



# Wangaratta Golf Club (Waldara)

## Newsletter

December 2011 January 2012

### Presidents Report

Dear Fellow Members

As my first year as the President of the Wangaratta Golf Club draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to report on the past 12 months and what we hope to achieve over the following 12 months. Our first 3 months were spent trying to cut expenses where possible and at the same time make changes that would see the club have succession plans in place as well as improved playing conditions.

We introduced some new social events this year and focused on a more family atmosphere at these events. The Calcutta and the Silver Circle were very successful for the club and provided excellent social gatherings. The return of our Pro-Am is also a major step towards our club once again being recognized in the district as a premier golf course.

Without doubt the most significant achievement of the last 12 months is the "Building a better Future" proposal put to the vote on October 11th. The Board of the WGC is extremely grateful for the unanimous support shown by the members at this vote. The result is a sign of confidence in the board and for that we thank you.

Over the next twelve months we hope to continue to build our membership base as well as engaging our current members with new events, increased prizes and a great club atmosphere. Our board will continue to grow and we will continue to add new board members to fill the vacant positions. We will continue down the "Building a Better Future" path and the developers will hopefully have the land re-zoned during this year.

We have an extremely dedicated team at the WGC and all of whom treat the club with the utmost respect. I would like to thank each staff member on behalf of the Board and all members.

Meliesa Dean our administration officer has done an outstanding job this year helping the new Board members settle in and providing valuable information to them. She has been heavily relied upon to preform extra tasks asked by the board and she has preformed all tasks with an exceptional level of accuracy and professionalism. Meliesa continually works behind the scenes making sure our club meetings and other major events are run smoothly and successfully. Meliesa continues to go over and beyond what she is paid for and is a critical member of our team

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David Warnaar our Superintendent has done an excellent job presenting the golf course in its best condition in its history. David has been supported by Ethan Bell our apprentice greens keeper and Charlie Parkinson our long serving assistant. Together they form an excellent team and we are extremely fortunate to have them. David has also put in many hours away from the course working on the proposed course changes for the "Building a better future" development. His input and knowledge has been invaluable.

Without Volunteers our club would struggle to survive. I would like to thank all our volunteers on behalf of the Board and the members. Our Friday morning course volunteers have been a great help to David and the course has never looked as good. We also have the Ladies who spend time catering for club events and people such as Meliesa Dean's husband Rodney who continually helps out around the club with repairs etc. There are too many volunteers to mention individually but please accept this as a personal thank you for all of your unselfish work that has saved our club thousands of dollars and kept us in business.

Alex Tahin also celebrates his one year anniversary. Alex has become a valued team member over the past 12 months and has added some exceptional programs for our junior members. He has been a great help and contributed heavily to the Pro-Am. He has also run successful events such as the Holden Scramble.

Thank you to all the members of the WGC for the level of support shown to this board. We have been extremely pleased with the commitment shown by members who support the club through various means.

We are extremely excited about the future of our club and look forward to you joining us on our journey into the coming years. We will once again be asking for all of your support throughout the year and thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully

Dean Campagna  
President  
Wangaratta Golf Club

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## Jazz Festival

Our Annual **Jazz Festival Luncheon** held on the Monday of the Jazz festival was a great success again with many people enjoying the surrounds of the Wangaratta Golf Club. This is also a good fundraiser for the club with over \$ 3,500 raised. A big thankyou must go to all the volunteers, especially Kevin Sanderson for organising the event and Ciccone Wines for sponsoring the day.

The ladies raised \$920 from the sales of coffee and cake and \$670 from the raffle. Thank you to Lois Sanderson and her wonderful team of helpers to all the ladies who made the beautiful cakes and those who made donations for the much sought after gourmet hamper raffle.

The **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Club Golf Day** was also a well attended and enjoyable day held on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>. We are lucky to have such a good relationship with the Lions Club and hope it continues in the future. Thanks to Geoff Webster and Keith Martin for co-ordinating the event.

## Ladies Cup Day event

Cup Day was great fun with Glenda Dodson sponsoring the 9 hole event and organising and cooking a beautiful lunch. Thank you to Glenda for this really fun day. The highlight was the snail races at the end won by Marg Price's speedy snail. Thank you to our bookies, Mike O'Shea and Steve Leitl who did such a great job

## NEDLGA Winner

Congratulations also go to Erika Ferrari for winning the North East District Ladies Golf Association (NEDLGA) Brooch for 2011. This was presented to Erika at the NEDLGA AGM on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## Pro Am Ladies results

The success of the Pro-Am was due to a lot of work from the Pro-Am committee. Thank you to Lois Sanderson, Val Guan, Lesley Anderson and Iris Brock for their part in helping with the catering for the event. Most importantly, congratulations to Captain Sue Chatfield for winning the ladies event with a net 70.

