

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

November 2025 Newsletter

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October Monthly Mug

The Byles boy has done it again with a fine 70 nett after a ton off the bat. Not sure how he does it so often!!!!

President's Post

October saw the completion of the club championships for both the ladies and men and the major trophy presentation event. Firstly, congratulations to the ladies for their very convincing win over the men in the presentation day event. Congratulations also to all the recipients of trophies from the club championships and other major events during the year.

This month we also received into our bank account the promised \$20k grant from the state government which now allows us to progress with the reticulation control systems upgrade with the work being carried out over the summer period.

Very recently, after some frustrating delays, we have received approval for the installation of the new effluent disposal system which is the first vital step in the clubhouse upgrade project. Work is scheduled to start after the Summer Ambrose Day on the 29th of November. This will cause some disruption around the clubhouse area so please be safety minded and obey any signage and any designated "no-go" areas.

The club continues to be well supported by what seems to be a continuous stream of public green fee players some of whom have decided to become members. Please make them welcome.

The club's annual general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18th of November with all positions of the committee becoming available. As is normal this is your opportunity to have input into the management of the club by nominating for one of the many vacant committee positions and help guide the club to a successful and vibrant future. There are exciting times ahead but they will not be without significant challenges that will require considered decisions to be made.

Mike Fancote



A very gracious Captain Radar presenting the Past Players Memorial Shield to Bev Thomas after her sizzling 40 points to guide the girls to a crushing victory in the Gazunda...

Men's Captains Corner

The month began with a familiar face winning the monthly mug. Garry Byles triumphed with a net 70 to edge out 2 other players with good records in the monthly mug, Steve Johnson and Keith Gray.

The monthly mug was also the start of our Men's Club Championship.

New member Chris Gray got off to a good start shooting 76 off the stick to hold a three-shot lead over Vic Kemp. The second round saw a reversal of the positions as Vic posted a very good 73, while Chris had a tough day and posted 81, leaving Vic with a 5-shot lead going into the last round.

Chris had saved his best for last as he posted a 71, which is the lowest stroke score by a member since the 15th & 16th holes were changed, Vic shot 80 which meant that Chris had turned a 5 shot deficit into a 4-shot victory.

The B Grade championship saw Warwick Lipscombe and Steve Johnson in an epic battle 1 shot separated them going into the final round with Steve holding the advantage. Warwick shot 86 while Steve stumbled to a 91 giving Warwick a 4 shot victory

The C grade saw another close battle between Steve Walker and Kieth Gray Steve held a 1 shot lead going into the last round. Both players must have felt the pressure as they both posted their worst rounds of the championships both bringing up the century. Fortunately for them they were far enough in front of the rest of the C grade field that they hung onto their positions, Steve winning by the 1 shot.

The Nett Championship saw perennial Gross runner up Steve Denman come out on top with 215 edging out the president Mike Fancote 217.

The season is ending with just 1 qualifying fixture left, then we are into the summer fixture.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

Wow ,what a great day we had at the Gazunda Day and what a great job our ladies did to beat the men this year fair and square. (No DQ this year). We had 3 ladies come in with 40pts, Bev Thomas being the winner and Astrea Dye 2nd and Kathy Rouse 3rd. Well done girls .Thanks to Brett for organising the draw on the day and to Judy Hambley for organising our lunch.

It was nice to see so many stay for the Awards Presentation and I would like to congratulate all the winners. Thank you to Mike for doing the Ladies Presentation so we didn't have to present our own awards.

Daph Treen and myself made our way to Donnybrook for the SW AGM; we managed to get the date we wanted for our Open Day next year, 15th May and a Veterans Day on the 31st August. Keep those days free.

A small group of 11 of us had a lovely day on Melbourne Cup day. We all had a go at playing off the Men's tees; what fun that was. We played 9 holes with Annette Chandler and Judy Borgward coming in 39G and 23N, and Lorraine Bailey and Kathy Rouse 49G and 33N. We then had a lovely lunch supplied by our ladies.

Congrats to Chris Watson who had a great weekend at the Rockingham Bowl last week ,winning with 40pts on both days; well done Chris.

Only 2 more rounds of golf left before Summer golf start; we have Stroke this week and then Stableford. It is going to be a bit warm so if you would like to hit off a bit earlier just arrive early and we will do a running draw.

Judy Borgward

Clubhouse Upgrade Project Latest News

New Effluent Disposal System

At last!!!! Great News!!!! We have finally received approval from the WA Dept of Health for our effluent disposal system after a delay of about 4 months. This will allow the project to proceed as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, to obtain the approval, we have had to significantly increase the size and cost of the system which will now comprise a 6000L pre day ATU and 2 x 18m leach drains. This will certainly future proof the system to cope with any potential increase in the size or use of the clubhouse, and give the club the ability to host large events over multiple days – such as the men's WA Sand Greens Championship.

The cost of the system will be around \$70,000 which is \$50,000 more than allowed for in the project budget, and therefore we will need to source some additional project funding.

The work on the new effluent disposal system will commence before the end of 2025.

Additional Shire Funding

The request for additional funding from the shire has not made it onto the agenda for the November council meeting. This will allow us to make an alteration to the request by increasing the amount to cover the larger than anticipated increase in the cost of the effluent disposal system. It is anticipated that the funding request will be dealt with at a council meeting early in 2026.

Temporary Clubhouse & Toilets

With the WA Dept of Health approval, we will be moving the Club's competition and social administration into the temporary facilities after the Summer Ambrose Day on the 29th of November.

The repair works on the temporary toilets building will commence very soon but will not be commissioned until the new effluent disposal system is completed.

Access will remain in place to our existing toilet facilities via the external door until the temporary toilets are in use.

Security Fencing & Demolition

The builder, Build Construct Renovate (BCR), will be installing temporary security fencing around the building site once we have moved into the temporary clubhouse. This will allow demolition works to commence in December, which will initially involve the verandah structure and the non-structural components of the clubhouse.

Building Permit Application

BCR have been preparing the various components of the building permit application, which includes energy efficiency and bushfire attack level (BAL) assessments. This will be then processed by BCR's building certifiers before being submitted to the shire. This should allow the construction to commence in early 2026.

Project Funding

The revised funding budget reflects the request for additional funding of \$150k from the shire

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	\$150,000.00
Total Funding	\$958,000.00

Project Costs

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

Temporary Accommodation	\$10,000.00
Power Supply	\$40,000.00
Effluent Disposal	\$70,000.00
Consultant Costs	\$15,000.00
Construction	\$895,000.00
Total Capital Costs	\$1,000,000.0
Savings from In-kind work	-\$42,000.00
Total Project Costs	\$958,000.00

Points of Interest



Our Men's Champ Chris Gray



And Ladie's Champ Judy Borgward



Kathy Rouse after her 73 nett
October 21st with trophy donor Flick
Smith



Lyn Erickson after her great 41
points on October 7th with
Jude for donor Jane Scott

Around the Grounds

The course is looking good. Mowing on the back nine has now commenced twice weekly.

We are endeavouring to get the greens in better shape & have modified the rake to try and achieve this.

Vic Tucker had a clean out at home and has donated a drill press and various other items to the workshop; much appreciated Vic, thank you.

It's also good to welcome a couple of new faces to help out on our busy Wednesday course maintenance.

Colin Ashby



From The Archives

Rex Court after acing No. 10 in 1993 accepting his award from our late Captain Willow!

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Featured Hole

No.10: Par 3. Men 155m Index 17 Ladies 110m Index 17

What a way to start the back nine.

Uphill with trees on the right protecting the road, often to no avail! And more trees close to the green on the left for the unwary.