

# Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

December 2024 Newsletter



## November Monthly Mug:

Our November Monthly Mug winner was new President Mike Fancote with a great 69!

Runners up were Phil Jones and Chris Malpass on 70.

Welcome back Fanny!!!

## President's Post December 2024

A short report this month having only been in the role for all of 2 weeks.

Firstly, I commend and thank those officers who have decided to stand down from the management committee this year for all their hard work and dedication over the period of their tenure.

Secondly, I welcome all those members that have taken on roles in the management committee for the coming 12 months. I look forward to leading and working with the committee and hence the club through what I believe will be an exciting but challenging period.

As we potentially move through a period of disruption due to the clubhouse upgrade project I know the committee will be working hard to minimise the impacts on daily golf activities and I ask all members for your support in assisting the committee in their endeavours.

During my period as President I have a focus and objective to "future proof" the club by helping to minimise some of the tasks carried out by officers that rely on their individual expertise and long term knowledge and also assist in putting long term plans in place for the course and surrounds for the benefit of all members and any members of the public who choose to play golf on our course.

May I pass on Christmas greetings to all and hope the New Year is kind to everyone.

*Mike Fancote*

*President*

## Mens Captain's Corner

2024 has been an interesting year, with the course being unplayable due to rain which forced the re-scheduling of some major events. However overall it did not result in too much disruption and forced a rethinking of some old ideas.

The rescheduling of the Wholagan Cup to late April resulted in an improved field which was pleasing, congratulations to Christian Malpass on winning this event.

The Family Ambrose day was well attended, it was pleasing to see some grandchildren playing, feedback from the day strongly indicated that this should become a regular event.

Having to push the Club Championships back to October seemed to work well with fields in the high 40's. Congratulations to the winners of this event.

It was pleasing to see an increase in new members participating this season. The atmosphere in the club house has remained excellent with the usual really bad jokes and friendly banter.

I would like to thank those members who sponsored various events during the season with a special mention of Mrs Tuckers liquor cabinet. Also, thanks to our major sponsors WA Retic, Golf Box & Bendigo Bank.

Most of all I would like to acknowledge the huge support given by Rick Murphy for the Ambrose days and the website upgrade.

I would like to thank the Ladies for all their support over the season. It is much appreciated. Also the main committee for their guidance and support through out the year. The grounds staff for providing an excellent course all year while coping with some filthy weather. As usual the feedback and ideas provided by the committees of 4 were always valuable in improving the running of the competitions.

Finally, I personally want to thank the match committee, Lippy, John, Seve & Radar for their assistance and support during the season, with special thanks to Tosh for all his work in handling the registrations etc every day.

Serpentine is a wonderful club that we can all be proud of; it has been an honour to serve as Captain for the season.

All the best for the future

Regards

Webby

## Ladies Captain's Corner

Sadly the season of golf has come to an end. We all headed off to Byford for our Xmas party and what a great day it was .

We started with a lovely meal then moved to our final trophy presentations.

Our Consistency Award went to Judy Hambley and our Monthly Medal went to Enid Andrew with our Eclectic Award going to Tricia Borgward.

This year I sponsored a Ferret Award and we had a 3 way tie with Judy Hambley and Tricia Borgward and Chris Siviour all getting 7 ferrets for the year .

Congrats to all these winners for a job well done .

We then moved to our Naughty Santa present giving and that is always a lot of fun. It was a fun day girls, thanks!

Now we move onto a summer season of golf. Unfortunately I will not make it to these days as its too hot for me, but Judy Hambley will be running these casual golf days starting at 7:30 on Tuesdays, so please be there by 7:15.

I hope you all have a great Xmas and a happy and safe New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in the 2025 golf season .

Happy golfing

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.



Captain Judy after winning the last event of the year with 35 points.

Julie Scott is presenting the trophy on behalf of the donor Jane Scott!

## Around the Grounds

Peter has organized a schedule of maintenance to ensure that each of our critical mowing machines is regularly serviced and checked for future efficiency. He has also located a new mechanic to provide that service who is fully trained on Toro machines and the rate at which he charges will save the Club quite a lot of money over the course of the year. It is quite a coup to have such expertise readily available.

The course continues to be in good order and the rough is now much more under control now that we have the 4700D back in full operation. The mowers have been adjusted to suit summer growth patterns for our fairways. Thanks go to our mowing guys for completing repairs and adjustment on all of our equipment. In some cases they have sourced and set up some spares so that down time is again reduced as we do not have to send the mowers away as much as perhaps we used to.

Good work from Michael and the volunteers to remove the majority of the dangerous tree adjacent to the eighth tee.

I have been contacted by the Shire, Natalie Watkinson, Senior Landscape Architect, to discuss the arrangements between the Shire and the Golf Club in respect of ground water usage and sharing or the bore. I will be attending a meeting next week at the Shire offices to commence the establishment of a formal agreement which covers the way things are done now and into the future.

Fred...



## From The Archives

### Synthetic #18 Green c1990

Not the greatest of successes.

We used to get some rather extravagant ball movement!

### Your Committee

President: Mike Fancote 0416 036 155

Vice President: Rick Murphy 0417 187 184

Secretary: Kevin Reeves 0455 546 333

Treasurer: Fred Cox 0419 134 344

Ladies Captain: Judy Borgward 0409 376 639

Men's Captain: Brett Murphy 0436 016 410

Committee: Stan Indge 0439 409 059

Committee: Julie Scott 0423 362 625

Committee Dave Ransom 0408 927 837

Project Manager Scott Hambly 0417 173 410

## Featured Hole

No.15: Par 5. Men 447m Index 13 Ladies 390m Index 11

Much more "user friendly" now it's a par 5!

Still takes a good drive to get to the corner to open up the road to the green. Water on the left and trees on right still make it a challenge.