

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

September 2025 Newsletter

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Golf Club Inc



Ladies Stableford 6/9/25

Lyn Fitzgerald back at the Club this week sponsoring the event pictured with winner Felicity Smith.

President's Post

There is not a lot to report administratively this month with "Business as usual" being the theme.

I think we are all anxious to see some physical work start on the clubhouse upgrade project but the project team have been working hard in the background to ensure the work starts as soon as practicable. In the meantime, a small group, under Brett Murphy's guidance, has been working to prepare the temporary club facilities for use. Stan Indge and his crew have been busy moving items from the existing clubhouse into storage to ensure the building is ready for the demolition stage to begin.

It is great to see a number of new members joining the club and participating in club events. It is also pleasing that there is a consistent flow of public green fee players taking advantage of the course availability and honing their golfing skills.

I am amazed at how well the course has coped with the amount of rain over the last month which has hampered the playing of some events and reduced opportunities for course maintenance. The grounds staff should be commended for their efforts in keeping the course in the best possible condition.

September and October will see both the ladies' and men's club championship events being played. I take this opportunity to wish good luck and kindness from the "golfing gods" to all the players participating in those events.

Mike Fancote

Men's Captains Corner

Ten players from Serpentine attended the State Sand Greens 4BBB and Stroke Championships at the start of August.

On Friday in the 4BBB Steve Denman and Colin Ashby placed 4th scoring 45 points.

The stroke Championship was reduced to 27 holes with rain washing out the afternoon round on day 1. We had to return early Sunday Morning to complete our 18 holes then wait 2 hours to start our last 9 holes. Scoring was difficult with condition being as they were, I had the best finish of the Serpentine players finishing 5th Nett on 108 Nett.

Back at Serpentine the wet weather continues to impact on Sunday fixtures. The Monthly Mug attracted a very small field of just 18 players.

Mike Fancote won his second Mug for the season with a nett 71.

The two wet Sundays saw a total of 28 players and the two dry Sundays had a total of 61 players.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

It has been a very up and down month for golf, the weather has been ordinary, and we have had a lot of illness amongst our ladies. We have had a few ladies away holidaying or touring the state playing golf (lucky them), so numbers have been a bit low, but we did still have some good scores. Our dreaded Par round seems to suit Bev Thomas +1 with Alyson Blazic - 2.

Last week we found the course very wet and soggy, but Marg Richings came in with 32 points on a C/B from Lorraine Bailey 32 points. This week brings our Silver Spoon play off with Judy Borgward representing Serpie at Seaview golf Club and coming 3rd in the Sand Green division. Tuesday we have Jubilee foursomes Play off with Lynda Ritchie and Enid Andrew representing us at Mount Lowley Golf Club, then we have the Golf WA 4BBB Play Off at Wanneroo next week with Liane Bolger and Felicity Smith representing us. Good Luck to all those girls.

Nest week we have our 1st round of Club Champs, so hoping for a good turn out and fine weather. If possible ladies could we have your names in by 8:30 just to give us a bit more time to set the groups.

I would also like you all to have a think about Melbourne Cup Day so we can have a discussion in the next few weeks on whether to run a comp and lunch, so have a think and let us know please.

Happy Golfing

Judy

Clubhouse Upgrade Project Latest News

Meeting with Shire Officers

A meeting was held recently with officers of the SJ Shire to discuss the submission to the Council requesting additional funding for the project. The meeting confirmed that the submission would request an additional \$100,000 and take the shire's total commitment to \$310,000.

The additional amount would be proposed for inclusion in the budget for **2026/27 financial year**.

The additional funding would bring the shire's contribution up to the **1/3 split** across the Shire, Club and Dept of Sport & Recreation.

The request for the additional funding has been assessed by the Shire executive and will be supported by the officer's submission when presented to the Council.

Temporary Clubhouse & Storage Container

Works have progressed well on getting the temporary clubhouse ready for use. The Kitchen has been re-fitted and a water supply connected. An additional fridge for the bar has been purchased and the desk fitted for use as the captain's office.

Shade cloth screens have been fitted to the existing undercover area and guttering added to the temp clubhouse roof.

A big vote of thanks to Brett Murphy for his work on the temp clubhouse.

Work will continue relocating fittings and loose items from the lounge area and kitchen into the new storage container.

New Effluent Disposal System

After lengthy negotiations with shire health officers, we have received the go ahead to submit our proposed system to the State Health Dept for approval. We hope to receive a response by the end of August.

Hopefully work will then commence on installing the proposed system.

Note: the proposed system is a smaller size & cost than requested by the shire and will have a holding tank added to increase the system's capacity to handle larger events at the Clubhouse over one- or two-day periods.

Contract with Builder

Work has been progressing on the details for the proposed Cost-Plus Contract with Build Construct Renovate Pty Ltd.

BCR are a small local builder with experience in community projects and small commercial works.

The contract proposed is to cover all construction works required to achieve the 'lock-up' stage. On completion of this contract the Club will consider completing the fit-out works with an additional Cost-Plus contract with BCR or alternatively the Club will sub-contract the works directly.

Planning **Building Approvals**

There have been some delays in obtaining the Shire approval for the installation of the new effluent disposal system and this has in turn delayed the commencement of the demolition of the existing building. The Project Management Working Group are working to resolve the issues with the Shire to minimize any further delays.

Project Funding

The revised funding budget reflects the additional commitment of \$22,000 from Alcoa, the requested additional \$100k from the Shire and a projected additional \$10k from corporate funding. It also includes an additional \$20k of Club funding.

Project Funding Incl GST	
Current Club Funding	\$200,000.00
Additional Club Funding	\$20,000.00
Current Corporate Funding	\$88,000.00
Additional Corporate Funding	\$10,000.00
CSRFF Funding	\$280,000.00
Current Shire Funding	\$210,000.00
Additional Shire Funding	\$100,000.00
Total Funding	\$908,000.00

Project Costs

The revised estimate of project costs reflects the increase in the construction cost estimate and the extra costs for the effluent disposal system.

Temporary Accommodation	\$10,000.00
Power Supply	\$40,000.00
Effluent Disposal	\$30,000.00
Consultant Costs	\$15,000.00
Construction	\$855,000.00
Total Capital Costs	\$950,000.00
Savings from In-kind work	-\$42,000.00
Total Project Costs	\$908,000.00

Around the Grounds

It's been a cold wet month. Surprisingly the course has held up well & green fee players seem to be having no problem with it at all.

We're now talking seriously about changing our oiled greens to environmentally friendly sand greens. However this will be a long process hopefully starting with No 9 as an experiment & of course funds as it is not going to be a cheap process.

The new retic system is also slowly starting to happen with funds coming from the State Government expected soon.

There has been some motorbike damage to No 2 & 3 greens so please keep an eye out for the culprits.

Colin Ashby



From The Archives

Opening Clubhouse extensions
1987.

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Featured Hole

No.8: Par 3. Men 129m Index 18 Ladies 129m Index 16.

Cute Par 3:

For a hole so short and with such a high index, it still commands respect and ain't the easiest hole to tackle with the boobs in front and a green that's hard to hold.