



Wangaratta Golf Club (Waldara)

Newsletter September 2011



The **Wangaratta Golf Club Ball** in 4 weeks time, Saturday October 8th, is shaping up to be a great event for the club. Featuring the local band "Wrecked on Sunday", a 3 Course Dinner prepared by Adam Pizzini and the team at Rinaldo's.

Drinks are available at WGC bar prices, and there will be a Fundraising Auction to be held on the night. Some of the items up for auction are:

A round of Golf with Geelong footballer, Steve Johnson ; Geelong Merchandise ; Teeth Whitening ; Maxxis Tyres Pack ('1 set of tyres' to the value of \$1,000), Years supply of Fruit and vegetables, Complete Set of second hand Golf Clubs donated by John Southwell, Callaway Golf Bag, Cosmetic Pack, Lamp, Jewellery and a Casa Luna accommodation voucher.

Please get organised now and plan to bring some friends and acquaintances along to the ball. **For Tickets please contact: WGC ph 03 5721 3426**

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Alex Tahin: Junior Development program

Alex Tahin's Junior Development program is going strongly and we now have over 30 juniors at the Club. There's a lot of natural sporting ability in the kids of Wangaratta and these juniors are coming along really well. We have seen 3 of our juniors, qualify and who went on to compete in the Primary School Regional Finals recently which was played out at Benalla Golf Club. Of particular mention is young *Sam McLean* who came 2nd and will now represent the North East region in the State Finals at Koorinal Golf Club early next month. This is an incredible achievement in so short a period of time and credit to his dedication. Also some other really encouraging results from our Juniors include *Matt Naish* who placed 12th and *Angus Mclean* who placed a respectable 13th in a close competition

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2011 Men's Double Knockout

Congratulations to **Duncan McCallum and Alby Thomson** for winning the **Men's Doubles Knockout for 2011**. They beat *Des and Dylan Stone* in the final. A great effort by both teams for progressing so far. *Graham Kerr* was the lucky owner of the winning team.

The **Men's Singles Knockout for 2011** is still at the final stage with *Damien Simmonds* to play *Steve Baertschiger* in the final.

The Calcutta prize money is as follows:

Men's Total prize pool \$2177.00

1 st place for the buyer of the winning team <i>Graham Kerr is the winning Bidder</i>	\$1306.20	60% of prize pool.
2 nd place for the buyer of the Runners up <i>John Mc Millan is the Runners up Bidder</i>	\$631.10	30% of prize pool
3 rd place for the buyer of a semi finalist team <i>Ian Rundell is the 3rd & 4th place Bidder</i>	\$108.85	5% of prize pool
4 th place for the buyer of a semi finalist team <i>Damien Kelly is the 3rd & 4th place Bidder</i>	\$108.85	5% of prize pool

Ladies prize pool \$1049.75

1 st place for the buyer of the winning team <i>Lef Lazarou is the winning Bidder</i>	\$663.00	60% of prize pool
2 nd place for the buyer of the Runners up <i>Graham Kerr is the Runners up Bidder</i>	\$331.50	30% of prize pool
3 rd place for the buyer of a semi finalist team <i>Glenda Dodson & Lef Lazarou are the 3rd & 4th place Bidder</i>	\$55.25	5% of prize pool
4 th place for the buyer of a semi finalist team <i>Lois Sanderson is the 3rd & 4th place Bidder</i>	\$55.25	5% of prize pool



Members Draw



Our members draw is up to \$350 Cash. One members name will be drawn out each Saturday after presentations, but to claim the money the member has to be present. So even if you haven't played on the day or played early call back in for presentations so you don't miss out. This draw is proudly sponsored by **Goodyear Autocare Wangaratta** and one of our generous members, **Andy Raison at Auscoaters**.

Recent members drawn out since John McMillan won \$220 were:

Barry Taylor(\$50), Ray Hutton(\$70), Steven Bismire(\$90), John Southwell(\$110), Kevin Sanderson(\$130), Erika Ferrari(\$150), Marcella Thomson(\$170),Darren Burns(\$190),Joan Langdon(\$170), Alison Comensoli(\$230), Andrew Raison(\$250),Kevin Sanderson(\$270),Mary Vickers(\$290),Roger Barker(\$310) and Dawn Fleet(\$330).

