

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

January 2026 Newsletter



December Monthly Mug

Mike Bratovich was the winner after his sensational 69 gross, a new course record, for 66 nett. Reckon that might stand for a while!

Congratulations mate!!!

President's Post January 2025

Firstly, may I welcome all members to the new year and hope that it is as successful as you hope it will be.

The club finished the 2025 year in a very buoyant financial position due mostly to the astute work of the Treasurer Fred Cox. As we move into 2026 however there is some anticipated high expenditures particularly with the Clubhouse Upgrade and Reticulation Upgrade works commencing in earnest.

During December there was great patronage from the members with well over 250 starters in the various events for the month. As we move through the summer months please be mindful of the toll heat can take on the body whilst playing on days when the temperature is high. We also saw a steady stream of green fee players taking advantage of our course particularly during the holiday period.

The Grounds Group consistently maintains the course in top condition despite the hot weather. Their efforts do not go unnoticed.

In early December we moved our competition management into the temporary clubhouse and outdoor area. A move that was not without small challenges which were overcome admirably. This move afforded an opportunity to start some of the demolition work on the old clubhouse and thanks go to the small group of members who leant a hand to that process.

During January we will see a continuation of the demolition, the installation of the long awaited effluent disposal system and a start on the reticulation upgrade project. These may cause some disruptions to normal activities but nothing that we will not be able to overcome.

Mike Fancote



Fanny was our Consistency winner for 2025 Sunday events and Sevy took out the Eclectic!

Men's Captains Corner

The last monthly mug for the year saw Michael Bratovich post a new course record.

Michael shot a 69 off the stick for a nett 66 to take out his first monthly mug.

The previous course record of 67 by James Carr was set on the old course during the 2008 State Sand Greens Championship.

The course was altered circa 2015 when No 15 previously a par 4 and the 16th a par 5. The 15th was lengthened and became a par 5 and the 16th shortened and the dog leg removed and is now a par 4.

James's score will remain the course record for the old layout and Michaels is the course record for the new configuration.

Our community engagement 2 player Ambrose events on Friday night will begin again this Friday the 16th, at the time of writing this report we have 18 players booked.

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Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

It has been a quiet month on the course due to Christmas/New Year Break.

About 6 ladies have been playing teeing off at 7.30am on Tuesday mornings. We open this to anyone and have heard rumblings we may have a couple of men joining us in coming weeks. We welcome anyone wanting to acquire a handicap as playing members happy to help with completing cards.

I have been working on forming a Match Committee and at this point I have Chris Sivior, Di Vallve and Judy Borgward, hoping still to maybe get one or two more.

Also I have been working on the 2026 Fixtures and the committee will meet next Monday 19th/1 to hopefully finalise these.

In researching dates on the Golf WA Website I recommend that everyone take time to research the Website, particularly the Events and Tournaments and Fixtures sections to see the huge number of events one can enjoy across the state.

Judy Hambley

2026 Ladies Captain

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Serpentine & Districts Golf Club Clubhouse Upgrade Project

Progress Report January 2026



Latest News

• Effluent Disposal System (ATU)

