



# Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

October 2024 Newsletter



## September Monthly Mug:

Winner Bruce Edwards with a fine 71 Nett  
on a countback from Brenton Hartnett.

Well done to both of you!

## President's Post September 2024

This report comes at a time when the Club is about to undergo quite a lot of change. We are about to see some changes in our executive and management committees with the current Secretary and President not seeking re-nomination. We are very fortunate to have two excellent replacements for these critical roles in the management of the Club.

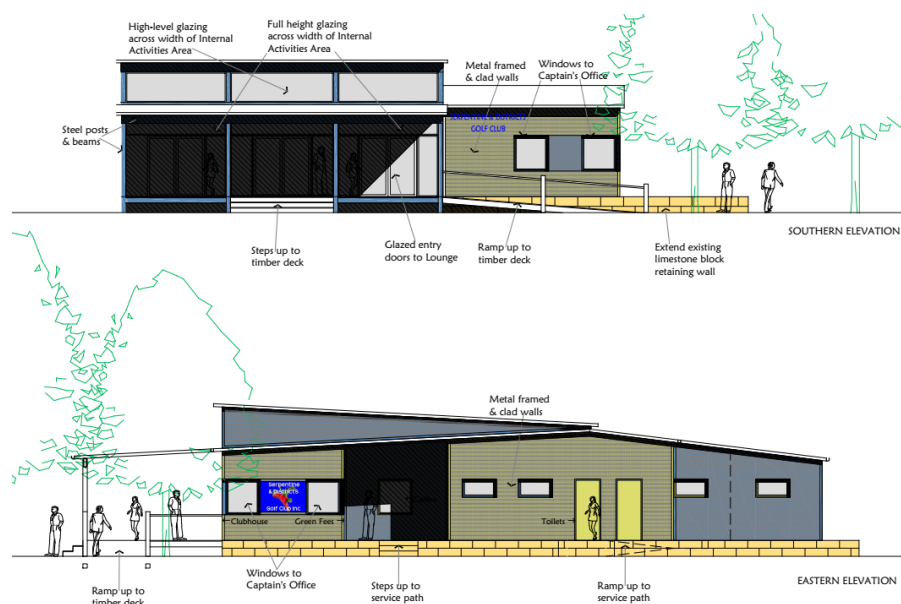
The management committee has received nominations for President & Secretary from Mike Fancote and Kevin Reeves respectively. The nominations will be ratified at our AGM on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

I wish Mike and Kevin all the best as they volunteer to serve the Club by taking on these roles.

The Club's website and facebook page continue to see improvements with increased information and club promotional material being added. Our first-class new website now has our full fixture booklet available via the main menu and a link to the latest news on the Clubhouse Upgrade project under the 'Club' tab. Additional postings are being uploaded to our facebook page including some photos of men's event winners. Thanks to Neal Ivey for instigating this improvement.

The management committee are keen to keep improving the way we use social media to promote the Club and provide members with up-to-date information.

The Clubhouse Upgrade project continues to move forward with successful meetings with Shire officers and preliminary work from services and structural consultants. The Shire officers have obtained approval from the Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund for the Club to manage the project during construction and for us to negotiate contracts directly with the builders who have provided estimates. The Shire is also investigating how they can provide insurance cover for the public liability risk during the project. These decisions will assist to reduce the total project costs.



Early in 2025 we will commence some minor demolition works clearing the area for the new effluent disposal system. This will affect the old brick barbeque, brick paving and garden beds on the eastern side of the clubhouse. The project working group have commenced planning for the temporary accommodation that will be required for changerooms and lounge area during the different stages of the construction. Whilst this is the start of an exciting upgrade to our facilities it will also involve periods of some disruption to the Club's activities. The planning is aimed at minimising inconvenience to our members.

Happy golfing!



Jude Hambley after her amazing 39 Stableford points.



Club Champion Tricia and R/U Judy Borgward. All in the family!



