

FAIRWAY NEWS



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Congratulations to our 2021 Club Champions

Our 2021 Club Champions were decided in March. New faces all! Details later in the newsletter.

Club Champion	Gary Boschen	229
Runner Up	Anthony Cape	231
B Grade Champion	Paul Scanlon	250
Runners Up	Steve Malcolm	254
	Jason Maynard	254
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The Stats are in – new hole index coming.

With a minor hiccup in February we have now been playing the full course since the end of November 2020. In order to have scorecards ready the Match Committee had to approve an index for each hole even before we played some of them.

Club Captain Geoff Thornton has been crunching the numbers and we mean numbers. Geoff has taken every scorecard in Stroke and Stableford rounds since the full course was opened and entered hole by hole scores.

The new index will be introduced in April and while there are some changes it is gratifying to see how many holes the original index got if not spot on then nearly right.

See details later in the newsletter.

Upcoming events

10 April	Stroke, VGL Medal, LG McDonald RD 1
17 April	Pairs Aggregate Stableford, Roy Fraser Trophy
24 April	Stableford
1 May	Stroke, VGL Medal, LG McDonald RD 2
8 May	2 Ball Ambrose, Pink Day
15 May	Stableford

Recent Results

- On the 20 February Steve Malcolm was the overall and VGL Medal with a hot net 59. Ladies winner Glenda McDade (net 66) beat Marian Nguyen on a countback. Nick Hague (61), Paul Rich (63) and James McConkey(61) won A,B and C Grades respectively
- The next week Marian and Steve were prominent again with Marian beating Steve (who won B Grade) and Peter Karvelis on a countback for the best overall score (net 63). Adrian Thomas' 64 won A Grade, Doug Gandy (67) won C Grade and Fiona Reynolds (67) took out the Ladies prize.
- Larry Stewart's 41pts was a clear winner of the overall prize on 6 March. A Grade went to Andrew Rumbelow (40pts) on a countback from Andrew Kenny. Bruce Baldey's 38pts won B Grade and Jay Ramsden (37pts) won a three way countback to win C Grade. Marian continued her hot form to take the Ladies prize on a countback from Christine Nicholson.
- Michael Wang's net 60 was the clear winner on 13 March. Newly minted Club Champion Gary Boschen (net 64) won A Grade. Paul Rich won B Grade with a net 62. Steve Bywater (net 66) knocked off Doug Gandy on a countback for C Grade and Ruth Branagh's net 67 took out the Ladies Division.
- Colin Burge's 38pts was the best of the day for the 3 Club Challenge on 20 March. John McCarthy (33), Bruce Baldey (35) and Danny Morgan (37) won A,B and C Grade respectively.
- The last round in March and the first round in April saw two players absolutely blitz the rest of the field. On 27 March Craig Punshon's 43pts was 7pts better than the Mark Brook's next best 36pts. In the Par round of 3 April Peter Karvelis' astonishing +9 was a whole 6 holes better than Paul Reinsch's +3 which in itself was 2 holes better than the rest of the field.

THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG

Well fellow golfers, what a great run we have had over recent times with the weather and the scores have definitely reflected the conditions. The last week of the Club Championships saw some great scoring and to all those winners, a hearty congratulations. For those not so successful, keep practising and better luck next year.

Easter has now been and gone and hopefully the "hippy hoppy big eared mammal" brought everyone the sweet delights they craved....lower Golf scores would be nice, but unfortunately he forgot to stop at my place.

As we all get more familiar with the course and its little nuances, the scoring is reflective of members familiarity. The statistics for each hole are very helpful in demonstrating which holes regularly play easier and Captain Geoff maintains a comprehensive spreadsheet from the weekly scores (he loves spreadsheets!!!). Very soon we will be printing new scorecards that will be indicative of the scoring since the full 18 holes opened. And just to keep you all on your collective toes, new NTP's will also be introduced. Good luck to all the Pennant Teams in their upcoming events and may the nuances of the course be to the advantage of Sandringham's players only.

