

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

October 2026 Newsletter

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Golf Club Inc



Monthly Mugs



Di Vallve after her great
67 with Trophy Donor
Lyn Erickson and Steve
Walker after an impres-
sive 70. Well done to
you both!



President's Post

This month was a particularly sombre one for the club with the passing of one of our respected and well-liked members in Jeff Gaitskell and the hospitalization of at least four other members. The committee would like to pass on our condolences to Jeff's family and close friends in particular and wish the other hospitalized members speedy and complete recoveries.

On a more enlightening note we saw the commencement of some "real" building work on the new clubhouse. A welcome sight for all.

September also saw a very competitive field for our King's Birthday Ambrose day with some 120 starters on the day. Congratulations to the winning teams and thanks to all those involved in organising and running the day.

Brett has commenced the changeover of technologies to run our reticulation system with some small excavations near the maintenance sheds. This changeover is part of and the initial step in the larger project to upgrade our reticulation to a more efficient and effective system. Please be mindful of these works as they progress as they will most certainly impact some areas on the course with new conduits and control boxes being installed.

Representatives from the management team facilitated a site visit for a representative from both Husqvarna and their local supplier, NuTurf, to discuss the potential for a trial of a robotic fairway mower. The trial will commence in the near future and run for a period of 2 or 3 weeks. It will be carried out on the number 1 and number 9 fairways.

The time is near for members to have a think about what they can offer the club in way of nominating for a position on the committee at the upcoming Annual General meeting. If you want to be involved in setting the direction for the club into the future now is your opportunity.

Mike Fancote

Men's Captains Corner

September has been a busy month in the captain's office. First up the September monthly mug was won by Steve Walker on a countback from Roger Malaquin on 70 nett.

The event that took up most of my time in September was the rescheduled WA Day Ambrose sponsored by Rick Murphy's companies Hawk Concrete Floor Coatings and Autospec 4X4.

The event was rescheduled because of BOM's storm forecast (which did not eventuate) and ironically BOM's forecast for the 28th of September was for 14mm of rain. This prompted Rick to ring me and asked if I had arranged a tent, I had not!

A phone call to Geoff Smith and I had a circus tent, but no idea how to erect it.

At golf on Sunday afternoon, I asked for volunteers to help get it set up. I got the required number of volunteers, and we set about erecting it.

What I should have asked first up was has anyone any experience putting this sort of tent up. I would have found out that Rick Candy had the required experience. Instead, I handed out instructions, and we eventually got it up. Not quite perfect but adequate. Notice how neatly lined up all the tent pegs are.



With the tent up we were ready for the rain.

Not so surprising the rain did not eventuate, it was a beautiful day and the competitors sat out in the sunshine or in our temporary clubhouse enclosure. The tent was home for the day to Richard Brown's golf cart.

Brett



Ladies Captains Corner

It was lovely to have two of our past members visit in September as trophy Donors for the day. Both Beth Cuttriss and Chris Edmondson in their time at the club contributed very much to the Camaraderie amongst members and took on roles with great enthusiasm. They spoilt us with beautiful prizes and it was lovely that Beth could take a ride around the course for the day.

On 22nd of September Judy Borgward ran her annual 3 in 1 Partner day. In this game pairs play 6 holes of American Foursomes, 6 Holes of Canadian Foursomes and 6 holes of straight Foursomes. Winners this year were Kaye Olive and Tricia Borgward.

The September Monthly Mug was won by Annette Chandler with a 64 nett! Boy oh boy has she hit her straps and seen a sudden handicap plunge.

Several ladies, some men and children have signed up to do some coaching with Nigel Durkin in October, following on from the South West Womens Golf funded coaching in August.

October 13th, 20th and 27th will see this years Ladies Championships played. Hoping the weather will be magic!

Judy Hambley

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Vale Jeff Gaitskell...truly one of the “good ones”.

Keeping it in the family!!!

On September 15th Amy Rowett with 40 points beat mum (Annette Chandler) on 39 points.



Great to see Beth Cuttriss back at the course presenting prizes to Lyn Erickson (3rd on 34 points), Daphne Treen (1st on 36) and Peta McHardy (2nd on 35).

