

FAIRWAY NEWS



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Club Championships 2024

Congratulations to Craig Brenner and Kate Caridakis who are this year's Club Champions. Craig set a new Championship record (by 11 strokes) and Kate won her second Club Championship in succession.

Club Champion	Craig Brenner	214
Runner Up	Michael Kent	219
B Grade	Jeff Coghill	247
Runners Up	Scott Reed	248
C Grade	Paul Norton	283
Runner Up	Steve Bywater	284
Women Open	Kate Caridakis	225
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Congrats to our 2024 Champions

Craig and Kate at the Club Function in March.



Upcoming events

6 April	Stroke, VGL Medal, LG McDonald R1
13 April	Stableford
20 April	Stableford
27 April	Stableford, Pittard Singles Match play R1 Complete
4 May	Stroke, VGL Medal, LG McDonald R2
11 May	2 Ball Ambrose, Pink Day Breast Cancer Charity Fund Raiser (see P 10)

Recent Results

- Three net 59s highlighted the last round of the Clubbies on 17/2. Andrew Rumbelow took out the Overall on a countback from Alister Lahood (B Grade) and Paul Norton (C Grade). Kate Caridakis and Michael Kent both returned 61s to win the Women's and A Grade respectively.
- Taylor Hawke enjoyed the return to Stableford competition winning the Overall on 24/2 with 44pts. Next best was Todd Wilson who won A Grade with 40pts. Dale Gilkes and Bill McLaughlin both scored 39pts to take out the Women's Division and B Grade. Thomas Lindsay won C Grade with 38pts.
- The 3rd stroke round in 4 weeks saw Steven Hoey take out the Overall with a net 62. Rod Bridger (63) won C Grade and John White (64) won A Grade. The other Grades were decided by Countback. Fiona Reynolds pipped Sarah Adam-Gedge and Dale Gilkes in the Women's Division and Russel Jones did likewise over Bruce Baldey and Tom Wright in B Grade.
- Former Club Captain Andrew Rumbelow took the chocolates (Overall) on 9/3 with 41pts on a countback from Ruth McDonald who won the Women's Division. Todd Wilson (38pts A Grade), Jeff Coghill (38pts B Grade) and Ross Gordon (34pts C Grade) were the other winners.
- The Par round on 16/3 saw Dara Danh take the overall with a +3 on a countback from Adam Canwell who won A Grade. Guy Roberston (+2 B Grade) and Grant Nicholson (Sq C Grade) were the other winners. No Women's Division this week.
- The Ray Fraser Memorial 2- ball Ambrose on 23/3 was won by Christopher Leutton and Phill Dickson with a score of 54.75. The overall best score of the day was the 3 ball of Steven Hoey, Lincoln Stanley and Kurtley Brandt with an exceptional 53.5.

THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG

April already ...!!!...how did that happen?



Easter has been and gone, Club Championships are behind us, Daylight Saving will also soon be behind us and the course is still playing as well as it always has. As we march toward winter, we hope it will be a dry one for golf and the rain gods stay in bed during the day and only appear at night.

For those that were able to make it to the post Club Championship function at the BMYS, I think the vote was that it was another resounding success, albeit the weather was not as bright and sunny as previous years....but the rain stayed away. These events will become a more regular feature, so hopefully we get to see some new faces.

Finally, a big congratulations to all the winners of the various Club Championship awards.

Pennant Golf is fully underway and the Senior team has only one round to go. Unfortunately, they have not been able to redeem themselves and finals will not be on this year's agenda. Hopefully more success for the Handicap and Scratch teams as their seasons have only just started.

...and let's not forget.....A ball you can see in the rough from 50metres away is probably not yours!!

Regards

Rob

Recent Results (cont.)

- The Easter round on 30/3 saw the field take advantage of perfect conditions with 24 players scoring 36pts or more and all 5 Divisions being won with more than 40pts. Two rounds stood out. Ben Akdag took the overall with a sizzling 47pts. Maybe even better was Matt Scott's 44pts to win A Grade. Matt playing off a handicap of 8 shot an even par 65! Bogies on 1 and 11 were offset by birdies on 10 and 18. The 65 would be a new course record for Sandy comps if it happened in a Stoke competition. Anne Forwood (43pts Women's Division), Michael Sneyd(41pts B Grade) and Lincoln Stanley (43pts C Grade) were the other winners.
- Best mid week scores in this period were Cathy Moncrieff (45pts), Ron Szancer, Bradley Pulham and Andrea Boal all on 43pts.

