

Serpentine
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Golf Club Inc

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March 2026 Newsletter



February Monthly Mug

Fraser Gray was the man of the moment in February with a great 92/70. Congratulations to the young man who has single handedly reduced our average men's age by a couple of years!

President's Post February 2026

As the building works continue the expectation is that there will be no parking space available west of the entry gate which will put a lot of pressure on parking in an orderly manner in the remaining carpark areas. The club made a request to the shire to allow parking, mainly on Thursday and Sunday competition days, in the pony club area. That request was agreed to and the area allocated is shown on the diagram below. The gate will be unlocked on Thursdays and Sundays to allow access to the area. Please park in an orderly manner ensuring not to block access to the gate.



Some new signage has been erected at the entrance to the course, adjacent to the temporary ablution block, to provide information as to the expected standards for public green fee players. These signs will be relocated to the entrance of the new clubhouse once the building has been completed. A duplicate set of signs will be erected at the entrance gate to #10 tee in the near future.

Mike



Don't you just love those little "firsts" for our Club. And Lippy assures me that Kempy cleaning up is definitely a "first". Goes to prove that you actually can teach an old Collingwood dog new tricks. May it be the "first" of many, Vic!

Men's Captains Corner

This month has been a busy one at the Captain's desk. We had our last 2 Ambrose Night Golf events for the summer. Both were well attended with over 30 players both nights. Last Friday night we had a Butterfly playing.



I conducted 2 more community coaching clinics each over 4 nights. I had a total of 12 participants. I also have a waiting list for my next set of clinics. The average field sizes for the last month were Thursday 24, Saturday 12 and Sunday 32, which are very good numbers for this time of the year. Our season kicks off in a fortnights time with the 2 player Ambrose on the Saturday. Get your partner and book via the OneGolf APP or website.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

Oh my goodness two months of 2026 gone already which means we are galloping towards the start of the Official Golf Season.

Numbers on Tuesdays have slowly crept up and we hope to see those in summer Hibernation on course soon. We also hope to welcome some past and new faces as well.

I took the opportunity to represent the club at Serpentine Primary School recently. Several people were very interested to learn about what goes on at the club and I took contacts for some interested in coaching for children. Not only did I enjoy advertising the club but also the many benefits of playing golf for ones Physical, Mental Health and Social Wellbeing.

There are many many ways to get involved in supporting the running of the club, everyone has a hidden talent that they can offer. I would love to have a chat with anyone who would like to contribute but looking for that special niche!

Bring on Saturday 14th of March to kick off Season 2026!

Judy Hambley

2026 Ladies Captain

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Serpentine & Districts Golf Club Clubhouse Upgrade Project Progress Report March 2026



Latest News

• Effluent Disposal System (ATU)

Work has continued on the effluent disposal system with the flat-bed leach drains installed. This required a large amount of sand fill (approx. 80m³) and this was supplied by Greenacres Turf Farm and then delivered by truck to site. Many thanks to Brett Murphy who organised the sand and also much appreciation to Steve Johnson who provided the truck and driver at no charge to the Club.



• Carpark

The work on the leach drains and other building work has started to impact on the car park area with restrictions on the amount of parking, particularly for trailers. These restrictions will continue for some time, and the Club has obtained approval for members and other golfers to use a section of the Pony Club grounds. Members with trailers are requested to park to the southern side of the maintenance sheds.

• Main Construction Works

The working group are continuing to work with the consultants to resolve the issues with the building permit. Additional information has been provided on light fittings, door sizes, handrail details, and the issue regarding the number of toilets is being resolved via a "performance solution" where the Club provides a written submission to confirm that there is no actual need for additional showers.

The builder remains committed to the completion of the lock-up stage by the end of September 2026. It is expected that the fit-out stage will be completed by the end of July 2027.

• Additional Shire Funding

Rick Murphy and Scott Hambley met with SJ Shire's executive committee on the 18th of Feb to present a request for the shire to provide additional project funding of \$150K. The request was positively received and will now be presented to the April Council meeting for approval.

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

Not too much happening at present, too hot to get out to do big jobs such as starting the new shed though usual tidying up jobs continue. The bit of rain last week helped the fairways but that was short lived with more hot weather upon us again.

Colin Ashby

House Committee

The House Committee at the club is very much needing some new members. Plenty of ways to contribute! Do your RSA and help with the Bar, be one of the food providers, help with planning, general housekeeping and more.

Email: serpygolf@outlook.com to find out more.



From The Archives

Bob Atkins, David Whologan, Matt Fowler, Geoff Whologan and Linton Reynolds on the 1st 1980.

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Featured Hole

.No.14: Par 4. Men 339m Index 39 Ladies 319m Index 7

One of the more forgiving holes on the course.

If you've missed on either side you still have a chance!

Generally kicks left to right at the green.