And last but not least. Some more chapter headings from the recent book I read:

1. How to relax when you are hitting three off the T (I can personally recommend this chapter)
2. Best time to recommend major swing changes to your playing partners (probably not for Pennant players)

And let's not forget some Golf Terminology;

3. A Muldoon – A very, very nasty 5 Footer (for those not familiar, Google Robert Muldoon)

Regards

Rob Harris

Recent Results (cont.)

- It's tough to win the mid week competition these days. Recent winners have scored 43pts (Angelika O'Byrne, Peter Begnone), 41pts (Ben Phillips, Ian Blandford, Annie Aitken) and 40pts (Duncan Wise).

News and Notes

Pink Day is Coming!

The Club will participate in the 2021 **Tee Off for Breast Cancer Trials** event.

A Two Ball Ambrose competition will be conducted on 8 May and members will be asked to make a donation to this worthy cause and mark the day by wearing pink. Watch for more details closer to the time.



SGC members perform well in VGL Event.

On the 25 February SGC members finished high up in the VGL 4BBB Seniors event played at Eastern Sward Golf Course. Neil Evans and Colin Moyle finished 4th with 43pts only 2pts behind the winners. John Crawford and Ian Blandford were only a point adrift with 42pts and finished 7th.

Well played guys!

Border troubles

To much rejoicing golf has now been allowed to resume in England and Wales after their Covid lockdowns. However, joy was not uniform across the country with one Club facing a unique situation and deciding to remain closed as not all its members would have been able to play - Llanymynech Golf Club which (as you might have guessed) is based in Wales. Crucially however the course spans the border between Wales and England with 15 holes in Wales and 3 in England.

Welsh members of the club have been given permission to cross into England, but the rules have not been relaxed the other way, meaning English members are unable to travel into Wales. Members who live just a matter of metres from the course's entrance are unable to play so the Club has decided to remain closed until the border rules change.

Now picture this: imagine if Royal Melbourne members had to cross national borders on Cheltenham and Reserve Rds to get their rounds in!

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Congratulations to Club Champion, Gary Boschen, and to the B and C grade champions, Paul Scanlon and Michael Wang, First Lady Marian Nguyen, and President's Trophy winner Jason Maynard.

Apart from players scoring their own card we are almost back to pre-Covid days in terms of competitions processes. We have been reasonably flexible and lenient over the past several months, but we need to return to proper procedures. Highlights are:

- Card must be signed by both player and marker. Otherwise DQ.
- Daily Handicap must be written on card. Otherwise DQ.
- Name must be written on Comp Sheet BEFORE teeing off. Otherwise DQ.
- Only visitors need to write Golf Link number on card
- If card not returned Golf Link will assign your worst score of last 20 rounds
- If Daily Hcap shown on card is higher than actual, you are DQ from comp
- If Daily Hcap shown on card is lower than actual, score based on lower handicap applies

To avoid the need for Jay to return to the course on Saturdays to collect late afternoon scorecards, he may put a sign on the drop-box asking you to text him a copy. Cards not received will not be entered in the competition.

Please familiarise yourself with the Rules of Golf and our Local Rules. Breaches of Rules are treated very seriously and should be reported. Let me know if you require the Rules of Golf booklet. I also have Club bag tags which I will try to remember to leave on the comp table on Saturday mornings – help yourself to one. If you don't play Saturdays and would like one, please let me know.

Note that there are no "paths" on the course where free relief is allowed. I became aware that some players were taking a drop off the sandy area just after leaving the 4th tee on the right hand side. This is not a "path". It is a prepared area of sand which we now treat as a bunker and where a preferred lie is allowed (in the sandy area).

Notice will be sent before the new scorecards are implemented.

