

Dalhousie District Golf Association

Divots Newsletter

April 2022

DALHOUSIE PRESIDENT **Mary Campbell**

Almost quarter of the way through the year. Time has certainly flown.

It is wonderful to be travelling throughout the district and catching up with other golfers. Please try and support as many clubs as you can. Hopefully our golfing year continues without any interruptions.

Congratulations to Romsey Golf Club on a successful weekend of celebrations for their centenary year. A copy of the book Romsey Golf Club the first 100 years was presented to the district. This book will be placed in the cabinet at Broadford. Thank you to Romsey for the book.

Part of the celebrations was a tournament on the Sunday, separate tournament for both men and women. The field of women was small but it was a great initiative by Romsey. This maybe something for other clubs to consider. Part of Golf Australia's strategy is more Australians playing more golf. Holding a tournament on a Sunday provides the opportunity for working women and school age girls to participate.

Well done to women's captain Beryl Cole and the match committee for centralising the women's pennant to limit travelling. All the feedback I have received has been positive.

It was great to see Dalhousie well represented at the Autumn Tournament at Myrtleford and Bright. Congratulations to Glenda Woods on winning B Grade nett at Bright. Michelle Thompson and Sheena Flentje took home NTP's.

These tournaments are open to everyone and a stableford component has been introduced for those who do not wish to play stroke. Nett winners are determined on the stableford score.

Thank you to Sharna Faralla who has been the Regional Development Officer for our district over the past three years. Sharna has been a great help to many clubs throughout the district and also the district committee. On behalf of the Committee I wish her all the best for the future and hopefully we will see her presence on the golf course.

The passing of Judy Rothe will be felt by many throughout the district. She was an inspiration to everyone on and off the golf course. Our thoughts are

with the Rothe family. There is a special tribute to Judy in this edition of Divots.

Looking forward to seeing you somewhere in the district in the coming months. Stay safe and hopefully covid free.

DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CAPTAIN **Beryl Cole**

As you will all be aware the pennant draw is out with big changes having been made this year and clubs travel cut down; also no club will have a home match. Some of the smaller clubs may find the catering a challenge and if this is the case please ring me and have a chat about it. I have suggested some players may like to take their lunch out on course to eat while they are playing rather than have a very late lunch. To make this easier for the host club these lunches will have to be ordered in advance. I wish you all good hitting for your pennant matches

The Jean Wallder Bowl was played on Monday 11th April. Thanks to Yea for hosting the day and congratulations to RACV Healesville on their win. Well done to Davia Jorgensen, Karen Stevenson and Anne Whitmore. Their score of 226 net was 2 better than the runners up -Yea 2. Congratulations to all the other winners.

There has been some talk about the number of entries for the bowl. Are numbers low because it is a stroke event, or did we schedule it on the wrong date, (School holidays) or did the location not suit people? I would be very interested to hear people's views and ideas on how we can attract more players to enter.

Do we need to offer more prizes, lower the entry fee, or change the format to Stableford? I would have thought a Monday prior to pennant it would have given pennant players an opportunity to check the course out prior to pennant but this did not seem to be.

Jean Wallder was bestowed the honour of Life Membership to Dalhousie in 1985 and it was decided to play a bowl in her honour. I am hesitant to change the format after all these years but to keep the bowl a viable event changes may have to be made.

My theory about playing stroke. Are you scared of coming last???. If so just remember only one person can come last so it is like winning - it is hard to do, and if this is your problem just don't look at the score boards and you won't know where you have finished. Other people are not looking at your score, just their own and as I say only one person can come last and if it is my turn this week so be it.

News from the Fairways, Greens and even the Rough!

ALEXANDRA by Elizabeth Goss

A terrific finale to the old year on the Boxing Day holiday with the Community Challenge Ambrose. There were eleven teams, that's forty-five players, competing with great trophies and raffle prizes.

The big occasion in February was the Alexandra Bowl. Thanks to the efforts of all our volunteers on the course and the organising skills of our captain Helen Findlay and her assistants the day was a great success. There were eleven teams from across the Dalhousie District and beyond competing. The winners of the Bowl were Marysville.



Another great day was Saturday 15th February when Alexandra hosted the 2nd Round of the Foodworks Murrindindi Masters. 101 players were welcomed to enjoy a course in excellent condition thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Congratulations to the Mini Masters winners Keith Atwell with 39 pts and Sabrina Stow with 41pts. The A grade winners were Matt Richards 38 pts and Jodie Duron 38 pts from Brad Kidd 35pts and Heather Jenkins 35 pts. The B Grade winners were Russell Purcell 37pts and Lesley Rundle 35pts from Alister Hutt 37pts and Sue Aurisch 34 pts. The C Grade winner was Colin Long 37pts from Graeme Emmerson 36pts. Once again a big thank you to the Reddrop family and Foodworks for their continued support and sponsorship of the Masters series.