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GOLF WINNERS:

Tues. 9th August – Ladies – Stableford

Winner – Elaine Smith c/b 17 R/ Up – Jan Hill c/b 17

Sat. 13th August – Men's Stableford: Winner – Damien Kelly 48

Tues. 16th August – Ladies – Stableford

Winner – Prue Dick 41 9 Hole Winner – Maureen Matthews 17 c/b Gladys Townsend 17

Sat. 20th August – Men's PAR

Winner – Herb Caldwell 7

Tues. 23rd August – Ladies – Monthly Medal Winner – Lorraine Adams c/b 72

Division 1 Winner – Aileen Birthisel 73 Division 2 Winner – Judy Brown 72

9 Hole Winner – Sue Read 18

Wed. 24th August – Men's Stableford Winner – Herb Caldwell 37

Thurs. 25th August – Ladies Stableford

Winner – Judy Brown 39 9 Hole Winner – Val Reynolds 16

Sat. 27th August – Men's 4 Ball Multiplier Stableford

Winners – Greg Allan & Barry Taylor 82 R/ Ups – Ian Muller & Trevor Clark 82

Tues. 30th August – Ladies – Captain's Trophy Winner – Prue Dick 64

Division 1 Winner – Julie McInnes 69 Division 2 Winner – Val Reynolds 65

9 Hole Winner – Gladys Townsend c/b 19

Wed. 31st August – Men's Stableford

Winner – Arthur Ingarfield c/b 41 R/ Up – Barry McAuliffe 41

Thurs. 1st Sept – Ladies – Waldara Teams Day

Winners – Marie McLeish 24, Jill Halbwidl 29 & Lorraine Adams 38 = 214

9 Hole Winner – Marj Watts

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday October 5th- Twilight Golf Starts.(Wed & Fri nights)
- Saturday October 8th: The WGC Ball
- Sunday 16th October: Jubilee V Waldara Challenge

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5th NOV.
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Golf shop 'Non-Daylight Saving' trading hours:

8.00AM-4.30PM, except Monday 9-4.30 & Saturday 7-5.00.

If you wish to hit range balls outside these hours please see Alex. The 6th practice green is now open

The 6th Practice fairway is now open for use but strictly under the same guidelines as the current practice fairway, although range balls may be picked up and re-used. When buckets of balls are hired a complimentary golf cart will be given for use as transport to the practice fairway.

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Greens /Course Committee Update

In Figure 1. it can be seen that WGC had 855mm of rain followed by the start of 2011 with above average rainfall as shown in Figure 2. Unfortunately this has left our course very wet and patchy with the recently applied herbicide to the fairways. However as you can begin to see with rising temperatures the couch is showing signs of healthy growth.