## Ladies Closing Day

The **Ladies Closing Day** was held on Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> with 44 players and 62 for the luncheon that followed. Thank you to Lois Sanderson, Lesley Anderson and Iris Brock for organising the lunch and to all who brought the delicious salads and desserts.

One of the highlights of the day was the putting competition for our "Golden Girls" who no longer play golf. This was won by Betty Fidler and runner up was Helen Dennis. It was great to see these women had still not lost their touch with the putting.

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Thank you to our retiring committee members-Vice President Lyn Patrick, Treasurer Brenda Grant, Trophy ladies Maureen Matthews and Jenny Kerr and Visiting Rosie Webb who have all done such a great job this year.

We welcome our newly elected committee members, Jean Kirkwood (Vice President), Jan Hill (Treasurer), Barb Woodward (Visiting), Jill Halbwidl and Erika Ferrari (Trophy ladies) and Gwlad Kennedy (general committee).

## Twilight Golf

Twilight golf on Wednesday and Friday evenings is progressing well with a variety of players enjoying the 9 hole evening competition followed by a relaxing BBQ. The Wednesday evening competition is growing well with over 40 different players playing so far this year.

## Building a better future- Developments

Contract for sale of land is nearly completed.

We have formed the following committees

**Clubhouse-** Dean Campagna, Mick Webster, John Southwell, Barb Thomas, Neville McCormick.

**Course-** Allen Bastin, David Warnaar, Ian Rees, John McMillan, Glenda Dodson

## New members

A warm welcome to the following new members who have joined in the past month: Stephanie Coghill (junior), Kelton Vincent (Summer), Andrew McGranahan (Summer) Annie O'shea (country), Mike O'shea (country), David Woodstock(Full), Barry Marsden(Full), Tony Rowe(Full), Simon McKay(Full), Toby Alker'Jones(Full) and Solo Fogg(country).

## Members Draw



The Members Draw is conducted every Saturday afternoon prior to presentations 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**.

**Steve Baertschiger** was the lucky member present on Saturday when his members draw number 10 was drawn out for **\$190 CASH**. I think he owes this to Andrew Stevens as he was about to leave when Andrew asked him a few questions.

Members drawn out but were not present so missed out on the cash recently were:

\$170 Jack Cullen, \$150 Diane Anderson, \$130 John Charles, \$110 Barbara Woodward, \$90 Joe Antic, \$70 Diane Anderson, \$50 Neil Marsh, Arthur Ingarfield \$70.

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## WANGARATTA GOLF CLUB 2011 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

With 5 birdies in his final round Allen Bastin won the Wangaratta Golf Club Championships for the second year in a row. With a final round of 76, Allen finished with a total of 304 to be six shots clear of Tony Goodison.

Ethan Bell was clearly the best handicap player of the championship, averaging less than 67 per round for a total of 267.

A big thank you to the whole Sanderson family for their support of the club championships, including Andrew for sponsoring the event, and Lois and the ladies for providing fingerfood at the Championships presentations.

### A Grade

Scratch Winner and club Champion:

Allen Bastin 304

Runner-Up: Tony Goodison 310

H/cap Winner: Allen Bastin 286

(c/b from Tony Goodison)

### B Grade

Scratch Winner: Ethan Bell 319

Handicap Winner: Ethan Bell 267



Club Champion Winner Allen Bastin accepts his award from Sponsor Andrew Sanderson and President Dean Campagna



Ethan Bell accepts his award from Sponsor Andrew Sanderson and President Dean Campagna

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## C Grade

Scratch Winner: Midget Hall 377

Handicap Winner: Phil Holmes 294



Midget Hall accepts his award from Sponsor Andrew Sanderson and President Dean Campagna



Phil Holmes accepts his award from Sponsor Andrew Sanderson and President Dean Campagna

## Seniors

Scratch Winner: John Southwell 317

Handicap Winner: Phil Holmes 294



John Southwell accepts his award from Sponsor Andrew Sanderson and President Dean Campagna

