

MARYBOROUGH GOLF CLUB



On the Green!!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The end of the year brings
no greater joy than the
opportunity to express to
you season's greetings and
good wishes.

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New Year be filled with joy

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WHO'S WHO

Tracy McKenzie

is one of our hardworking Staff members who is multi skilled in all aspects of the job.

She can often be seen working behind the bar and paying out on the pokies, but is another who has had to adapt with the Covid restrictions and is also often in the Starter's hut of late.

She also spends time in the front office as well.

Her friendly demeanour makes Tracy very popular with all of the members, but she is one who is unfortunately afflicted with the Tigers virus.

Like a number of her fellow work mates, she is a mad Richmond Supporter and also loves Dusty as can be seen in the photo below



Tracy can be seen scrutinising the info in the starter's shack.

From the Board - By President Gary Chaplin



It has been a challenging year – but looking ahead to 2021 and beyond, is very exciting for us.

The new building is starting to take shape.

With that comes new opportunities for the wider community:

- To enjoy new dining experiences
- To enjoy café style dining in the outdoor area alongside the golf course
- To have functions - both large and small in our architecturally designed building

The increased size also creates more employment and training opportunities as we grow.

We are also working hard to retain the Club's traditions and you will see that also. This year has been challenging for all of us and I would like to thank our members who have supported the Club.

You have done this by playing golf or bowls, eating at the Bistro or, visiting the gaming area. Your support is vital to the Club.

I also thank you for your positive feedback throughout the year.

Thank you to the Board members who have worked behind the scenes to keep the Club going.

This was especially the case when we did not have a General Manager.

Last, but not least, thank you to our staff who have worked very hard to provide you with first class greens, food that has an ever-growing reputation for excellence and very high levels of service.

I wish you the very best for Christmas and for the New Year.
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PATRICK CLARK

Patrick is another of our friendly MGC hospitality staff who has been with the MGC for the last two years.

Before COVID hit, Patrick was often seen serving our patrons behind the bar, and is another of the staff that these days has been working in the Starter's Hut, sending the golfers on their way for their round of golf.

Patrick is a former Painter & Decorator, but these days he enjoys his new role working at the MGC.

He is also a former Fitzroy Lions supporter but is not too fussed with the AFL these days, but does enjoy it when Richmond wins.

He must have been brainwashed, by Esther, Tracy and Janice.



Building Works - Progress Report

New Kitchen is here!

The keg room is now in full operation, supplying chilled beer and other drinks to the bar. The storeroom is already filling and being readied for ongoing use.



Starship Enterprise – also known as our new kitchen! – has now almost completed its fit out. It has state of the art cooking equipment, that will allow us to provide stunning meals in our Bistro, as well as cater for functions at the same time.

“But it is more than just a new kitchen.” says Ian Cannons, Executive Chef. “It really does provide us with a real opportunity to show to members and visitors alike, our true capability and, to build on our fast-growing reputation for fine food.”

“We plan on using some of our existing equipment in the new kitchen. This means that we need to shut down and transfer and set it up in the new kitchen.” said GM John Sedunary. “To avoid the most inconvenience to our members, we will look to do that over the first week of January.”

At the same time, the Club will open:

- A new servery for ordering your meals
- New toilet facilities accessed through the new ‘golfers’ entrance’
- A video tour of inside the facility will be available on the club website soon.

In early December a mysterious target appeared near the water tanks on the First Tee.

“We were installing the pump station to take the water from the building roof and into the storage tanks,” said Dean Maffesconi MGC’s builder. “

We put up a screen to protect golfers and workers alike and the target was a bit of a joke!

December’s third week marked another milestone with the start of the building of the new Bistro dining area. Steel girders arrived and already construction is well underway with the target to have the roof constructed by Christmas.

Parts of the existing exterior are being removed and the steel frames for the new walls are being erected.

Thank you to our diners for your understanding if you experience some mild disruption from time to time.



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KAREN SUTTON

Karen is one of the latest to join the MGC staff and can often be seen in the front of house role taking meal orders in the dining area.

As a result of the COVID restrictions Karen has also spent time out at the starter's hut as the majority of the staff have.

Now that the hospitality services are back, Karen will most likely be back in her customary role in the dining room, greeting our patrons with a big smile.

One of our many friendly hospitality staff.



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Bowls Report by David Pearce (Bowls President)

While it's not the same playing bowls under COVID restrictions and missing the social aspect of the game, we must all admire the players in all aspects of the he sport have banded together and ensured that we have enjoyable, competitive, competition.



Our club at the moment is slightly undermanned through lack of personnel, injury and illness, but we are all striving to do our best.

I have personally witnessed some very good bowls in pennant and in club singles games.

While results show that we are not strong enough at this time to worry the top sides, it's great to witness the effort being put in!

Both singles championships are getting close to conclusion- congratulations to those that are still in contention and good luck in future games. Try to support the semi's and the final games with your attendance.

The bowls committee has met once, and meets again on December 21st.

The January meeting is the 18th and the first general members meeting (15 to 20 mins) is on Thursday 21st at 4pm.

