



Serpentine
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Golf Club Inc

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February 2025 Newsletter



January Monthly Mug:

Our first Monthly Mug winner for 2025 was Seve on a countback with a fine 72 off a gross 78.

Well done mate!

Runners Up were Vic Tucker and Colin Ashby also on 72.

President's Post January 2025

Whilst the Management Committee didn't meet in January activities carried out by the individual members continued. The Match Committee have been busy inducting their new committee members with some "on the run" training and preparing themselves for the upcoming Winter season. The Grounds Committee have found themselves with a new chairperson in Colin Ashby. Thankyou Colin for putting up your hand to lead the team and congratulations to your team for their tireless efforts in maintaining our course in such good condition under some very trying weather conditions. The House Committee continue to do some good work in keeping the clubhouse in a clean and tidy condition.

The great news is that the club has been successful in obtaining funds from the State Government for the Clubhouse Upgrade project. That project can now go ahead with all the required funds now available. The project group are working on a schedule for the work which will potentially begin by mid year. A reminder to all club members that there will undoubtedly be some disruption to golfing activities over the coming 2 years but the team will be working hard to minimise that disruption. Your ongoing patience will be greatly appreciated. There will be some tasks allocated to the general membership to undertake via working bees so keep an eye out for the notifications of when they will occur and volunteer your time to help.

On a general safety note the 2 large white gum trees in the carpark have been severely impacted by white ants. It is recommended that members DO NOT park cars in close proximity and NOT on the western side between the trees and clubhouse. Approval to remove them is currently being sought from the local authority as set out in our lease agreement.

A reminder from the Treasurer that membership fees for the 2025/26 year will become due for payment very shortly.

Latest News on Clubhouse Upgrade Project

Great news! The Club has been advised that its application to the state government's Community Sport & Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) has been successful. This was confirmed by our local state government MP, Hugh Jones, who has been a very good supporter of the Club and its Clubhouse Upgrade project.

The CSRFF funding will see the Club receive a total of \$280,000.00 incl GST over the next two financial years of 2025-26 and 2026-27.

This significant funding gives the Club the ability to progress the project immediately with total available funding now amounting to \$840,000.00

There is a detailed progress report available on our website.<https://serpentinegolfclub.org/>

Scott...

Men's Captains Corner

Welcome to 2025, a year that will bring a number of changes to the Club.

The men have had very good start to the year with great fields on Sunday and healthy fields on Thursday.

Congratulations to Seve Getwanuson and Bruce Edwards winners of the January and February monthly mugs respectively.

The Match Committee have undertaken a review of the local rules and have some recommended changes, which we will be presenting to the management committee at the February meeting. We have introduced one new local rule around the ball coming to rest in a fairway mark, on a fairway other than the one being played. We have also removed the Alternate Stroke and Distance Local rule, the main reason behind the removal of this rule is that it was not working as intended.

This year also sees a change in the way scores are recorded. We have removed the need to hand in a physical score card, players can now score via their phones using the MiScore App. The draw has been automated using the draw formulator function in Onegolf.

It is my intention to introduce a Friday afternoon 9-hole social competition, starting at 4pm, with finger food after the game. I would like to see if we can engage non members to join in.

The season is fast approaching, and the fixtures will be presented to the February Management Committee meeting. There are still opportunities to sponsor a day, if you get in early your name will be printed in the fixture book.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

Well there is only 6 weeks before the season starts .

There have been a few brave ladies facing the heat and playing during summer, well done to them and thank you Judy for running the comps .

The 2 Judys have been busy working on the fixture book and have it all finished. There will be a few changes in it so please make sure you check out the new changes when you get it. We will announce the changes in the first few weeks back as well.

We send our best wishes to Janice Gilchrist and hope for a speedy recovery.

Good luck to our ladies that are playing in Capel on the weekend .

Happy golfing to all

Judy Borgward

Points of Interest

Serpy Shines at Summer Swing at Cottesloe GC.

Report by David Ransom

Brenton Scott, Geoff Johnson, Steve Johnson and David Ransom completed as a team at the Cottesloe Golf Club Summer Swing on Friday 17th of January. The competition was 9 hole individual Stableford with the best three out of four being counted towards the final score. With a field of 15 teams Serpy team came second with 59 points, the winning team had 64 points and the third team had 56 points.

On the day we met outside the pro shop and I must admit I did have some misgivings about how things would go. The main practise putting green surface has been removed and replanted with grass called 777. This green was not available for practise putting. This left only a small practise green for all the field. Putting on 777 grass plus the undulations makes putting very different experience from our much loved sand greens. In addition each hole has three to six sand bunkers, Steve and Geoff chose not to avail themselves of the practise sand bunker prior to the match.

It was a shotgun start and the initial tee off did not go well with yours truly hitting the trees on the right hand side of the fairway and Steve putting his tee shot deep into the rough. After that the team steadied. Brenton and Jeff had two shots on most holes and with that generous handicap we had quite a few 4 pointers. Steve is a long hitter but did not have a good day which led us to explore parts of the course rarely seen by humans. He had the distinction when he teed off the first tee his ball cleared the adjoining 9th fairway ended up up out of bounds in the lake on the other side of the 9th fairway. Many Cottesloe members extremely were impressed by this feat.

We had dinner outside on the terrace with a street food theme with multiple varied dishes served in a "street food" style (ie disposable containers.). The merriment was not dampened some brief light rain. Cottesloe does not have many truck drivers as members. We had a table of 8 with 4 other Cott members who were not only impressed but enlightened by photos of Steve's triple trailer semi.

As a good time was had by all, in the longer term the qualifying competition and Cott Summer Swing will continue to be part of the Serpy Calendar.



Our intrepid golfers...

Brenton, David, Geoff, Steve.

Around the Grounds

We've had a few scorchers of 35 degree plus this month but the course has held up well with no major retic problems. Murray Atkinson and Brett Murphy have kept an eye on the retic marking any sprinklers that need attention.

There have been no major breakdowns with machinery though Peter Townsend has had some servicing done by the local mechanic.

Two large eucalypts in the car park have white ant infestation. Our in-house pest control expert Stan Indge has drilled into them and assessed the damage. They are untreatable and need to be removed. At present we are getting quotes to make this happen.

A barrier fence has been erected behind No. 6 tee to prevent players cutting the corner with their buggies and carts.

When the weather is cooler the large tree branch on No. 8 will be removed. We're also looking at removing all the small trees at the back of the dam on the front 9 which are using up a lot of our water.

Colin Ashby



From The Archives

Clubhouse 1975

Just a tad stark, eh!

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Featured Hole

No.1: Par 5. Men 460m Index 4 Ladies 404m Index 4

This is number one and the fun has just begun!

Challenging starter hole. Out of bounds and a drain down the right hand side and plenty of trees on either side to trap any errant tee shots. Hope and pray there's no strong easterly blowing!