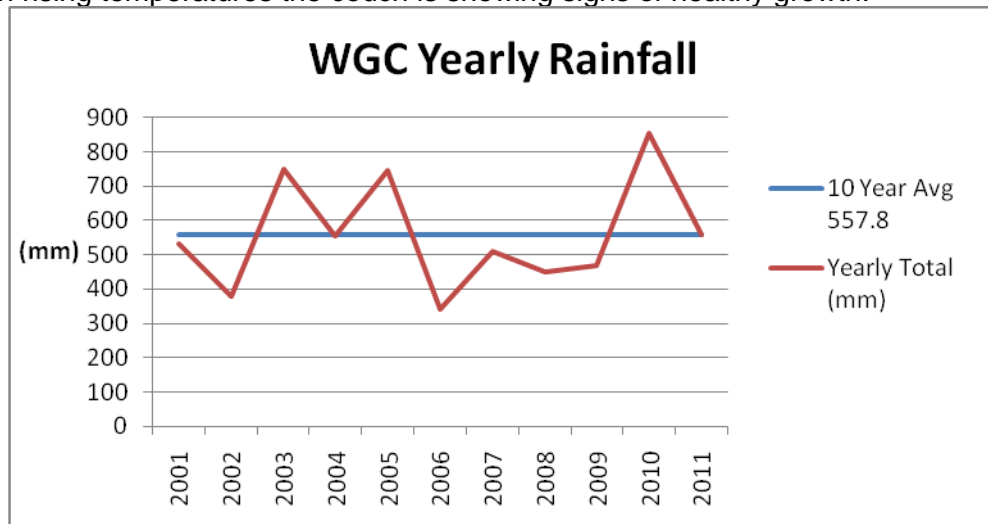


Figure 1. WGC Yearly Rainfall

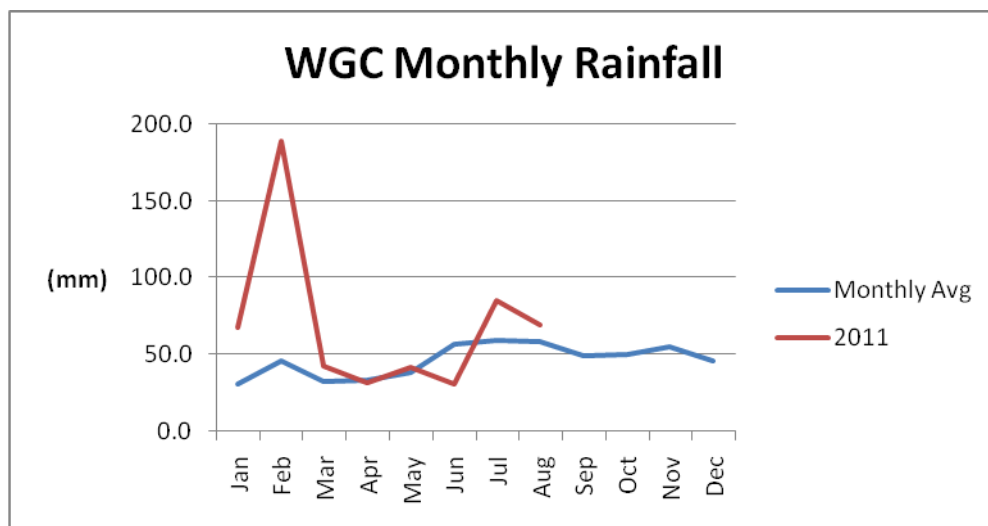


Figure 2. WGC Monthly Rainfall

At this weekend's Holden Scramble, some visitors commented on how good our course will be once the fairways are fully covered with couch. They also suggested our greens are currently in the best condition they have been for 20 years. This feedback is testament to the hard work being done by the grounds staff, regular Friday volunteers, greens committee and the commitment from the Board.

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However, we still have a long list of course improvements that will only add value to the WGC and all its members and guests. These improvements can be realised much faster with more support from members at weekend working bees. Unfortunately our last advertised working bee had to be cancelled due to no response from members. Weekend working bees have been trialled in the hope they will attract more people who work during the week. If you have any feedback as to how working bees can be made more flexible to attract attendance please feel welcome to reply by e-mail.

Future improvements on our list include:

1. Adding mounds to both sides of the corner of the 8th hole,
2. Selected planting of trees around the course to separate holes,
3. Improved drainage for the 1st and 16th holes,
4. Green replacements of the eighth and thirteenth holes.

On another note, members will have noticed the internal road is being repaired courtesy of Terry Plant Hire who donated his loader and truck and with the valued assistance of Barry McAuliffe.

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Hackers for Hundreds



The best change you'll ever make

Need a new set of tyres? Members are now eligible for a **10% discount on the entire Maxxis** tyre range. This offer can be redeemed at the Wangaratta Goodyear service centre (tel. 57214307, next to Holden) just let *Bluey* know you are a member of the Wangaratta Golf Club.



Midget Hall went very close to winning the hacker prize of \$345 on Saturday, missing out on winning the day by 1 shot. We have had a number of unsuccessful hackers recently, namely: Bob Ferrari-\$285
Damien Simmonds-\$300, Duane Kerwin-\$315, Matt Nicolosi-\$330.

Can **Norm Walford** produce this week and claim the \$360 on offer?

Successful Hackers – Des Stone, Chris Martens, Tony Goodison, John McMillan

Remember, all you need to do to be in the running for this great prize is play golf. The 'Hacker's' name will be drawn from the Saturday competition field and, if he happens to have the best net score the following Saturday, he wins the Homelectrix Voucher at it's jackpot value.

New members:

A warm welcome to the following new members over the past 3 months. Good to see them out enjoying our course.

Neville Allan, Gary Stone, Maggie Ray, Zac Trimble, Daymn Hoffard, Gregory Tainton, Steve Hill, Mrs Aileen Birthisel (Full) Garth Suffern(Full), Daniel Semmens(Full), David Johnson(Full), Dan Wallace(Full), Chris Harvison(Full), Tim Spasojevic(Full) and Alan Sinclair (Full).

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Ladies Committee coffee morning

The Coffee morning held on 24th August was very well attended and raised almost \$700. Thank you to our guest speaker Prue Dick who gave a very interesting account of her motor bike travel through Nepal and Everest base camp. Prue's photos were excellent and everyone was most impressed with her great adventure. Thank you to all the lady members who provided the beautiful morning tea.