Regards

Geoff Thornton

Club Championship Wrap

Club Champion

Nick Hague came out of the blocks firing and his opening 72 in Round 1 was good enough for a 3 shot lead from defending champion Anthony Cape and Joe Marghretti. Gary Boschen and Andrew Rumbelow were 2 shots further back. Nick's game was off a little in Round 2 and his 80 slipped him to second 3 shots behind Joe who went one better than his opening round to return a 74. Anthony's 78 left him a further shot back leading into the final round. The third round provided tricky conditions with a moderate north wind early and rain late but also saw the equal best round of the Championships. Gary Boschen's 72 took him through the field to victory with Nick not playing and Joe slipping out of contention with an 84. Gary's total of 229 was two ahead of Anthony Cape with Joe two shots further back in third.

Congratulations to Gary on his first Club Championship.

B Grade

A hotly contested opening round saw 8 players within 4 shots of the lead. Steve Malcolm's 81 led Brad McDiarmid by one with Paul Rich a further shot back in third. Mal McAfee and Paul Scanlon were on 84 and three players were on 85 (Jason Maynard, Marian Nguyen and Sudesh Mudaliar.) Steve's 83 in Round 2 saw him hold a 2 shot lead from Paul Scanlon and 3 from Marian who both shot 82. Jason shot a second consecutive 85 to be three shots back. In the final round Steve's form deserted him and his 90 opened the door for Paul to come from behind and take the title. Paul shot 84 for a total of 250 to win by 4 shots from Steve and Jason Maynard who tied on 254 after Jason shot an 84 to go with his two 85s. Marian couldn't maintain her charge shooting 91 in the final round.

Congratulations Paul.

C Grade

Club Competition Steward Jay Ramsden led the way in C Grade after the opening round. Jay's 87 led by 3 from James McConkey. Michael Wang (91) and Doug Gandy (92) were also well in touch. Doug shot another 92 in Round 2 and slipped into the lead on 184. He led by 1 shot from Michael and 3 shots from Jay. Fiona Reynolds' 94 bought her into contention 5 shots off the lead going into the last round. Michael made the final round an academic exercise as his 84 was by far the best score in C Grade during the championships and took him to a total of 269 to win by 6 shots. Doug's consistent 91 saw him finish second with Jay a further 8 shots back in third.

Congratulations Michael

President's Trophy

Steve Malcom's net 59 was only good enough for a 2 shot lead after Round 1. Nick Hague and James McConkey were on 61 with Jay Ramsden a further shot back. Paul Rich and Brad McDiarmid were on 63. Steve's net 63 in Round 2 saw him open a 6 shot lead over Jason Maynard who duplicated his opening round 64. Paul Scanlon was 2 shots further back. Jason shot his third consecutive 64 and his ultra consistency saw him go past Steve (71) to take the President's Trophy by 1 shot. Michael Wang's sizzling 60 saw him finish third 3 shots further back.

Club Championship Wrap (cont.)

First Lady

Four players were within 3 shots after the first round. Marian Nguyen led the way with a net 66 followed by Fiona Reynolds on 68 and Ann Forwood and Ruth Branagh on 69. Marian's second round was even better and her net 63 extended her lead to 6 shots from Fiona with Ruth a further 6 shots back. There was no stopping Marian and her 73 gave her a total of 202 and was enough to take the title by 6 shots from Ruth (67)

2020 Match Play Competitions

Both the 2020 John Pittard Singles and Ian Fraser Pairs Match Play events will be completed in early 2021. The full schedule and round completion dates are available on the website.

John Pittard Singles Match Play

Jan Cormack defeated Tim Green 3 and 1 and will now play Bruce Baldey in one semi final. On the other side of the draw Gary Boschen will play James Honner in the semi final. Gary defeated Paul Rich 5 and 3 and James Honner won over John Bris 4 and 3.

Ian Fraser Pairs Match Play

Martin Dusek and David Waters are through to the final after defeating the defending champions the McCarthy brothers 5 and 4 in the first round and then knocking out the team of current and former Club Captains Geoff Thornton and Colin Burge (4 and 2). Geoff and Colin had survived an epic in the first round beating Larry Stewart and Tim Green 2 and 1 after 35 holes.

