



Newsletter

From the President - Jennie Hehir

The Board understands that Members and staff are keen to see the proposed clubhouse building plans which are still being developed.

Once we have a final draft, they will be available for all to see. At this point we are still striving to ensure the layout will achieve maximum benefits for our Members. It is also imperative that the layout will enhance our current customer services. The bottom line is we must match dollar for dollar up to \$3.547 million.

Whilst the grant is a one off opportunity to upgrade and enhance our Club, we must do our best to get it right. The Board is not taking this responsibility lightly and has sourced outside professional views on not only the layout but our ability to service potentially a large loan from the bank. The bank has indicated they are willing to support the project by funding the balance.

Paul has provided further news on other major decisions that the Board made at our last meeting.

I wish each and everyone of you a happy and safe Easter.



CEO Report - Paul Gemmill

Another year is flying by with Easter now upon us. If you have loved ones returning home for the holidays, we look forward to seeing you in the Club, and for those heading away, safe travels.

Our new bowling greens will be laid from April 11th and will take up to 21 days of manicuring to get them perfect. We apologise for this inconvenience to our bowling fraternity, but we assure you it will be worth the wait.

The old bowling surface that we will be removing has no practical purpose for our Club and can't be stored, so we invite any Member that would like some of this material to swing by from Wednesday 12th and take some. I'm told it is perfect for flooring in caravan annexes.

From May, our outdoor gaming room will be undertaking a much needed

renovation which will also include a Members entrance between this room and the current balcony. The new room has been designed to fit into the full clubhouse renovation once plans are finalised.

The Club has also been lucky enough to procure 9 new license entitlements, effectively buying back entitlements that the Club had sold in 2016. Entitlements within our LIA don't pop up very often and they will fit perfectly with our outdoor renovation.

The Board of Directors and I look forward to revealing our major project and renovation plans in the very near future after much research, deliberation, and consultation.

Exciting times ahead!

From the Pro Shop - Marty Walsh

The Veterans Tournament has again been played with players from all parts of the country participating. The women's 54-hole winner was Margaret Masters from Merewether Golf Club on 103 stableford points, while the men's 54-hole winner was Jason Cawthray from Thurgoona with 114 stableford points.

April already looks to be very busy with golf packages, visitors, and the Easter Tournament. A reminder, please book your rounds online for any social and competition golf, so you don't miss out on a tee time.

We have another golf fitting day arranged with Cobra Golf on Thursday April 13th from 11am-3pm. Please call the pro shop to make your appointment. This is a great opportunity to be fitted with all the options available on the day, being fitted is the best thing you can do to improve your game.

Once again TGBC is playing host to the 2023 Golf Australia Junior Girls Golf Camp in the second week of the Easter school holidays. Starting on Tuesday April 18, we will be welcoming forty juniors to the Club for four days of coaching, golf and social activities. It's fantastic to welcome Golf Australia and the juniors girls back to Tocumwal. Please note that the driving range will close at specific times during this week to accommodate these young golfers.

***Contact the Pro Shop for more information on the closure times of the**

driving range.

The April ProV1 Super Comp will be held a couple of weeks later this month due to Easter and will be held on Thursday April 13th and Friday 14th.

On Anzac Day April 25th, we have a medley stableford competition on the day.

Finally, we are very pleased to have James McMaster join us full time in the pro shop, so if you haven't meet James yet, pop in and say hello.

Enjoy your Easter break and we all look forward to seeing you down at the Club very soon.

The Super's Summary - Ben Lucas

Course staff have been busy with numerous cultural practices taking place on the greens over the past month. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have successfully been able to complete an aggressive double groom and dust at the beginning of April followed by a lighter more maintenance level groom and dust 2 weeks later. Applications of a secondary plant growth regulator has reduced mowing requirements which has enabled more frequent rolling to take place. The investment of a new moisture monitoring device has also provided critical data which has seen a great reduction in watering requirements on the greens.

All these in combination has seen an increase in green firmness, speed, and consistency across all putting surfaces.

The corellas have caused significant headaches over the past 6 weeks. Watching them closely, we have been able to track them and more accurately predict their movements. Thanks to all members who have assisted in notifying myself when they spot the pest birds. You may have heard the newly purchased gas gun being fired of to move the birds on. Targeted specific applications with the gas gun has been found to be a safer option to move the birds offsite. Most times only 4 or 5 blasts are required for control for the day.

An exciting period in the turf industry has been the development of a selective herbicide which has claims to remove couch out of bent grass greens. We obviously have an issue with encroachment so there will be some trials taking

place on the 9th Captains and 17th Captains greens this autumn. Please note that 7 – 14 days after application some minor transient bleaching of bent grass will occur. I will keep providing information on the results via the members newsletter.