The ladies enjoyed a special day in March raising money for cancer research, our Pink Day. As well as the normal Stableford round, a team event with a pink ball was included. The winning team of Barb Doyle, July Lyon and Ruth Worland won the Pink Ball event with 35pts.



The Thursday evening 'chook run' has been a great success again this year with many who enjoy the informal occasion deciding to become members.

Pennant season has started well with both Alexandra men's teams having wins in their first round.

Special Events:

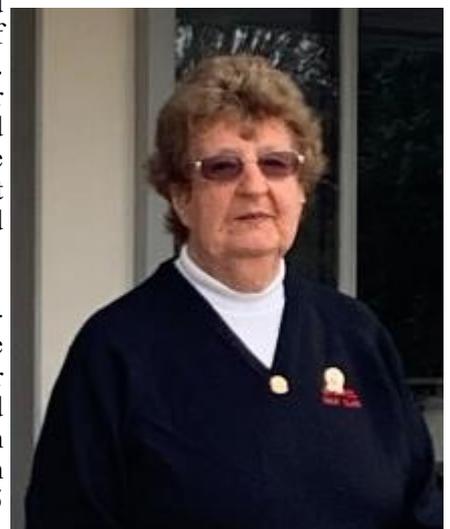
December 2021: Brad Kidd; **February:** Pauline Brooks, Jason Krist; **March:** Rita Mitchell, Steve Darmody; **Foursomes Championship:** Marg Fahey and Barb Doyle; **Holes in One:** Matt Jenkins; **Summer Cup:** Judy Pearson, Dylan Jack.

AVENEL by Lyn Carracher

It was Opening Day at Avenel on Saturday the 2nd April and a good crowd assembled to kick start the season. Despite being a little dry, the course looked great and many thanks must go to those who have worked tirelessly to make it so.

Life Member, Iris Sidebottom, was invited to do the official duties and declare the golf season open. Following her speech, Iris played the first shot of the season, a putt which just slipped past the hole!!

We played a 2-person Ambrose and Wheeler brothers, Willy and Harry put an excellent score on the board with a 5



DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS 7th APRIL, 2022 (8 completed events)

- 15 Lisa Caines (Seymour).
- 12 Jenny Coleman (Marysville).
- 9 Darlene Baker (Romsey).
- 7 Wendy Gosden (Romsey).
- 6 Jenny Hartley (Romsey).
- 5 Bev Bellman (Marysville), Jillian Chandler (Marysville), Anne Robinson (Lancefield), Lesley Rundle (Marysville), Jane Taylor (Hidden Valley).
- 4 Adrienne Anglin (Yea), Glenda Eddy (Hidden Valley), Melissa Eddy (Euroa), Jenni Vennell (Lancefield).
- 3 Irene Davey (Seymour), Helen Howard (Marysville), Maureen Wilson (Hidden Valley), Glenda Woods (Seymour), Ruth Worland (Alexandra)
- 2 Sue Byrne (Trentham), Di Byrne (Seymour), Helen Dennett (Kilmore).
- 1 Heather Jenkins (Marysville), Florence Meyer (Lancefield), Robyn Stevens (Lancefield), Gail Leigh (Marysville), Terri O'Callaghan (Trentham)

DALHOUSIE MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS 16 APRIL 2022 (2 completed events)

- 10 Joel Gilder, Nick Hynes
- 9 Craig Frost, Denis Davenport
- 8 Ryan Cumberland, Shane Ferguson
- 7 Graeme Hogg, Kayne Falconer
- 6 Jim Hynes, Lou Christini
- 5 Martin Healey, Stephen Drapher
- 4 Daniel Bellchambers, Mick Prorock
- 3 Nick Stavrinou, Ryley McDonald
- 2 Barry Lewis, Trevor Lambert
- 1 Grant Davies, John Ashley

DDGA CAPTAIN—MARK FOUNTAIN

By way of Introduction, my name is Mark Fountain and I am the Men's Captain for DDGA for the next 2 years. I am a member of Seymour Golf Club and held the position of SGC Men's Captain from 2018-2020, and been on the DDGA committee for the last 3 years.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Jon Blackwell the outgoing DDGA Captain for his efforts during a Covid turbulent year (2021) and congratulate him on his appointment as Vice President of DDGA.

Beryl Cole (Women's Captain) and I hit the ground running late last year finalising the 2022 DDGA golf schedule and confirming our new match committees.

DDGA Men's Golf is in full swing (Pardon the Pun). We have completed three IP Mein and POTY year events, and two rounds of pennant.

My goal during my tenure as captain is to encourage more members to enter as many events as possible at other clubs as all clubs need our support. I have noticed

the same players at these events 30-40 players, if each of you who regularly enter bring another member from your club our fields would double, which would be fantastic.

The DDGA Men's Championship will be at Broadford Golf Club 14 Aug 2022, I am hopeful for 80+ players to make it a great event.

Pennant finals will be contested on the 22nd May (Broadford) followed by DDGA Men's 4BBB 29th May (Lancefield).