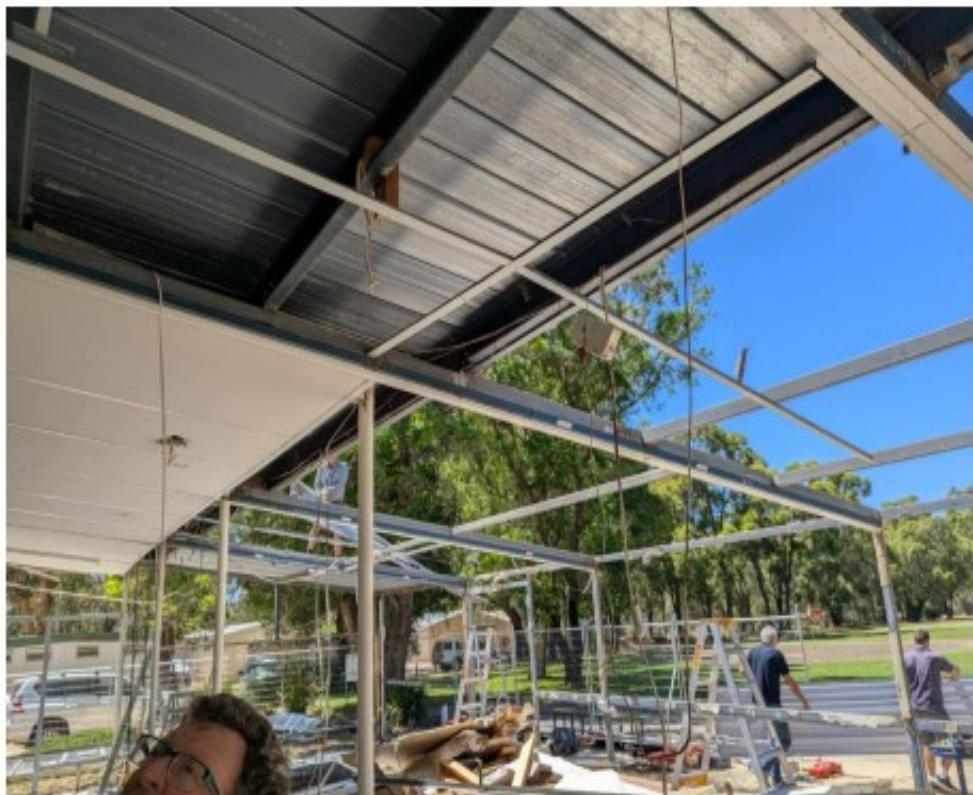
We have received approval from the WA Dept of Health for our effluent disposal system (ATU) and have attended a meeting with shire health officers to confirm the requirements of this approval plus the shire's approval requirements.

At this meeting the shire officers gave verbal approval to vary the requirements provided by the WA Dept of Health, with the total length of flatbed leach drains reduced from 36m to 32m. Whilst this is a 'win' in some ways it is also frustrating to find that after a 3 month delay to the project getting the WA Dept of Health approval only to learn that the shire can overrule their conditions of approval.

The contractor for the ATU has ordered the equipment and will commence work on the installation in late January 2026. The ATU should be completed by the end of March and the temporary toilets connected soon after allowing the demolition of the existing toilets and the remaining clubhouse.

• Demolition Works

Members of the Club have been working on the preliminary demolition of the old clubhouse, including the patio and rear section of the lounge area, captain's office and storeroom. A massive thanks to all those who were able to help.



• Main Construction Works

The contracts have been finalized for stage 1 of the upgraded Clubhouse (up to lock-up) and will be signed this month. The head contractor, Build Construct Renovate (BCR) has completed the preliminary work required to submit for a building permit. This work includes Certification of the contract drawings assessment of the Energy efficiency, Bushfire Attack Level rating and plan.

The contractor has installed security fencing around the southern section of the building where the demolition work has commenced.

• Additional Shire Funding

The SJ Shire is holding a Council Concept Forum on the 4th Feb 2026 to consider the Club's request for an additional \$50,000 of funding for our project. The shire officers have been working with us preparing a report for this meeting and our request will hopefully receive a positive response.

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	\$1,000,000.00
Savings from In-kind work	-\$42,000.00
Total Project Costs	\$958,000.00

Around the Grounds

The weather has been kind to the fairways with sweltering hot days few and far between, they are holding up well. The usual maintenance is being carried out such as tidying up fallen branches and green edges. We are still working on improving the sand greens without putting more oil on them.

With the verandah being demolished we now have most of the building materials to plan and make a start on the shed extension.

Amazing to see so many green fee players out in the early mornings and late evenings. The kangaroos have also had a good breeding season and are grazing on our front 9 at all hours.

Colin Ashby

From The Archives

More pics of the facilities (including the dunny) from 1973:



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Featured Hole

No.12: Par 4. Men 321m Index 5 Ladies 312m Index 3

Ripper hole. OOB right and long (but not for most of us)! Water on the left. Needs a good long drive to get to the corner give a second shot at the green.

Challenging!