

FAIRWAY NEWS



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Club Champions 2022

Anthony Cape wins his 2nd title.

Here are our Club Champions for 2022. Congratulations to all! Full details later in the newsletter.

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Golf's major season starts.

April kicks off the major season in both men's and women's golf. First cab off the rank was the newly named Chevron Championship in the LPGA. Famous for each winner taking a leap into Poppie's Pond alongside the 18th green after winning the tournament this is the last year the it will be played on the Mission Hills course in California. American Jennifer Kupcho took a 6 shot lead into the last round and eventually won her first major and first ever tournament by 2 shots from Jessica Korda.

On the men's side the Masters begins on 8 April with speculation that Tiger might play and Phil Mickleson not playing for the first time in 28 years (after his foot in mouth comments about the Saudi backed world tour)

Cameron Smith has been in great form and must be a chance to win Australia's 2nd Masters title leading to speculation about how his flowing mullet will look with a green jacket!

Upcoming events

9 April	Pairs Aggregate Stableford
16 April	Stableford
23 April	Stableford
30 April	Stroke VGL Medal LG McDonald (R2)
7 May	2 Ball Ambrose. Breast Cancer Pink Day

Recent Results

- Hot scoring was the order of the day in the second round of the Club Championships on 12 February. Larry Stewart's net 58 equalled the best net score on the new course. Francis Armstrong (B Grade) and Saul Dagsy(C Grade) both returned net 59s. Nick Hague (net 60 A Grade) and Belinda Anson (net 62 Women's Division) also won. Francis also eagled the first.
- Damien Munro won the VGL Medal on 19 February with a fine net 61. Glenda McDade won the Women's Division with net 65. Andrew Kenny (net 65) won A Grade on a countback from Terry McAleenan. Michael Wang (net 62 – B Grade) and Barry Russell (net 68 C Grade) were the other winners. Tim Noonan was on fire with his short irons taking out both NTPs
- Adrian Thomas won the Stableford round of 26 February with 40pts. David Mallen(35pts A Grade), Bernie Bagley (37pts B Grade) and Larry Stewart (36pts C Grade) were the other winners. Larry beating David Waters on a countback.
- Three teams scored +9 in the 4BBB comp of 5 March. The team of Michaels (Kent and Sneyd) got the nod on countback from the Executive team (Colin Hockley and Rob Harris). David Mallen and Adrian Thomas were the unlucky ones to miss. Danny Morgan's 41pts won the singles comp.
- Larry Stewart (41pts) and Glenda McDade(38pts) triumphed again on 12 March talking out the Overall and Women's Division respectively. Andrew Rumbelow (36pts) beat David Mallen on a countback for A Grade. Bill McLaughlin(39pts B Grade) and Jay Ramsden (40pts C Grade) were the other winners.
- Barry Russell's(+5) won the Club Medal on 19 March. Glenda McDade's +4 equalled the best Women's Par round on the new course. James Honner(+1 A Grade), Peter McLeod(+4 B Grade) and Leigh Busby (+3 C Grade) were the other winners. Bernie Bagley lost out to Peter on a countback.

THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG

Since our last Newsletter our Club Championships have been finalised and a big congratulations to all of the winners.



We also held a function at the BMYS and I think all of those that attended will attest to the success of the day at a wonderful venue which has a magnificent aspect.

Senior Pennant has not been a successful venture thus far as we have only managed to win one outing (defeating Centenary Park at home). At the time of writing there is still one match to play against Creekside at home and hopefully a better outcome to complete the year on high note. One positive of the season is that we managed to persuade some "newbies" to put on the club T shirt and hopefully this proves to be a catalyst for more players to choose from in 2023.

Not much to be said about the course other than it is still playing beautifully and presenting its challenges to all level of golfer....40 points one week....26 points the next....probably a pretty common theme.

The weather has been extremely kind to us golfers and lets hope it continues and that rain is restricted to after sunset and finishes before sunrise. Happy golfing everyone and enjoy it whilst we can.

Regards

Rob Harris



Recent Results (cont.)

