



July Newsletter

From the President - Jennie Hehir

It's so pleasing to report that our club will show another very handsome profit at the end of this financial year.

We have been advised that our application lodged with the NSW Government for funding to renovate and extend the clubhouse has not been successful. There will be another opportunity to apply in September 2022, so we will revisit, revise and apply again. As yet there has not been any news from the Federal Government about our funding application with them.

As mentioned in the April newsletter, the new furniture has been ordered and will hopefully arrive in September 2022.

If you are on the course, you will see another cart path being constructed on the Captains 10th. In the not too distant future, the cart hire shed is going to be extended to protect our fleet of carts which has grown to seventy to make their utilisation easier.

The club will close at 6.00pm Wednesday 3 August 2022 to allow our staff to be taken out for dinner. This is to acknowledge their passion and conscientiousness during the COVID period. Many have worked over and beyond normal expectations to enable our facility to function. Paul and the team have excelled in ensuring the clubhouse has remained open and on behalf of the board, I thank them wholeheartedly for their efforts.

Here's hoping we experience more days of sunshine than rain over the next few months so that golf and bowls can be enjoyed in comfort.



CEO Report - Paul Gemmill

We have reached the end of another financial year with some pleasing results that we hope to share soon. A lot of our success has come from our increased patronage on and off the course with a lot of the credit belonging to our golf package team.

Cherene and Sandy do an amazing job in this area, nothing is too much trouble and the feedback from customers about their experience is always exemplary.

The girls work tirelessly behind the scenes and their work ethic and diligence are a huge reason for the great golfing experience we offer from start to finish.

At the end of May 2022, our social membership had grown by 17%, from 4296 to 5039. These figures speak volumes about the ongoing improvements and direction of our Club. Value for membership from our specialty nights and condition of sporting facilities, marketing of our Club to the broader public and the friendly and attentive service we offer are major contributors to our social club membership growth.

Lastly, to our full category members, life members and volunteers we thank you for your ongoing support and if you're travelling somewhere warmer this winter, safe travels, and if not, see you soon on the greens or in the clubhouse.

From the Pro Shop - Marty Walsh

June has been a busy month in regard to the number of golfers playing here at Tocumwal and the tournaments held. It is gratifying to hear so many positive comments from visitors saying "how great the course is" or "you have the best pro shop" which is wonderful to hear and is great feedback for all the staff here at TGBC.

Over the Queens Birthday long weekend, we hosted the Winter Tournament and it lived up to its name with freezing weather on Saturday and Sunday, but the sun came out on Monday much to everyone's delight. 'Sunday Funday' was a hit with the BBQ on the 13th tee and the soup and wine tastings on the old 10th tee. It was also the introduction of the live scoring app Golf Genius and we appreciate the support given on the weekend. This scoring app will be used for all Tournaments here at TGBC moving forward.

The Tocumwal Senior Amateur was contested at the end of June here at TGBC and it was great to have such a diverse group playing here from all over Victoria and southern NSW. Stephen Valentine, from Kew, won the Men's scratch event and Helen Pascoe from Buninyong won the Women's stableford scratch competition. For a detailed results sheet please click on the following GA link here.

Last week TGBC played host to the GA The Murray River Junior Masters. There

were some real champions playing here in all shapes and sizes. What a few lack in size sure make up for it in talent. To see some of the terrific scores of the players please click on the following GA link <u>here</u>.

Upcoming Events at TGBC:

- Sunday, July 24th: GMGA Winter Pennant Final. Both comps on the weekend will be held on the Captain's Course and the comp on Sunday will be stroke.
- August 20th and 21st GA Tocumwal Open Amateur, proudly sponsored by the Tocumwal Golf Resort, all entries are to be entered through the Golf Australia (GA) website here. There are a few amazing prizes to win. Don't miss your opportunity to shine on your home turf.

Scramble Time!

Sunday, August 28th we will be hosting an ambrose Scramble event, formally known as the VW or Holden Scramble. For more information please click <u>here</u> and to enter your team of players.

The Scramble is a shotgun start at 11.30am. Each player will receive six Callaway golf balls and a chance to win \$1700 in prizes so get your team of four together now. Tocumwal will be hosting a regional final in October so you may have the chance to play on your home patch and to make it all the way to the national final in Queensland.

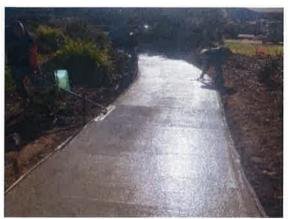
Thank you to those members who have helped us in regard to the return of any misplaced range buckets. We still have fifteen missing, so if you see an orphaned range bucket at home or in your boot can you kindly drop it off back at the range next time you are down at the club.