I look forward to socialising and playing golf with you all in 2022.

Good Hitting.
Mark



More News from the Fairways, Greens and the Rough!

under par 67, to claim the scratch winner's vouchers while handicap honors went to new Dad, Scoota Donovan and Chris Tingay with a great nett score of 65.

The first round of the season proper saw five juniors tee off in the morning and boy, didn't they put on a show. Hudson Black almost drove the 200m par 5, he then proceeded to chip in for an albatross! Other notable efforts were Owen Smith paring the final 3 holes to claim the day's event and also Rayden Hannigan who played a terrific shot to the last hole for NTP. It was also great to welcome Ruby Hannigan for her first game.

Not to be outdone, Alex Smith fired up in the afternoon returning his best ever score of 77 off the stick giving him 45 stableford points, so it was understandable that he was feeling pretty confident of clinching the win for the day, that is until his young nephew Campbell handed in his card which was also his best ever round of 103 off the stick and also 45 points!! So, it came down to a countback, which unfortunately for Alex was a no contest as Cam scored 27 points on the back nine to easily claim the win.

The ladies are struggling for numbers this year however we're battling on and Dee Wright claimed the first win of the season with 34 points. We hope to get around to some bowls and tournaments soon.

Unfortunately, we don't have a pennant side again this year however we wish the clubs participating all the best and hope the new format is a success.

Our Men's Pennant team have gotten off to a flyer defeating Hidden Valley 3/2 at their home course and we hosted the second round and came away with a 4/1 win over Whittlesea. Special mention to Jamison Black who hadn't played pennant before but has managed to win both his matches so far.

The Ladies Mabel Vearing Silver Salver is scheduled for Thursday the 16th June – fingers crossed we can play this year!! Flyers will be emailed out in the next few weeks.

Finally, we were deeply saddened to hear DDGA Life Member, Judy Rothe, had passed away and extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends. Vale Jude.

BROADFORD by Helen D'Silva

We are back in full swing with our competitions and our members are enjoying their golf again without any restrictions.

The course is looking great. We are currently in the process of completing our automatic sprinklers system on our fairways. Our ground staff and Dads army of volunteers are working hard in keeping the course looking at its best.

Dolf Zwar Match Play tournament.

The tournament was for 32 players who qualified early

in February 2022. This year's final did see Joe Mirabella play Ian Parry, who won last year's trophy and is already a 4 time winner of this event. Both players had won their respective 4 matches to make the final with many results tight and could have gone either way. The final result on Saturday 19th March 2022, was a win to Ian Parry 4 and 3. Congratulations to both players for making the final.

'Ian Newton' Memorial - 4 Person Ambrose tournament.

Saturday the March 26th saw the 2nd running of the 'Ian Newton' Memorial - 4 Person Ambrose tournament. Ian was a long-time member of the Golf Club, where he won 15 Monthly medals, and teamed up with his brother in law Les Liddle to win many 4ball events as well.

Our Winners were the team of father and son Adam and Ryan Mumford teaming with Graeme Hogg and Terry Triggs for a combined score of 55.875, to win from the team of Barry Nesbitt, Chris Eriksson, Carl Petersen and Graham Cusack with 56.5.



Children's Hospital 4 Person Ambrose event

Saturday the April 9th saw the 13th running of the annual Children's Hospital 4 Person Ambrose event. 88 players turned out in overcast conditions. This event is hosted by the club to raise money for the Hospital appeal and another generous donation will be made this year. A huge thank you to all the sponsors and players and volunteers who made the event a huge success.

The Winners were the 'Rowe Boys' from Kilmore with a score of 54.5 (10.5), congratulations go to the team of Gary, Pete, Dave and Rob Rowe. The Runners Up were the Broadford crew 'DR. RR, which included Alex Reid, Nicole Reid, Peita Reid and Matt Darling with a score of 55.5 (11.5).

Broadford Adaptability Golf Program (BAGS).

The Broadford Golf Club welcomed participants of the Seymour-based disability support service Goulburn Options back for another six weeks course

News from Fairways, Greens and the Rough (continued)

of the Broadford Adaptability Golf Program. All participants are enjoying learning how to play golf with the assistance of our coach Nathan Roberts and also enjoying a ride around the golf club on our 4 seater buggy and lunch.

EUROA by Helen Gilbert

So far, so good in 2022 and here's hoping it remains this way. But to help in this we need everyone to follow the DHS guidelines and if you have tested positive or are a close contact of someone who has, please follow the directives and help keep everyone safe. We do not know what underlying conditions others may have.

On Australia Day we were able to conduct the Mixed Foursomes event sponsored by Laurie and Freda Edwards, this had been postponed a few times. The winners were Paddy McCarthy and Melissa Eddy (Scratch) and G McMartin and M McMartin (Handicap). Thank you, Laurie and Freda, for your sponsorship of this event.

