



Bannockburn Golf Club Newsletter

November 2023

Bannockburn Golf Club's vision

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

The Clubs November General Committee meeting was held on Saturday 11th November, with the following highlights arising from the meeting.

Annual General Meeting of the Golf Club

The Clubs Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 27th November in the Club house at 7.30pm. See the attached letter with the agenda with the proposed new fees for next year with this newsletter. Reports will be presented of the highlights and financial position of our club over last 12 months, a new Committee will be elected and the meeting will set the new fees for the 2024/25 golf year.

Nomination forms are available in the Clubhouse you wish to nominate yourself or someone else for the committee.

I will be stepping down as President at the AGM after 6 years in the role, however I will continue to be involved with the management and construction of the Greens project until its completion.

Extract from Greens report – Course Superintendent David Johnston

After a very busy month I am pleased to report that greens 10,11,13,14 and 16 have been completed. Irrigation was installed and turned on at the end of October and a few teething kinks have since been smoothed out by Dick and me and the new irrigation on the greens is running like clockwork. Steve finished the final shaping of these greens on Sunday the 5th of November to coincide with the delivery of our sprigs on this day also. Sprigging commenced on Monday the 6th with a keen group of volunteers getting stuck in to have the greens and surrounds completed by early afternoon. The greens were then sprayed with paper machete mulch to help insulate the sprigs and keep them moist.

I would like to say a big thank to you everyone who came and helped on Monday. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated. The next few weeks will be focusing on keeping these sprigs moist the whole time, so they do not dry out and take root in the sand as fast as possible.

Steve has completed the base of the 12th green and is only a few days work away from finishing the 15th green base.

Open Annual Tournament

The Women's Day tomorrow has a capacity field which very good for the Club seeing that golfers are keen to come and play our new greens.

There is still time to enter the men's events over the weekend 24th to 26th November. Please contact Tournament Secretary Sandra Le Maitre by email sanmic43@gmail.com or phone number 0419 893 221.

New Committee Member - Mick Jennings

Last month I mentioned Mick Jennings had come on and filled the vacancy on the General Committee and he asked if it was ok for him to clean up a of garden around the Club house. Of course, the Committee agreed with that.

Well, what a great job he has done since the October meeting with all the gardens and paths have been revitalised and looking magnificent. Well done and thanks Mick.

Captains Information

Captain Max advises that the lateral Water Hazard beside the 5th Green has been marked with new red pegs. Please ensure you take appropriate action is you are unlucky enough to end up in the hazard.

The rules for a water hazard are;

- You can play the ball as it lies, but do not ground your club in the hazard (no penalty).
- You can drop the ball behind the hazard on a straight line from the hole and the point where the ball crossed the hazard's margin (one stroke penalty).
- You can drop the ball within two club-lengths of the point where the ball crossed the hazard's margin, but not nearer the hole (one stroke penalty).
- You can drop the ball on the opposite side of the hazard, equidistant from the hole (one stroke penalty).
- You can replay the shot from where you originally hit (one stroke penalty).

Re rating of the front nine holes

Golf Australia representatives visited our course on Friday to re rated the front nine holes with the new Greens and with the temporary greens. Hopefully we should learn the outcome of the new rating sometime later next week and will see if or how much the rating has changed compared with the scrapes course.

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

The **Open Tournament** is scheduled on Monday 13th and Friday 24th to Sunday 26th 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, 4th, 11th, and 18th December.

Happy golfing

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