

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

April 2025 Newsletter

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Golf Club Inc



March Monthly Mug:

Our March Monthly Mug winner was Leon Edmonds with a solid 72 on a countback from Roger Malaquin, Steve Denman and John Sweetman.



President's Post April 2025

With the season now in full swing it's great to see the increasing numbers of members enjoying themselves and getting out on the course for a "bash".

You may have noticed the arrival of our new temporary clubhouse adjacent to the 1st tee. In the coming weeks it will be put in place, erected and connected to electrical and water services. Also in coming weeks, a sea container may appear in the carpark on the western side of the current clubhouse. This will be for the safe storage for all the items in the clubhouse for the duration of the building upgrade project. This will limit the amount of parking space available on that side of the building.

The Council have provided us a scope of works, based on an Arborists report, to carry out on the white ant infested trees in the main carpark. This does not include removal of the trees rather just pruning the dead timber from within the foliage and building a garden bed 2 metres wide around each tree to protect their surface roots from vehicle traffic.

The grounds group continue to do excellent work in keeping the course looking as good as it does. They have had to deal with the removal of a lot of debris as a result of some recent wind events. Thanks go out to that team for their continued dedication.

An initiative of the captain, Brett Murphy, in introducing Friday evening social golf has been quite successful. We have seen quite a number of people new to the game turning up and trying their hand at golf. It has also prompted some people to join the club and we welcome them whole heartedly. There is a bit of a plan to try some late evening golf with the availability of glow in the dark golf balls in the not-too-distant future. Keep an eye out for that, it could be an experience to remember.

It is just over a fortnight until our Men's Open Day, the Wholagan Cup, on 27th April 2025. The entry form is on the notice board and filling fast.

Mike Fancote

Latest News on Clubhouse Upgrade Project

Clubhouse Upgrade Project Progress

- The Club received the funding agreement from the Department of Sport & Recreation.
- I met spoke at a meeting of Shire councillors and managers to promote our Club and to ask for the shire funding to be consolidated in one financial year.
- The footings of the temporary clubhouse building will be installed next week and the structure put in place very soon.
- Detailed drawings are being prepared for all the internal fit-out of the toilets, changerooms, kitchen, etc.

The Club has received an election promise for \$138,000 from Andrew Hastie and the Liberal Party.

Scott...

Men's Captains Corner

The Winter season started on Saturday the 15th of March with 16 pairs playing the Opening Day 2 player Ambrose.

The Men's opening day drew 39 competitors The first Monthly Mug was won by Brenton Scott with a very impressive 66 Nett.

Our Friday night Community Ambrose continue to bring new players to our course. Thus far we have gained 1 male and 1 junior member, with 5 women and 2 men, also indicating they will join.

It has also proved to be a conduit for a social playing member to feel confident enough to join the Saturday competition.

I have completed the PGA Get Into Golf course and applied for my working with children card. Once the card has been issued, I can complete my application to be a National Program Deliverer and start coaching.

I met with Brett Symons, Regional Club Support Officer (South West and Lower Great Southern) Golf WA, and once all the qualification are in place we will set up a teaching program. We need this program set up so me and any other providers are covered by Golf Australia's Public Liability Insurance. The program will also allow us access funding for equipment to be used for coaching.

During the last month 12 golfers played over 3 days at Katanning.

Friday scroungers Colin Sheppard ran overall 4th with 36 points.

Main event Saturday and Sunday 4bbb Stableford with 4 players changing partners over the 2 days.

Individual partnerships on Saturday saw Neal Ivey and Matt Gallin head the Serpentine contingent with 44 points, which saw them finish 5th for the overall Saturday combos.

Sunday saw Bruce Edwards and Colin Meeres score 42 points for their combination which placed their combination 16th on the day.

Pairs scores were tallied for both days however none of the Serpentine Teams featured in the overall winning results.