Early March we welcomed Dav Mackrell as our new greenskeeper and thanked our Course Director Phil Steers for all the work he has done, and no doubt will continue to do in supporting Dav in his new position. Did you know we have over 500 sprinklers on the course, so it is a lot to maintain enabling the course to be watered efficiently? We are also building our volunteer base to aid both Dav and Phil in the maintenance of the course.

On Friday evenings during day light saving the Summer Twilight Shootout was conducted with Dot Rule being victorious.

Our Annual Autumn Tournament was conducted on the Labour Day Weekend starting with the Men's and Women's Stroke events sponsored by Euroa Pharmacy on the Saturday. The winners were Men's Scratch Div 1 Eddie Carracher, Div 2 Jeff Moran, Hcp Div 1 Dale McIntosh, Div 2 Paul Jones and Women's Scratch Div 1 Tania Zentfeld, Div 2 Deb Cox and Hcp Div 1 Kae Lummas, Div 2 Dee McMartin. Sunday event was Men's and Women's 4BBB sponsored by Ausure Insurance Brokers and the winners were Ian Wood and Neil Fitzpatrick, and Gail Allen and Jean Duff and on the Monday a mixed Pinehurst sponsored by the Andrews family was held with Scratch winners Jane Fletcher and Gerry Hanson, Handicap winners were Rachel Ritchie and Gary Ritchie. We thank everyone who took part together with all our volunteers for making the tournament a success.

As a follow up to the series of lessons conducted by Ashley Blake in January, a Junior Twilight series was held over four weeks with around 20 participants, the club donated two junior memberships and the lucky recipients are Dougie Cole and Grace Eddy. The club extends their thanks to Gail Allen and her team for their efforts and time commitment.

LANCEFIELD by Carole Mee

Excellent weather has ensured good fields in all four of the weekly competitions with only a bit of a glitch these past weeks with Covid isolations. The course has held up reasonably well with, unlike a number of other areas, little to no rain since November last year. However, the installation of a new irrigation system, albeit later than anticipated, has lessened an otherwise drier course to see us into the wetter months of the year.

The tight battle that continued throughout the entire daylight saving Twilight competition between Barry Flentjar and Mal Ive continued right down to the very last day with Barry Flentjar taking the Champion's crown for 2021-22 season by just 1.5 pts (52.5) from Mal Ive (51). Well done to both players for their continued competitiveness to make it such an exciting result.

The Lancefield Open 27 hole event was hotly contested and went into overtime with the event being decided on the 29th hole. Our Club Champion Trevor Lambert was the eventual winner against James Hynes.



Two of our teams went down to the Ladies Romsey Bowl on Thursday 7th, with our team of Robyn Stevens, Jenni Vennell and Fran Beard putting in a creditable performance to be runners up with a very good score of 101 pts from Goonawarra with 110. Anne Robinson one of our 2nd team members won C Grade with 37 pts on a count back from Robyn Stevens, so overall the Club did very well with those who represented it.

It is very pleasing, when you run a Go Golf for ladies to actually retain a good number who turned up for the training course, and as the weeks go on they in turn gain enough confidence after playing 9 holes for a good number of weeks to branch out and play the 18 hole comps. Hopefully we will be as successful after our next training course later in the year.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the DDGA Ladies Match Committee for thinking outside the box in doing the ladies pennant draw this year and wish all clubs the best for the pennant season.

MARYSVILLE by Lesley Rundle

How many club golfers really understand what the dedicated golf course volunteers do each day on and around the course? I am sure I am one of many who see in our case, the men, flying around on various machines, give them a wave and then continue with my game.

The Marysville members wanted to know more about

News from the Fairways, Greens and the Rough! (continued)

what happens each day out on the course - our greatest asset. During a social gathering one Friday night members were given a talk by long-time volunteer Bob Emblin on the name and function of each piece of machinery. The machinery was scattered around the practice green and we all wandered around and admired the machines and tried to understand the complicated mechanism of them all. We learnt about fairway mowers, greens mowers, rough cutters, fertiliser spreaders, back hoes, workman carts and even power tools such as chainsaws and brush cutters. The greens are cut three times a week, the fairways and tees twice a week and the rough everyday. They also have to maintain the irrigation system, repair and service the machinery, spray chemicals, apply fertiliser and fungicide and deal with fallen trees and any storm or animal damage on the course.



They work nearly every day of the year in all seasons and often in challenging weather conditions. They are seen on the course very early in the day prior to an event cutting greens and checking that all is in place for the golfers. I called into the workshop recently and all the hazard stakes were being painted for replacement around the course and I have never actually given any thought about who actually carries out those general maintenance tasks.

Each piece of machinery is a great expense for our clubs and the volunteers have to be trained to use the machines correctly and respect the limitations of each vehicle or power tool. Safety of the operators is paramount and that can only be achieved if those using the machines know how to handle them. Our group of men bring lifelong skills to the task which minimises the number of experts we have to employ but there are times when the club has to pay for local tradesmen to assist them. I am sure each Dalhousie club has a dedicated band of volunteers committed to maintaining the course and presenting it in the best condition they can for the benefit of the golfers. Let's not take them for granted and think that they are just having fun playing with those 'boys' toys!

