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying the sunshine. Whether it's 'Al Fresco' dining or enjoying our beautiful Golf Course.

We have our 'Gypsy Fleetwood Mac' Tribute Show on Saturday the 16th of September, tickets are still available, book now through our website so you don't

miss out. The menu looks so good for this; Chef has been very creative with a choice of four beautiful dishes.

We have introduced a \$12 Lunch Special Menu every, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Dogs are welcome outside on our beautiful deck area if you want to bring your furry friends along.

We are continuing with our Parma & Pot nights every Wednesday evening and \$20 Pasta & Wine every Thursday.

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 a Member's Cash Draw.

I am already taking bookings for Christmans Functions we have lots of great options available. Send an email to events@mansfieldgolfclub.com.au if you would like more information.









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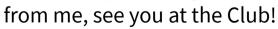
#### **EVENTS MANAGER - CASS JOHNSTONE - CONTINUED**

Looking for School Holiday ideas, why not book your kids into one of our Golf Clinics? They will be running on Wednesday the 20th September and Wednesday the 27th of September, just \$25.00 each including equipment, snacks and a drink. Bookings essential through the Pro Shop - 03 5775 1218.

We have the Golf Simulator running free for all Dads and their kids on Father's Day, bookings essential again through the Pro Shop. Our Father's Day Cocktail Special is Long Island Ice Tea for \$12.00, these are sure to make Dad happy.

Bingo will be on Monday the 4th September - eyes down at 6.30pm, stamp pens can be purchased on the night and great cash prizes including a door prize. The more attending, the bigger the Jackpot! There will be no Bingo in October however. We have the 'Sydney Hotshots' coming to do a show on Monday the 2nd of October, bring your girlfriends and enjoy the show and some cocktails. All the female staff have volunteered to work that night!!!!

Don't forget we have big screen TV's at the Club for those of you who would like to come and relax with a 'cold one' to watch the AFL Grand Final on Saturday 30th September. That's all















# EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN SHELLEY

It's so nice to be compiling this month's Newsletter with the sun shining brightly outside on an absolutely beautiful Spring day. That Winter certainly was a long, cold and wet one and I think we are all glad to see the back of it - I certainly won't miss having to stoke the fire! Let's hope that this

Spring/Summer bodes for warm (not hot) days of sunshine so that you can all get out either to our well kept course for a round of golf or a meal at the Club.

Apologies from our Duty Manager Kelly, she will update us on all the Bar & Gaming news next month.

A friendly reminder to all our valued members that if you have moved or changed your name or details, please kindly let us know so that we can update your records in our systems. Unfortunately a lot of our Golfing Member's missed out on receiving their Membership Subscriptions due to the fact that we had their old details or addresses. If you would like to renew or change your memberships you can still do so, just see the friendly Guest Services staff at Reception.

May I respectfully suggest, that if you would like a Courtesy Bus Pick-Up, you make a booking with reception staff as early in the day as possible, especially on a Friday which is our busiest night. We only have one bus and Rhona, Chris and Barry do an amazing job of trying to make sure that you all get picked up at your alloted time. As you will appreciate if they are out on a pick-up, it is very difficult for them to answer their phones for another late slot in booking and a lot of time and effort is put in prior to the start of their shifts, to try and sure that they have enough time to get from A to B before the next pick-up. The bus pick-ups are strictly within a 5km radius from the Club, unless otherwise pre-arranged for a full bus which is eleven passengers plus the driver making twelve. The bus operates from Wednesday through to Sunday.

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### **EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN - CONTINUED/.....**

As you will see, there is a lot happening at the Club over the next couple of months both in terms of Golf Events and Entertainment. This will only get busier and busier as we head into Summer and the Christmas Festivities. If there is anything you would like to see/participate in at the Mansfield Golf Club, you can either email me at hello@mansfieldgolfclub.com.au or Cass our Events Manager at events@mansfieldgolfclub.com.au. We welcome any new suggestions or ideas which we will certainly pass on for consideration with the Board/Managers.

Don't forget that if you are a bit stumped as to what to get that special person in your life as a present, we have Gift Cards here at Reception. These can be exchanged for a variety of items such as a meal in our restaurant, a bottle of wine, a round of golf or something from our huge range in the Golf Shop - I am sure they would love it.

Well, I think that is about it from me! Thank you for taking the time to read the Newsletter and we look forward to seeing you at the Club.

All the very best.

JAN