More on Match Play Part 1

As noted in last issue the Club conducts two Match Play competitions – a singles (The John Pittard Trophy) and a pairs competition (the Ian Fraser Trophy). Both are now underway.

To find out how the competitions are proceeding go to the Results page of our website and scroll down until you see the Pittard and Fraser links.

This is also where you can find out who you are drawn to play as the rounds proceed and you need to contact to (hopefully) arrange your next match.

Please report match results to
captain@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au

See later in the newsletter for some guidance on how match play works.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

April is upon us and the Easter Bunny, April Fools and Daylight Savings are all fading into the distance.



Golf however is firmly in the best time of the year for Melbourne with a few months of mild conditions and dams starting to refill.

Club Pennant and Matchplay events are in full swing with many members having their first taste of this slightly different format. These matches are a lot of fun and the rules are subtly different so make sure the matches are played in good spirits and help your fellow members develop their knowledge of the game.

Matchplay can sometime cause slow play, especially in Pennant and pairs matches so please keep an eye on pace of play and concede the hole once the result is firmly established.

If you are in a Matchplay tournament, please schedule your matches early and agree a date. Don't leave it to the last week and assume the other player is going to be available.

A reminder to members that if a ball is hit out of bounds and is likely to have caused damage or injury, please report it through to the club. Members are insured via their annual subs so there is no downside to doing the right thing.

Enjoy your golf and remember, it may rain on a Sandbelt course, but your shoes are never muddy!!

Cheers and happy golfing.

Michael Kent

News and Notes

Best Wishes

Best wishes to Paul Ferguson as he battles a long term illness.

We were wrong!

In our previous issue we reported that Tom Tomlin had scored a massive 48pts in our mid week competition. Unfortunately the score had been published wrongly on our website and Tom was quick to point out the error (as gratifying as it would have been to have people thinking he was on his way to the Tour!). The actual score was still an eminently respectable 38pts. Thanks Tom.

The one that nearly got away

In a recent pennant match Craig Punshon hit his tee shot in the rough on the left of 15. As the whole group was looking for his ball a shout came from the tee. When the group looked up they saw Craig's electric buggy proceeding serenely across the fairway towards the dam. Craig set off in hot pursuit as the buggy disappeared down the slope towards the water. As Craig got to the edge he discovered that fortune had smiled on him. With the dam levels being so low at the moment the buggy had tipped over before it got to the water! A much relieved Craig fought back in his match to go down narrowly and then to enjoy his golf trip the next day.

Oakleigh Golf Course

As mentioned in a previous newsletter Monash council had conducted a community consultation process about the future of Oakleigh Golf Course. The consultation process revealed 84 percent support for the sport and Council ultimately voted 10-1 in favour of guaranteeing golf at the course for the next 10 years.

Having trouble with your swing? Maybe this will work.

Chinese golfer Riuxin Liu has a unique approach to her golf swing. The picture below does not do it justice but next time she is playing check it out.

At the completion of her backswing she is not looking at the ball but facing behind the direction she wants to hit the ball and almost appears to have her eyes closed!



Liu has obviously made this trick work for her as she was she was Epson Tour Player of the Year in 2018 and now plays on the LPGA tour and finished tied 7th in the recent tournament in Singapore.

Her career in the US has been hampered by the fact that she is allergic to 13 different weeds and grasses commonly found on golf courses in the United States.

PS No! This photo has not been photoshopped!

US Masters Time – the Tradition continues.



This year's Masters will be played from 11- 14 April and has probably the most traditions of any tournament with the possible exception of the Open (the British Open). It is certainly the most self-reverential – with good reason in a lot of golf fans minds.

Here at Fairway News we have our own tradition of publishing the Champions Dinner menu (admittedly this is only the 2nd year we have done this but hey traditions all start somewhere!)

Last year's winner Jon Rahm has set the menu and naturally it has a Basque inspired flavour with a tapas opening including his grandma's own classic lentil stew! The family theme continues with the dessert resembling Rahm and wife Kelley's wedding cake and the Imperial Rioja wine to be served being a favourite of Rahm's grandfather.

The meal will be prepared by celebrity* chef Jose Andres.

* Not sure if I've heard of him but maybe I just don't eat in the right circles.