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PRO TIPS FOR THE MONTH Bunker Shots Tips



Most **bunker shots** can be a frightful experience for many beginners at times, for the reason that it is not as straight forward as the professionals make it appear. Furthermore, some of the bunkers you might play out of, are not in as good condition as those the professionals get to play. Generally, amateur golfers have difficulty from the sand for the reason that they do not realize how much sand they have to shift to get the ball out.

They don't take a large enough swing, or they hit too far behind the golf ball or too close to it, or even directly onto it, that will dispatch the ball way over the putting surface.

These days Sand Wedges are specifically intended to make it easy for you to hit out of the bunker. All you really have to do is follow a few simple rules.



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The best technique to hit consistent **bunker shots** is to realize that you're just trying to lob sand out onto the green, the golfball simply gets in the way. Constantly endeavour to take a smoother, more controlled swing with an open stance, as well as have an open clubface.

A good golf drill for bunker shots to groove that feeling is to get a hand full of sand and take your normal stance in the bunker. Next, make a smooth underarm toss and throw the sand out of the bunker, with your palm facing upwards and your body pivoting forward.

The question is, how much sand should you take? A fine analogy is, a divot approximately the dimensions of a dollar note. You place a dollar note within the bunker and coat it with a thin layer of sand. Position the golf ball on about two inches from the right edge of the note. You strike the sand at the back edge of the note, which is around two inches behind the back of the ball, and allow the club to slide under the ball, do not let it dig into the sand. Taking a divot the full dimension of the note along with the ball. It's a scooping or shaving action not a shoveling one. The aim is to trim the golf ball out of the sand trap and to make contact two inches behind the back of the ball, to fly it out softly with minimum sand.



Whilst not all bunker shots are entirely the same, and if you are using the same explosion technique for each shot, you're likely leaving yourself longer putts than necessary. There are three components that decide how far a sand shot will travel-

- 1.how firm you swing**
- 2.how open your clubface is**
- 3.how far behind the golfball your clubhead makes contact with the sand.**

The most effective *bunker shot tips* I can give to create consistent distance control, is to alter the power of your golf swing, and the quantity of sand you take, whilst keeping your clubface alignment consistent. If you already feel comfortable with the amount of sand you take in your explosion shot, it's best to merely change the actual force of your golf swing. You may have seen how easy the 'big easy' (Ernie Els) swings when playing his sand bunker shots. He is undoubtedly one of the best from the sand traps.

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The further you are from the hole, the harder you ought to swing. Maintain a constant clubface angle and amount of sand taken, as well as practice various swing speeds from distances all round the putting green.

You can additionally try modifying the quantity of sand you take while permitting your clubface angle and swing tempo to remain consistent.

Capture less sand if you need more distance and more sand for a shorter shot. Some pros favor this technique for the reason that the results are more accurate, although it requires much more practice.

And that my friends is what playing better golf is all about....practice, and some more practice.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY
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Scramble
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Sunday the 11th of September saw the 2nd Holden Scramble staged at the golf club in as many years.

A great response from club members and friends registered for the chance to play at Rich River Golf Club in the Regional Final on October 17th. A great day was had by all, with each player receiving a Callaway gift pack on registration, and the chance to win the major prizes later in the day.

A great field assembled on the day and with 92 players (84 men and 6 Ladies) from Wangaratta and abroad teeing it up on the outstandingly prepared course by David Warnaar, and his assistant Ethan Bell for the chance to win the local Holden Scramble event for 2011. In the end the winning team consisting of 2 junior WGC development members, Dylan Stone and Greg Allan, and with fine contributions from Neville Allan and Gary Stone with a nett score of 59.

A Special effort must go to the only Wangaratta Ladies team who consisted of Judy Brown, Nora Martin, Lesley Anderson, and Marie McLeish who nearly won the event with 59 ½. They missed by ½ a shot in winning the event. Also a special thanks to Di Day, Glenda Dodson and Lef Lazarou for their support in my event, the Holden Scramble.

A lot of people need to be thanked for their help in my absence on the day, and a **Big Special Thanks to:**

Major Organiser /Golf Shop Liasion	Andrew Stevens
Pro Shop	Kessiah Tahin, Midge Hall and Meliesa Dean
Final Presentations	Dean Campagna
Bar	Michael Webster
Starting	Russell Wallace
BBQ Cooking	Chris Martens, John McMillan, Ian Hunt and Steve Baertschiger
Scorecards and Results	Duane Kerwin, Russell Wallace, Chris Martens
Rules and Information	Duane Kerwin

Also thank you to Rodney Dean and Geoff Webster for driving the drinks Carts around, cleaning the BBQ and washing the dishes...Thank you. See you in 2012

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