Congratulations Felicity Smith on her Nett 75 on September 10th.

## **Mens Captain's Corner**

September was a busy month with some great fields and tight scores.

One stand out was Chris Rawes shooting 67 of the stick on the 22nd but as a visitor it won't be recognised. Either way a great round by Chris.

Bruce Edwards just snuck in to win the Monthly mug with a score of 71.

Steve Denman won the Life Members trophy with a score of 38..

Other winners this month Vic Kemp, Col Shepley, Marg Richings, Christian Malpass and Cozza cracked his first win. Well done everyone.

We have the club championship underway with 50 players for the first round. Round 2 will coincide with the Treasurers Cup.

We have had to make an adjustment to the grades due to a huge field in B grade.

The course is in great condition and the fields have been exceptional.

Get your Ambrose teams together for November 30th. Details are on the notice board.

Happy swinging

Cheers

Webby

## **Ladies Captain's Corner**

Well we asked for some nice weather and we got it. The course has really come along well, even a bit of run out there at the moment.

We are getting close to the end of our season but we are trying to set up a Melbourne Cup golf day with 9 holes of golf, a lovely meal and lots of fun on the day. It's open to women and men so we would love to see you there.

I would also like to wish all the men good luck for their Championships.

We had 6 ladies play in Waroona week before last for a 3 person Ambrose which was a great day, with Felicity Smith, Tricia and Judy Borgward bringing home the R/U prize.

Beautiful day last week for Judy Borgward's 3 in 1 day. Happy winners were Tricia Borgward and Kath Rouse with a lovely 66.5.

We have been approached by the SWLGA to supply a delegate and I am so happy to announce that Lynda Ritchie has offered to take on the position. A huge thankyou to Lynda for representing us in the South West region. She will do a great job.

Many thanks to Lynda and Chris Siviour for representing us at the AGM.

Good golfing for the rest of the season.

Judy Borgward.

## Points of Interest

Don't forget everyone...if you have any contributions, suggestions or even alas complaints, email [rick@nagrom.com.au](mailto:rick@nagrom.com.au) and we'll include them here.

And...the nomination forms for our Summer Ambrose are in circulation. Wherever possible see if you can introduce a "newbie" to the Club through your team. Might help to attract new members.



Thursday September 5th saw 9 intrepid fellas travel to Kweda for their annual Midweek Competition.

Great comp and camaraderie!



Steve Denman after taking out the Life Member's Cup.

## Around the Grounds

We have started up the reticulation again, albeit with a few seasonal teething problems. Our October fairway fertilisation was done on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, the timing being perfect with 45mm of rain over the next couple of days. Note that we currently fertilise twice yearly in April & October at a cost of approximately \$7,000 each time.

The Toro Groundsmaster 4700 is back in action. The repair bill all-up was \$1700, but would have been more if we hadn't been able to use the controller out of the old 4700 we have stored for parts. That controller would have cost \$3,400 if we had to buy a replacement.

We now have a Silvan 6ft heavy-duty slasher in our inventory which will be used long-term to do the heavy work around the course and as back up for the more sophisticated 4700 rough mower. The grounds staff intend to use the start of #17 as the turf nursery, switching from the old #16 fairway to give it a break & access better turf.

Another small project we intend to tackle in December is to try & dig out the tree root that is expanding & encroaching on the RHS of #18 fairway near the road.

Mike Fancote has advised that he will have a cherry-picker available for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November for some tree pruning.

We will be needing a few extra volunteers to help clean up when that happens. If you think you may be able to help, please talk to Mike and/or Geoff Ward to make yourself available.

That's all for now folks!  
Regards, Pete Townsend.



## From The Archives

10th Tee 1977

Just a wee bit rural!

### 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.18: Par 5. Men 448m Index 11 Ladies 400m Index 13

Not a bad finishing hole.

Water each side and long in winter.

Take on the corner? Or play safe on the fairway?

Or go down 15? Should it be OOB?