National Volunteer Week is from 16-22 May and the theme is Better Together. I think at Marysville during that week we will acknowledge all volunteers but particularly those who work on our course. They are certainly a major component of all our volunteers who do work Better Together.

Marysville, like a number of other Dalhousie District clubs decided recently to become part of the Vendi Golf Virtual Pro Shop programme. Whilst green fee players can book a game on our website there were times when 'walk in' golfers would arrive to play and find the clubhouse closed. They didn't have cash to put in the honesty box so they either went away or played without paying. The Vendi Cashless Golf system allows the patron to pay by tapping a card and therefore negates the need to have cash available. The Vendi Vending machine also provides drinks, snacks and basic golf equipment also paid for by tapping a card. Our green fee payments have definitely increased and it is just another way of receiving income and encouraging players to play on our course.

ROMSEY by Tony Lakey

RGC Centenary Weekend – The weekend March 25th - 27th was a big three days of golf and celebrations. The three golfing events were well attended and we had just under 80 people for our celebratory dinner at the Romsey Mechanics' Institute. The golf results were;

Fri March 25th – Two-player Ambrose

Ethan Bray/Ben Sullivan (RGC) - 76/9/67

Sat March 26th 4BBB pairs – any combination

1st: Mick & Josh Squire (RGC) - 45 pts

Sunday March 27th – Stroke, Men's & Women's 24-hole Open

Centennial Champion - Jim Hynes (Mt Mac) - 95.
Mary Campbell (B/ford) - 115

A Grade Handicap - Andrew Clement (RGC) - 90,

Women Handicap - Jenny Hartley (RGC) - 95 2/3

B Grade Stroke - Davey Kenney (RGC) - 110,

B Grade Handicap - John Freestone (RGC) - 91 2/3

AM Handicap - Scott Williams (RGC) - 41 1/3.

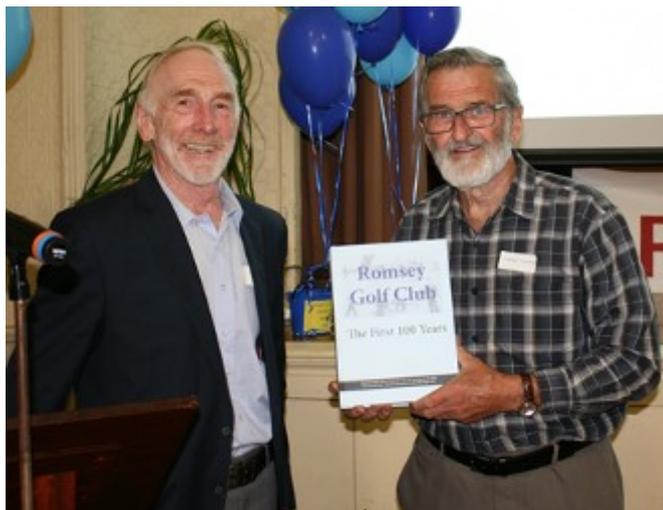
PM Handicap - Rod Campbell (B/ford) - 45 1/3



News from Fairways, Greens and the rough (continued)

Centennial Dinner – It was wonderful to see so many ex-RGC members who had travelled to attend our dinner. Club president, Anthony Lakey, opened proceedings with a short speech noting the enormous value of volunteers to all sporting clubs and especially to golf clubs who have so much land to care for, thanking all those who had worked so hard to organise the weekend and then their partners who had put up with much over the past few months. MRSC mayor, Councillor Jennifer Anderson also spoke congratulating the club on reaching 100 yrs and on the wonderful work the club carries out to maintain and improve both Romsey Park and the Romsey Golf Course. A slide show utilising pictures from 1922 to the present day ran between speeches and presentations. The wonderful dinner was catered by local restaurant - Tony's Place, Romsey.

Local historian and author, Trevor Turnham, introduced the book 'Romsey Golf Club, The 1st 100 Years' and explained the many trials and tribulations he had gone through to locate the huge amount of information he had found on the club. Covid-19 had also made things just that bit more challenging.



RGC Hall of Fame Inductees; Mary Campbell, Helene Newenham, Phyllis Mitchell, Elaine Scanlon, Graeme Clement, R. M. Mitchell, Phil Norton, Les Gaunt, Geoff Pike, Peter Mitchell, John Boyce, Rod Campbell, Anthony Lakey, Lorraine Robb, Algie Mitchell, Laurie Thompson, Shirley Shelton.

RGC Legend Inductees; I. M. Inglis, V. A. Vorweg, Ken Newnham, Beryl Cole.