Members please try to be there - your views are important to the committee and we have an opportunity to pass on information to you.

We are now in a break over Christmas & New Year and resuming on January 12th (midweek) and Jan 16th (Saturday).

The Greens Committee are in the process of improving shelter areas - The roof of the current shelters at the south end of the green will have a metal roof soon!
It has proven difficult on the several wet days to provide shelter and hopefully this will help somewhat.



I wish all bowls members a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

See you back fresh and eager to finish this unusual season on a high.

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Midweek Pennant Bowls

Round 4 saw us venture up the road to tackle Highland Tartan but unfortunately we were handed a bowling lesson by 24 shots. 49 to 73. **Brenda Lind's** team was the only one to have any success winning 21 to 15.

Round 5 against Avoca was washed out.

Round 6 saw a narrow defeat at the hands of Carisbrook. 60 to 64

Liz Bucknall's team won by 1 shot, **Judy Cassidy's** team went down by 5 and **Marlene Gay's** team had a draw.

Round 7 was a day to forget when Dunolly Blue had a big win by a total of 38 shots. 39 to 77

Marian Webb's team was the only team to get within double figures, going down by 4 shots.

Christmas Lunch was held in the Club Bistro on Tuesday 22nd December, and it was great to see a good roll up of players.

Saturday Pennant 21st November Division 1

The short trip out to Talbot was not a successful venture for the Golf Blue team losing by 21 shots, with **Kort Gay's** team playing a drawn game. **Division 3** had a bye.

Saturday Pennant 28th November

Div 1 team went down to Dunolly Blue. 48-68 **Kevin Prime's** team was the only successful team winning by 6 shots. 25-19

Div 3 team went down to Dunolly 43-77. **Gertie Taylor** and **Marion Webb's** team's both went down by 9 shots.

Saturday Pennant 5th December was a washout for both teams.

Saturday Pennant 12th December

Div 1 went down to Highland Tartan 52-62 **Kort Gay's** team going down by 1 shot.

Div 3 had a win over Highland Black with **Gertie Taylor's** Team winning 24 to 14.



The Monthly Medallist for December was **Barry Hawker**.

Baz had a great round of golf to finish with a 64 nett to take out his first Monthly Medal.

He was closely followed by Dean Nalder with 66 nett.

Well done Baz!



The Brooch winner for the Ladies comp was **Lynda Pratt** with a 71 nett to topple the club champ Lorraine Gollop by a solitary shot.

Lynda, who is in her first year on the newly formed committee is very pleased to have won the Brooch event.

Congratulations Lynda.



Fairways:

Hopefully all are aware that preferred lies have now been lifted. This was a decision by the Golf Committee

Water situation:

Re-cycled water is working well and at present the course is being watered as much as we can. The dams are fully stocked which is fantastic for this time of the year.

Working bees continue:

Our working bees will go into recess for 3 weeks. A giant thank you to the volunteers who have given time to the course over the past year. The work that is done by you is a big saving to the club but also a big help to our greens staff.



Competition golf:

We have tried a few different events over the past month with 2 Ambrose events being well patronised. Friday 18th December the first 6@6 is to be trialled and hopefully it will be as successful as the Ambrose events.

Early in the new year (possibly Sunday 17th January) a Par 3 Ambrose will be conducted. This is a watch this space at present.

Golf Committee:

The new Golf Committee has now met for the first time and, it was great to sit and listen to the input they had.

This committee will be meeting the first Monday of each month at 5.00pm in the Alfresco dining. If you have any ideas or issues speak to your representatives on this committee.

Ladies Timesheet:

The ladies timesheet of a Wednesday will be slotted as groups of 3. The timesheet has also been reduced by 3 timeslots. Tee times for the Wednesday events will be 8.30am-9.30am.

Timesheets:

It is hoped that you will be able to access timesheets through the new Maryborough Golf Club App early in the new year.

Go to your phone's app store and download the Maryborough Golf Club app and follow the instructions.

For now, you will still need to email, message or phone your requested tee time through to

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On the Golf Course



Sam Rumpff (pictured at right) recently made the 14th hole 50 metres longer after hitting a tree with his drive, which sent the ball sailing over his head, and back out on to the 11th fairway behind him.

Not to be deterred, the young fella made a bogey which was a pretty good recovery.



FORE!!

Ian Hubble found himself in a bit of a predicament recently.

Ian was walking near a bunker and was yelling out in jest to Peter Treble to get his dog of the course.

Ian wasn't looking where he was walking at the time, and next thing he is head over heels in the bunker.

Much to the Dog's delight!

And Pete also had more than a chuckle!!



Congratulations to Chris Thomson who recently tied the Course record with a 67 off the stick.

Chris joined **Simon Sheedy**, **Gary Sluce (Twice)** and **Keith Fankhauser** as the Course Record Holder's.

Leanne Postle holds the Ladies Course record with a 75 off the stick.

Nearest the Pins.

As we start to get back to some normality, it is great to have Nearest the Pins back in play to stock up on golf balls.

