

**Editorial:** Well what a difference a month makes...a new member surge..no covid restrictions.. near capacity comp fields ...green fee player boom and an air of confidence around the place. Big pats on the back to our small (meant numbers not size Troy !!) but exceptionally dedicated staff. Certainly, the recent strategic plan review “key indicators” showed that we are very much headed in the right direction so well done troops. And while we’re dishing out accolades, a big thank you to our huge team of Vollies covering just about everything.. admin assist, cart cleaning, garden maintenance, divot repairs, pavers, function & barbie cooks, painters and handymen..etc etc...without you people the road forward would have been nigh on impossible...so well done.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3rd	Roberts Tilt Tray Easter Cup- Men’s and Ladies Stableford
April 25th	Diggers Cup- Men’s & Ladies event / Shotgun start 1 p.m.
May 5th	First Can Night of 2021
May 29th	Ladmach Engineering Capel Cup



### PR and MARKETING

Chairman Rod reports that it’s pretty quiet on the “Western Front” but we are still chasing sponsors for Holes 2, 9 and 14 so if anyone can assist by suggesting one of your suppliers then don’t hesitate to shout out.

And we’re still on the hunt for someone to assist financially with the development of the blocks on course. Very sure that a mutually beneficial arrangement can be nussed out with the head “Bean Counter” Muzza and, given the current bank interest rates are so low. it might be a clever way to invest some dough for a far better return.

A new ‘Point of Sale’ system is currently being designed for the Pro Shop and as soon as any “kinks” are ironed out, the next logical step is the bar ..

Membership growth continues...mainly through the 6 month trial system and if the number of new Ladies now transferring to full membership is any guide, it augurs well for club growth.

### INTERMEDIATES

Congratulations to our Ladies Patroness Sorine Flynn who has been a member of our club for over 50 years. Sorine has been on our match committee twice, SWLGA and the Vets committee. Sorine has kept an updated history log of our Summer cups over the years and she’s a wealth of knowledge. Sorine is still out playing a mean game of golf & we wish her many more years of happy golfing.

As our Patroness Sorine hit the first ball to open our Winter season. It was lovely to have our Life Members Shirley Miller and Joan Scott attend the day.

Our Wednesday Winter ladies open day was well attended with 52 ladies playing. Our life member Shirley Miller and Anne McRobb sponsored a 14 hole hidden pairs Canadian comp. Congratulations to the winners Coral Dennerley and Chris Martin and the runners up Di Templeman and Laura Hazelden.



Saturday's Winner Open day 4BBB sponsored by Judy Simmons and Lucy Widdup was also well attended with 24 players. Congratulations to the winners Lynda Klein and Sorrine Flynn (sorry no photo) and runners up Joanne Crain and Jan Doust.

Couple of big birthday bashes to wind up Wednesday...Wendy Lowth and Jan Doust both had "Milestone" events to celebrate ( not mentioning which milestones but one is 10 years older than the other)

Rumour has it they organised Wendy Woods to entertain, what was already, a very happy "throng".... threw a collective kitty onto the bar, bought everyone a drink or two and then wondered why they were told to bugger 'orf @ 6pm when the bar shut and adjourn to the cart shed where they couldn't disturb the neighbours.

Speaking of Cart Sheds...it appears the one we just built ain't big enough and the club is now canvassing interest in another one...if you are best you let Big Red know.

Cozza advises that a list of all Open Day and SWLGA fixtures has been posted on the Ladies room notice board and that the Ladies are still looking for a sponsor for their open day to replace Cathie Rice Travel...any leads ? If so talk to Coz or Glenice.

## MATCH MUMBLING

With the winter season almost upon us, we will begin our consistency competitions, monthly mugs and club championship qualifiers, we hope that all members enjoy the winter competitions.

April brings 2 Major events, Easter Cup on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and our ever-popular Diggers Cup on Anzac Day, so enter now before the booking sheet is full.

Tuesday leisure club will be trialling this year a 4BBB Stableford on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, this will commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Thank you to those members who have come on board to sponsor this event.

To new and old members, please remember to read the notice board to be aware of any new local rules and to refresh your understanding of our existing rules. Even though the greens are cored, it is important that you repair your pug marks. To have the greens in the condition that we are accustomed to, we need to look after them.

### **LADIES:**

Captain "Hey Jude" reports that the winter comp is in full swing with comp numbers in excess of 50 with a good number of those participants being new members to the club.

Pennant teams are currently being formed in readiness for the commencement date on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A grade skipper is Noeline Scott with the B grade captaincy resting on Gail Marino's capable shoulders. Looking forward to posting the positive results once the season gets underway.

Appears a healthy cluster of our golfers has been sighted around neighbouring clubs participating in open days and Vet comps. Always good to be seen flying the flag in Capel colours and contributing to foreign coffers.

Closing day for summer golf came and went but gratifying to note that numbers for 2021 are up over previous years.

Advice is that fixtures have been completed and imported to the Mi Club site

### **MIXED:**

Sunday golf numbers have been very good so far.

Our opening day saw a field of 64 players vying for Val and Keith Sawyers trophy. Congratulations to the winners Coral Dennerley and Willie Milham, with runners up Sorinne Flynn and Ian Pegler.



The Eagles Fever game sponsored by Andy Holgate and Marg Gardiner saw a smaller field but 36 players braved the hot conditions. Winners this time were Chris Matson and Vicki Ilaqua, with runners up Lisa Wake and Allen Wallrodt.