- Paul Ferguson's (38pts) won a hotly contested round on 26 March. All other Divisions were won with 37pts - Christine Nicholson (Women's), Phil Dickson (A Grade), Larry Stewart (B Grade) and Steve Bywater (C Grade). Andrew Kenny missed out on a countback in A Grade.
- Adrian Thomas won the VGL Medal on 2 April with a net 62. Helen Ansems won the Woman's Division with a net 70. James Honner (net 65 A Grade), Mal McAfee (net 63 B Grade) and Luka Thorpe (net 65 C Grade) were the other winners.
- Sam Pilcher's 47pts to win the mid week comp on 24 March is the best male mid week score returned on the new course.

News and Notes**Club Apparel**

Members can purchase Club apparel.

- Polo shirt \$30. Sizes 'S' to '5XL'. Men's design only at the moment.
- Cap \$10

Email:

captain@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au or text 0413 438 048

Golf Gloves

Members are now able to purchase high quality Cabretta Leather golf gloves at discounted prices.



Details of the process were sent to members by Club Captain Geoff Thornton on 27 September. On the Checkout page **please do not change the email address** – leave it as captain@sand...

MiScore App

Do you know that you can download the MiScore App to your phone, and subscribe for \$16.49pa to enable you to use MiScore at courses where MiClub is operating and soon at Sandy.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The **Pennant** season is producing mixed results for our teams. The Scratch and Seniors teams are struggling, but the Handicap team is well-positioned to make the finals with 2 of the remaining 3 games at home. It is surprising in a club of our size that we find it hard to attract members interested in playing pennant. We'll have to try harder next year, when we also hope to field a women's team.



Less than half of the 150 new members admitted in the last 12 months have requested to be flagged as a member in the Pro Shop online booking system. To take advantage of booking ahead of the public you need to be flagged. Email the Captain to request this.

The **MiClub** implementation is proving to be more time-consuming than anticipated. We will be issuing separate regular updates on the project, the first of which may precede this newsletter. Associated with this project is the upgrade of our website, which will have links to MiClub to view competition results and other information.

The MiScore mobile phone App will be the primary method of recording competition hole-by-hole scores. The annual subscription of \$16.49 will enable you to use the App at Sandringham as well as the many other courses that use MiScore. Those not using the App will not be forgotten. An iPad will be set up in the Clubs Room to enable manual entry.

Our Club has not always been great in assimilating new members. Our membership has traditionally grown reasonably slowly through association with existing members, who take the new members "under their wing". The past 12 months has seen a sudden influx of new members and many more on the waiting list. We have relied on the website information to educate new members but sometimes this is not enough. I welcome all members to make suggestions to the Committee as to what we could do better.

Geoff Thornton

Southern Cross Cup 2021

The 2021 Southern Cross Cup between the Japanese Golf Association (JGA) and Sandringham Golf Club had been postponed due to Covid and was played on 26 March. This aggregate stableford competition was first played in 1967. Even though Sandy leads comfortably overall the JGA had won the last two and again triumphed this year by the narrow margin of 12 points. The 2022 event will be held later this year.

Geoff Thornton hands JGA Captain Hirose Tetsu the Cup after the match.



The JGA's yellow shirts are a nod to national hero Hideki Matsuyama's Masters win last year where he wore yellow in the last round. He has apparently worn yellow in the last round of all his subsequent tournaments. Following Tiger's red shirt tradition!

Major Competition News

John Pittard Singles Match Play

Two matches have been completed in the first round of the Pittard Trophy. Michael Kent defeating Jason Maynard (5 and 3) and Frederick Hughan defeating David Waters (3 and 2)

Ian Fraser Pairs Match Play

The field is set for the 2022 Pairs Match Play match ups are:

Michael Kent/Michael Synd	vs	Mal McAfee/ Cris Payne
Mike Roker/Bruce Baldey	vs	Simon Catzikiris/James Honner
Colin Hockley/Rob Harris	vs	Colin Burge/Jay Ramsden
David Mallen/ Adrian Thomas	vs	Nick Hague/Andrew Rumbelow

Great to see former Club Captain Simon Catzikiris back playing rounds at the Club.

