



## Preferred Lies

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**Editorial:** I should temper the following by stating that our club is probably at its most vibrant best since I first got involved in the early 90's...more members, a congenial clubhouse environment, greater comp numbers and with that, the flow on effect that transforms into a better bank balance and enhanced member benefits...but having just read an article about an aging demographic workshop in Bowling Clubs, it kind of highlights where most Golf Clubs (including ours) find themselves in ...and given that our member average age is 54.16 yrs....how do we, as members, ensure our club's future?



What do we need to do to attract and retain a younger demographic to our club?

Sure, a vibrant Junior program is almost mandatory with Big Red doing a remarkable job,..but with only 24 juniors on our books at last count, is it enough? What do we need to do to attract greater junior membership? Do we need to foster a 9 hole Sat and or Sun morning comp that would allow parents time to complete an early round ( perhaps with a junior ) and

still have time to make their other kids sporting commitments?

Is there an opportunity to combine golf and fitness in a fun format that would appeal to young mums. Perhaps, even with a volunteer creche facility and a coffee. Is it time for our own "Think Tank" ? What are your thoughts?...How about responding by email to [steve@cassadvertising.com.au](mailto:steve@cassadvertising.com.au) and I'll put a bottle of Capel Vale red up for the best suggestion....Oh bugger it.... I'll see if I can snaffle a dozen from our sponsor and broaden the potential responses.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mens Club Championships:** April 24, May 22, June 26 and July 31- Stroke. Must play 2 rounds to qualify. Qtr and Semi's Aug 1-Sept 4.....Finals Sept 11th

**Patrons Shield** included in Championship Comp...best nett 72 holes over the 4 qualifying rounds

May 29th & 30th...**Capel Cup 36 hole Open Par Event** for Men

June 2nd **Pro Am** teams of 4 including Pro \$300 plus GST

June 12th & 13th **Ladies Foursome Championships**...Pinjarra

June 18th..**Bunbury Chiropractic Clinic Ladies Open Day** (Produce & Preserve Stall)

### PR and MARKETING

Chairman Rod reports that a Research document for the **Proposed Land Development** has been prepared to present to the next Board meeting with the club still chasing an equity partner for the project.

**On Course Signage** report reveals there are still three tee box signs available for sponsorship, Holes 2, 9 and 14. Price for the 12 month exposure to over 25,000 golfers is just \$500 plus GST.

**Sponsorship Program Tee Walkway raffle** sales are about to commence with 14 chances of exposure. Tickets are \$200 plus GST with the draw function scheduled for late July 2021.

Troy reports that there are currently **28 teams registered for the Pro Am** on June 2nd.

Membership data looks encouraging with 415 Full or B members (figure includes Intermediates )

There's currently 47 Lifestyle members and 74 Trial Members who will hopefully convert to Full or B categories....All up there's 641 members on our books including Junior and Country members.

## INTERMEDIATES

Intermediate Pres "Lucky Coz" reminds us that the **Damon Wilmore Bunbury Chiro Clinic Open Day** is **Friday June 18th** with a monster produce stall being planned. Last year was cancelled due to Covid so there's a bit of lost ground to make up

(I think the word is whatever you would normally spend, double it.)

So gals (and guys) start pickling your grandmothers in preparation, but not just preserves ... cakes, slices, pot plants, crochet coathangers, fresh produce...it all adds up and goes towards making your clubhouse a better place....Plus there'll be heaps of raffle donations required so talk to Coz or G to see what you can do.

And for those following the SW fixtures the **Foursome Championships** is being held in Pinjarra on Saturday June 12 & Sunday June 13th.

## MATCH MUMBLING

### **MEN'S:**

Men's Club Championships for 2021. Will be **MATCH PLAY** and the information is explained below.

**Great Prizes for grade winners and runners up along with Patrons Shield winner and runner-up.**

**Qualifying:** Four rounds of stroke on CCQ Saturdays; 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June & 31st July.

**Must play two rounds to qualify. Cost:** No Charge

**Grades:** Grades will be determined by GA Handicaps at the end of the 4th Round. Expected grade ranges are A; +1 to 10, B; 11 to 15, C; 16 to 20, and D; 21 to 36, but may be varied to balance the grades.

**Match play draw:** 8 qualifiers in each grade go into championship draw, seeded in qualifying order. Matches to be played within these dates;

Round 1 (Quarter Finals)      1<sup>st</sup> August to 16th August

Round 2 (Semi Final)          17th August to 4<sup>th</sup> September

Finals                              11th Sept. (must be on this date)

**Match format:** A grade; Standard match play. ("Off the stick"), Other grades; Handicapped match play (using daily handicap). All matches to be played over 18 holes except the A grade final which will be over 36 holes.

Matches can be played at the player's discretion and cannot be played in conjunction with a normal club competition. Spots in club day fields will be made available for matches. Ties will be resolved by sudden death playoff on holes 1 and 9.

### **LADIES:**

Captain "Hey Jude" reports that numbers for ladies comps continue to grow each week and expressed delight with the handicap range of participants in the fields.

**Pennants** have commenced but, as yet, no joy for either A or B grade teams. Our club play pennant hosts on May 31st so perhaps the "home turf" advantage may prevail and we'll get to register on the scoreboard. Shot of B team looking resplendent in club shirts.

