

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

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Golf Club Inc

March 2025 Newsletter



February Monthly Mug:

Our February Monthly Mug winner was
Bruce Edwards with a superb 65.
Jeff Gaitskell was Runner-up with a great 68
and Steve Denman was the Gross winner
with 78.

President's Post January 2025

Preliminary works for the clubhouse upgrade project have started with the removal of the fence, the old barbeque and pavers on the eastern side of the clubhouse. This is in preparation for the installation of the new effluent disposal system. Thanks go out to the small group of members for their efforts in undertaking the work. Folks will start to see more work being undertaken from now on in preparation for the building work to start in earnest in the middle of the year.

The white ant infested trees in the carpark are still a concern and we are awaiting a report from an arborist prior to the Council officers making a decision on the work required to remedy the situation. In the meantime, please be mindful of where you park your vehicle to minimise the chances of having damage occur from falling branches.

Administratively we have been putting in place some processes to ensure that we set ourselves up for success going forward into the future with not only maintaining the status quo but in anticipation of growing member numbers. Green fee player numbers continue to grow and provide a meaningful source of income for the club.

The fixtures for the upcoming winter season have been finalised with the new fixture books becoming available in the near future. All the best to all the members participating in this year's events.

Mike Fancote

President

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Men's Captains Corner

The Summer Competition has come to an end and we enter the Winter season with average fields of 36 on Sunday and 26 on Thursday.

We started our Friday night Community Ambrose events at the start of the month. I advertised the event on 13 different Face Book Community chat pages.

Our first night attracted 19 players, 9 being non-members, our second night was attended by 24 people, with 3 people returning with friends and 6 new people.

The third night was not as successful as the first two, with only two non-members attending. On the plus side those two were very young and keen to return.

The next step in advertising the event will be flyers posted on Community notice boards. We will persist with this event over the winter, transitioning to night golf when it gets darker.

I would remind men that there are still spots available for them to be trophy donors for 2025.

The last summer monthly mug was won by Leon Edmonds on a countback from Roger Malaquin, Steve Denman and John Sweetman.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

It is great to see the 2025 golf season is upon us. I would like to give a big thank you to Judy Hambley and her helpers for running the Summer Comp this year. We had a few extra players at our last 2 rounds which was great to see.

Our Opening Day is on the 18th March with a Yankee Foursomes and we will draw for partners and our sponsor is Captain Judy. Please have your names in by 7:45 for an 8:00 o'clock hit off and could you all bring a plate to share please.

The Club Opening Day is on the 15th March and we are encouraging as many ladies as possible to come and Open our season.

Judy has emailed all our ladies, letting them know what our fixtures are for the first month, as we are not sure how long the Fixture books will be.

We have also advised the ladies that there is going to be a few changes, with the Clubhouse building going ahead, so please be patient and we will be making the transformation as easy as we can on everyone. I am looking forward to seeing the changes and hope that everyone has good health and good golfing for the 2025 season.

Judy

Clubhouse Upgrade Latest News

We have secured a temporary Clubhouse building from the Donnybrook Tennis Club. This is a near new collapsable & transportable building and is 6m x 6.5m plus a verandah (see photos below).



This will be placed along the western side of our undercover structure and will be sold when no longer required. The captain's office will be moved here, and it has a small kitchen to act as a tea-room. Social function will be held here with access to overflow areas provided by the verandah and existing undercover area.



Work has commenced on the preparation of the site for the new effluent disposal system, which is on the eastern side of the clubhouse. The EDS will be installed as soon as the Shire approval is received. The system will include a 150m² disposal field that will become a feature garden on the eastern side of the clubhouse.

Scott

Around the Grounds

It's been an uneventful month around the grounds although the ever multiplying number of kangaroos are enjoying the grass on all fairways on the front 9.

The Shire have cut back our allocation of water for the front 9, we're not happy with this decision & Fred is preparing to do battle with the Shire over this.

The Shire have also stalled the removal of the eucalypts in the car park & our President is now handling this problem.

We have had one very large quote to remove the trees from the back of the dam. On Sunday 9th, March while the dam level was very low I took a good look at the trees again. I have concluded that when the dam level is low we could manage to do the job ourselves over several weeks.

Colin Ashby



From The Archives

Who remembers when Webby had legs and ET had naff all grey in his hair:

With our dear departed Tiger Lyons.

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Featured Hole

No.2: Par 4. Men 273m Index 14 Ladies 273m Index 12

Really interesting short par 4. The big guns can have a serious crack at driving the green, though if you miss right you can be in trouble. Lay up to the large tree on the LHS and you've a comfy short second between the boobs.