VGL Pennant Season Underway.

Sandy's three pennant teams have been in action since early March with mixed results. The Handicap team has wins over Eastern Sward (home) and Brighton (away) and a loss to Ringwood (away). The Scratch team has been competitive but lost to Brighton (away), Westgate (home) and Waterford Valley (home). After making the final last year the Seniors team has struggled this year losing 4 of its five matches so far.

	Scratch (Div 2)	Handicap (Div 3)	Seniors
Rd 1	Brighton (A) L 13pts to 3pts	Eastern Sward (H) W 10pts to 6pts	Centenary Park (A) L 13pts to 3pts
Rd 2	Westgate (H) L 9pts to 7pts	Brighton (A) W 10pts to 6pts	Eastern Sward (H) L 11pts to 3pts
Rd 3	Waterford (H) L 9pts to 7pts	Ringwood (A) L 5.5pts to 2.5pts	Creekside (A) L 13pts to 3pts
Rd 4	Brighton (H) 10/4/22	Eastern Sward (A) 10/4/22	Centenary Park (H) W 10pts to 6pts
Rd 5	Westgate (A) 24/4/22	Brighton (H) 24/4/22	Eastern Sward (A) L 14pts to 2pts
Rd 6	Waterford (A) 1/5/22	Ringwood (H) 1/5/22	Creekside (H) 7/4/22

Snippets from the Pennant Season so far

Excuse me! How many shots?

A highlight of the Senior Pennant season so far is Mike Roker's 2 and 1 win at home against Centenary Park for the Seniors team. OK – seems pretty standard but what was remarkable was that Mike had to give his opponent 16 shots. That's right Mike's opponent had an extra shot on 16 holes! It's hard not to give up before you start when you face that sort of deficit. Ably assisted by wife Jan as his caddie Mike got the win against the odds!

Can't see it happening at Sandy!

Eastern Sward Golf Club - our opponents in both Seniors and Handicap this year have partnered with an animal sanctuary to house animals recovering from being mistreated. Goats, sheep, alpacas, chickens and others are held in pens in areas of the course not in play (generally!) until they are recovered and can find other homes. Great for the animals and saves the club significant money in mowing costs. A minor hazard is that goats and chickens have been known to climb into golf carts looking for food if they get out of the pens.



Where to redeem your vouchers if you are lucky or good enough to win one!

- House of Golf
- Some Drummond Stores
- Sandringham Café for food or drink
- Grape and Grain Liquor Cellars, Station St Moorabbin
- Royal Melbourne Golf Club Pro Shop

Club Championship Wrap

Club Champion

Matt Scott shot an equal best round of the Championships (73) to take a 3 shot lead after Round 1. Anthony Cape's 76 and David Mallen's 77 had them next best. Round 2 saw not one but three 73's from Terry McAleenan, Nick Hague and 2021 Champion Gary Boschen. Matt's 79 was still good enough to take a 1 shot lead into the final round from Anthony Cape who shot 77 in the second round. Nick and Gary were a shot further back and Terry 3 shots behind them. The conditions were perfect for the third round and in a sign of things returning to normal there were hot air balloons in the air as the early starters teed off.

With Matt and Nick having bad days this years Championship came down to a battle between the Champions of the last two years. Anthony's 75 was enough to hold off Gary's 76 and reverse last year's result by 2 shots. Terry's 76 took him to third 3 shots further back.

Congratulations to Anthony on his second Club Championship.

B Grade

Last year's winner Paul Scanlon was hot out of the gates and his opening 79 saw him lead by 3 from Gary Gibb, Peter McLeod and Bill McLaughlin. Francis Armstrong's 77 was the best score in B Grade this year but still only got him 8 behind Paul who shot 83 in the second round. Bill's 85 left him 5 behind Paul. Bill shot 84 in the final round but Paul's fine 82 saw him home a comfortable winner by 7 shots from Bill. Jason Maynard finished third a further 6 shots back after recovering from a slow start in Round 1.