We would again like to thank the sponsors for the weekend's golf:- Drummond Golf – Niddrie, B & L Robb, The Romsey Bottle-O and Macedon Ranges Shire for their support with the printing of our book and the Centennial Dinner.

STRATHBOGIE

Our annual Arthur Frost combined Stapleford tournament was successfully held on the 27th February.

With a good turnout of 70 players. Liz Gee and Pam Jarvis won the ladies event and Dave Fullager and Bernie O'Hair won the mens.

Our long serving and very dedicated Course Superintendent – Bill Brierley was recently awarded a well-deserved Volunteer Greenkeepers award by Mary Campbell (President) from the VVGA. Congratulations Bill.



The men's pennant season has started with our second division scratch team posting 2 wins with our handicap team just missing out on both occasions.

Thursday 7th April, we hosted the monthly Stableford Vets competition with a good field of 65 players. A Grade was won by Colin Long (15) with 40 points. B Grade was won by GV Vets visitor Laurie Steward (19) with 41 points. C Grade was won by local Wally Dunn (35) with 43 points.

We are planning two notable events in May at Bogie. We are hosting the VVGA Country Championships on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd May and the Intrazone Champs where we will host 108 players on the 16th May. We look forward to welcoming all players to our region.

TRENTHAM by Julie Hanson

We have had a positive start to this year, the men's club championships were carried over from last year. A Grade winner was Robin Wilson—he equalled his course record of 68 again, finishing with 291. Winner of B Grade was John Smithwick with a total score of 329 and winner of C Grade was Neale Hull with 360. The overall best nett was Leif Louewen – Skovdem, he was awarded the Arnie Hanson annual trophy.

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We had a tremendous turn up to our women's beginners again this year, consisting of three classes in February; Matthew Duncan from Gisborne was again our professional. Thanks to Sue Byrne and her many assistants for the wonderful job they do every year.



The Golf Club received grants to the value of \$20,429.00 for the insulation of Tesla Powerwall batteries. The purpose of the batteries is to further reduce the club's carbon footprint and complement the 12kW solar system by offsetting night time grid usage of electricity by the clubhouse, refrigeration and the irrigation bore. Our fleet of six lithium-ion electric hire golf carts will be fully solar powered. Thanks to Colin Wilson and Taryn Lane of Hepburn Wind for their work on the successful grant application.



Twenty-nine pairs played in our President, Captain, and Guest Day in early March, and it was wonderful to welcome women from other clubs, so many women we had not seen for over 12 months. Winners of President and Captains Day were Robyn Macrae and Joan Gibbs from Kyneton with 92 off the stick and 76.625 nett. Winners of Guest Day were Pat Kinnell and her sister Cathy Jennings, with 101 off the stick and a nett 76.625.

Trentham Golf Club ran a highly successful Charity Day in March. 28 teams, consisting of four person Ambrose with the winners having a combined score of 51.25. Handicap: David Hendy, Sue Wight, Tony Hendy, Jason Wight (Goonawarra Golf Club) Scratch: Matt Miller, Cohan Poulton, Darren Jolly, Shane Fisher (Midlands Golf Club) 56.

We also had a trading table, consisting of produce,

jams etc. and a blind auction. Stuart Leong donated his time, stood on the 18th all day and for \$5.00 you could use his drive for your team. Overall, we raised \$5450 for the Hepburn SES Unit. Our President Keith Webster handed over the cheque.



The men have started their pennant, we have two teams playing and both pennant teams recording victories last Sunday. Restricted Handicap defeated Hidden Valley 4/1 at Broadford and the Handicap team won 3/2 against Broadford at Macedon.

WOODEND by Margaret O'Connor

In recent weeks two of our sponsors Mr Lumberjack and Mr Green Climber have been busy on the course removing some of the stumps and blackberries and we thank them for their support. The new 1st tee has been in play now for the last couple of months.

The ladies held the Ruby McKenzie Salver in March, the winners were a team from Marysville.



The Maurie Armstrong Memorial 4BBB tournament was played in February, with over 70 players, the winning pair was Chris Holliday and Laurie Deakin. At the Dalhousie Country Teams Fundraiser at Euroa, Barney Hearnden, Danny Bellchambers, Guy and Myles Moxley combined for a good scratch win. March also saw the Bob Mason Ambrose played with 90 players, the winners were Danny Bellchambers, Myles Moxley and Lee Simon. On this day our two new life members Andrew Davies and Mick Fitzpatrick were presented with their medals. Two great volunteers of the club.

News from Fairways, Greens and the rough (continued)

YEA by Karen Sangster

Well! It is that time of the year again and I must say it's great to be able to be back playing golf without all the restrictions. Staying safe and healthy is most paramount and golf so helps with a happy mental and physical position. Positive start to the year!

This year we managed to have the men cook, wait upon us and clean up after! What a great incentive for next years Gender Challenge. Go Girls!!



