



From the President - Jennie Hehir

I look forward to presenting the 2023 financials and the year that what was at our

AGM: Tuesday 24 October 2023 commencing 6.00pm

The board has arranged for: Golf Australia, District Development Officer, Mark Mumford to present to members their Vision 2025. Tuesday 24 October 2023 commencing 5.00pm

This presentation will outline why Golf Australia are making recommendation for the changes that can be adopted by Golf Clubs. We understand that there has been resistance with some of our members to adopt these recommended changes. I encourage members to attend to gain a greater understanding of Golf Australia's strategy.

There is a great deal happening at our club with board and captain elections occurring. The ability to vote on the **sign in machine** in our foyer is functioning well. If you have issues, our reception staff will be happy to assist you with this if required.

We are still waiting on quotes to be finalised for our pending renovation and look forward to sharing these plans with members once the costings and final plans have been confirmed.

Paul will provide further details on our new outdoor gaming venue and new machines.

I'm sure you'll all agree how fabulous our course and facilities are presented albeit post the massive storm during the week.

I thank Ross Clark for his dedicated contribution to the board and wish Ross and Shelley happy golfing and continued comradery at our club. The same best wishes apply to John Crilly and Helen for Johns time as Captain.

Good luck to our nominated board members and golf captain. These positions can be very rewarding, but I will not deny extremely challenging at times. Without the contribution from board members, golf and bowls captains, the various committees and ground staff volunteers our club would not function as well as it does.

We have much to be proud of at Club Tocumwal. In particular, what has been achieved over the past five years under trying circumstances. These improvements will be presented at our AGM.

Last but by no means least, I thank all of our volunteers who are so dedicated to our club.

Paul, his senior management and their staff are to be thanked for their conscientious contribution towards the functionality and enjoyment provided at our club.

A reminder that voting is currently open for both Board elections and Golf Captain election. Voting closes on Thursday 19th October at 5.00pm

CEO Report - Paul Gemmill

Dear Members,

Our annual report was released at the end of September with some interesting talking points. Firstly, a net profit of \$184,253 is pleasing but also somewhat frustrating at what could have been.

Last years profit of \$594,592 was inflated by \$381,315 of NSW job saver subsidies which effectively puts us on par with the year before however the disappointment comes from a huge loss of anticipated income caused by

devastating flood events.

The late October, November, December & January 2022 trading months were on par with the previous year but our pre booked Golf packages, camping crowd and traditional holiday traveller's clientele was decimated through the impact of flooding and the perceived loss of access to our club as reported via all media outlets.

But our club was one of the lucky ones with a few of our Golf on the Murray partner clubs suffering devastating course infrastructure damage and many of their staff and community members having homes inundated by flood water or cut off from assistance or basic amenities during this time.

Our new alfresco gaming & members entrance is nearing completion, this is not part of our future major plans but a scheduled upgrade from the tired old room and fire escape stairs we had that were constructed in 2005.

As part of the new alfresco the club has also recently invested in 9 new entitlements, this occurrence is very significant considering we sold 9 entitlements in 2018 when the club faced some more uncertain times.

Moving forward there is much to be excited about at Club Tocumwal with our Major redevelopment set to begin this year once costed, our course masterplan nearing completion and record numbers of golfers pre booked on our courses but with plenty of space for members and new visitors.

Once again, I would like to publicly thank our tremendous volunteers both on the golf course and bowling greens, our board of directors and our sports committees for their tireless and sometimes underacknowledged commitment and drive to help our club grow and move forward.

Cheers,
Paul Gemmill, Chief Executive Officer

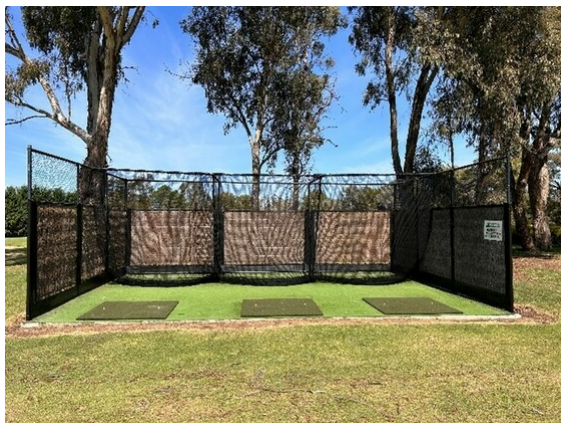
On The Course with Ben Lucas

A massive 80mm of rain was recorded here at the golf course during the previous rainfall event, looking at the radar throughout Tuesday it appeared that most of it

was separating around Tocumwal but once it hit 3pm it didn't stop until 11am on Wednesday. Remarkably the course has held up well, with the bunker drainage doing its job on the captains course the focus was to pump the remaining bunkers on the Presidents in preparation for the weekends Club Championships.