Congratulations to Paul on his second successive B Grade title.

C Grade

Vincent Berne led the way in C Grade after the opening round with a 91 to give him a 1 shot lead from Tony Coote and two shots from a group of players – Tony Morgan, Larry Stewart, Steve Bywater and Steven Brook. Larry took charge of the competition with a brilliant 84 in Round 2 to open up a 6 shot lead over Tony Morgan (90) with Tony Coote a shot further back (92). Larry's 95 in the final round was good enough to take the title by 5 shots from ultra consistent Tony Coote (93). Jay Ramsden finished a further 8 shots back in third.

Congratulations Larry.

Ladies Open

This year was the first time the Club has had a Ladies Open Championship – a reflection of the growing numbers of women Club members.

Liz Mitchell stamped her authority on this Championship from the opening round. Her first round 85 gave her a massive 12 shot lead from Christine Nicholson with Glenda McDade a shot further back. A 90 in the second round saw Liz's lead extended to 14 shots from Ruth Branagh who shot an excellent 87 in Round 2. Liz and Ruth matched each other with 90s in the final round leaving Liz a comfortable winner. Christine's 98 was good enough for third.

Congratulations to Liz on winning the inaugural Ladies Open Championship.

Club Championship Wrap (cont.)

President's Trophy

The President's Trophy was a tight race throughout. Paul Scanlon and Peter McLeod led the way after Round 1 with net 62s and were one shot ahead of Matt Scott and Michael Sneyd. Larry Stewart's brilliant net 58 took him though the field to lead by 2 after Round 2. Nick Hague (net 60) was second with Paul Scanlon (net 67) two shots further back.

The final round saw these three battle it out with Paul's net 66 taking him past Larry (net 71) by 1 shot with Nick a further shot back (net 70) in third.

Congratulations to Paul on his double triumph.

First Lady

Liz Mitchell's excellent opening net 64 had her 2 shots ahead of Glenda McDade with Lynda Douch 3 shots further back. Liz followed up with a net 69 to open up an 8 shot lead from Glenda and Anne Forwood (both net 72s). Glenda's fine net 65 to closed the gap but Liz's net 70 was enough to take the title by 3 shots. Ruth Branagh's excellent last two rounds (R2 net 65 and R3 net 69) saw her finish third.

Congratulations to Liz on her double triumph.

Vale

As is becoming too common of late the Club has lost two Club members recently.

Paul Troja

Paul was a long time member who died in the tragic helicopter crash in late March. The Club expresses its condolences and sympathy to Paul's family and friends.

Ross Flanigan

Ross passed away in February after a long battle with a terminal illness. Once again The Club expresses its condolences and sympathy to Ross' wife Caroll Ann, his family and friends. Ross had been teaching Caroll Ann to play golf and she intends to fulfil Ross' wish to embrace golf so we can hope to see her on the course soon.

Feedback, comments or suggestions on the newsletter can be sent to
newsletter@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au

Letters to the Editor

Dear So Called Editor:

We are writing to express our disgust and disquiet in the strongest possible terms about the blatant discrimination and omissions in your piece about wildlife on the Sandy Golf Links. There is no justifiable reason to focus that piece of journalism (if it can be dignified by that term - which we highly doubt) on species that have no intrinsic or extrinsic interest or worth.

We mean - the silver gull! Come on! A species held in universal contempt by all members of the feathered fraternity. They have no manners and no shame which can only be put down to their propensity to drink sea water!. Why even dignify their scavenger nature by mentioning them??

The little corella! A destructive bird that can only be called ugly. You'll get no apology from us about using that term with their drunkenly applied make up and appalling colour sense. Have you seen them after a feeding frenzy on muddy ground. A disgrace.

The galahs – the name says all there is to say really.

We have only minor quibbles with mentioning the masked lapwing (small in number and keep to themselves) and the little pied cormorants (overnight lodgers who are very quiet and civilised).

