



Bannockburn Golf Club Newsletter

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Bannockburn Golf Club's vision

'To provide a positive golfing experience with a country feel to our growing community'

The Clubs April's General Committee meeting that was held on Saturday 15th, with the following highlights arising from the meeting.

Greens Project

The couch grass that has been sown on the first five constructed greens 1,5,7,8 and 9, has been growing for four months now, with Course Superintendent David being pleased with their growth which he has mowed them several times already. He has applied fertilisers and 2 applications of fungicide which will prevent dead spots appearing during spring. He has also applied a broadleaf spray on the surrounds, which is already noticeable by taking out the broad leaf plants.

Big thanks to all the members who have volunteered and helped manually pulling out the weeds during the last couple of months, as David now believes the couch is established enough to apply herbicides to control the weeds on these five greens.

The other four greens that were sown 2 months later are progressing well with the couch spriggs now established, however with the delay in sowing time and much cooler weather that we are experiencing they have not advanced as much as hoped. Therefore, four temporary greens have been marked out, mowed and top dressed which we will use to play on until these four are ready.

The back nine holes, have had all the new greens sites sprayed with herbicides, to kill the grass on the surrounds in readiness for construction program that will begin during the first week in July. You will notice the grass dying off soon however, we will continue to play on them as our experience from last year demonstrated this did not have much impact while playing. Some said it made it easier!

Gunter Moosbrugger has been extremely busy during the last few weeks cutting down the trees that are in the way of the new greens and also in readiness for the new 10th and 11th tees. Murf has been busy cleaning up after him and arranging for the sale of the wood to members. A big thank you to both of them and all the other members who have assisted for the many hours and hard work in getting the course ready for the next stage of our greens project.

One of our biggest expenditures for the greens project has been the purchase of two new mowers for use on the new the greens. We took recently delivery of Baroness triplex ride on greens mower with groomers and Baroness walk behind greens mower at a total cost of \$67,000. These two mowers will be a wonderful asset for the Club during the coming years maintaining our new greens.

Saturday July 1st - Begin to play on the new Greens

The first-round of play on the new greens is planned for Saturday 1st July. We will use the new greens on the first five constructed holes and temporary greens on the other four holes. It is also planned to use the back nine holes on that day. Therefore, we will be able to play the full 18 holes of the course. This also means that we will play on the scrapes for the very last time that day.

A big day is planned for this opening, and is proposed to play a Stableford round just in case it takes a while to learn how to putt on the new greens. More details about the day will come out in the coming weeks.

Payment of membership fees

Thank you to the many members who have already paid their membership fees. The fees are now overdue and if you have not paid them yet could you please do so as soon as possible.

If you have lost your renewal form or did not receive one, please contact our Membership Officer, Alison Pfarrer on phone number 0421 557 094 or email ajpfarrer@gmail.com who will assist you with it.

ANZAC Day Golf Event

We are holding a golf event on ANZAC day, next Tuesday 25th April.

We will have Four Ball Best Ball comp with a shotgun start at 12 noon followed by an afternoon tea on completion of play.

Bannockburn Golf Clubs - Dogs on the course policy

During Covid lockdowns the golf course was used by many members and others to walk with their dogs on and around the golf course. This has continued after Covid and recently there has been some incidents with dogs on the course which have caused some concern by several members. This was discussed at our meeting and the following policy was adopted by the Committee.

The Bannockburn Golf Clubs mission as a Club is to provide a golf course for members to enjoy.

Members can use the course to walk their dogs as long as this is done during daylight hours, they keep their dogs under control at all times and clean up and dispose of any mess their dogs may make.

I trust that members with dogs will follow this policy when they use the course to walk their dogs, and they ensure they do so in way that will not impact the other members who are also using the course.

Filing Cabinet – Practice Green Garden plants

Course Superintendent David is looking for a filing cabinet to organise and keep all his paper work that he requires in his role. Before the Club goes ahead and purchase one, there maybe someone who has a filing cabinet they do not need any longer that the club could purchase or maybe could be donated to the club. Let me know if you can help out.

As part of the next stage in constructing the greens, we will also include a practice green that is planned to be built where the garden bed is near the 10th tee. If any member would like any of the plants that are in the garden you are most welcome to take them from before it is clean up.

Happy golfing

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