Augusta National Golf Club

Masters Club Dinner

April 9, 2024

Tapas y Pintxos

<p>Ibéricos Acorn-Fed Iberian Ham Cured Pork Loin</p> <p>Chistorra con Patata Spicy Basque Chorizo, Potato</p>	<p>Idiáabal con Trufa Negra Idiáabal Cheese, Black Truffle</p> <p>Lentejas Estofadas Mama Rahm's Classic Lentil Stew</p>	<p>Tortilla de Patatas Spanish Omelette, Onions Confit Potatoes</p> <p>Croqueta de Pollo Creamy Chicken Fritters Confit Potatoes</p>
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First Course

Ensalada de Txangurro
Basque Crab Salad, Potato

Main Course
Choice of

<p>Chuletón a la Parrilla Basque Ribeye, Tudela Lettuce, Piquillo Peppers</p>	<p>Or</p>	<p>Rodaballo al Pil-Pil Turbot, Navarra White Asparagus</p>
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Dessert

Milhojas de Crema y Nata
Puff Pastry Cake, Custard & Chantilly Cream

Served in Honor of Mr. Jon Rahm

How do you know who the members are when you book in Quick18?

As mentioned last time the Club is asking members to edit their surnames in their Quick18 account by prefixing the surname with SGC. This idea has received a lot of positive feedback and helps new and existing members to identify fellow members when booking rounds.

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

- Sandy PGA Pro Shop
- 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

Sandy Golf Girls on Tour

In March, ten members of Sandringham Golf Club spent a wonderful long weekend on King Island - Melissa Ansell, Belinda Anson, Jenni Clarke, Julie Coupe, Lynda Douth, Anne Forwood, Liz Mann, Ruth Macdonald, Fiona Reynolds and Liz Tanzimat. Two travelled on Rex Airlines and eight took the plunge and chartered a small plane from Moorabbin. Sunshine, blue skies and light winds made for a smooth crossing.

We enjoyed many of the attractions and experiences King Island has to offer, including:

- golf at Ocean Dunes and Cape Wickham (more about that shortly)
- sightseeing around the island including Seal Rocks and the Penguin sanctuary
- a five-course degustation dinner with paired wines at Wild Harvest (r)
- brunch with the Island Sisters at the Currie Golf Club
- crayfish pies from the bakery in Currie
- cheese tasting at the King Island Dairy
- gin tasting with Heidi at the King Island Distillery
- swimming at Disappointment Bay
- amazing accommodation at Cape Wickham



And now the golf...

Ocean Dunes and Cape Wickham were spectacular, both with incredible views, the usual challenging characteristics of links courses and a few snakes! We really enjoyed them despite our significant investment in golf balls (the record for lost balls at Ocean Dunes was eight!). We played individual Stableford on three days, two at Ocean Dunes and one at Cape Wickham. Winners were:

- ✓ Day 1 - Jenni Clarke
- ✓ Day 2 - Liz Tanzimat
- ✓ Day 3 - Julie Coupe
- ✓ Our very special **GREEN HAT** for the best aggregate score across Days 1 and 3 was won by Julie Coupe
- ✓ The sought after **GREEN JACKET** for the best aggregate score across Days 1, 2 and 3 was won by Liz Tanzimat



Sandy Golf Girls on Tour(cont.)

In addition, we played the inaugural **SANDY GOLF GIRLS TOUR CHAMPIONS** team event, Ryder Cup style:

Foxy Ladies	Hot Birdies (in pink!)
Fiona Reynolds (Captain)	Liz Tanzimat (Captain)
Melissa Ansell	Jenni Clarke
Belinda Anson	Liz Mann
Julie Coupe	Ruth Macdonald
Anne Forwood	Lynda Doutch



Ten matches were played over two days. Competition was fierce and at the conclusion of the first day at Ocean Dunes the Hot Birdies had established a convincing lead of 4 points to 1. The second day at Cape Wickham started with Captain Fiona delivering a pep talk at breakfast to the Foxy Ladies who put in a big effort and brought home the Claret Jug winning 5.5 to 4.5. What a team effort!

We had a wonderful time, in no small part due to the beautiful weather, friendliness of the locals, great quality produce and the variety of scenery and wildlife.

Planning is underway for our 2025 event, and we've already booked our 2026 venue!

Happy Golfing

Captains Fiona and Liz



Fairway News Contributions and Feedback

Thanks so much to Liz and Fiona for their contribution to this issue.

Fairway News is always looking for contributions so if you have any comments, suggestions, photos have a Sandy golf story to tell or fancy a bit of creative writing please send it along to

newsletter@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au

Club Championship Wrap 2024

Club Champion

Craig Brenner's equal Championship best 70 saw him claim the first round lead by 3 shots from Club Captain Michael Kent and 4 from Tim Noonan. Craig and Tim matched each other with 73s in Round 2 whilst Michael's 76 left him 6 behind. Matt Scott tried to get in the mix with a 74. Michael's 70 in the final round equalled the Championship best but wasn't enough to catch Craig whose 71 saw him home by 5 shots. Tim's 76 saw him slip back to 3rd. The top three all bettered the previous low Championship score on the new course. Craig's 214 being 11 shots ahead of the previous record.

