

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

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Golf Club Inc

August 2025 Newsletter



July Monthly Mug:

Steve Johnson was the man in July
with a great 71 nett.
Well done!

President's Post

Recent weather conditions have not been ideal for either playing competitions or maintaining the course. We have been forced to cancel a couple of events and have seen reduced numbers at some of the other events however the grounds crew, through their combined efforts, still seem to keep the course in great playing condition. It is also great to see that the inclement weather has not deterred green fee players from taking advantage of the course availability and we still see strong numbers playing each week.

Preparation work for transitioning to the temporary clubhouse has increased recently and thanks go to the members who have put time and effort into that activity. Hopefully soon we will have a firm date as to when the transition will take place.

We have been advised by Golf Australia that they are changing the software platform on which GolfLink runs and will be shutting the system down for a short period at the end of September/beginning of October. There is no real upfront impact on the systems we use however they have recommended that no handicap events should be played during the shutdown as the handicapping system will not be available. This could possibly affect one of the ladies and one of the men's club championship rounds. We will decide on whether those events need to be rescheduled as more information comes to hand in the near future. Watch this space....



Men's Captains Corner

The weather has caused havoc with the men's fixture during July with three Sundays being cancelled due to the course being unplayable. The only game to be completed was the Monthly Mug which was won by Steve Johnson by one shot from Troy Windermanski.

I have decided to take a small break from the Friday night games. During this break I will be revamping the format

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

Ladies have been very lucky with the weather pattern over the last month, seeing Tuesdays mainly fine and great golf weather. Entries have gone in for the Annual Golf WA Tournaments we support. Judy Borgward will play in the Silver Spoon Competition on Monday 8th September at Seaview Golf Club. On Tuesday 9th of September Lynda Ritchie and Enid Andrew represent Serpentine at the Jubilee Foursomes Play-Off at Mount Lawley. Felicity Smith and Liane Bolger will play the Golf WA 4BBB Challenge playoff at Wanneroo on 15th of September. Judy Borgward is entered in the Silver Division of the International Bowl and Julie Scott in the Bronze. Good luck to them all!

It was pleasing to have two pairs represented at the SWWGA Foursomes Championships in Boyup Brook on 9th and 10th of August. The weather was much kinder than that at Northam for the men at State Sand Greens but still offered some challenge. Lynda Ritchie and Judy Borgward won the Best nett in the Silver division on Saturday and it is suggested that had there been a prize for laughter billowing across the Fairways, Julie Scott and Felicity Smith would have had it in the bag!

The monthly Mug winner this month was Peta McHardy. Country Week is coming up in the week starting 8th of September. We hope to get a good crew from Serpentine competing.



Alyson Blazic after her superb 42 stableford points on July 15th with trophy donor Sarah Burnett.



Peta McHardy with her Monthly Mug after taking out the event on August 5th with a fine 71 nett!

Clubhouse Upgrade Project Latest News

Project Title	Serpentine Golf Club – Clubhouse Upgrade Project				
Estimated completion status of project	0-10%	10 - 25%	25 - 50%	50 - 75%	75 - 100%
		12%			
Last Month (July) progress - what was achieved	<p>Additional electrical, plumbing and cabinet works completed on the temporary clubhouse building</p> <p>Installation of a temporary storage building. Fittings, fixtures and loose item relocated from existing clubhouse into the storage building</p> <p>Negotiations with the builder on the building contract – a Master Builder’s Medium Works Contract. Scope of work agreed.</p> <p>Completion of the independent estimate of construction costs</p> <p>Update the estimate of project costs</p> <p>Continued discussions held with the SJ Shire to obtain additional funding, meeting arranged to put our case and discuss further</p> <p>Agreement achieved with SJ Shire health department on the specifications for new effluent disposal system, and an application for approval lodged with the state health department.</p>				
Planned action for August what is planned to occur	<p>Approval of the effluent disposal system and works commenced.</p> <p>Set up of the temporary toilet block.</p> <p>Continue to engage with stakeholders to secure additional project funding</p>				
Issues/Problems that may affect agreed project timeline	<p>Delays in gaining approval from the SJ Shire for the installation of the new effluent disposal system – which in turn delays the commencement of demolition of the existing building</p>				

Points of Interest



A few pics of our lovely looking and upstanding members at The State Sandgreens Championships!

Around the Grounds

.As you can see there are a few changes in the parking area happening in preparation for new buildings. Those bringing carts in are asked to park to the left & down from the sheds. The pony club paddock will also be open for parking on our big event days.

We have eventually got our new battery chainsaw which will make work much easier for the aging groundsmen. As will the new push mower we have also acquired. The new leaf rake is also expected soon.

Rabbits were starting to do a lot of damage on No 12 fairway coming in from the railway reserve. I have given the burrows a good dose of "rabbit only" poison which seems to have slowed them down. I will be treating a few other problem areas soon.

Also experimenting with "new look" tee boxes without spending money,

Colin Ashby



From The Archives

Life Membership for Carina
Reynolds and Ross Atkinson in
1990.

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Featured Hole

No.7: Par 4. Men 303m Index 10 Ladies 273m Index 14.

Terrific Hole:

Don't hit the bush on the right...or on the left for that matter! A good drive means you still have to negotiate the huge tree in front of the green. Challenging!