Opening day was a great success with some of our previous players returning to the fold. Life member Miranda Gill started off the Season hitting the first ball. Getting a pic, I had to be quick as knowing Miranda it is stand up and hit, no mucking around. After a fun 9 holes an enjoyable get together was had over a light lunch and Presentations for Birdies, Gobblers and the Eclectic. Adrienne Anglin won the Birdies having had 8 for the year. As for the rest a girl was on a role. None other than Miranda Gill winning the Gobbler comp with 12 and also the Eclectic both Scratch 67 and Handicap 59. Congratulations Miranda great way to end the year! Now we are all set to go! New Season. Two Monthly Medals have been played. Di Holdsworth claiming the first and Miranda Gill the 2nd.



A little bit of success over near and far with Penny Britton winning C Grade at Lancefield. Her very first Dalhousie event! Also, Adrienne Anglin winning A Grade at Romsey and of course the Jean Wallder Bowl locals Christine Simmons B Grade and Sharon Grogan C Grade. Well done girls.

The boys first Board event the Barry Moore Trophy played over 2 rounds was won this year by Phil Armstrong. Congratulations.

Captain Alan Pell once again outdid himself organising the Golf Getaways. This year off to Bright, Myrtleford and Mt Beauty warming up the courses for the oncoming Girls Autumn Tournament. Gathering from the many comments a great time was had by those that were lucky enough to go.

Another bit of exciting news Brian Simmons cracked a hole in one on the 18th! Very excited little vegemite to say the least. HAPPY GOLFING EVERYONE!!!!!!



EILDON by Rod Taylor

Eildon Golf Club had its annual Caravan Park day on the 16th April seeing 64 enthusiastic players from the Breeze caravan park, formally Blue Gums caravan park, arrive for an egg and bacon breakfast. There was no shortage of different types of fashion, states of alertness and golfing expertise on display on the day. This day has always been a great success and this year was ripper. Congratulations to all the organisers from the caravan park golfer club; it was very professionally and smoothly run from the first egg being served to the last beer being consumed. It is always a very big day and this year was absolutely no exception great job. It's great to see the area and golf in particular, bouncing back from a tough couple of years under the cloud of COVID.

News from Fairways, Greens and the rough (continued)

KILMORE by Molly Bell and Rod Williams

Well it's nice to be back at golf with no lockdowns so far. Let's hope it stays that way for us all.

We had a good Australia Day with our Members in January, with golf followed by a BBQ.

In February we hosted 70 Dalhousie Vets, and the Ladies have been to Hidden Valley and Alex for their Bowls.

In March we had our 6th Par 3 Day sponsored once again by Kilmore Toyota. We had 90 players who for the first time in six years started in drizzly rain and a cool wind. It was a great day. We also ran our Gordon Howell Bowl which Marysville won, and our own Cheryle Andersen won A Grade. We have also sent teams to Marysville, Woodend and Seymour for their Bowls. We held our 4BBB Mixed Stableford Muller/Butcher with Bron Gunn and Jim Ioannidis winning, and Merv Schadendorff and Pia Wanneck runners up. Functions have been held every week so it has been a busy month for the Club.



This month Daylight Saving and Twilight Golf ended and the Men have started their Pennant. The greens have been cored and they are looking pretty good. Of course we have had the Corellas back on and off over the last few months. Some greens and some fairways have been damaged.

We have been able to run our Board events which with lockdowns were not held, some for 2 years. Let's hope that we can run the whole 2022 program.

We have purchased a new surrounds mower which is getting plenty of use. I hope that everyone had a great Easter.

SEYMOUR by GLENDA WOODS

Where to start? The Club has been fortunate to host the DDGA Australia Day 4BBB, with close to 100 players, our own Bowl in March (which Seymour won) and a 3 day Easter Tournament, which was blessed with two glorious days and a

very wet Monday. Despite to continuous rain, 33 players ventured out in the rain shorted event and congratulations to Easter Cup winners Cameron Pascoe and our own Di Byrne.

The Club has four Men's Pennant Teams and they have had a mixed season so far. The women start in another week or so.

Like all clubs, our volunteers are the backbone of the club. Volunteers do absolutely everything—from maintaining the course, or stocking and running the bar, cleaning the clubhouse, cleaning the toilets, catering, gardening, maintaining equipment, reporting on golf news or organising the actual golf competitions. Everyone does their bit and together, the club moves forward. Where would we be without our volunteers who are at times, I am sure, undervalued by others? A big shout out to EVERYONE who is a regular volunteer at our club.



Sharna Faralla — Regional Development Officer for North West, Metro and Dalhousie Districts



This will be my final Divots report as your Golf Australia Regional Development Officer. I would like to thank you all for your support over the last 3yrs. It has been a wonderful journey and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and supporting the Dalhousie District and its clubs. I hope in some way, I have made a positive impact on your club during this time. It has been a pleasure to work with the DDGA clubs in many aspects including governance, constitution reviews, strategic planning, participation programs, participation pathways and everything in between. I am glad that I was able to also support the clubs to navigate through two very difficult years of the pandemic.

