

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

April 2026 Newsletter

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Golf Club Inc



March Monthly Mug

Great effort Theo Van Raven
(Crow to all who know and
love him) with a fine 89 for a
nett 70!!!

President's Post February 2026

March 2026 saw the end of our Summer competition season and the start of the Winter competition season kicking off with opening events for Tuesday Ladies, Thursday and Saturday Mixed and Sunday Men during the middle of the month.

Administratively it has been business as usual with preparations kicking off for the Ladies Open and the Men's Open (Wholagan Cup) days. It has been a particularly busy time for the Treasurer accounting for all members paying their fees for the coming 12 months and issuing the appropriate receipts and bag tags. We have seen quite a few new member applications with some putting in cards to gain an official handicap and we welcome them to the club.

The WA Day Ambrose flyer and entry forms are on the board (and table) so get your teams together. If possible try to get an "outsider" into your team to show off our course.

Mike Fancote



Don't normally do pics of ordinary events...

But what the hell. 47 stableford points certainly deserves a mention, and it's our young star Fraser Gray again. Sensational effort!

Men's Captains Corner

Unlike last month, March has been relatively quiet at the captain's desk.

162 rounds were played over 5 Sundays with an average of 34 players. That number was affected by several members attending an event at Katanning on the 29th. The first of the month fell on a Sunday and was our first Monthly Mug of the year. Theo Van Raven had the honor of winning with a fine 70 nett.

The average field size for Thursday's was 22 and Saturday's 15

We had a good field of 39 players for our opening Day 2 Player Ambrose sponsored by Serpentine Tavern. The winners on the day were Liz BEATTIE and Ray BARNETT.

The Wholagan Cup is to be played on the 26th and preparations are well under way. This year we are using MiTournament to take entries. There have been a few issues setting up the link to MiTournament, but it has all been sorted now. Players not wishing to use a credit card online can still pay by cash or with credit card in the office prior to the day.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

Wow we are one month into the Official Ladies season 2026 and we have enjoyed the cooler than expected start.

Tuesday April 14th will see 9am Tee Offs commence. I hope this will help many that find the earlier starts a challenge and therefore a lift in numbers.

The Serpentine Ladies Open Day will be upon us very quickly being Friday 15th of May. I would love to hear from anyone who could help on the day as we have many tasks and Logistics to meet. The Trophy Presentation after the game will be held in The Eric Senior Pavilion next door.

Monday 20th of April the South West Womens Golf Pennants commences, with the first fixture to be played in Bunbury.

A game of Yankee Foursomes started the season in a very social manner. Winners with a nett 76.25 was Judy Borgward and Astrea Dye and Runners up (just) was Alyson Blazic and Peta McHardy nett 77.5. Julie Scott won Stableford on 24/3 with 39pts with Enid Andrew second on 38pts. The March Monthly Mug saw retiring Captain Judy Borgward win with a nett 74 with Lynda Ritchie second, nett 76. Very pleasing to see Lyn Erickson win on 7/4 with 37 points.

Very keen to hear from any 9 hole players who could hit off later and join in the Camaraderie after the game.

Judy Hambley

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



Latest News

• Effluent Disposal System (ATU) & Temporary Toilets

The new effluent disposal system is now complete and will be commissioned once a power connection is made.

Plumbing upgrade works to the temporary toilets have been completed and have been connected to the new effluent disposal system. The toilets are having some final repairs and clean and will be in use very soon.



• Main Construction Works

The Building Permit certification has been completed and the application issued to the SJ Shire. The shire has raised a couple of minor matters that are being dealt with, and it is expected that the Building Permit will be issued in April.

Demolition work has continued with all the demolished debris removed from the site by bulk skip bins. The site is being prepared to be handed over to the Builder.

The contract with the builder, Build Construct Renovate Pty Ltd has been signed.

The program for the construction works has been revised and is shown below. The completion of the stage 1 construction works (Lock-up) is expected in Dec 2026 and the completion of the stage 2 works (Fit-out) expected by Aug 2027.

• Additional Shire Funding

Rick Murphy and Scott Hambley met with SJ Shire's executive committee on the 18th of Feb to make a request for the Shire to provide additional project funding of \$150K. The request was positively received and will now be presented at the June Council meeting for approval. Discussions with the shire officers indicate that we can be optimistic about our chances of success with our request for additional funding.

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

Project Program

The revised estimate of project program reflects the delays due to issues with the approval of the effluent disposal system and the Building Permit.

Project Component	Start Date	Completion Date
Confirm Project Funding		May 2026
Building Permit		April 2026
Site Services		April 2026
Demolition	Feb 2026	May 2026
Construction Stage 1 – Up to Lock-up	April 2026	Dec 2026
Construction Stage 2 – Fit-out	Dec 2026	Aug 2027
Commissioning	Aug 2027	Dec 2027

Around the Grounds

Actually I've "gone fishing" at Shark Bay. However I know my trusty workers are keeping up with ground maintenance & I'll be back to help prepare for the Men's Open. I've heard that since some good rains the course is looking good.

Colin Ashby

House Committee

The House Committee would love to hear from any members who might like to volunteer with cleaning around the clubhouse, toilets etc.

Any help greatly appreciated. Please see Stan if you're able.



From The Archives

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

Your Committee

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Featured Hole

.No.15: Par 5. Men 447m Index 13 Ladies 390m Index 11

Much more "user friendly" now it's a par 5!

Still takes a good drive to get to the corner to open up the road to the green. Water on the left and trees on right still make it a challenge.