Good golfing to you and we look forward to seeing you down at the golf shop very soon.

The Super's Summary Ben Lucas

Course staff have been focused over the past 6 weeks to add granite to all the cart tracks which has made them far safer to access with carts and for walkers. As I write this report the concrete is being laid on the 10th Captains cart track, which will complement the teeing area nicely.





With the tracks behind us, we will be spending our time installing subsurface drainage into the bunkers with phase one incorporating over 500m of mega flow drainage. This will mean that the bunkers will drain more efficiently and before the sand reaches field capacity allowing better playability during times of high rainfall.

The first of which is being installed on the 3rd Presidents hole while we were hosting the Murray River Junior Masters on the Captains course, on the 30th of June.





Greens will be lightly aerated in the second week of July to allow water and air movement throughout the profile and allow them to dry out and firm up.

The new roses have been ordered for the 18th Captains/clubhouse garden and will be planted once they arrive in July/August. The soil has been prepared for planting and a new irrigation line will be added for their establishment.

As we enter the cooler months, I wish all those members heading North a safe journey and look forward to seeing you all back in the spring.





Bowls News -

Judy Tonini

A well-attended annual general meeting of the Bowls arm of the Tocumwal Golf and Bowls club was held on Monday, 9 May at 5 pm in the club rooms.

The meeting was opened by Jennie Hehir, president of the TGBC, who provided a general overview of the financial position of the club, as well as farewelling the outgoing Bowls Captain, Dave Hansen, and wished both he and Leigh the best in the future.

Dave Hansen thanked a number of people for their involvement; committee members who have stood down; Bob Bowman for his involvement in Barefoot Bowls and tournaments; Chris Philpot, club bowls coach; Pat Morrison and Roger Carter, match committee chairpersons; Leigh Hansen and Bill Dowling, selection committee chairpersons; Col Farrer, Phil and Sue Hodge, Mal Bartsch and Peter Ashford, volunteers; Trish Small, secretary; Graeme Searle, Trade days; Ben and Mary Gierveld of Mulberry Cottages B&B for providing sponsorship.

Reports from the Tournament Director, Saturday and Midweek Selection Committees, Ladies and Mens Match Committees were also provided.

Floral arrangements were presented to Judie Harvie for her long-standing position as a Committee Member and Betty Harrop as our super veteran.



Betty Harrop with the new Club Captain Judy Tonini

Functions Shanelle Blachford

We've had a busy quarter this April, May and June. Easter Weekend was a great weekend at the Club with plenty of Raffles, Live Entertainment and Clubhouse Specials. Along with both Golf and Bowls Tournaments, Tocumwal Golf and Bowls Club was nothing short of busy! We loved seeing lots of young budding golfers on our prestige course for the Golf Australia Girls Development Camp. We can't wait to have them back next year, bigger and better.

May proved busier than expected starting off with another fantastic Sponsors Day, exceptional feedback from all involved in the day. Mothers Day was a huge hit, with tasty meals, good company and live music, it was a fabulous day to celebrate Mum.

June had us keeping warm, with the back-to-back tournaments Doug Bachli

Senior Amatuer and Champions of the Murray. The Senior Amatuer enjoyed a lovely light lunch on both days of their visit. While Golf on the Murray's, Champions of the Murray had an easy morning with buffet breakfast provided on both Saturday and Sunday as well as a spectacular evening for their presentation. Gravity the Band kept them dancing well into the night after a dinner that went off without a hitch!

Looking forward to seeing what the next quarter brings us here at Tocumwal Golf and Bowls Club.

2022/2023 Membership

Our 2022/2023 Membership prices have now been set.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 40 and live within 80km of Tocumwal, our Golf & Go Membership is for you. Priced at just \$230, you receive all of the same benefits as a full member, but at a lower rate.

In addition, if you are new to our Club, and over the age of 40, we offer Introductory Golf or Bowls Memberships too. To be eligible for this category, you cannot have been a full member here before.

All updated membership forms for all categories are now available on our website for new members.

If you have a friend or family member interested in starting golf or bowls, now is the perfect time to join as new members will receive 14 months for the price of 12 months.

If you have any questions, please contact us on 03 5874 9111 and we will be happy to help.



Bus Driver Wanted

We are currently looking for Bus Drivers at our club for casual or permanent parttime positions with negotiable rates for the right person.

This position is far more than just a person delivery driver, it is an ambassador role as the first contact when collecting our wonderful Members and visitors from their abodes and the last goodbye when safely delivering them home.

The role can be catered to apply for someone looking for regular employment, supplementary retirement income, or an outgoing person looking to get out and about.

Please contact me directly via email at ceo@tocumwalgolf.com, call the club and ask for Paul or see me in person at the club for more info.

Upcoming Events