The technology associated with our GPS Sprayer will be fully utilised over the next 6 – 8 weeks with some exciting times ahead. All fairways will be blanket sprayed with a selective herbicide for the kikuyu. There will be some minor discoloration post application for about 20 days. 1 week after application we have a drone coming to map the course that will identify all of the kikuyu affected which will have turned yellow by that stage. These drones are used heavily in the agriculture industry for weed identification, greatly reducing active ingredient and cost inputs. Once the course is mapped, a selected piece of kikuyu is identified in the footage and the associated artificial intelligence will pick up the same pigmented kikuyu across the entire course. This map is then sent to the sprayer and the need for blanket applications will no longer be required with the gps sprayer only applying chemical on the selected areas.

Bowls News - Judy Tonini

MIDWEEK PENNANT RESULTS

We had two teams from the Midweek pennant competition that participated in finals. In the Division 1 grand final Tocumwal Golf 1 played Numurkah Golf 1 but were beaten on the day by the better team. Tocumwal Golf 2 played Numurkah 2 in the preliminary final but were defeated by in an extremely close match, 43-47.

SATURDAY PENNANT RESULTS

Of the four teams competing in the Saturday Pennant competition only Tocumwal Golf 4 were able to make it to the finals. The team played Wunghnu 3 in the Division 4 semi-finals and although very gallant in defeat, home green advantage proved too much to overcome.

BOARD EVENTS

MEN'S SINGLES & PAIRS

Congratulations to Graeme Searle, the 2022/2023 Men's Singles Champion. He defeated Phil Hodge in a very close contest winning by 3 shots, 25 to 22.

Graeme, together with Brian Jaques, also won the Men's Pairs Championship beating Rod Brown and Trevor Dyker.



LADIES B GRADE

After a long battle, Sheila Kufner was the winner of this year's Ladies' B Grade Championship defeating Lois Bird.



MEN'S B GRADE

Gary Beer (left) and Jeff Hay (right) had a very close competition with Gary coming home strongly in the last three ends to win.



MEN'S 21 UP

Ben Gierveld defeated Stephen Guille in a very tight grand final match.



LADIES' TRIPLES

Winners of the Ladies' Triples were Judy Harvey (left), Effie Eaton (centre) and Sue Hodge (right) The winners have played well in the Board Events for 22/23 with Judy winning the Ladies' Singles and also teaming up with Effie to win the Ladies' Pairs while Sue won the Women's 21 Up.



MEN'S TRIPLES

The grand final was an extremely close match until the final two ends when the team of Rod Brown, Roger Carter and Gary Mott outplayed Ian Cameron, Col Farrar and Stephen Guille to win.



2022/2023 MURRAY BOWLS STATE EVENTS

MEN'S STATE SINGLES

Rod Brown won the State Singles Championship for the Murray Playing area after 34 ends defeating Ian Smethurst from Barooga in a closely fought match, 25 to 22.



LADIES' AND MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

Judy Harvie was defeated in Round 1 by Lidija Patching from Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club, 19-25. Graeme Searle lost his quarter-final in a close match losing 19-25 against Mick Ryan from Strathmerton Bowling Club.

LADIES' AND MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS PAIRS

Graeme Searle and Brian Jaques played W. Nelson and P. Wood from Barooga Sports Bowling Club in the quarter-finals losing 10-19. Judy Harvie and Effie Eaton played L. Patching and R. Hodgkin from the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club in the grand final fighting out the match to the end but unfortunately losing by 2 points, 12-10.

THE ALLAN SEAMER

"The Allan Seamer" medley fours tournament was held on Sunday, 12 March 2023. Although the weather caused a short delay all teams thoroughly enjoyed the day. With 20 teams, 80 competitors, the event was hotly contested with the winners coming from the Numurkah Bowls Club; Runners Up from YMGC Bowl; Third a team from TGBG, Ben Gierveld, Mary Gierveld, Sue Hodge and Phil Hodge; 4th from Berrigan Bowls.

MEN'S TRADE DAY

Winners of the Men's Trade Day held at Tocumwal on 16 March were the team

comprising John (Pip) Baker (left), Noddy Ireland (second from right) and Lou Richard (right), all from the TGBC.



A new Board event, the Mixed Fours Round Robin competition comprising five teams of four play Tuesday evenings over five weeks. Enjoying pizza and chips at the conclusion of the evening.

Due to lack of numbers plus constructions works to be undertaken prior to commencement of the installation of the new greens, the Easter Bowls Tournament for 2023 has been cancelled.