However – we were astonished to get through the whole poorly written article to find no mention of the highly respected and dignified Australian Wood Duck. Even our alternative name (the maned goose) demands that we should have pride of place in articles about our home habitat – or should have done! How can your author show no interest in how the course development has impacted on our numbers and lifestyle. We literally put our bodies on the line to add value to the golfing experience. No mention of us is verging on a criminal act – and don't think legal action is not one of the things we have ruminated about. Do you know how long it takes to smooth ruffled feathers?

We hope that an apology will be forthcoming and you will ensure that mistakes of this magnitude do not occur in the future.

Your sincerley

Rufus T Firefly*

Chair Mallard, Sandy Golf Links Wood Duck Waddle.



Chair Firefly expressing outrage while addressing the Sandy waddle.

Editors Reply

Thank you for your interesting if slightly hyperbolic letter in response to our article in the last issue. After our lawyers reviewed your letter we decided we would run it in full and if representatives of the silver gull or little corella groups wish to sue us we are confident that their case would not win in the face of a "truth" defence. We would like to apologise for the omission and will be sure that the Wood duck is prominent in any future articles. Editor. PS Please don't all attack me next time I'm on the 13th fairway or roll my ball off the green into a bunker.

* *This name has an actual connection to ducks – sort of. See later in the newsletter.*

Scenes from a gala – you know who you are! Club Function Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron

The gala event of the year was held at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron on 27 February. Members and partners enjoyed a pleasant Sunday afternoon in a great setting.



Great Golfing Feats from our Members

Hole In One – Andrew Kenny

Congratulations to Andrew Kenny (right) who scored a hole in one on the 11th hole on 26 March.



On fire

Two members have been scorching the course in the early part of 2022.

Larry Stewart

Larry is our 2022 C Grade Champion and was runner up in the President's Cup. His net 58 in the second round of the Club Championships won the overall for the week but also tied the best net score in our competitions on the new course. He has also won the overall comp on the 12 March with 41pts and C Grade on 26 February (36pts). With his handicap coming down from 25.7 on 5 February to 21.2 Larry moved into B Grade and promptly won with 37pts on 26 March. Larry was also Sandy's best player in the match against the Japanese Golf Association – seen receiving his prize from JGA stalwart Kyoshi Eguchi



Glenda McDade

Glenda was runner up in the 2022 First Lady trophy. She has won three Women's Division comps since the start of the year. A net 65 won on the 19 February, 38pts won on 12 March and a +4 won on 19 March. Glenda's handicap has come down from 28,4 in January to 25.7.



Glenda (left) with Open and First Lady champion Liz Mitchell

And here's one feat you don't want!

When you have a small number of cards to get your first handicap your best score becomes your handicap. In this case the GA goes from **17.0 to 1.9** after 2x9 hole scores totaling 47 pts

RND		HANDICAP SCORE	PC	SCRATCH RATING	SLOPE RATING	PAR	DAILY HANDICAP	ADJUSTED GROSS	RAW SCORE DIFFERENTIAL	SCORE DIFFERENTIAL	NEW G.A. HANDICAP		
1		Total of two 9-hole scores		47	0	69	116	66	18	73	4	3.9 ⁻²	1.9
		09/03/22_Sandringham GC (GA, Purple_Men_1-9) Stableford_Score		24	0	34.5	116	33	9	36	1.5	-	-
		07/03/22_Sandringham GC (GA, Purple_Men_1-9) Stableford_Score		23	0	34.5	116	33	9	37	2.5	-	-
2		07/02/22_Portsea GC (GA, White_Men) Stableford_Score 33		33	0	70	131	71	21	95	25	21.6 ⁻²	17.0
3		Artificially Generated Score 04/02/22		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.0 ⁻²	20.0
4		Artificially Generated Score 04/02/22		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.0 ⁻²	-
5		Artificially Generated Score 04/02/22		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.0 ⁻²	-

The Duck Connection: Rufus T Firefly is the name of a character played by Groucho Marx in the movie Duck Soup – the Marx Brother's best in the editor's opinion!