

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

December 2025 Newsletter



November Monthly Mug

Stan Indge after his great 67
nett after 83 off the bat.

President's Post 2024/5

This being my first year as President of the club has been a year full of new experiences for me. It has not been without some frustrations but all in all a very rewarding 12 month period. To the uninitiated lots of things just happen around the club as a matter of course, but in reality, there is someone somewhere in the background making it happen. My thanks go to those that do those things week in and week out and help make our club a joy to be a member of and to participate in.

I would like to thank specifically the members of the management committee for their efforts, congratulate them on a job well done and thank them for providing their advice and learnings from their past experiences.

Administratively over the last 12 months we have instituted some processes, unseen by the majority of members, that will enable us to future proof the club as it grows and not be reliant on any particular individual's experience, knowledge or opinion.

Financially, as you have seen, we have had a very buoyant year which will lay the foundation for implementing some projects that will improve our "tee to green" assets. The, what seems to be, a continuous and growing stream of public green fee players contributed enormously to our financial position.

After a few months of some very frustrating delays, we have seen the first steps in the clubhouse upgrade project coming to life. The temporary clubhouse is now virtually ready for habitation and will be in use as of the beginning of December 2025 which will provide for the demolition work to commence on the current clubhouse.

Competitively we have seen strong numbers not only supporting our local competitions but also competitions further afield around the state. Always a great advertisement for our club.

The weather this year, particularly through the winter period, was not as kind as it could have been however the grounds staff have once again excelled in keeping the course in the best possible playing condition.

So what of the future? I will be putting my hand up to continue as club president as I can see some exciting but challenging times ahead. I believe that we aspire to be one of the best, if not the best, sand green clubs in Western Australia. One that provides a quality yet relatively inexpensive golfing experience for golfers of all abilities and genders alike whilst focussing heavily on our members needs. We also want to maintain our "country" feel without sacrificing the services we can provide to the growing urbanised community which surrounds us and that we want to strive to maintain a friendly, inclusive and engaging behavioural environment.

If you think this is an appropriate vision and want to be a part of it I encourage you to put your hand up for one of the committee positions available and help guide the club into the future.

Mike Fancote

Treasurer's Report 2024/5

Thanks again to Rob Gibb for auditing our books which were more complicated since the move to get a new ABN and commence paying GST.

Our annual turnover increased again to \$482,744, that is an increase of \$37,060 or 8%.

Our Income at \$260,489 was down 3.5% on last year, and our expenditure increased by \$46,743 or 2.7% to \$222,254. The overall balance at the bank increased by \$38,235 or 15% to \$297,327. The increase in spending was largely due to the Club House Project.

The improved balance is due to the successful application for a couple of grants and a labor party promise prior to the last election.

Interest rates improved slightly during the year and close management of our accounts with the Bendigo Bank saw us earn \$9392 in interest this year, well up on last year's \$7108.

Our membership receipts at \$54,905 were up \$6k on last year. We currently have 202 (170) financial members in various categories with 139 (120) of those being affiliated with Golf WA. Our membership increased slightly so we now have 155 (120) ordinary members, 10 life members, 15 Country, and 8 social members, among others.

Our green fees at \$86,258 increased by more than 43%. The increase in fees is partly due to allowing EFTPOS payments and earned us an extra \$26,073 this year, a great result.

From a Capital perspective this year we spent only \$1,750. New sweeper and a new mower from Mower World. Well down on last years \$15K

Our course costs this year were slightly higher at \$24,799, \$2,155 less than last year.

The machinery maintenance costs, at \$13,018 were almost the same as last year's \$12K. Maintenance of the Clubhouse at \$1,334 was around \$500 less than last year.

The cost of fuel at \$10,523 was slightly higher than last year as fuel prices rose slightly.

The cost of electricity and gas decreased 17% to \$14993 due in part to government rebates. The Shire now bills us more regularly so no more "humps"

During the year we spent \$15,527 on trophies and golf balls, that's an increase of 1% on last year and reflects the Committee's careful management of costs. Thanks to Jeff Webb
for his negotiation skills at golfbox.

Bar income for the year was up 11% to \$39,918 mainly due to a bit more activity and the increased use of EFTPOS. Our costs were \$20,673 which results in a ROI of 93% which is good news for the Club. Keith Gray continues to manage stock levels very well.

The cost of the scheme water this year was \$889 and we used 312 Kilolitres this year. We also supplied our neighbors who reimbursed us almost \$260 for their part of the usage.

Catering expenses were down 18% on last year to \$5,710. We rolled some catering income into event fees this year and those figures still showed that the House people had earned some \$8k on top of sales through the kitchen. The income generated was \$11,784 which is a ROI of around 106% which is a really great effort by the House Committee and all the people involved.

I have recommended that membership fees be held at the same level next year as a way of offsetting the inconvenience to come during the project building. Golf WA have also increased their affiliation fees again but the Committee has decided to absorb that cost as well as a benefit to our members.

The 2024-25 has seen our Club maintain a good financial cash position, increasing our reserves by \$38K. We have seen an increase in Memberships and an increase in green fee players which augers well for the Club's future. We have been successful in acquiring funds for our Clubhouse upgrade project and have plans to improve our reticulation system in readiness for more course improvements going forward

In closing I would again like to express my gratitude to those people who, in my absence, have collected monies on various days and put it into clearly marked envelopes, it really makes my job a lot easier when reconciling payments and incomes.

A special thanks to Peter for all the work he has done, and some cases, is still doing, to set our Club up for the successful transition to the world of GST.

