



Bannockburn Golf Club Newsletter

February 2023

Bannockburn Golf Club's vision

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

The Clubs first General Committee meeting for 2023 was held on Saturday 11th February, with the following highlights arising from the meeting.

Greens Project Progress

The Winter Green couch that has been sown on the first 5 greens that were constructed has been growing for two months now with some significant growth especially around the surrounds. Couch likes hot conditions with plenty of moisture. We have been able to provide the moisture through the Irrigation system however the last two months have been much milder than what we normally expect at this time of the year so the growth may not quite as fast as we anticipated. Our Course Superintendent David, will be doing the first mowing of the surrounds soon which I expect will make them look even better, and with another couple of months of growth we should see a big difference.

The construction of the remaining four greens on the front nine have now also been completed with some delays caused by the weather and by the breakdown in the local quarry that provided the screenings needed for the drainage of the greens.

We had a great roll up of members to help at the working bee on Monday to sow the sprigs for these four greens and this work was completed very quickly. Thank you to all members who helped with this and also who are continuing to help with weeding of the first 5 greens.

Two new tees have also been built and sown with couch on the 7th and 8th holes and the 2nd tee has been refurbish to make it much more level than it was in the past.

On the financial side of the project, I am happy to report the construction of the first 9 holes will be completed very close to the budget that was planned to do the work.

Next four-year budget for the Club

A budget has been prepared for the committee by the financial sub-committee planning for the next four-year financial outlook for the club. The budget indicates that with a modest increase in membership numbers and modest increase membership fees the Club will remain in a viable financial position over the next four years. This, I think should give confidence for all members for a continued positive future for the Bannockburn Golf Club.

Captain's Requests

Pennant

Captain Max McLaren has asked that any members who would like to play pennant golf this year to contact him on 0447 223 352 as soon as possible. Pennant will begin on Sunday 19th March.

It is hoped the Club will field two teams, one in division 3 and one in division 5.

Captains Cup

Max is also looking for entries the Captains Cup, which is singles knock out event that is run each year. You can place your name on a list provided on the notice board in the Clubhouse by 25 February.

Sad News

Some sad news last month with the passing of two of our members.

Phillis Rea who has been a long-term member joining the Club in 1971 and award life membership in 1985, passed away on 4th January 2023.

Dr John Dunning who was listed as member prior to 2006 and a regular player recently on the course also passed away on 22nd January 2023 following a stroke.

We send our condolences and best wishes to both lots of families.

Happy golfing

Dick Van Den Bosch

President

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