Looking back over the winter months we were successful in continuing with the bunker drainage works along with the installation of geohex panelling in the track around the Presidents putting green. Many thanks to the Volunteers that assisted with the project. Along with this, the practice nets received a makeover and a new shed constructed at the teaching sheds to move the ball washing machine outside. This will enable our professionals to have a much-needed space for training and club fitting. We also had the Air 2 G2 machine pump huge amounts of oxygen into the soil profile of the greens without any surface disturbance, this also assisted the greens to drain the rain that we received.



All bunkers have now been edged in preparation for the Spring Tournament, Club Championships and Growing Season.

The focus moving forward through October is the preparation of the courses for our Club Championships and I wish all Members the best of luck throughout the event. Once these have concluded we will move our attention towards the renovation of tees complexes which will involve scarification of all 4.65 ha of tee

tops and surrounds, following a cleanup and a mow the plan is to aerate them with a hollow tine.

Marty Walsh's mail from the Pro Shop

Due to the introduction of the new MiClub tee sheets, booking system and competitions as well as our members embracing the MiScore scoring app for competitions here at Toc, we have had an incredibly busy start to September.

Thank you to the golf operations staff for their added workload and extra hours needed in changing over and updating twelve months' worth of golf packages and social golfers that the club heavily rely on.

Unfortunately, in the first week of operations, we encountered a few obstacles and in relation to the women's 27-hole championships. We had a complex issue with back of house and MiClub were great with assisting us, but we still had a slight glitch for this event.

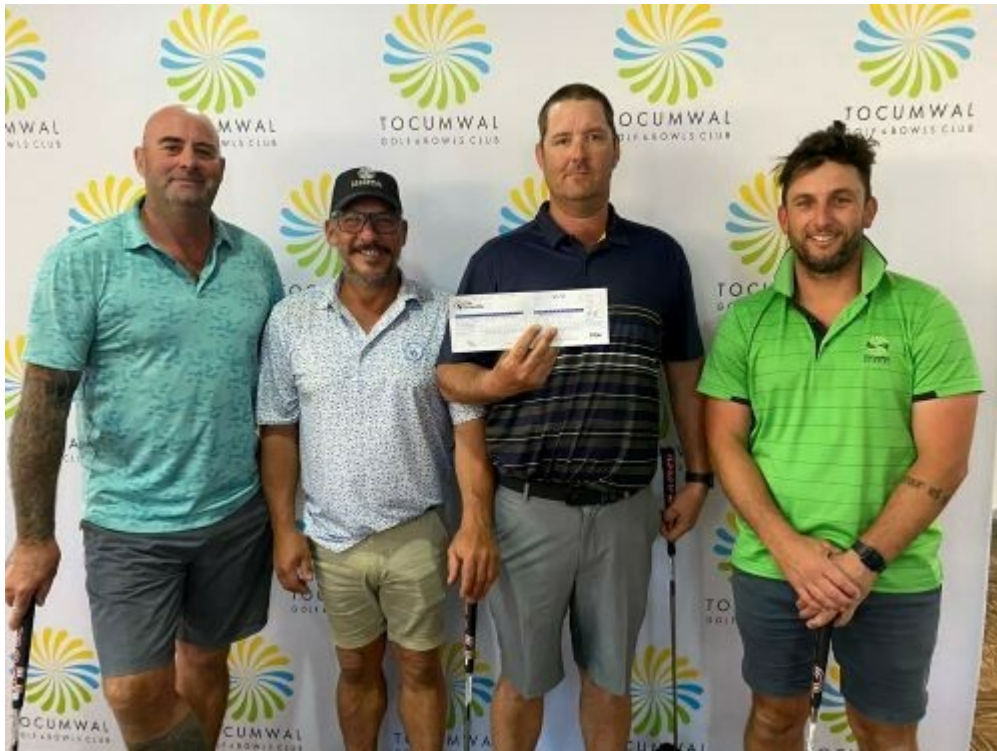
The MiScore scoring app is an internet-based system that requires internet mobile service connection with your phone. If you struggle with Optus or Vodafone mobile coverage in the Tocumwal area, then you are likely to struggle with the scoring app so best to get a scorecard when you register at the pro shop as a precaution. Also please be mindful, that if it is a long weekend and there are more visitors to the township than normal (take the Airshow as an example) you may encounter issues with the app uploading scores on the day or at specific times, but if this occurs it can be an exception and not the rule.