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



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• Main Construction Works

Work Completed

- Concrete footings were poured and structural steel columns and roof beams were installed.
- Concrete floor slab was poured.
- All steel wall frames were delivered to site.
- All steel roof frames were delivered to site.



**Structural steel columns and roof beams in place.
Concrete slab poured.**

Works in Progress

- Fabrication of door and window frames.
- Quotes for roof sheeting, wall claddings and insulation.
- Quotes for ceilings and wall linings.

Works Planned for October

- Erection of steel wall frames.
- Erection of steel roof trusses and other farming.
- Installation of metal door and window frames.

Project Funding

The revised funding budget reflects the approved 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 amounts spent to date show some potential for savings in consultant costs and some additional costs in the temporary accommodation.

	Estimate	Spent to Date
Temporary Accommodation	\$40,000.00	\$44,327.55
Credit for Temporary Accommodation	-\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Power Supply	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Effluent Disposal	\$70,000.00	\$69,952.50
Consultant Costs	\$15,000.00	\$19,118.00
Construction	\$895,000.00	\$55,185.78
Total Capital Costs	\$1,000,000.00	\$188,583.83
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

CSRFF Report

Project Title	Serpentine Golf Club – Clubhouse Upgrade Project				
Estimated completion status of project	0-10%	10 - 25%	25 - 50% 30%	50 - 75%	75 - 100%
Last Month (August) progress - what was achieved	Main Construction Works Work Completed - Concrete footings were poured and structural steel columns and roof beams were installed. - Concrete floor slab was poured. - All steel wall frames were delivered to site. - All steel roof frames were delivered to site. Works in Progress - Fabrication of door and window frames. - Quotes for roof sheeting, wall claddings and insulation. - Quotes for ceilings and wall linings.				
Planned action for October what is planned to occur	Works Planned for next month - Erection of steel wall frames. - Erection of steel roof trusses and other farming. - Installation of metal door and window frames.				
Issues/Problems that may affect agreed project timeline	Delays to the project program - There are no unresolved issues that could affect the progress of the construction.				

Around the Grounds:

The course was well prepared for the Ambrose Day & has been "tickled up" for the club championships.

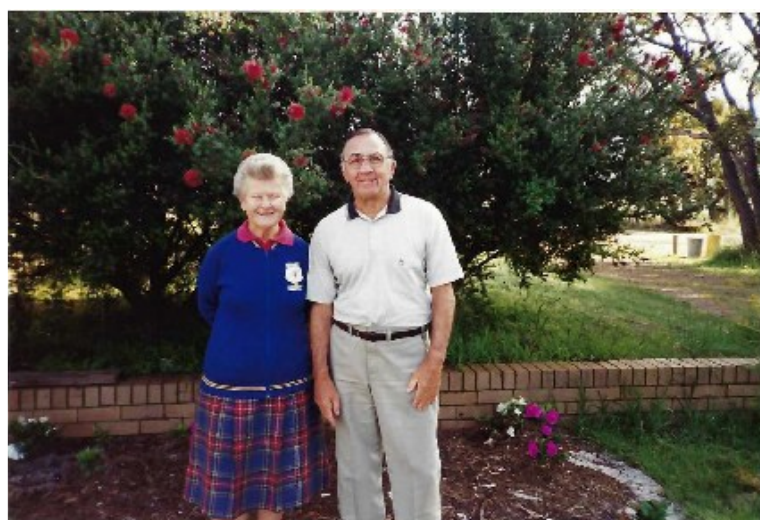
The bit of rain we've had was a great help to the fairways which were starting to look very dry.

It will be interesting to see how the robotic mower does the job on 1 & 9 over the next 2 weeks.

Soil samples have been taken & results are back. Looking like we need extra nutrients particularly on areas that are not doing so well.

The tree lopping on the back 9 nine has been done.

Colin Ashby.



From The Archives

Life Members Peg Richings
and T G Locke 1993

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Featured Hole

No.3: Par 4. Men 303m Index 12 Ladies 259m Index 8.

Straight forward fairway to an elevated green!

Forgiving during summer if you miss left or right, but
DEFINITELY NOT during winter.