

Serpentine  
& Districts

Golf Club Inc



# Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

August 2024 Newsletter



## Ladies July Monthly Mug:

Winner Sue Webb with a brilliant 70 Nett.  
Lorraine Bailey was our Trophy Donor for the  
day.

Great effort Sue!!!

## President's Post August 2024

Water, water, everywhere! It's been great to be getting some much-needed rain and hasn't it made a difference to our course. Everything is green; fairways, the 'rough' and the 'bush' – I know because I've been in all areas to play my ball! With all the water hazards full the course is looking at its best, and we plan to have our drone flyover videos redone for the website. Whilst the rain has done its thing the condition of the course is also due to the ongoing mountain of work that our team of volunteers do, and we can never thank them enough.

The work on the Clubhouse Upgrade project is progressing well with the completion of the application for the Community Sport & Recreation Facilities Fund (state govt). This has been a big task for the project management group, and it has now been submitted to the Shire. The Shire will complete their part of the application process and then submit it to the CSRFF at the end of September. The outcome of the application will be known in Jan 2025. A hard copy of the application will be kept at the clubhouse for members to access and a copy will be available on our website.

The successful application would see the total funding secured to \$740K and we hope to secure another \$10K of corporate funding.

Club Funds \$195,000

SJ Shire Funding \$205,000

CSRFF Application \$280,000

Corporate Funding Alcoa \$60,000

It is important to remember that the \$445K of external funding is committed to the Clubhouse Upgrade project and cannot be used on any other work, and the \$195K has been raised by the Club over the last 10-15 years under the assumption that it would be spent on the improvements to the clubhouse.

This significant fund raising has occurred while the Club has continued to improve the condition of the course and when the Clubhouse Project has been completed the Club will be able to direct even more of its funds towards continued course improvements. The management committee are very appreciative of the fund-raising work of our members, the support from the wider community and corporate sponsorship. It has been a massive, concerted effort over a long time.

It is very pleasing to report that the Club continues to attract new members and occasionally younger members who are lowering the average age profile of our membership. We are also attracting more and more green fees players and the management committee are looking at ways of engaging with this increasing group of golfers. There seems to be an increased interest in expanding the competitions that the Club runs with suggestions of 9-hole competitions and events on Saturday mornings and Friday afternoons. We will continue to explore these options and are keen to hear from our members on how we can accommodate their needs and wants.

In closing, please consider how you can contribute to your Club, the AGM is coming up in November and we need some members to put their hands up to take on a role on the management committee or other committees.

Happy golfing!

## Mens Captain's Corner

July was an interesting month weather wise; field sizes were very much affected by the amount of rain we have had. In saying that we have anywhere between 17 & 40 players.

The conditions have affected the scoring with some mid range scores winning the day.

Mentions for July ; Seve as usual, Steve Denman Roger Malequin and Steve Savage having his first time on the podium, Garry Byles won the Monthly Mug with a fine Nett 70!

August will be busy with the club championship and the State Sands being held.

Surprisingly the course has held up very well with the amount of rain we have had.

Welcome back Schultzy (Kyle Delacy) who we haven't seen in over 12 months; great to get him back from all the travel he has been doing.

Once again thanks to the grounds crew and their great efforts in presenting the course to a magnificent standard; pity the scores don't reflect this.

Also welcome back Col Ashby; he reckons Serpy is a lot better than Birdsville.

Cheers,

Webby

## Ladies Captain's Corner

Things are still very quiet on the golfing front with bad weather forecasts and holiday makers still away. Hopefully our numbers will improve as the weather gets better.

We played Stroke on July 16th with Sue Webb having a great round of 70 nett with Di Valve runner up on 71. Our Sarah Burnett sponsored a Yankee Foursomes on the 30th and it was great to have her come and play with us. The winners were Enid Andrew and Astrea Dye with 79.7 nett with runners up Cisca Constantine and Judy Borgward on 80.4.

Only 2 weeks till our Championships start and we would love to have a huge turnout, so please remember that 2 of the 3 rounds count for the result. So if you can only play 2 rounds you are still eligible to win. If you don't want to play in the Championships you can still enjoy a round.

Happy golfing everyone!

Judy

## Points of Interest

The Ladies will be holding a mixed Melbourne Cup Day this year in memory of past club member Sally Staaden. This event will raise funds for Ovarian Cancer research. Sponsors are being sought as well as workers for the day. More information to follow, however email Judy Hambley with any inquiries.

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Garry Byles was the July Monthly Mug Winner with a fine Nett 70!!!



Tricia Borgwaed was Gross winner at the Boddington Ladies Open and Liane Bolger was Nett Runner Up. Brilliant efforts ladies!!!

## Around the Grounds

The course is looking pretty good, albeit a bit soggy in parts. With 210mm of rain for the month of July (the long-term average for July is 170mm) we now have plenty of water in all the usual spots - and this is how we like it - keeps the mind focused on hitting straight!

Thanks again to Wardy, Shep, Steve, Christian & Richard for all their work around the course & with the machinery.

And Col Ashby is back on deck mowing after returning from his Queensland outback golfing odyssey.

One of the mowers, the Toro Groundsmaster 4700 which does the rough, is currently out of action with some sort of pesky traction control fault. We have to get Toro down to try & sort this one out with a computer diagnosis. In the meantime the trusty old Ursus tractor and Stealth mower will get a run out there on the course.

That's all for now folks!

Pete



## From The Archives

15th Tee 1977:

Trees have grown a tad, eh!

### Your Committee

President: Scott Hambley 0417 173 410

Vice President: Rick Murphy 0417 187 184

Secretary: Peter Townsend 0417 912 468

Treasurer: Fred Cox 0419 134 344

Ladies Captain: Judy Borgward 0409 376 639

Men's Captain: Jeff Webb 0437 158 855

Committee: Stan Indge 0439 409 059

Committee: Julie Scott 0423 362 625

### Featured Hole

No.14: Par 4. Men 339m Index 39 Ladies 319m Index 7

One of the more forgiving holes on the course.

If you've missed on either side you still have a chance!

Generally kicks left to right at the green.