Moving forward, please take into consideration that the new app is still a learning curve for all of us using this new complex system. If you still have any issues or need any assistance with respect to the scoring app on your phone, please make arrangements to see us in the pro shop preferably during a quiet period.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, some members would have already started their 2023 Club Championships. We wish everyone well including all the junior members participating in their Junior Championships on the weekend of October 21st and 22nd. For any youngster wanting to book a reserved tee time for the Junior Championships please contact the pro shop.

This year the golf committee and board have endorsed the introduction of a D Grade division for both Men and Women in the championships along with a veteran's competition ran concurrently for all the women competing in 2023 alongside the men's veteran's competition.

The winning team in this year's Scramble Ambrose event were all home grown. Scott Eddy, Grant Stewart, Jeremy Cardillo and Brett Molnar had a super score of 55.5 nett to win by just .5 of a shot.



They now go onto the regional final to try their luck and then hopefully progress to the national final in QLD in early 2024.

Congratulations to Hugo Jankov for winning the singles knockout 3/2 over Jeff Rogers.

Jenny Baurle from Kyabram winning the nett A grade with 145. And Glynda Hoskin winning the gross competition on 176.

The Spring Tournament has come and gone with amazing weather, great course conditions, bumper fields, and some hot scoring. Our visitors had a great long weekend here at Club Tocumwal.



Day two the men's winners of Craig Curtis and John Fox combined in the 4ball and had an incredible 50 points. The winners in the women's 4ball were our own Ros Seymour and Libby Quick on an impressive 47 points.



Day three the winning mixed pair from Cerberus, Yvonne Jones and Michael Wood had a fantastic 10up.



Finally, congratulations to Sue Pappas who wiped the board on Tuesday October 3rd with her all-conquering effort in the rain. Sue, won the October Monthly medal with 71 nett in heavy conditions walking around the course, as well as best gross for the day by five shots. Along with her efforts in the comp of the day, Sue is now the champion Club Tocumwal Star Medallist for 2023. What an incredible day out. Congratulations again Sue.

Best of luck again for those all playing in the championships and get out onto the course when you can and enjoy the great course conditions that Ben and his merry men have worked towards.

Bowls News with Phil Hodge

The months are rolling on so quickly now as the new bowling season gets into full swing, Congratulations to all the ladies who played in the Queen of the Greens tournament, all 88 of them.

Once again an outstanding success, so many visiting teams from other regions all enjoying what the town of Tocumwal has to offer. Winning team from Wangaratta, runner up from the Melbourne suburb of Moorabbin and third our own local team. Looking bigger and better next year.

With our three pennant practice matches completed its time to move into the coming season. Good competition and good luck to all teams and divisions.

Our first club event has been completed with the 100 up handicap event. Ladies event was won by Lee Hansen over Cheryl Mears in a closely fought game. Men's event was won by Trevor Dyker (Silver) in another thrilling final over Jason Turner.

A very success day was held on the 28th September, Men's Trade Day with 28 teams competing. Good to too see the greens full with so many players. The winner were a team from Berrigan and the runners up from Numurkah Town.

Finishing up its good to see members traveling away to tournament events with teams going to Hay and Rich River. With us being prepared to travel away, it can only help when we run tournaments here for bowls teams travelling to our region.

Phil Hodge
Bowls Captain.

Ladies Golf News with Ros Seymour

What a busy month September has been for Ladies Golf.

27 Hole Foursomes was played on the 19th with Bobette Wilkinson and Michelle Pearce winners of the gross and Julie Penny and Gale Tyers winners of the net.

Womens 36 Hole Classic held on Monday and Tuesday 25th and 26th although numbers were down a great two days of golf was had by all. Thankyou to Ladies Committee who gave their time to make this a success.

Summer 4BBB pennant is to begin on the 16th October. Club Tocumwal has one team entered. We wish all ladies good luck for the season which runs through October and November. Libby Quick will Captain this team.

Club Championships are underway for the ladies and with the bad weather on Tuesday only twelve ladies entered. Saturday is an option open for all who chose not to play in the rain.

Nominations are out for Ladies Committee. Anyone interested in a position are welcome to nominate . Forms are on the Ladies Notice Board in the Locker room or from Jill Allen.