## Veterans

Scratch Winner: Barry McAuliffe 333

H/cap Winner: Barry McAuliffe 281



Barry McAuliffe accepts his award from Sponsor Andrew Sanderson and President Dean Campagna

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## **Juniors**

Scratch Winner: Dylan Stone 336  
Handicap Winner: Daniel Scott 282



Dylan Stone accepts his award from Sponsor Andrew Sanderson and President Dean Campagna



Daniel Scott accepts his award from Sponsor Andrew Sanderson and President Dean Campagna

## **GOLF WINNERS:**

### **Saturday 12/11/2011 Stroke – Monthly Medal – 1st Round Club Championships**

Winner Monthly Medal: Kevin Fox, Low Gross Round: Neville Allan  
Winner A Grade: Greg Allan 68 Nett, R/up: Barry Mc Auliffe 69 Nett  
Winner B Grade: Kevin Fox 65 Nett, R/up: David Warnaar 66 Nett

### **Wednesday 16/11/2011 Stableford**

Winner: Brendon Essex 41 Pts R/up: John McMillan 39 Pts

### **WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT:**

Winner- John (Midget) Hall 22 Pts Runner Up's: Trevor Cooper, Tony Goodison, Ian Hunt

### **Saturday 19/11/2011 Stroke – 2nd Round Club Championships**

Winner A Grade: Ethan Bell 67 Nett, R/up: Barry Mc Auliffe 69 Nett  
Winner B Grade: Bruce Woodward 64 Nett, R/up: Rick Harnwell 67 Nett

### **Wednesday 23/11/2011 STABLEFORD**

Winner: Glen Burns Hcp 12 45 Pts  
Twilight Resluts: Mathew Burton 24pts (C/B from Tony Holden)

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## Saturday 26/11/2011 Club Championships Rd3 - Stroke

Winner A Grade: Ethan Bell 67 Nett R/up:Kevin Sanderson 68 Nett  
Winner B Grade: Gil Arnold 68 Nett c/b Craig Henwood 68 Nett

## Tuesday 29/11/2011 – Ladies – Stableford

Winner – Julie McInnes 35 c/b R/Up – Lesley Anderson 35  
Front 9 Winner – Jean Kirkwood 18 Back 9 Winner – Marj Watts 20

## Wednesday 30/11/2011 Stableford

Winner: Des Stone Hcp 15 40 Pts  
Twilight Results: Russell Colville 20 (C/B Jack Stamp)

## Thursday. 01/12/2011 – Ladies – Stableford

Winner – Marg Martin 33

## Friday 02/12/2011 – 9 Hole Twilight

Men's Winner – Gil Arnold 21 c/b  
Ladies Winner – Carolyn Jerome 21

## Saturday 3/12/2011 Stroke/Final Rd Club Championships

Winner A GRADE: Ethan Bell 63 Nett  
Winner B GRADE: Daniel Scott 60 Nett/ Monthly Medal Winner

## Tuesday 6/12/11 – Ladies – Stableford

Winner – Lyn Patrick 38

## Wednesday 7/12/2011 Stableford

Winner: Ian Muller Hcp 17 41 Pts R/U:Neil Marsh 39pts  
Twilight Results; Winner: Damien Kelly 23Pts, R/U Steven Baker

## Thursday 9/12/11 Ladies – Stableford

Winner – Judy Brown 20  
Front 9 Winner – Gwlad Kennedy 45 Back 9 Winner – Gladys Townsend

## Saturday 10/12/2011 Stableford / Captains Trophy Rd2 / Gold Cup

Winner A GRADE: Denis Hill 41Pts R/Up: Greg Allan 39 Pts  
Winner B GRADE: Simon McKay 44 Pts R/Up: Steven Baker 39 Pts C/b

## Upcoming Events

Saturday 17/12/2011	2 Ball Ambrose followed by WGC Xmas Party
Saturday 24/12/2011	Stableford
Saturday 28/12/2011	Stableford
Saturday 31/12/2001	4BBB Stableford
Saturday 07/01/2012	Monthly Medal Stroke

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## Reminder

A reminder that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment for **quarterly membership subs** are due in January 2012.

## Golf shop 'Daylight Saving' trading hours:

<b>Monday</b>	9am till 6pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8am till 6pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am till 7pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8am till 6pm
<b>Friday</b>	8am till 7pm
<b>Saturday</b>	7am till 6pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8am till 6pm

*The above trading hours are subject to change due to Special events or adverse weather*

## Wangaratta Golf Club Course Committee 2011

Firstly a big thanks to Ian Rees for his support for the Course committee over many years & the first 6 months in 2011.