Fred Cox

Men's Captains Corner

November started with Stan Indge winning the Monthly Mug. The average fields for November were strong with 33 players. The highlight of the month was the Summer Ambrose on the 29th of November sponsored by Autospec 4X4 and Hawk Concrete Floor Coatings.

27 Teams competed on the day and with an outstanding 10 under 62 off the stick the Brookton Under 50's were the winners.

With their 10 handicap that gave them a nett 52. Pirates I hear you say, not really two of their players were off +1 and +3 handicaps, so they can play a bit. After the runaway winners only 2.25 shots separated the next 10 teams. Serious Scrubbers were 5 shots back in second place with 57 nett.

Winners

TEAM NAME Gross Net

Brookton Under 50s Ryan Sheridan -1 Chris Rawes -3 Hannah Crute 37 Kye Sheridan 47 Nett 52

Serious Scrubbers Chas Eadon-Clarke 9 Peter Aitken 14 Alan Drever 23 Ross Tozer 18 Nett 57

Fore Fathers Josh van Kampen 18 Michael Snart 18 Domenic Crouch 15 Mark van Winsen 18 - Nett 57.375

Outsiders Kevin Pollock 19 KML Pollock 16 R Peet 15 D Hurley 19 Nett 57.375

Annette's Anklebiters Stan Indge 13ra Annette Chandler 48 Phil Jones 14 Garry Byles 31 Nett 57.75

For every game there has to be someone who finishes last. This year that honour went to one of our sponsor teams, Get Floored.

Ladies Captains Corner

The Ladies finished the official season off with a great Christmas lunch at the Ravenswood Hotel. 30 Ladies gathered as we welcomed several who no longer play but love to keep up with everyone and in touch with the club. Four previous Captains were amongst them.

Final seasons awards were presented. The Years Monthly medal was won by Judy Borgward 1 shot ahead of Kathy Rouse. Kathy won the Consistency very convincingly by 5 points from Lorraine Bailey. Judy Borgward also won the Eclectic on a 67gross from Lynda Ritche on 69gross.

It was great to see Judy Borgward succeed whilst giving her time, knowledge and dedication to being Captain for the second year and we are all very thankful to her.

Over the Summer a few ladies hope to play on Tuesdays teeing off at 7.30am. Anyone is welcome to join at that time.

I look forward to the challenge ahead as Ladies Captain and also to working with Brett Murphy in joint areas. I would say I will struggle to take the reins too strongly before the New Year.

There are some areas I am keen to work on. Communication within the club, building the playing membership, introducing a nine hole competition on Tuesdays to accommodate young mothers and those whom 18 is becoming too much. Also getting more members involved in the running of events and around the course.

My biggest challenge will be the technology and computer work ahead. I am hopeful that by increasing my knowledge and experience with Onegolf the role will become simpler. Further to that I realise there are many ladies who struggle with the Technology of using phones for scoring and also booking events on line so working towards helping educate everyone in this area could be a useful goal as well.

Judy

Clubhouse Upgrade Project Latest News

Updated Project Program

Unfortunately, with the delays to the approval of the effluent disposal system we have had to delay the date for the start of the builders' work on stage 1 construction. This has had a knock-on effect with the builder having to commence other projects.

Work on installation of the effluent disposal system and demolition will commence in Dec 2025. Work on the Stage 1 construction will commence in March 2026 and is estimated to be completed by Sept 2026. The Stage 2 works will commence in October 2026 and are estimated to be completed by April 2027.

Revised Project Program

Stage	Duration	Start	Complete
Minor Demolition	1 month	Dec 2025	Jan 2026
Effluent Disposal System	2 months	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Stage 1 Works (up to lock-up)	7 months	March 2026	Sept 2026
Stage 2 Works	7 months	Oct 2026	April 2027

Additional Shire Funding

The Clubhouse Project Working Group have written to the SJ Shire requesting that the additional funding being sought by the Club is increased by \$50,000.

The shire officers will present back to Executive on 17th Dec 2025, and a report will go to Council following that.

Our project manager has been lobbying shire councilors to ensure their support for this funding when it comes to a Council vote. It is anticipated that the funding request will be dealt with at a council meeting early in 2026.

Temporary Clubhouse & Toilets

The Club has now moved all activities out of the old clubhouse into the temporary building. Access to the old toilets will be maintained until the temporary toilets are commissioned in early 2026.

A big thank you to all our members who have assisted with this move, especially Brett Murphy, Stan Indge, and Keith Gray.

The repair works on the temporary toilets building has commenced 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.

Scott

2025 Summer Ambrose Pictures



Winners:

"Under 50's" from Brookton.

Ryan Sheridan, Chris Rawes, Hannah
Crute and Kye Sheridan.
Super score of 62 nett!



Again in a delightful pose with the
AutoSpec 4x4 beast.



And our Nagas:

"Get Floored" from Hawk Concrete Floor
Coatings, one of our sponsor teams.

Ben, Mickey, Shanay and Connor.

Around the Grounds

The course still looking good despite the warmer weather & the greens are much better now they're being scarified more.

Amazing how many green fee players are out & about in the early mornings, dodging them while mowing a bit of a challenge but great to see them out there.

The move into the temporary club room has finally been made making way for some demolition work to commence. We will remove the old front verandah ourselves with the plan being to attach it to the back shed giving us more room to store machinery etc.

Colin Ashby



From The Archives

Found this at the Gwalia Museum while touring the Sons of Gwalia mine and the old Gwalia townsite in June last year. Our Bob was a bit of a legend there!

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Featured Hole

No.11: Par 4. Men 377m Index 3 Ladies 322m Index 5

Challenging part of this great hole is the length.

And you need to be straight. Miss the fairway and you don't stand a chance of reaching in 2.

And a wee drain across the fairway adds to the intrigue.