Congratulations to Craig on his first Club Championship title.

B Grade

All eyes were on Paul Scanlon in the B Grade Championship to see if he could pull off an unprecedented 4 in a row. Paul started well and his 84 was two shots off the opening round lead held by Allan Abbes' 82. (Note: Alan also held the Round 1 lead last year). Also in the mix were Chris Brown (83) and Scott Reed (84). Lefty Jeff Coghill came from the clouds in the 2nd round. His 78 vaulted him into 2nd one shot behind Chris Brown who's 82 also improved on his opening round. Scott Reed was three shots off the lead with a second 84. Paul (86) and Alan (88) both slipped back to 5 shots off the pace. Chris had an off day in Round 3 leaving Jeff and Scott to fight out the title. Scott had an excellent final round of 80 but it wasn't enough as Jeff's 81 took out the title by 1 shot.

Congratulations to Jeff on his first B Grade Championship!

C Grade

A relatively small number completed the three rounds in C Grade. Of those that did Frederick Hughan's 94 led the way after Round 1. He was 5 shots clear of Steve Bywater and 8 shots in front of Paul Norton. Paul's 92 in Round 2 took control of the title as it saw him take the lead by 7 shots over Steve(102) and 10 in front of Cathy Dixon (98). Paul's final round 89 was the best round in C Grade this year and saw him comfortably home by 15 shots over Steve(93).

Congratulations to Paul on his first C Grade Championship.

Ladies Open

Kate Caridakis made a dominant statement in last year's Championship and started strongly this year with a 78 to lead by 5 from Ruth Branagh. Kate extended her lead in Round 2 with a 76. Anna Puchalski moved into second with an 88. Kate left no doubt about the result when she broke the Ladies course record for a stroke round with a 71 in Round 3. Anna's final round 89 saw her take second with Ruth(89) third. Kate's 225 matched her winning score from 2023.

Congratulations to Kate on winning her second Ladies Open Championship and breaking the course record.

Club Championship Wrap continued

President's Trophy

The President's Trophy (best net score in the CCs) came down to a countback. Club Captain Michael Kent's opening 63 gave him a one shot lead over Geoff Maynard (64) and two shots over Craig Brenner and another former Club Captain Andrew Rumbelow both on 65. After Round 2 Michael(67) had been caught on 130 by Richard Grace (66,64) and Jeff Coghill (70, 60). Two players were 2 shots behind – Paul Norton (71,61) and Scott Reed (66,66). A thrilling round 3 saw two 59s one of which carried Paul Norton into a 3-way tie with Michael (61) and Richard (61). The other 59 came from Andrew Rumbelow who was left ruing his poor 2nd round. In previous times a playoff would be required to determine the winner but countback rules now apply – in this case the aggregate of the scores on the back 9 across all three rounds is used. On this criteria Paul came out the winner from Richard and Michael. Michael can count himself unlucky as he lead after every round but didn't get the chocolates.

Congratulations to Paul for adding the President's Trophy to his C Grade title.

First Lady

In the First Lady Net competition Ruth Branagh's opening 64 saw her lead by 3 from Anna Puchalski (67) and 4 from Kate Caridakis (68). Kate's second round 66 gave her a one shot lead from Anna (68) with Ruth(77) slipping off the pace. Kate's' brilliant final round 61 left no doubt about the result and she matched her winning score of last year (195) and took the title by 9 shots from Anna who closed with a 69.

Congratulations to Kate on her second successive First Lady.

Club Championship Scores (New Course)

	Open	B Grade	C Grade	Ladies Open	Presidents Trophy	First Lady
2021	228	244	272	Not played	195	203
2022	229	250	269	265	192	202
2023	225	242	273	225	189	195
2024	214	247	283	225	191	195

* Shading denotes best winning score.

Early Days in the Eclectic

The Club's Eclectic competition in which the your best Stableford score on each hole is calculated in Stableford rounds until end of October. The early leader is Sarah Adam-Gedge with 55pts. Sarah has a 1pts lead over Ben Akdag and Ross Gordon with Jeff Coghill and Brad McDiarmid a point further back. Last year's winning score was a massive 67pts but there is plenty of time to go. You can check your status through the Results page or on OneGolf.