Good Golfing to all,
Ros Seymour

From The Captain - Clinton Knight

Hi Everyone,

Congratulations on embracing the new MiScore app and MiClub software with such enthusiasm and dedication! Your efforts in adapting to these technological advancements are commendable and reflect your commitment to enhancing our golfing experience.

As we embark on this journey with the new systems, I urge everyone to exercise patience, knowing that the club will be bustling with activity over the next month due to visitor packages. This significant change may present challenges, but your willingness to navigate this transition together ensures a smooth and successful implementation.

Best of luck to all participants in the upcoming club championships! Please be mindful that the entry fee is \$30 for the first two rounds, and the men will pay \$13 for the last two rounds next weekend and the ladies for the last round on the Sunday. Your participation not only adds to the competitive spirit but also contributes to the vibrant community we've built here.

In line with some feedback from members, the board has come to the following

decisions. The golf committee is happy to announce that there will always be men's and women's nearest the pin competitions.

The ladies' championship format will undergo review before the 2024 event. All championships will be played off the same tees, promoting fairness and equality.

Additionally, we'll be trialing multi-tee competitions until Christmas 2023, after which we'll seek your valuable feedback via a survey. Please note that men's and ladies' medley competitions will only occur with a small field, and timely notifications will be provided.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to making Tocumwal Golf Club a thriving and inclusive community.

Here's to a fantastic golfing season ahead!

Clinton Knight

Club Events with Jennah Maraldo

In August we held our 'Elvis night' with tribute artist Michael Hogan. An enjoyable night had by all, the drink and food specials were a hit and we saw some amazing Elvis inspired outfits. Looking forward to having more tribute artists in the next year.



This year we once again participated in Footy Colours Day, it was great to see all our staff supporting a great cause and a big thank you to our members and guests that visited the club on the day wearing their footy colours.

We had a great turn out for the Queens of the Green Bowls Tournament held on 20th – 21st of September, the ladies enjoyed a light lunch on both days and a fabulous gala dinner.

October will be the beginning of fun filled months as we welcome back some favourite events such as Barefoot Bowls every Monday, Twilight golf starting on the 19th of October and Bowls Saturday pennant starting this week.

On the 31st we are very excited to be hosting a Kids Halloween Party starting from 4pm, Kids Eat Free! There will be face painting, lolly hunts, and a colouring and costume contest.

Don't forget to book your tables and platters for Melbourne Cup Day! Pre booked platters are \$55, call our reception for more details.

We are looking forward to what the next quarter has to offer. As silly season is fast approaching, now would be a great time to book in your Christmas party.

Jennah Maraldo
Functions Coordinator

Don't forget to book your platters for Melbourne Cup Day, give Reception a call on 03 5874 9111 to pre-order with the special Early Bird price of \$55, or pay \$65 on the day.



MELBOURNE CUP DAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

Drink Specials, Cocktail Jugs, Platters, Fashions on the Fields,
Live Entertainment from Anthony Tenace

Pre-book platters for \$55, or pay \$65 on the day.



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. CALL US ON 03 5874 9111 TO BOOK A TABLE.



KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER AT 4PM

KIDS EAT FREE BUFFET

LOLLY HUNT, COLOURING COMPETITION,
COSTUME COMPETITION, FACE PAINTING, KIDS
EAT FREE BUFFET AND RECIEVE A SPOOKY
DESSERT



CLUB TOCUMWAL

2023 Melbourne Cup Golf Day

NOVEMBER 7TH

Pre-order your
Grazing Platter
& save to watch
the races in the
Clubhouse for \$55 or
on the day for \$65
LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Individual Stableford competition for Men & Women
Registration from 7:30AM in the Clubhouse. Shotgun
start at 9:30AM
Plus secret team event on Cup Day
Best dressed Golf Cart
Champagne Breakfast from 7:30AM
Mystery Tab ticket
Live Entertainment
Fashions on the Field
Sweeps



October GIG GUIDE

7th SMAC

14th BRUCE POULTER

21st GRAVITY

**28th MICHAEL HOGAN
DUO**

BAREFOOT BOWLS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING DURING THE WARMER MONTHS
(FIRST NIGHT 2ND OCTOBER)

5:45PM FOR A 6:30PM START \$20 ENTRY, INCLUDES RAFFLE TICKETS
INCLUDES BBQ & SALADS EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TEAMS OF THREE

REGISTER TEAMS WITH RECEPTION 03 5874 9111 OR BOB BOWMAN 0418 313 918

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