**The William Barrett & Sons Jubilee Foursome** winners were **Lisa Wake and Marg Gardiner** who have now earned the right to represent the club in the State Finals being staged at Mandurah Country Club on August 31st.

The 2nd round of the **Silver Spoon** comp has been run and won by **Rhonda Forrest** with a credible 72 nett.

**Monthly Consistency Award** for March /April winner was **Jodie Murray** with 11 points.

NB...With the Pro Am scheduled for Wednesday June 2nd the Ladies comp moves to **Thursday June 3rd with an 08.30 start.**



### **MIXED:**

We have had excellent fields for Sunday Mixed Golf and have enjoyed having some new faces join our ranks. Winners this month have been Jan Doust and Allen Wallrodt, winning Di Sears and Dave Harley's trophy day and Coral Dennerley and Rob Rochow coming out on top for Keith and Judy Simmons event.

Unfortunately weather conditions cancelled our latest event but we will be back on Sunday 13th June with sponsors Sue and John Piacentini for Chapman 4's. This day will be a meal night, so competitors with last name A-M bring a casserole and N-Z bring a sweet. Teams can select who they play with by placing their names together on the booking sheet.



### **TWILIGHT:**

Despite "Chase the Ace " being won and it's subsequent hiatus,"Lefty" Wright and Maid Marion report that Friday fields continue to reflect the general increases being experienced across all weekly comps which is very encouraging.

Post game fireside bevys, footy on the big screen along with superb Rusty Putter tucker make for a great Friday evening but remember..it pays to book.by phoning 97957033.



## GROUNDS

Old Mate "Brown Sugar" (aka Ken Lowth) reports that a **John Deere Greens mower purchase** has been approved with zero interest across a 3 year period.The monthly repayment figures for the \$12k is roughly what we would have paid in lease fees for a Toro replacement so well done troops on getting a sensational deal.

### **Sand Bunker Uniformity and Consistency**

Following a recent query the grounds committee (which includes Max) has released the following..

"There are a myriad of conditions that affect the bunkers...some can be controlled...some cannot.

**Environmental Conditions**..exposure to sun, shade,wind and rainfall along with aspect influence the degree of exposure...example..North facing bunkers get more sun and hence dry out quicker and can be softer in comparison to one facing South which receives less sunlight and stays wetter and firmer for longer after rainfall and irrigation.

Another factor impacting consistency is **overhead irrigation** with some bunkers receiving more than others from green irrigation,

**Quality and uniformity of sand.** ..we use our own sand which has varying levels of quality and consistency ...the alternative is importing sand at a considerable cost.

**The Sand Replenishing Cycle**..We do not replace sand in all bunkers every year..obviously labour and our own supply resources demand a common sense approach to management. Some bunkers are more at risk from loss of sand and , as such, get more attention, so depending on what "cycle" we're in some inconsistency is to be expected.

**12th Greenside Bunkers Example**...The right side was one of the more recent sand replenished ones with a plan to correct the forward slope at the base, while the left one was level at the time with less sand required but..we'd exhausted our stockpile at the time.

This would have obviously led to inconsistency with sand depth. This left side bunker is one due for sand replacement this year.

Word around the club is that we'll start having some money spins to raise a bit of dough to buy a new **ball picker upperer for the practice fairway.**

Tassie Tony is the rumour spreader and he's accepting photo's of potential ball gatherers as we speak..

## GOLF SHOP SPECIALS & BIG RED'S NEWS



Rovis buggies are back in stock with a massive range of colours so flick the old one and glide the fairways in style..

If you are wanting to see how to play the game of golf then Wednesday June 2nd between 10:30 and 11:30 on the driving range will be full of professional golfers trying to make a dollar, so come down the range and observe their fluent swings.

The list of players are below

<https://pga.org.au/report/?tourn=8111&report=tmentry~season=2021~alphaorder~&class=wa>

Over the last week you may have seen a new face behind the ProShop counter or Bar as we have employed Taylah Hall to help out around the place. So please make her feel welcome here at Capel.

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## HOUSE

Word has it that Ronnie G is planning a new “Wireless” PA system for the club that will match the one at Burswood Casino for a mere fraction of a price...This will save all that podium confusion every time announcements are scheduled.

How will we pay for it ??..well pleased you asked.”Just keep taking your empty stubbies, cans and plastic water or soft drink bottles to the big bins at the rear of the club and it will be paid for in no time.

## NEWS AROUND THE CLUB

“The Counter of Beans” reports that the Open Forum on finance held earlier in the month went well albeit a small attendance...

Linda has put her “dook” up for a new \$8k chiller in the bar along with the replacement of the damaged floor but apart from that, all is progressing well at the moment.

### The Not So Serious Stuff

**Big Tee** ( Trevor Davis) was up at the bar and asked Linda for a packet of helicopter flavoured potato chips... Quick as a flash...Linda said sorry Big T...we’ve only got plane..



**An Old Club member** was telling me in confidence last week that he was a bit down so he went to visit his quack...

And he asked the doc.."Do you think I'll live another 10 years" ?

"Do you drink?" asked the doc

"No"

"Do you smoke?"

"No"

"Do you have sex?"

"No"....."Then why the hell would you want to live another 10 years"

The phone rang in the **Jones household**..

"Mr Jones..I'm afraid I have some bad news..the voice said...your mother in law has died while on holiday in India. Do you know if she wished to be cremated, embalmed or buried?"

Jonesy replied.." Better safe than sorry...Lets go for all three"



