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## 2011 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2011 Club Championship has been run and won. Congratulations to this years winners:

Club Champion	John Benzie
B Grade	Paul Rich
C Grade	Tom Hunter
President's Trophy	Paul Rich

The course was in prime condition for the first round and then one of many Melbourne's deluges in the summer of 10/11 caused the postponement of the second round for a week. Nevertheless 34 players competed the three rounds meaning there was strong competition for the titles.

Marty Shaw hit the first shot into the gloaming on the 12 February and the field was away.

### *Club Champion*

Like last year the opening round leader shot a very impressive 69. Tony Ede's brilliant round gave him a 4 shot lead over the field with John Benzie firing 73 and Andrew Hale 75. (Note: Tony is specialising in low scores early in the Club Championship as he was one of two players to shoot 69 in last year's opening round - James Honner was the other)

With Tony unable to play Round 2 there were 6 players within 6 shots heading into the final round. James Honner and Wayne Wallis shot the day's best score with a pair of 73s.

John Benzie led by 2 with a second round 77. Marty Shaw was 2 shots behind after 74. James and Sean Paterson were two shots further back, Wayne Wallis five behind John and Andrew Hale 6 behind.

The final round saw John, James, Andrew and Sean playing together. Marty's chances were gone after 9 but James got to within 2 shots of John on the 16th and was still two behind standing on the 18th tee.

James faltered on the last and John held his nerve to close with a 75 to win his second Club Championship by 4 shots. James Honner was runner up for the second year in a row with Sean Paterson finishing third a further 3 strokes back.

### *B Grade*

The opening round in B Grade was a tight affair with 6 players within 3 shots of the lead. Trevor Schultz fired a splendid 83 to lead by 2 from Paul Rich and Chris Somerville. Ajay Arora and Greg Gardner were a shot further back on 86.

Trevor had a disastrous second round and Paul shot his second consecutive 85 to lead by 2 from Adrian Boyd who shot 82 (the best B Grade score of the 3 rounds) and Club Captain Phil Johnston.

The third round started poorly for Paul (no pun intended) and after 5 holes he had been passed by Mal McAfee playing in the same group who had started the day 6 shots back.

Mal continued to play well and finished with an 83 but Paul recovered to regain the lead and hold off a fast finishing Phil Johnston by one shot. Phil was left to lament his bogey, bogey, bogey finish on 7,8 and 9.

### *C Grade*

By contrast with the other two Divisions C Grade was a one horse race after Round 2. Tom Hunter shot an 89 in the first round to lead by three shots from Darren Calvi and Jay Ramsden. Steve Avery and Michael Lenkic were a shot further back.

Tom shot a consistent 90 in round 2 and lead by 8 shots as his nearest challengers fell away. Steve Bywater, Darren Calvi and Rob Walker were tied for second.

Tom shot 94 in the last round to win by a comfortable six shots from Rob Walker with Darren Calvi third

### *Presidents Trophy*

The President's Trophy is awarded to the best net score over the three rounds. Paul Rich and Rob Walker were tied on 204 and under our rules were required to play an 18 hole playoff.

In the round on 2 April Paul held off Rob to win the Trophy by one shot.



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## 2011 PENNANT SEASON

The 2011 Pennant Season kicked off in late March. SGC has three teams in competition this year

### SCRATCH TEAM

The Scratch Team has won both its opening fixtures beating Dorset 8pts to 4pts at home and Ringwood 11pts to 3pts away. A great start to the year for Alan Cantsilieris and the team.

### HANDICAP TEAM

The Handicap side has also started well with two wins beating Altona Lakes 8pts to 6pts away and Royal Park 10pts to 4pts at home. Up next is the also undefeated Eastern Sward.

The first match against Altona Lakes came down to the wire with Wayne Wallis needing to hole a 5 ft downhill putt to win his match and clinch the overall points. Despite being told as he stood over the putt that he needed to hole it for the win (by the Club Captain!) and in front of both assembled teams Wayne drained the putt.

### SENIOR TEAM

In its first season the Senior Team also started well winning its first ever match against Glen Waverley 1 8pts to 6pts at home. Stuart Low performed the heroics coming from 2 down with 2 to play to halve his match and secure the vital point.

Unfortunately the team went down narrowly to reigning premier Lakeside also 8pts to 6pts at home in the second round.

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## SATURDAY BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Following discussions with the management of the course the Committee agreed to communicate with members the arrangement for booking Saturday tee times.

- Bookings open on the Wednesday 10 days before the round at the opening time for the office (varies seasonally)
- Bookings can be made for up to two groups.
- Final payment should be made by 5.00pm the Thursday before the round.
- A single payment is strongly preferred for the number booked within each group e.g. if the

booking is for 4, a single payment for the 4 should be made; if for 3 then payment for 3. If two groups have been booked payments can be made for each of the two groups separately.

The Committee is continuing to discuss with the course management issues associated with our playing arrangements.

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## SGC WOMEN MEMBERS

Over recent years the number of SGC women members has increased markedly and the Committee has decided to formalise the competition arrangements for women members. Women members can play in the Saturday competitions. They will use the score cards issued by the pro shop which contain a women's course index, and play from the red tees with the handicaps assigned to them through Golfink.

Two long standing women members have expressed a desire to continue to compete off the blue tees. The Committee has agreed that Jan Cormack and Chris Harding will be permitted to continue to play from the blue tees if they so wish.

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## NEAREST THE PIN

Please note that, due to the continued theft and/or disappearance of the NTP markers on the designated Hole Nos. 3 & 10, until further notice, it will be the responsibility of the player where appropriate, (i.e. – on the green), to measure the distance to the pin, and record that measurement on his scorecard, and have that detail initialled by his/her marker.

Upon returning to the clubroom to submit the scorecard, the NTP detail shall, if applicable, (i.e. – shorter than the previously recorded mark), be recorded on the competition sheet, and again initialled by his/her marker.

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## RESULTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget to check our website for competition results and the schedule of upcoming events.

[www.sandringhamgolfclub.org.au/](http://www.sandringhamgolfclub.org.au/)