Sunday Mixed Golf is a lot of fun and we are always happy to find a partner for anyone who wants to play. On Sundays players meet in the undercover area outside the Golf shop at 12.00 p.m. for announcements and to acknowledge the day's sponsors. A draw is done earlier to determine who you play with and which hole you start on. Play commences at 12.15.

After golf, players bring a small plate of food to share unless it is a meal night.

Any questions see Colleen or Lil.

### **TWILIGHT:**

"No Par" Peter and Maid Marion continue to wow Friday nights at the club and it's no wonder. Chase the Ace jackpot is now huge and with just 12 cards left in the pack it's going to go off with a bang sometime very,very soon.

Well not Good Friday because the club is shut so your next chance will be Friday April 9th.and as an extra added incentive, if needed, there will be a second draw each week until it goes off...

But here's a **heads up** ....unless you've booked a table for dinner it will be standing room only The Rusty Putter provides a great meal at the Club on Friday nights, but It pays to book well in advance.

## GROUNDS

Well after last months "seance" consult with the late Harry Butler and the Widgiemooltha Council Department of Parks and Gardens whereby we outlined that careful and selective control of **the yellow flowering shrub** may be permissible in limited areas where the shrub is deemed an unfair positional obstruction to play and could actually be removed under supervision (from Harry) but in only extreme cases. Yep I checked and we did say that..... BUT...after continued queries, careful thought and common sense consultation with the Chief of the control program...Sir Max himself has advised that we will indeed undertake some work on this issue late Winter or early Spring, once the actual winter weed growth takes hold.

Max along with Ken advise that the work cannot be completed earlier because there was potential damage risk to the slasher due to large areas of bare ground.

### **Raking of Bunkers**

Our January edition of the newsletter outlined that the Match committee had overridden the decision taken by the Course Committee, Course Superintendent, Club Manager and Course Professional to not put back the bunker rakes.

The Match Committee's actions were discussed at the subsequent board meeting where it was resolved that **"the rakes will be replaced on a trial basis subject to golfers raking bunkers properly..if this does not occur then they will be removed"**

Since then, the Course Director has received a number of complaints, one in writing from a player who was penalised because their ball finished in a foot indent in a bunker and was unable to take a drop.

If the bunker rakes are to be retained then it is the responsibility of all club members to not only repair and rake the scuffed area they have caused in a bunker, but to repair the other noticeable damaged areas as well because clearly, if the complaints continue the rakes will be removed from the course. (Remember during the Covid period when not having bunker rakes sped up the game markedly..)



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We welcome Roberts Tilt Tray & Hiab Service as a brand new Club Sponsor in 2021. Not only are they a hole sponsor they've taken up the vacancy for this weekends Easter Medley as well...so to the Roberts crew we say a ripping big Thank You from all the members at CGC

## BIG RED'S NEWS

### 9 HOLE COMP'S

Here's a mix of good and bad news...The Bad news first.....The summer twilight competition wrapped up last Friday but the good news is that the club is still running twilight on a Friday between 2pm and 4:30pm.

And more good news is the announcement that there's a Tuesday mixed (read male or female) 9 hole comp with Tee off times between 9am and 9:30am. A great way to sneak a round in and iron out the creases particularly if you can't play Leisure Club or Wednesday Womens.. Like twilight, the event will be handicapped.

## IN DA HOUSE

Ronnie G reports that the can /stubby return project is cruising along nicely and with a current return of around \$800 plus a month it won't be long before we'll see some more clubhouse improvements. So I guess it's a timely reminder to take a 6 pack with you on the course (no just kidding)...but bring your empties from home and place them in the bins at the rear of the club and the club will be the beneficiary.

There is quite a bit on the planning table....

Pre winter there's a driveway pothole repair busy bee flagged .

The "Deck" remains a constant objective and with that will be work on the front step area and the internal bi fold doors...

The cubicle area of the men's loo will get the same great "Jetline" treatment as the shower area but this is distinctly a timing thing...Jetline being available and the availability of the ladies loo's during the prep/application/drying time required.



## FINANCE

Head Bean Counter Muzza reports the club is tracking along exceptionally well at the moment and that we haven't had to use our overdraft facility since last year.

We are currently looking at replacement carts along with revamping our old internal PA system so I guess that good news may well change.

And to quell member curiosity, apparently, before we can progress any further with the beautification of the front road entrance, we need Main Roads to endorse or sign off on what has already been completed.

## AROUND THE CLUB with Linda (and others)

For the following reasons I would ask all my bettors (Especially Rendell ) to consider waiving any further obligation by myself to contribute to your bar tabs and (in his case) overseas holidays, The laughter of those who witnessed my round on Sunday inspired me to pen the following in anticipation of sympathy and understanding. (Nah I didn't think so ) but here's food for thought,!!

### **The Law of Golf**

Yea, verily, no matter how lousy your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This Law is in effect not only over the course of a hole, a round, a 36 hole competition or a whole bloody season, but, eventually a lifetime...It will dog you forever.

And my own personal interpretation of a bunker. (Ed)

While appearing innocent and inert, sand is actually a living organism with an adherence factor that ensures you'll never get out of its clutches, even with four mighty blows with the wedge. (and that folks is how I wiped number 3 on Sunday)

And here's an interesting titbit from Troy's 10am Wednesday morning clinic.

One of the attendees asked "Meggsie" how he got so much backspin when he landed a ball.

Troy said...before I answer that...tell me..how far do you hit a 5 iron ..??

Bloke said dunno..120 maybe 130 metres.

And Big Red Fulla looked him right in the eye and said "Then why on earth would you want the ball to spin back ?"

See you at the Club