



# **December Newsletter**

## **From the President - Jennie Hehir**

On behalf of the board of directors, I wish all Members, patrons and staff a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year. May you all enjoy the festive season with your family and friends.

I wish to acknowledge our many volunteers who assist the course staff with great enthusiasm and pride.

I thank all the people who are recognising the good things that are happening at

our Club. It's wonderful to hear lovely comments and the whole atmosphere is so pleasing. The board and I are proud of what has been achieved with updating and improving our facilities. I shall leave the finer details for CEO Paul to deliver in his report. Here's hoping 2022 will be less stressful and challenging than 2020 and 2021.



# CEO Report - Paul Gemmill

As 2021 comes to a close and a new year begins, I once again thank all of you for the support, encouragement and passion you have for your Club and our dedicated team.

The Club as a business entity, and our Members as a community, have faced many challenges throughout 2021 with closures, restrictions and a roadmap to recovery that seems to never end. The one constant we have shared throughout is the passion for our Club and the comfort we feel within its walls and on its greens.

Reflecting back on the year that has passed we have achieved a lot. Our 2021 financial position could only be called a success, and we have now invested back into our Club.

Some of these investments include:

- The start of our road repairs program;
- Clubhouse heating and cooling upgrades;
- Course machinery upgrades;
- Gaming room machine purchases;

- The start of our cart path project on Captains 1st and Presidents 1st;
- Foyer rejuvenation and sign-in terminal upgrade;
- Clubhouse equipment and technology upgrade;
- Course gardens project;
- Course couch removal;
- Addition of 10 golf carts to the fleet;
- Implementation of our outdoor TAB;
- Security system upgrade;
- Plus, work on our major clubhouse redevelopment plan that we intend to seek grant funding for in 2022.

We now look forward to a bright future with the understanding that our Club is more than just a club - it is a conduit for us to connect with family and friends, to celebrate and enjoy.

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of the Tocumwal Golf and Bowls Club, I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

## **From the Pro Shop - Marty Walsh**

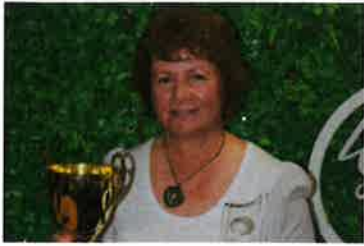
Since our last post to Members, we have been busy with the influx of welcome visitors from the start of November.

November 2021 was our busiest since 2018 and our second busiest on record, which was terrific to see.

Melbourne Cup Day at the Club was a big day with 110 players participating. The winning team of Bobette Wilkinson, Kate Purtill, Robyn Conrick and Michelle Purtill were victors scoring 123 points.

The Club celebrated the end of the golfing season with the golf presentation dinner which was a fantastic evening with some amazing trophies handed out to some very deserving winners and a fantastic meal to top off a great night.

Be sure to pencil in our 2022 event for November 7. Even if you are not a board event winner during the year, come along and support your mates. We plan to make it bigger and better.



## **TGBC Summer Twilight**

The Thursday summer twilight competition has started in earnest with some hearty teams playing every week rain, hail or shine. Keep it going as there is a fantastic team trophy to win at the end of the season.



### **TGBC Summer Pennant**

The YSM Summer Pennant started with a super team win at Shepparton on Sunday December 5th. Tim Purtill lifted his team to a stirring 6/5 win, which helped to inspire Brett Molnar and Aaron Dale in a come-from-behind win on the 20th hole. Their next game is here at Tocumwal on January 9th



### **A bit of Christmas Cheer**

Our Christmas Cheer Day was awesome. The scores we were up there and Ben made us all work hard on the shortened par fives, they were not that easy in the end.

Thank you to those who participated in this event and congratulations to all of the winners on the day. It was wonderful to see everyone in their Christmas best!



A reminder that our Summer Tournament is approaching on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd January 2022. Get your entry in early, it's sure to be another successful event. Click [here](#) for an entry form.

We are thrilled to announce that we have again partnered up with Titleist and ProV1 Golf Balls to sponsor our Super Comp on the first Thursday and Friday of

each month up until June 2022. You can play both days or one day and collect a ProV1 on each entry.

# The Super's Summary - Ben Lucas

The golf course has been a hive of activity with numerous works and renovations going on over the past few weeks.

Greens renovations took place on December 13, which just so happened to be the hottest day of the summer so far. It did provide the perfect conditions to incorporate sand into the greens profile via top dressing. Over 100 cubic meters of sand was spread onto the greens and then they were aerated with 5/8-inch solid tines.



On the same day we also were able to scarify the Captains' fairways for the first time in 3 years. This will allow better penetration of water in the soil profile and reduce the chances of pest and diseases outbreaks.



With all that said, the most exciting part of the month was to see the concrete getting poured on our new cart tracks on the Presidents and Captains first holes. This has been on the plans for so long and it is exciting to finally see them



happen. If you have seen the tracks, you will be aware that they have been rerouted onto the left-hand side of the Ladies tee so that the concrete track doesn't take away from the aesthetics of the golf course.



## **Bowls News - Dave Hansen**

As our bowls season is gradually coming to a Christmas slowdown, it's time to reflect on some past items of interest.

### **MIXED PAIRS RESULT:**

Our Mixed Pairs board event was completed on Monday 13th December during a particularly warm summer day.

The participants were Roy Taylor and Effie Eaton who defeated Ian Cameron and Lois Bird in a tightly fought contest. The scores were 21 – 14 after 18 ends (plus a dead end) but didn't reflect the closeness of the contest.

Ian and Lois have now played Roy and Effie two times in succession and will have to devise a different game plan next year to stop a hat trick from possibly occurring.

### **21 UP BOARD EVENT:**

Entry forms for our next board event after the Christmas break are now located on the desk near our noticeboard. It is important to enter your names before Christmas, if possible, for Mens and Ladies events to assist our Match Committees prepare the draw for each section.

The respective draws will be completed on Monday, January 3 so please ensure your name is entered prior to that date.

The usual \$10 entry fee will apply and can be paid as soon as possible after the draw has been completed. Roger and his Match Committee and Pat and her Match Committee will be available for fee collection prior to the commencement of a match.

As this is one of our feature Board events, I would like to see as many bowls members as possible enter for this event.

### **CHRISTMAS CHEER:**

Many thanks to the organisers Judy Harvie, Pat Morrison, Trish Small and Leigh Hansen of the Club's Christmas Cheer day held on Monday, December 13. What a colourful array of Santa costumes and other look-alike styles purporting to be something akin to Santa or one of his reindeer!

We had entries of approximately 50 members which is more than double the previous years which is absolutely amazing. I am sure all enjoyed the festivities and comradeship which is the backbone of developing a harmonious Club. Many thanks to all who attended.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all those who have assisted in the past months. All contributions, large or small are really gratefully received and helps make our Club tick.

## **Grounds Committee**

A newly formed steering committee has been organised by the board to help with the effective communication between the Course Superintendent, Board and Club Members. This course committee will be used as a conduit for Member feedback about the course and to assist with the implementation of the golf course master plan.

The committee members are Bruce McCallum, Graham Brierley and Carol Irvine.

# Upcoming Events

# FREE KIDS CINEMA



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

EVERY DAY 2PM

FROM DECEMBER 26th

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