Martin and David's opponents in the final will be James Honner and Cris Payne who beat their regular playing partners Archie Hendry and Mal McAfee 5 and 3 in the semi final. In the first round Archie and Mal had defeated Michael Kent/James Lefebvre 3 and 2 and James and Cris had defeated Mark Brooks/Craig Punshon by the same score.

James is gunning to be the match play supremo with both titles still in play for him.

Southern Cross Cup.

Every year (Covid permitting) the Club plays an aggregate stableford competition against the Japanese Golf Association (JGA). Each club fields a team of 12 players. The Cup has a long tradition and has been played each year since 1967 (not in 2020 unfortunately). That's 55 years or so.

In an amazing streak one of the JGA members Kyoshi Eguchi has played in every event and was part of this year's winning JGA team. Here is Kyoshi presenting Geoff Maynard with the trophy for best SGC player in 2019.



Records are not complete but since 1974 Sandy has won 30 and the JGA 17 including this year's 365pts to 339pts triumph.

Good luck Tom

Best wishes for a successful operation and speedy recovery to long time member and Member Services officer Tom Hunter who had long, long awaited hip surgery in early April.

Sandy Pennant Teams in action

Last year's Pennant Season was cancelled and this year will see both Sandringham's Scratch and Handicap teams attempt to win promotion to Division 1 – admittedly there are only 2 Divisions in Scratch Pennant but it still would be great to have both teams playing in Division 1 in 2022.

The Seniors Team has started well and sits second on the ladder with 2 wins and a draw from 4 matches. It's a tight race and the team will need to continue to perform to make the final.

The Scratch and Handicap teams are both 1 win and 1 loss after two rounds.

	Scratch (Div 2)	Handicap (Div 2)	Seniors
Rd 1	Craigieburn Wilmott (A) (W 5 to 3)	Lakeside (H) (W 5 to 3)	Centenary Park (A) (L 2.5 to 5.5)
Rd 2	Altona Lakes (H) (L 2 to 6)	Centenary Park (A) (L 0.5 to 7.5)	Dorset (H) (W 6 to 2)
Rd 3	Ringwood(A)	Camberwell (A)	East Malvern (A) (Drew 4 to 4)
Rd 4	Craigieburn Wilmott (H)	Lakeside (A)	Centenary Park (H) (W 4.5 to 3.5)
Rd 5	Altona Lakes (A)	Centenary Park (H)	Dorset (A)
Rd 6	Ringwood(H)	Camberwell (H)	East Malvern (H)

Sandy Golf Links "Name the Hole" Competition – The Full List

Sandy Golf links have been running a "Name the Hole" competition for the 9 holes we have been playing since November to go with the previous nine that were named last year. Winners have been announced and receive a round for 2 at Sandy valid for 6 months. Newly announced names are bolded.

Hole 1	Away	Hole 10	Double Trouble
Hole 2	The Sand Trap	Hole 11	Get Up
Hole 3	Southpaw	Hole 12	High Tee
Hole 4	Downright Fun	Hole 13	The Fox Trap
Hole 5	Vern's Elbow	Hole 14	The Back Yard
Hole 6	Temptation	Hole 15	The Laughing Duck
Hole 7	Mike's Gift	Hole 16	The Rise
Hole 8	The Climb	Hole 17	Cypress Hill
Hole 9	Shorty	Hole 18	Avago

Club member Mike Roker was successful in naming a number of holes so all correspondence should be sent to Mike. And no....Hole 7 is not named after him but more probably Mike Cocking the course architect.

Hole 5 Vern's Elbow is a deserved nod to the golf course architect and designer Vern Morcom who designed/laid out the original Sandringham Golf Course. Morcom worked with Alister MacKenzie at Royal Melbourne was famous for his sharp doglegs and his legacy has been explored in a recent book: *The Golf Courses of Vern Morcom* by Toby Cumming. Worth a look!

Professional golfers (male) and shorts

Ever wondered why you never see male professional golfers wearing shorts? Well if you did you have too much time on your hands and you should delete your internet search history (or produce a golf newsletter)!

Tradition, looks more professional are some of the responses from the authorities when the question is raised.