Pennant Golf 2024

Pennant season is well underway. The Senior's team had a disappointing season. Round 1 was called off due to the VGL's heat policy (a forecast of 38 degrees results in a cancellation of Senior's matches). Two home draws that both went to the last hole of the last match and two disappointing trips to Eastern Sward and Craigieburn followed by a final round home loss means the team did not make the final this year.

The first round for the other teams saw good results with the Scratch team winning away at Brighton and the Handicap team drawing at home to Elsternwick with 5 matches ending on 18. If you are at a loose end and want to support our teams feel free to come along and walk a few holes.

Pennant Schedule

	Scratch (Div 2)	Handicap (Div 3)	Seniors
Rd 1	Brighton (W) (11 to 5)	Elsternwick Red (D) (8pts to 8pts)	Creekside (D)* (8pts to 8pts)
Rd 2	Craigieburn Wilmott (A) 7/4/24	Ringwood Blue (H) 7/4/24	Craigieburn Wilmott (D) (8pts to 8pts)
Rd 3	Westgate (H) 14/4/24	Creekside (A) 14/4/24	Eastern Sward (L) (14pts to 2pts)
Rd 4	Brighton (H) 21/4/24	Elsternwick Red (A) 21/4/24	Creekside (D) (8pts to 8pts)
Rd 5	Craigieburn Wilmott (H) 28/4/24	Ringwood Blue (A) 28/4/24	Craigieburn Wilmott (L) (16pts to 0pts)
Rd 6	Westgate (A) 5/5/24	Creekside (H) 5/5/24	Eastern Sward (L) (10pts to 6pts)

* Round cancelled due to forecast heat



Mark your diaries, get out the pink for:

**Pink Day
on 11 May**

There will be lots of amazing prizes and raffles as well as a 2 – Ball Ambrose comp and the proceeds go to the **Breast Cancer Trials** organisation.

Make sure you and your partner look *Pretty in Pink!* Or at least have a blush of pink!



More on Match Play Part 2.

As noted in last issue the Club conducts two Match Play competitions – a singles (The John Pittard Trophy) and a pairs competition (the Ian Fraser Trophy).

A reminder that matches are played on a handicap basis **using the standard Match Play Index (NOT the stroke index we use for regular competitions)**. Shots are given on certain holes depending on the differences in handicaps.

Match Play Index – singles example

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Index	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9

Using this index the holes where shots are given/received are evenly distributed across both nines so that they are not clustered at the start or end of the round. For instance where a member with a handicap of 15 is playing a member on 19. The four holes where shots would be given would be Holes 4, 8, 12 and 16 i.e. Index numbers 1 to 4 – see table.

Pairs Competition

For the pairs competition it is a little more complex. Shots are given in relation to the lowest handicapped player who is assumed to be off scratch. Let's set up an example using some well-known Sandy members - Scottie (handicap 11), MinJee (12), Rory (16) and Lydia (22).

Scottie gets no shots as he is the lowest handicapper. MinJee would get 1 shot, Rory 5 shots and Lydia 11 shots on the shaded holes in the table using the match play index.

Match Play Index – Pairs example

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Index	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9
Scottie																		
MinJee																		
Rory																		
Lydia																		

Note that all 3 higher handicappers get a shot on Hole 8 as it is Index 1 whilst there are 6 holes where only Lydia as the highest handicapper receives a shot. There are seven holes where no shots are given. If Scottie and Lydia are a team Lydia still gets her shots in relation to Scottie.

The result of the hole is determined by the best net score on the hole from all four players.

Of course once you can't beat your partner's score on a hole you should pick up.

Note: Playing off the 10th

The index applies to the holes in the order you play them. If you start on the 10th then that becomes Hole 1 in the table above i.e. Index 18. The No 1 Match Play Index Hole (normally Hole 8) becomes Hole 17 i.e. the 8th hole you play.

Scenes from a gala!





Looked good at the gala? Why not look good on the course?

The Club has Men's and Women's Polos and Caps for sale.
You won't find these in the malls or on Amazon!



Caps

- \$10 (dark navy)
- \$30 (navy)



Men's polo - \$35
Sizes S to 2XL



Women's polo - \$35
Sizes 10 to 18



OLD Style men's polos
(limited quantities)
\$15
1 size S, 2 size XL, 4 size
3XL, 2 size 4XL, 1 size
5XL

Plus 1 x Sleeveless navy vest size 22 - \$50 (not pictured)

To purchase

Email: memberservices@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au OR send a message on the website's [Contact Who](#) page



One advantage (small though it is) when we tee off early on the 10th is that you get to see the course in some different lights.

Andrew Steggall (l) and Pat Maginness (r) playing the 13th with Andrew Preston emerging after raking the bunker in the background.