Pictured is **Sharon Treble** with a NTP award and **Steve Baker** with his NTP.



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LIFE MEMBER

Mick McCarthy has been a member of the Maryborough Golf Club for so long he is considered to be part of the furniture.

He was a committee member for many years and has had numerous different roles including the position of Club President in 1997 to 1999 and again in 2005 to 2006.

Mick was also the Club Captain in 1982 & 1983.

The former printer has also provided the Club Handbook for many years and continues to do so in retirement.

Mick loves his golf and rarely misses a comp day, and can be seen driving the Blue Rolls Royce with the Collingwood sticker on it around the course every Tuesday and Saturday.

He continues to play some reasonable golf these days and has three holes in one to his name.

He has been known to have a bit of trouble in the bunkers though.

A very deserving Life Member.



The General Manager's Report by John Sedunary

I just spent the last hour in the Bistro working with other staff as we worked to stem the flow of incoming heavy rain into the building.

When I walked in, the Bistro was crowded with diners, the ceiling was its own little monsoon with dripping water and the floor was awash with water.

Our staff were calmly working together to mop up the water and to stem the tide of the incoming flow of water. Others were working with customers to have them move their tables a little out of the way, so that the area was clear.

I was so impressed with the way everyone worked together to continue service. I was also so impressed with the way our customers responded with patience and complete understanding.

Our greenkeeping staff heard what was happening and responded and came in to help: it was a complete team effort! And outside, Dean and Mike from Maffesconi's were working flat out in the pouring rain to repair the building and stop the leaks.

Thank you to our customers, staff and builders who all worked together to make sure that the evening was a success for everyone.

But the event also showed how capable are our staff and how well they work together. It also showed how well they work under pressure and how good their service standards are.

I was very proud to be a small part of the team.

You will read elsewhere that we are very close to opening a new part of the building.

In short, we will open the kitchen and enable you to order your meals from a new area. However, to do this we will need to close our existing kitchen for one week.

Please note that the gaming area will still be open and, you will still be able to get a drink from the bar.

It is anticipated that this will happen in the first week of January. We will contact you via email. Please also watch out in The Addy and on Facebook and on our website.

Sadly, our Bar Manager Esther, recently left to move to Geelong. Extremely popular within the Club and an important member of our staff, she will be very much missed. Esther is featured in the who's who on the next page.

In the meantime, I wish you and your family the very best for Christmas and for the year ahead.



Danae is keeping dry behind the bar.

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WHO'S WHO?

Esther Kiely is a long time staff member of the MGC who is very skilled in all aspects of the job.

Esther can mainly be seen working behind the bar or working the pokies, but since the COVID has come upon us, she has also adapted her skills to admin duties working along side Sandy and Julie in the office.

Unfortunately Esther shares the affliction that a lot of the MGC staff suffer from, and that is she is a parochial supporter of the Richmond FC, so she has been a very happy Tigers supporter in recent years.



Esther, Tracy and Janice at the MGC to watch the Tigers and below Esther is hard at work in the MGC Bar



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Greenkeepers Report

Golf and Bowls by Josh Lacey

Possible Disease on Back Nine Greens

Unfortunately, we had an outbreak of disease on our Back Nine Greens.

It came about very quickly and was something we had not encountered before. When this issue was identified, we put in place some measures to stop the spread throughout our greens.

On top of this we gathered soil samples from the affected greens and sent them to a laboratory for confirmation of the disease type.

The results confirmed the type of disease and so, we were able to by specific chemical treatments to kill off the disease and prevent further spread. So far, this appears to be working.

I am currently monitoring the situation regarding our greens and working on their repair now. Our goal is to bring the greens back to their best possible state.

We are also having a lot of trouble with the Corella's over the course. You will see from the pictures below, the damage that was caused on one of our greens (9th) on Tuesday (15/12) by the birds.

Warning: While I was repairing that green, a large branch from a healthy gum tree fell. (Gave me a huge fright!) With the heat, winds and rain lately this combination causes stress on our native trees. So please exercise some caution.

Thank You
Joshua Lacey
Course Superintendent



Corella's have been digging up a number of greens recently causing considerable damage.

Any suggestions for a solution to this problem?



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It loomed in the back of the golf course like an ogre's lair.

Surrounded by trees, this giant sandcastle hosted weeds and other undesirable living things for years.

But recently, our Superintendent, Josh Lacey saw that there was a new housing development underway just a few blocks away.

With a flash of inspiration – and yes, we all know he needed a sit down after (lol)– Josh rang the developers and identified that they needed additional filling for the area.

As a result, it was agreed that they would come and remove as much of that unsightly pile of earth as they could.

Furthermore, it was agreed that on completion, the developers would flatten out the area.



So, in the early days of December, there was a constant convoy of earth moving trucks travelling in and out of the course. In between the trucks travelling to and fro, a water truck would regularly drive the track and water to keep the dust down.



“It was a very good arrangement for both parties. For the Club, we have partially ridden ourselves of an eyesore.

There is real potential that we will be able to do the same with another developer”, said Josh.





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