Fabulous weekend of golf had by all.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

Our season got off to a good start with 16 ladies playing Yankee Foursome. It was great to see our very keen new member, Lyn Erickson and Tricia Borgward have a win on the day. Well done girls. Our next game had to be tweaked a bit due to a very hot weather forecast, 12 ladies braved the heat and the winner was Marg Richings 38pts and R/U Judy Borgward with 37pts .

We had our first round of stroke with Chris Siviour being the sponsor, and the winner was Enid Andrew 75nett. R/U was Julie Scott 76 nett. It was great to have Janice back playing golf after her accident. Best wishes also to Marg Richings on a speedy recovery.

We will be back to a 9:00 am start for the Peg Richings Memorial stroke round on the 15th so please remember to have names in by 8:45 .

We will be having an Easter Egg raffle drawn on the 15th April and you can purchase your tickets from us until that Tuesday. Tickets are 3 for \$5 . Funds will go towards our Pennant team and our Open Day .

Thank you to all the ladies that responded to my request for players for our Pennant team. We have entered the team and our first game is on the 28th.

We would like to encourage all our ladies to enter the Silver Spoon and the Interantional Bowl. There is a sheet placed out each week for you to put your names on . You have to have your names entered by the 22 April thanks .

Judy Borgward

Points of Interest



**THE HON ANDREW HASTIE MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CANNING
SHADOW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
SHADOW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY
SHADOW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE PERSONNEL**

MEDIA RELEASE

\$138,000 BOOST FOR FEMALE CHANGEROOMS AT SERPENTINE & DISTRICTS GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 9 April 2025

Federal Member for Canning Andrew Hastie has announced an elected Liberal government will deliver \$138,000 to upgrade the female and accessible changerooms at Serpentine & Districts Golf Club.

The investment will provide modern, inclusive facilities that support growing female participation in golf and ensure the club remains a welcoming place for all members of the community.

"The Serpentine & Districts Golf Club is an important community hub, offering affordable golfing options for locals and visitors," Mr Hastie said.

"For too long, women and girls have had to make do with second-rate amenities. That's not fair, and it's not good enough. This upgrade is about them—and making sure no one is left out of the game because of poor infrastructure."

The club has worked hard to advocate for improvements to the entire facility, and Mr Hastie said he was proud to support this vital aspect of the redevelopment.

The existing toilets will be demolished and replaced with new changerooms and toilet facilities, including accessible showers and toilets for individuals with disabilities.

"This investment is about building a stronger future for the club and the wider community," Mr Hastie said.

A spokesperson for the Serpentine & Districts Club welcomed the announcement, saying, "funding opportunities like these, for what is essentially a "not for profit" organisation, do not come along very often and we are extremely grateful for the support.

"The upgrades to our facilities coupled with some other initiatives we are planning in the near future will make our facilities and course more attractive to golfers of all genders and abilities which will hopefully result in an increase in numbers participating in golf related activities, be it socially or through competition play."

The upgraded changerooms will support the club's continued growth, ensuring it remains a valued sporting and social hub for Serpentine and the surrounding region.

Around the Grounds

The Shire sent an Arborist around to look at the two trees in the carpark. His report concluded that there was no white ant infestation (Stan did treat them) & that they are healthy looking trees so must remain. A good mulched garden bed around them would help to keep them healthy !!!

We are getting on with removing the trees from the back of the dam, bit by bit the job will be completed.

The fertilizing program will take place this April as usual. The T boxes on the front 9 have been fertilized by hand so hopefully we'll see a difference in them after this bit of rain.

There are a few small jobs that the match committee have asked to be done before the Wholagan Cup which my offsidars will do in my absence.

Colin Ashby



From The Archives

Our Clubhouse 1987

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Featured Hole

No.3: Par 4. Men 303m Index 12 Ladies 259m Index 8.

Straight forward fairway to an elevated green!

Forgiving during summer if you miss left or right, but
DEFINITELY NOT during winter.