There have been some amazing achievements made by clubs throughout the district during my time. Junior participation numbers have skyrocketed as have female participation numbers. The recent introduction of a DDGA junior tournament series in conjunction with JK Performance coaching is an incredible achievement. There are exciting times ahead!!

Another highlight was my work with Dalhousie District to introduce the Dalhousie Volunteer and Club of the Year Awards. The Dalhousie Golf Club of the Year Award is designed to recognise excellence in all aspects relating to the management and operations of a facility, as well as administering financial success of a golf club over the past 12 months within the District. The Dalhousie Volunteer of the Year is designed to recognise contributions made to Dalhousie golf by hard working and dedicated individuals at clubs. A lot of hard work was put into the development of these awards by the District Committee. It was rewarding to witness the acceptance by the recipients of the awards in its first year. With great feedback received about the awards, I hope that this initiative is continued into the future.

As a final celebration, it was wonderful to be involved in the nomination and the announcement of Mt. Macedon Golf Club as Visionary of the month, for their amazing work in the female engagement space. Visionary of the Year stories celebrate, reward, and inspire those doing terrific work to achieve gender equality in golf. Nominations highlight a variety of ways to engage women and girls in the game, from culture and leadership, grassroots participation, marketing and positioning and high performance and coaching, and everyone is invited to submit their entries.

Throughout 2022, nine nominations will be recognised as Visionary of the Month and awarded a \$500 online voucher from Drummond Golf, along with having their story told by Golf Australia in a case study format on golf.org.au. Mount Macedon will now be in the running for Visionary of the Year. The 2022 Visionary of the Year will win up to \$10,000 worth of products from the latest Callaway REVA product range – designed specifically for women's golf.

Moving forward I will leave you in the capable hands of Chris Crabbe, who has years of experience as a Regional Development officer. He can be contacted at Chris.Crabbe@golf.org.au

Hope to see you on all on the golf course sometime soon!!

Wishing you all the best for the future.

Signing off,

Sharna



GOLF VICTORIA AUTUMN TOURNAMENT BRIGHT AND MYRTLEFORD 4th and 5th APRIL

What a boost to country Victoria when almost 200 women from across the state converge on the beautiful townships of Bright and Myrtleford for the annual autumn Tournament. 30 women from Dalhousie took part from six different clubs. Whilst we all go for the golf, that is but a small part of it. The opportunity to share houses with friends, socialise with golfing mates, dine out, shop AND play golf is a strong lure and it is why the event continues to remain popular. Both courses were beautifully prepared and the country hospitality tendered was delightful. There are daily events and two day events in four different grades. Glenda Woods managed to win the B Grade daily event at Bright and Sheena Flentje and Michelle Thompson won NTP's and Di Byrne missed out on the two day B Grade event by just two shots. If you haven't played in these events before, consider giving them a go as they are a lot of fun! The next one is Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance in October.

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Judy Rothe
Five years



Judy Rothe
1986 - 1987



DDGA Life Members Judy, Gwenda Martin and Marg Fanner



With Life Member Gwenda Martin



C Teams winners Division 3 1994



With Life Member Marg Fanner



Country Teams winners 1992

Bev Willis, Gwenda Martin, Judy Rothe, Helen Hill, Dot Rule, Dawn Hinneberg



C Teams supporter in all weather



Country Teams Caddies 1987 .Judy far Right



With fellow DDGA Life Member Joyce White



Gail Leigh DDGA Champion of Champions 2018



With Cheryl Andersen 2006



Caddy for Tania



DDLGA Country Team
Winners - 2006



Judy at Trentham when they
hosted the Golf Vic autumn meet



C Teams fun in the 80's



C Teams early 2000's

VALE JUDY ROTHE, LIFE MEMBER OF DDGA

Judy was so many things to so many people but above all, was a warm, funny, friendly and generous person who was a champion supporter of all things golf. Judy held many positions in Dalhousie: President in 1986 and 1987, VLGU Rep from 1990—1994, Country Teams Captain from 1990—1994 and was made a Life Member of Dalhousie in 1996. Judy was passionate about encouraging and supporting people to play golf and for many years, sponsored the District Champion of Champions Trophy. Judy was always interested in people and supported so many events including juniors and was a regular spectator to Country Teams matches long after her involvement had officially ended. I am sure we all carry special memories of Judy with us. I have come up with this selection of photos which just shows Judy supporting golf in so many ways. I interviewed Judy for a Divots edition back in 2006 and these are some her answers from then.

Best Golfing Experience: Winning the Club Championship at Trentham.

Worst Golfing Experience: Playing in a Bowl at Kilmore in a blizzard.

I am very bad at: Saying no.

My Earliest Golfing Memory: My third card in the pouring rain. 155 off the stick and me thinking, what am I doing here?

R.I.P Judy Rothe



Dalhousie Christmas dinner



Judy with Jess a few years ago