



Bannockburn Golf Club Newsletter

May 2023

Bannockburn Golf Club's vision

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

The Clubs May's General Committee meeting that was held on Saturday 13th, with the following highlights arising from the meeting.

Online booking for Golf

The general Committee was presented with detailed options about online booking for golf and with the use of phones for scoring. This detailed presentation made to the Committee by Michael Jochum, demonstrated the benefits this system will be to the club in the future. The committee agreed that is time for the Club to move forward with the new booking in and scoring arrangements however thought it was best to introduce this change when we begin playing all the 18 holes of the new greens early next year.

Greens Project

Course Superintendent Dave has been busy mowing the 5 advanced greens regularly now. He has applied fungicide for spring dead spot treatment and has been spraying for broadleaf weeds. He is pleased with the results of the greens so far as the grass is becoming denser and showing good roll.

A contractor stump grinder has been employed and has removed the stumps for the new tees on the 10th and 11th holes and around new greens 14th and 17th.

A new Blower machine that was ordered nearly 12 months ago has just arrived this week and will be a great asset to help to clean up the leaves and rubbish from the fairways and greens especially after windy days.

Top dresser machine. David made a presentation to the Committee that recommended the committee consider purchasing a Top dresser machine that would be used to apply sand to the new greens. This will be done on a regular basis during the year as part of the greens maintenance program in keeping them level. This machine is a much cheaper option than hiring one and will save many hours of labour by the volunteers. The Committee agreed to his recommendation and are considering the option of purchasing a suitable machine that is currently for sale.

Working on the Course. It is important that if anyone is planning to do any volunteer work on the course especially if it is anywhere near any of the new greens, they should first contact Dave on 0478 760 142 to ensure he knows about everything that is occurring on the course. Also, a reminder if you are driving around the course to keep to the tracks where possible and well away from any of the new greens.

Blue tags for golf bags

With your membership fees this year you have been supplied with a blue tag. We would like all members to attach these tags to their golf bags as this makes it much easier for us to determine who are members, and who are green fee players, so that we can then identify if green fees have been paid or not. We are not in a position to be providing free golf to anyone as this is completely unfair on those who have paid their fees.

If you have not received your membership receipt or blue tag yet there will be an envelope for you in the clubhouse. If not, they are not collected, they will be posted out in the next week or so.

Please contact our Membership Officer, Alison Pfarrer on phone number 0421 557 094 or email ajpfarrer@gmail.com if you have any inquiries about your membership.

Captains Information.

Greens Opening Day – 1st July. This day is open for members and guests; however, it is not the main official opening day for the greens as this will occur when all the 18 greens are ready sometime in 2024.

Trophies for the 1st July will be sponsored by one of our life members Bill Hughes, and the event of the day will be a Stableford for Men and Women.

Shot gun start at 10.00 am with afternoon tea on completion of play. Cost will be \$15 per player.

A list is on the notice board in the club house for people to enter their names. Captain Max would like you to enter names with your playing partners in groups of fours if possible as this will make the captains job a little lighter.

As we will be playing on greens, scrapes and temporary greens the Match Committee has decided that there will not be any handicapping for this round of golf.

There has already been a lot of interest from people to play this day so I suggest you get your names on the entry list as soon as possible. **You can also contact Captain Max on 0447 223 352 for entries.** Or email mclarenm1@bigpond.com

Club Championships will be moved back in the fixture this year to the first 3 weeks in December 2023. This gives us the best opportunity for all the nine new greens to be available for the championships.

Men's Madden Pairs Knockout. A list is also on the notice board in the club house for you to enter for the Madden Knockout. The closing date for entries is the 6th June.

Life member

Vale John Cole. Life Member, former President, Secretary, Handicapper, and instigator of the couch grass program at Bannockburn Golf Club has passed away. Funeral next Thursday 2pm at Tuckers on Bellarine Highway.

Life Member Murray Satchell has quoted "John was a great bloke, and an outstanding club member before ill health prevented him from playing. A proud part of Bannockburn Golf Club history." Our condolences to John's family.

Happy golfing

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