

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

May 2026 Newsletter

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Golf Club Inc



April Monthly Mugs

The great Nigel Thomas
after his 88 for a nett 70.

Super effort Niggle!
And the equally great
Judy Borgward after her
superb 86/72.



President's Post

During April we conducted our first major event for the season, the Wholagan Cup (Men's Open Day). We had more than 50 competitors from a variety of visiting golf clubs on the day. Thanks to the sponsors of the day the Wholagan family and Bendigo Bank.

After a series of frustrating delays the building certificate and all other approvals for the new clubhouse has been issued which allows the demolition and construction to start. The next couple of weeks will see activity ramp up so please be mindful of where you park particularly on weekdays Monday through Friday.

The committee is seeking input from any member with an IT background to assist in the development of a plan and recommendations for the computer network for the new building. It will need to include computer hardware, audio visual equipment and security systems and cameras. If you have an interest and are willing to help please contact either the president, Mike Fancote or the captain, Brett Murphy.

The House Committee would still 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.

Mike Fancote



Vale Loris Cox.

All our thoughts are with our amazing Treasurer and Life Member Fred.

Men's Captains Corner

In April, we hosted the 2026 Wholagan Cup, welcoming a moderate field of 54 competitors—an ideal number for our venue's capacity. Kevin Pollock secured the Wholagan Cup with an impressive 59 points. Keith Gray finished second on countback from both Michael Glossop (Waroona) and Kayne Stone, each with 55 points.

The gross competition was dominated by Brookton representatives, with Chris Rawes taking first place with 55 points, followed by Ryan Sheridan with 48 points.

The match committee will recommend to the management committee that we revert to a club-length preferred lie on the fairway. While the course is generally in excellent condition, there remain enough areas throughout to justify providing a broader relief option.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

It is certainly a busy start to the year with the Ladies. We are into the Pennants Season, preparing for our Serpentine Ladies Open Day(Friday 15th may), attending Vets fixtures and have started some of the Golf WA Fixtures.

After two Pennant Fixtures we have had a win and a loss. We are managing to initiate a few new players and it is great to add Match Play to one's Golf Toolbox and play at different courses. For we Serpentine members Grass Greens and Bunkers, well that is not just experience it is an "Experience"! A big thankyou to Tricia Borgward for Captaining and guiding our team, keenly backed up by Judy Borgward.

Our April Monthly Mug on April 28th was won by Judy Borgward with nett 72, 2 points better than her win the previous month. Well done to Judy.

On Tuesdays we constantly see Green Fee players amongst us. We will keep working at encouraging them to join the club as members and to enjoy the Competitions and Camaraderie that we all enjoy.

Judy Hambley

2026 Ladies Captain

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The Secretary
Kevin Reeves
The Serpentine and Districts Golf Club
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March 16th 2026

Dear Kevin,

Please find enclosed photographs of the Opening Day of the Serpentine Golf Club taken in 1958.

According to the inscriptions on the back of the photos, my father, William Henry (Bill) Lunn from Mundijong who owned Mundijong Supply Stores in Paterson St from 1949 until 1972, was the first Secretary and a Mr D.G. Watkins was the inaugural President.

Other names are Bill Reilly and John Richardson who is wearing a black bowtie. His wife was also present at the opening. Rupert John Richardson known as John, had a farm called Riverlea which was part of the Peel estate in an area previously owned by Wellard on the Mundijong Road.

I note the website states the Serpentine and Districts Golf Club was founded in 1972.

I suggest there was an existing course which was established by the members in a series of Working Bees. On one such occasion, as an 11 year-old, I recall going with my father to the same site where the Golf Club is now.

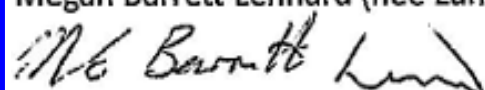
Subsequently I have spoken to Victor and Lauris Ladhams whose parents George Ladhams and Harry Atkinson and Edie Atkinson were members. Ross and Colin Atkinson also played at Serpentine. My father Bill Lunn retired to Mandurah in November 1972 and was a member until then.

I would like to see an acknowledgement on the website (perhaps even include the photos), that the Golf Course was initiated and started through community effort, before the stated history on the website, i.e. *"The front nine, designed by Chas Newman, debuted in 1970, while the back nine, designed by former club President Merv Gossage, opened officially on May 23rd, 1976."*

These photos indicate there wasn't a Club House and it appears to be a rudimentary course. Merv Gossage was much younger than my father and John Richardson.

It may be worth contacting Merv's relatives to enquire about the prior existence of a course on the present site.

Kind regards
Megan Barrett-Lennard (nee Lunn)



HISTORY

The previous page contains a letter recently received from Megan Barrett-Lennard which adds to the intrigue of the history of our club. Geoff Wholagan and I are trying to ascertain how long the “first club” lasted prior to our current being formed in 1972. We’ll keep you up to date as we progress.

Meanwhile here are some pictures of the first group including D G Watkins (President) and Bill Lunn (Megan’s father and Secretary). Others known to be involved were Bill Dudley, John Richardson, Bill Reilly and Harry Atkinson, Muzza’s grandfather.

We’ll eventually include the information on the Website.



Dudley, Watkins, Lunn and unknown.



Unknown, Richardson and Lunn.



Opening Day 1958.



Again Opening Day 1958.

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



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Latest News

- **Main Construction Works**

The Building Permit has been issued, and this clears the way for the builder to commence the construction of the first stage. The demolition of the structural components of the existing building will be the first work to be undertaken. After the demolition the concrete footings and floor slab will be poured to be followed by the installation of the structural steel.

The builder will now take possession of the site and install more security fencing to enclose the construction site. All access to the site will need to be approved by the builder.

A project site signboard is being prepared and will be erected once approved.

The Serpentine & Districts Golf Club



Clubhouse Upgrade Project



Builder: **Build Construct Renovate Pty Ltd**

This significant community project is proudly supported by the WA Government,
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, Alcoa Australia



- **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.



Our successful Ladies Pennants Team after their stunning win at Busselton:
Tricia Borgward, Chris Siviour, Judy Hambley, Lynda Ritchie and Judy Borgward.



Kevin (Smiley) Pollock after his
victory in the Whologan Cup
with an exceptional 59 points.

Great work Polly!

Around the Grounds

The course came up well for the Wholagan Cup & hopefully just as good for the Ladies Open. New rakes have been put out so should be easier to manage.

The wildlife on the front 9 seems have decreased remarkably with only young kangaroos remaining, I'm guessing the developers starting next door have had a cull. We also started tackling the rabbits with Neal Ivey having success with his new sights.

Fertilizer has been ordered & should be spread before the next rains. A burning permit was obtained so the leaves in the drains have been burnt off.

Colin Ashby



From The Archives

No. 14 Fairway
1987

Your Committee

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Featured Hole

.No.16: Par 4. Men 372m Index 1 Ladies 330m Index 1

Totally deserves its #1 index rating. In winter water left and right so you need to be long and straight off the tee to be within cooee of getting close in 2!