



# Bannockburn Golf Club Newsletter

## October 2023

Bannockburn Golf Club's vision

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

The Clubs October General Committee meeting was held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, with the following highlights arising from the meeting.

### Women's Memorial Day - 2 Person mixed Ambrose

The Women members are holding their annual Memorial Day on **Wednesday 25th October** (Geelong racing Cup public holiday day). This event will hit off at 10.00 am and will be a 2 Person mixed Ambrose followed by afternoon tea. The day remembers former women members of the Club who have passed.

Some women members are looking for a partner for that day. Therefore, if any male member can assist, please contact them or the Women's Captain Sue Moosbrugger on 0402 197 680. **Please book online on One golf together with your partner.**

### Booking Golf Carts for the Open

With the Open tournament approaching soon at the end of November, I recommend that any member who wishes to play in the Open and they need to use one of the Club's three Golf Carts on any day during the tournament, to book a cart as soon possible though tournament Secretary Sandra Le Maitre Phone No 0419 893 221. These carts were purchased by the Club to assist any Club member who have trouble getting around the course.

### Extract from Greens report – Course Superintendent David Johnston

It has been a very busy month on both side of the golf course. The back 9 greens of 10,11,13 and 16 have had the sand brought in and shaped, irrigation has been installed on all these greens also. A big group of volunteers have come in and helped with these 4 irrigation installs, helping with the digging, laying cable and pipe has been a tremendous help and has made the installation far easier for myself and Dick this time around. By the time the next 5 greens are ready for irrigation we will be a well-oiled machine by then.

We have also seen some significant growth in greens 2,3,4 and 6. These have sprung to life post dormancy and have greened up quite a bit and I am also noticing some aggressive growth of the runners starting to move in the barer areas of the greens. These have been fertilised once and will be due another fertiliser application early next week. If they continue to grow on the trajectory they are on and with some favourable weather for the rest of October I will look to give these greens, there first cut at the end of the month.

We also took delivery of our new front end loader last week. It has been used a few times so far. I am happy to report that it has even exceeded my expectations in its performance and usability. Using it to trench in the irrigation for the new 16<sup>th</sup> green was very impressive. It was able to get through hard clay, buckshot soil and quite thick tree roots with ease. It will make any further irrigation additions much easier to complete.

## New Committee Member - Mick Jennings

There was a vacancy for a committee member on the General Committee, Mick Jennings has accepted the position. He has extensive experience in producing newsletters and communication with stake holders in his former career and roles in the Air Force and Avalon Air show. He has come on board to learn how our Club operates so that he will be able to assist us in marketing the Club in the future with our new greens in attracting new members and players.

## Hole in One – Guenter Moosbrugger

No doubt you will all have heard by now about the first Hole in one on the new Greens on the 17th hole (8<sup>th</sup>) by the ever-green Grunter Moosbrugger. Club Sponsor Zantagra Shed’s Manager Zane Carroll made a special presentation to him on Saturday with a \$500 cheque. Congratulations Guenter don’t spend it all at once!





## Strategic Planning

A very successful Strategic Planning workshop was held on 4<sup>th</sup> October with Golf Australia's Chris Crabbe, Jake Cole-Sinclair and 13 members of the Club. The results of the recent Club Survey were very favourable for the Club in most areas. However, some areas have been identified for improvement which will be incorporated in the plan. The final plan will be presented at the AGM on Monday evening 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## Captains Information

Reminder of some changes that have been made to the fixture book.

The **Open Tournament** is scheduled on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Flyers to enter are in the Clubhouse or Contact Tournament Secretary Sandra Le Maitre on 0419 893 221.

The Clubs **Men's Championships** will be run on the following 3 Saturdays, December, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Happy golfing

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