

# Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

February 2026 Newsletter

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& Districts

Golf Club Inc



## January Monthly Mug

The mighty Keg was January's victor with 70 nett after 87 off the bat.

Well done buddy!

## President's Post February 2026

January saw some activity with the Clubhouse Upgrade project with the initial steps in the installation of the effluent disposal system with completion being during February. This will cause some disruption in the carpark with pipework trenches being excavated from the disposal system to the area between the trees and hedge for the leach drain system. Some demolition continued on the old clubhouse making it ready for the builder to take over and start the required works.

Strong numbers are still showing up for competitions particularly on Thursday and Sunday. Management are open to suggestions on how to increase participation rates on Saturday afternoon events. If you have any ideas please approach any member of the committee.

The introduction of Friday evening social and night golf has been hugely successful as shown by the numbers that have attended.

Fixtures for the winter season for all competition days Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday are currently being finalised and will be published in the coming weeks. This signals the start of our membership year so expect to be reminded of the fees payable and their due date.

Mike



Vale Terry James

TJ was the worst teller of the worst jokes but you couldn't but help laughing along with him.

He was a really terrific bloke and in the words of his great mate Geoff Gaitskell "he was always there for you".

Farewell buddy.

## Men's Captains Corner

The new year started with a familiar face taking out the 1<sup>st</sup> monthly mug of 2026. Keith Gray won the day with a nett 70 from a trio of players on 71 nett.

A pleasing aspect of this month was the fields for Saturday averaged 15 players a week. This is the best monthly average that has been recorded for Saturday participation.

January saw the reintroduction of our community Ambrose & Glow Golf events. Initially I was going to run the event weekly, however due to community response I decided to move it to a fortnightly event. I was expecting 20 – 30 participants but the community response was overwhelming; by the day of the event we had over 80 players and 10 helpers so we fed 92 people with a BBQ. I take this opportunity to thank Judy Hambly, Chris Ashby for organising the BBQ on very short notice. Keith Gray did a great job keeping everyone hydrated, going between the Clubhouse and the temporary clubhouse to get supplies. It was a great night with players sitting out under the tree around tables set up by our great volunteers. The second night saw us change the meal to a sausage sizzle, to make organization a little easier. This night we fed 72 layers and volunteers. Like the first week the Community engagement was very successful, and the event is finding a niche.

I have had a request from Pauline MacDonald to have an event on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of February for 25-40 students from Harvey Agricultural School. No food is required and I have said yes.

During both events we have used up 20 golf balls, some of them I am sure were taken home others lost or the lights failed. Each ball cost around \$4.30 at the time of purchase. I have ordered some more Golf Balls, these are slightly different in that they glow when a light is shone onto a dot on the ball and it stays lit until another light is shone onto the dot. These balls will cost just under \$4.60 each (total \$463.67) when they arrive. One thing that has been suggested to me from participants over the first two events that it would be good to have fairway markings. I have looked at individual lighting and strip rope lighting.

I believe the rope lighting will give a better effect and I can get these in multiple colours to distinguish each hole

I would like to order some strip lighting to use as fairway markings. I have had a price of \$1800, this will line both sides of the fairways. I realize that purchasing the new balls and rope lighting will wipe out any profit we have made but this will enhance the players enjoyment of the game and help promote our club.

Brett Murphy

## Ladies Captains Corner

Tuesdays Summer Golf has welcomed one of the men along and we most certainly welcome others if a 7.30am Tuesday round of Stableford suits, plus the weather.

It is always interesting to enjoy the extra Summer run on the Fairways along with keeping up the Golfing friendships.

Looking forward to the official season starting in mid March when we would like to run a Nine Hole Competition on Tuesdays probably starting at about 10am. This will be open to all Ladies but being particularly targeted at those who are finding 18 holes too much and welcoming to Beginners and Mothers with time constraints. Please spread the word and I welcome any inquiries to [serpygolf@outlook.com](mailto:serpygolf@outlook.com)

Judy Hambley

# Serpentine & Districts Golf Club Clubhouse Upgrade Project Progress Report February 2026



## Latest News

- Effluent Disposal System (ATU)

At last there has been some construction on site with the installation of the ATU tanks and the delivery of sand fill for the flat-bed leach drains.



The contractor will complete the work on the ATU and have the effluent disposal system commissioned during February. The temporary toilet block will also be commissioned and connected to the ATU. This will allow the existing toilets to be demolished.

- Demolition Works

The demolition works at the rear section of the clubhouse, carried out by members.



## • Main Construction Works

The consultants have released a draft copy of the building permit certification document. This document has identified a few areas where the builder and the Club need to provide some additional information. These issues relate to shower requirements, door sizes, light fittings and ramp balustrade details, and will be dealt with as soon as possible to allow the building permit application to be submitted.

## • Additional Shire Funding

The SJ Shire Council Concept Forum has been postponed until the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. As reported previously, this is 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

<b>Project Funding</b> 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
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$958,000.00</b>

## 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
<b>Total Capital Costs</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>
Savings from In-kind work	-\$42,000.00
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$958,000.00</b>

## Around the Grounds

Another dry month, thought we might get a bit of rain from "Mitchell" but wasn't to be. However the easterly winds seem to have eased resulting in our reticulation covering better thus greener fairways.

Now we have an e-bike rider creating mischief on a few of our greens & t-boxes. Following up with repairing the damage is time consuming and annoying.

Colin Ashby



## From The Archives

The back nine "pond" later to become the dam 1987.

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## Featured Hole

.No.13: Par 3. Men 170m Index 15 Ladies 120m Index 15

Index 15! Give me strength.

Don't go right but really, really don't go left.

How many pills are in that dam?