The AGM will be held Monday, 15 May 2023. Nomination forms for the election of the Bowls Committee and Sub-Committee positions will be available from Reception 3 weeks prior to the AGM. Once completed, forms can be placed in the locked ballot box, which will be located at Reception/Foyer. One week prior to the AGM the completed nomination forms will be displayed on the Bowls Shed window.

From the Captain - John Crilly

Congratulations to our newly crowned Global Accreditation Services Mixed Foursomes winners Jenni Corcoran and Ian Armer who won a closely fought final against Bobette Wilkinson and Kevin Waller 3 & 2.

The Club is currently in the process of investigating a scoring app for golf, and we are hoping that a decision will be made in the coming months.

In readiness for the future multi-tee competitions, the new yellow course has now

been slope rated.

Course Superintendent Ben is locked in a battle with the birds, so please be patient if you hear the new gas gun going off while you are out playing.

The women's competition tee times have now been extended and this is set to continue throughout the year to allow more flexibility to the players when they are trying to book their round.

With our Captain v President Day being held on Saturday, May 6, we are hopeful of a big turnout of players and enjoy a BBQ after the days play.

A reminder that April 16 is the qualifying day for the Tony Baldwin Memorial event, so now is the time to get your partner organised.

Finally, I wanted to pass on my thanks to all of the volunteers who gave their time to make our recent Veterans Tournament a huge success.



2023 Mixed Foursomes winner Ian Armer and Jenni Corcoran with event sponsors Greg Harmes and AnnMaree Sacco from Global Accreditation Services.

Club Events with Jennah Maraldo

March proved busier than expected, highlighted with the Veterans Golf Tournament enjoying a light afternoon tea at their welcome event, as well as a presentation lunch on the final day.

Victorian long weekend saw the Hot Rods along with our Blues, Soul & Rock 'N' Roll event. It was a great night enjoyed by all.

We also had a veteran car club visit us for lunch while passing through for their RACV Rally, all those well-preserved cars were definitely a sight not to be missed, as well as a spectacular evening for their presentation. Paul Lines kept them dancing well into the night after a dinner that went off without a hitch!

Make your to keep an eye out for all the exciting events coming up in April. We are looking forward to seeing you at Tocumwal Golf & Bowls Club.

Upcoming Events

TOCUMWAL GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIALS



BEER BATTERED SNAPPER FILLET

SERVED WITH HOUSE-MADE TARTARE SAUCE & A
LEMON WEDGE WITH YOUR CHOICE OF CHIPS &
SALAD OR MASH & VEGETABLES

CRISPY SKINNED BARRAMUNDI (GF)

TOPPED WITH A TOMATO & CAPER VINAIGRETTE -
SERVED WITH CREAMY MASHED POTATO,
STEAMED BROCOLINI, BEANS & CARROTS -
FINISHED WITH A GRILLED LEMON CHEEK &
SWEET POTATO CRISPS

GARLIC PRAWN & SCALLOP FETTUCCINE

PAN FRIED PRAWNS & SCALLOPS
TOSSED IN A CREAMY GARLIC, WHITE
WINE & PARSLEY SAUCE WITH SPINACH
- FINISHED WITH BLISTERED CHERRY
TOMATOES & A LEMON WEDGE

SURF 'N' TURF (GF)

CHAR-GRILLED 350G BLACK ANGUS
SCOTCH FILLET, COOKED TO YOUR
LIKING, TOPPED WITH AUSTRALIAN KING
PRAWNS TOSSED IN CHILLI, LEMON &
HERB BUTTER - SERVED WITH YOUR
CHOICE OF CHIPS & SALAD OR MASH &
VEGETABLES

CRUNCHY THAI NOODLE SALAD (GF)

SALT & PEPPER CALAMARI DRIZZLED
WITH A GINGER & CORIANDER
DRESSING, TOASTED PEANUTS, FRESH
CHILLI & A LIME WEDGE
(CONTAINS NUTS)

The background of the entire page is a repeating pattern of colorful Easter eggs. The eggs are in shades of teal, orange, pink, and white, each decorated with small brown hearts or white dots. They are scattered across a solid black background.

April

GIG GUIDE

SAT 8 - UNDER THE RADAR

SAT 22 - DONE DEAL

SAT 29 - RAY MCARTNEY



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**WINTER
Golf Tournament**

Saturday 10 June - Monday 12 June 2023

Entries close Tuesday 6 June

TOCUMWAL GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

The banner features a background image of a golf course at sunset. It includes decorative snowflakes in the top left and bottom right corners. The text is overlaid on a blue and white background.

LIVE MUSIC

UNDER THE RADAR

APRIL 8 FROM 7.30PM

The image shows a band performing live music on a stage. A woman in a blue shirt is singing into a microphone, and a man is playing a white electric guitar. A yellow arrow points to the left. The background has a sign that says "UNDER THE RADAR".