The USPGA Tour's policy says players must wear pants in competitive rounds but does allow (since 2019) tour pros to wear shorts in non-competitive rounds, which means practice and pro-am rounds. Shorts have to be knee-length, tailored and neat in appearance.

This explains Tiger and Phil wearing shorts in their "Match" a couple of years ago – although word has it that Phil is very proud of his calves!

Caddies have been allowed to wear shorts since 1999 and the European Tour allowed players to wear shorts in a tournament in extremely hot conditions in South Africa in late 2019.

World famous caddie Steve Williams (sometimes called New Zealand's highest earning sportsman) apparently refused to change into pants when ordered to by an official when he was caddying for Tiger in a social event. After Williams was warned again that he needed to be wearing long pants or he would not be caddying on the PGA Tour Woods stepped in and said, "Guess I'll be playing in Europe," and Williams wore his shorts during the event.



A SGC work of art!



Beautiful work here from member Mike Roker (r) who has crafted this spectacular wood version of the Club's logo.



The piece is 320mm wide and 350mm high and the two woods involved are European Beech and Red Gum. After a career as a mechanical engineer working with metals Mike took up working with wood when he retired about 5 years ago. Mike got the idea to work on the piece when course management urged the Club to raise the standard of our card drop box (!). Whilst the box has been replaced from another source (thanks to member Mark Brooks) Mike's thinking has not gone to waste. Mike has donated the piece to the Club in the hope that a spot can be found for it in the new building.

In less good news Mike takes commissions from good mates only!

New Hole Indices

As mentioned earlier the Club will soon be introducing a new scorecard with revised indices. The new card is based on extensive analysis of Club scorecards for both men and women and negotiation with the other Ladies' Clubs that play the course mid week – to ensure the Ladies index is the same across all cards. Club Captain Geoff Thornton undertook the mammoth task of entering and analysing the scores for nearly 1350 men's rounds and over 300 ladies rounds. Lucky Geoff likes a good set of numbers! I'm sure he will be happy to not talk about it any more! The new card is below.

For those that are interested the values in the following table represent the average score over par for each hole.

HOLE	Par	Men	Ladies
1	4	1.23	2.17
2	3	1.19	1.63
3	4	1.44	2.34
4	4	1.73	2.17
5	4	1.70	2.04
6	4	1.66	2.19
7	3	0.94	1.27
8	4	1.94	2.68
9	3	0.86	1.06
10	4	1.54	2.14
11	3	1.46	1.93
12	3	1.32	1.68
13	4	1.84	2.76
14	3	1.24	1.40
15	4	1.77	2.66
16	3	1.17	1.70
17	4	1.75	2.48
18	4	1.10	1.86

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Hole	Metres		Index		Match	Par	Player			Marker		
	Purple	Orange	Purple	Orange			#	- 0 +	Points	#	- 0 +	Points
1	340	315	14	9	18	4						
2	150	135	13	15	8	3						
3	365	320	10	5	12	4						
4	355	310	5	6	3	4						
5	365	310	6	10	14	4						
6	305	285	7	8	6	4						
7	145	130	17	17	10	3						
8	390	340	1	1	1	4						
9	145	120	18	18	16	3						
OUT	2560	2265				33						
10	345	305	8	7	5	4						
11	185	145	9	12	11	3						
12	155	135	11	14	2	3						
13	335	310	2	2	15	4						
14	160	120	12	16	7	3						
15	345	315	3	3	13	4						
16	130	105	15	13	4	3						
17	380	340	4	4	17	4						
18	280	250	16	11	9	4						
IN	2315	2025				32						
OUT	2560	2265				33						
TOTAL	4875	4290	Purple	Orange		65						
Men	Scratch Rating		67	64	Deduct HCP							
	Slope		114	114	Nett Score							
Women	Scratch Rating		72	69								
	Slope		124	120								

Player's Signature		NTP - Distance (cms)	
Marker's Signature		9	16
Visitor Player Golf Link No.			

Where to redeem your vouchers if you are lucky enough 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