

# Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

September 2024 Newsletter

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Golf Club Inc



## Ladies July Monthly Mug:

Winner Di Vallve with a brilliant 76 Nett in  
really tough conditions.

Enid Andrew was the donor of a beautiful  
trophy!

Congratulations!!!

## President's Post September 2024

Winter is officially over but it looks like the rain is going to continue! The weather has certainly presented challenges for our grounds volunteers, but they have worked diligently to keep the course playable as much as possible. The weather has also had a big impact on our competitions and numbers participating. We have had to reschedule the men's championship in October as the conditions on the scheduled first round were unplayable. The ladies' championships have also been hit with difficult playing conditions, but they have battled on with their championships.

When the weather has been favourable, we have had very good turnouts with 44 players in this month's men's monthly mug.

Things are starting to fall into place with our management executive positions that are becoming vacant at this year's AGM. We have received nominations for President and Secretary which is very pleasing. We hope to be able to advise you of the candidates very soon. We are always looking for others to join our management committee or sub-committees, so if this could be you, please get on board. It would be good to get some fresh ideas into the Club management and to give those who have worked for many years on these committees a well-deserved break.

The Clubhouse Upgrade project continues to pick up momentum with the following developments taking place recently;

The Development Approval (Planning Approval) application submitted to the shire.

Consultants carried out an assessment of our existing site service and prepared a report on any upgrade works required. The outcome of this assessment indicated that the amounts allowed for in our project budget will be sufficient to cover this work.

A civil consultant has carried out a geotechnical assessment of the site, and we will receive a report on this soon.

A structural engineer has been appointed to carry out preliminary structural design work for the footings, slabs, wall and roof framing.

Discussions with a local builder has resulted in some changes to our new roof design to reduce the cost of the structural steel.

The shire officers have prepared a report that recommends that the Council support our application to the state government for funding (\$280K) and this will be presented to the Council Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. The shire is also proposing to increase their funding by \$5K, bringing their commitment to \$210K.

The Project Management Group (Club & Shire reps) will meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September to plan the next stages of the project.

If you haven't done it already, please have a gander at our new website – it's a ripper!

And we now have added the fixtures to menu options. If you can't find your fixture book you can now find it all on the website. And the video flyovers and other photographs of the course will be upgraded as soon as we get some sunny weather.

<https://serpentinegolfclub.org/>

## **Mens Captain's Corner**

An interesting month with the major disruption of the club championship due to the weather.

The course was unplayable for the 1st round and the forecast was marginal for the 2nd, so it was decided to move all 3 rounds to October. Hopefully the weather gods will be kinder.

August's monthly mug was won by Doug Anderson, his 2nd for the year.

Other winners Phil Jones, Vic Kemp twice, Troy Widemanski, Terry Robbins and Ron McKay.

The field sizes have been great with 38 then 44 last Sunday.

No other issue from me just looking forward to a drier September.

Cheers,

Webby

## **Ladies Captain's Corner**

Well we are still waiting for the fine weather to arrive, but have gone ahead with our club champs and were very pleased to have 16 ladies competing. After 2 rounds we have some very close results so looking forward to the last round on the 10th September.

We had Judy Borgward represent us at Nedlands in the Silver Spoon play off this week, and Astrea Dye and Marg Richings at Joondalup for the Jubilee Foursomes . Lynda Ritchie and Lianne Bolger will represent us at Wanneroo on the 16th September for the Golf WA Challenge play off .

Good luck to all those ladies and the ladies competing at Country Week events this week .

Happy golfing everyone!

Judy



## Points of Interest

The ladies are holding “The Sally Staaden Melbourne Cup Lunch” on 5/11/2024. This will be raising funds for the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. There will be “Fashions on the Field and Fairways” a day of Fun, Food, Golf and Racing Frivolity open to all members and the wider community for a great cause. Golfers ( not obligatory) will play a nine hole game starting at 8am and the clubroom fun will kick off at 10am. Tickets for the day will be \$50 including all food, fun and a complimentary VINO! To book tickets email Judy Hambley ([judyhga@gmail.com](mailto:judyhga@gmail.com)) Would love to hear from anyone who wants to be involved in running the day or sponsoring in some form.



Another stunning picture of our beautiful waterways courtesy of Sarah Burnett. Thanks Sarah!

## Around the Grounds

Ok, if you thought the course was soggy in July (210mm) then August was even soggier. My gauge showed 221mm for the month, which is the highest I've ever recorded since 1988 (the long-term average for August is 137mm). And September is continuing on in the same happy vein.

The Toro Groundsmaster 4700 is still out of action, waiting on a transducer from Melbourne and then T-Quip have to pick up the mower & do a complete hydraulic system flush & test in their workshop. This should happen next week.

Meanwhile the grounds boys are keeping everything else going & looking after the course for you.

That's all for now folks!

Regards, Pete Townsend.



## From The Archives

19th Hole 1972:

Just a wee bit rustic!

### 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.12: Par 4. Men 321m Index 5 Ladies 312m Index 3

Ripper hole. OOB right and long (but not for most of us)! Water on the left. Needs a good long drive to get to the corner give a second shot at the green.

Challenging!