Well what a year for the course, a wet summer & a normal winter left our course extremely wet.

To David & the Board for their forward thinking in spraying our fairways with Roundup. After a patchy start, we can now see the results of that decision. With several more months left in the growing season & further selected spraying over the next few months, we can look forward to a perfect playing surface in 2012. The extremely wet summer caused a lot of disease in most greens in the North East, but again David's expertise in controlling these diseases left us with greens in the best condition ever.

A few of the many projects completed in 2011

- New foot Valve & suction line for our pumping station.
- Trees planted on each side of the fairways to mark 100m from green.
- Internal road repaired to a usable state.
- 160 new pop up sprinklers installed.

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- Fairways & green surrounds reshaped.
- Fairways fertilized twice.
- Working bees to fix up bunkers & top dress drainage lines on the 9th fairway
- 100's of hrs to prepare for the Pro-am

A few of the improvements planned for 2012

- Mounds covered with Santa Anna Couch & selected tree planting on both sides of the 8th fairway.
- Top dressing of the green surrounds.
- Improved drainage for the 1st, 6th & 16th holes.
- A new greens mower.

**Now for the biggest project this club has undertaken.**

- The Building of a new clubhouse with a sealed car park.
- New practise chipping green with bunker.
- New practise putting green.
- Construction of 2 new par 3 holes, extending the current 17th into a par 4, a new par 4 fairway using the existing 12th green, 2 new tees on the current par 4 6th hole.
- Over 1 km of paths to be constructed.

As you can see, we will be extremely busy in 2012. We have a great team in David, Ethan & Charlie looking after & continuing to improve the course. All these improvements couldn't happen without the great support of our Board, staff, committees, regular Friday volunteers & everyone else that has helped out in 2011.

Have a great Christmas & a Happy new year.

Allen Bastin  
Greens Chairman

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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.



The Hackers Prize Pool is building and you have to be playing to be in with a chance. We have had a number of unsuccessful hackers recently, namely: Daniel Scott \$375, Mark Comensoli \$390, John Charles \$405 and \$420, Des Stone \$435 and \$450, Damien Kelly \$465, Duane Kerwin \$480, Bruce Woodward \$495 Stewart Short - Nov 19th - \$510 John McMillan - Nov 26th - \$525 Geoff Webster - Dec 3rd - \$540 Bob Martin - Dec 10th - \$555

### 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 its jackpot value.

## Annual Membership Subscription

Please note if you have not paid your annual subs are now overdue. Prompt payment would be appreciated. If for some reason you are not renewing your membership could you please contact our Membership Director Mr Andrew Stevens and let him know. This will help us cut out some administration costs in regards to sending out statements of accounts.

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## Pro Shop Credit

Please note- Ball credits and vouchers issued by Alex Tahin golf professional cannot be used to pay your annual subs, competition fees or purchase alcohol. Only voucher issued from the Wangaratta Golf Club can be used to do this. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

## AUTOMATED SPRINKLER SYSTEM

### Tee signs sponsors:

Please support the following sponsors as they have supported the WGC

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## GOLFING TIPS

### ● Wood Game Tip ●

Many people complain about not being able to hit the ball well with their woods (or metals), and in particular their driver. From what I've seen poor quality contact is a major problem for many of these players.

Put a tee in the ground (without a ball) sticking up approximately 1 to 1.5 inches. You should be able to strike the tee consistently without hitting, or even brushing, the ground at all. If you miss the tee, or touch the ground in any way, don't wonder any longer why you can't hit your driver. Remember -- the longer the club, the more precision required. Practice this exercise until you can consistently clip the tee without touching the ground (*or even the grass*).

Once you get quality contact handled the feedback you get from your shots becomes meaningful. Then you can work on directional control.



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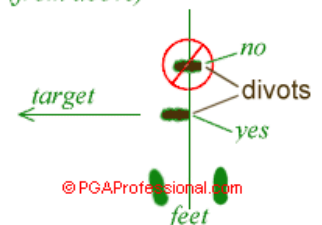
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## ● Iron Game Tip ●

A very important factor in striking the ball solidly and consistently with your irons is getting the "bottom" of your swing in front of the ball (i.e., the lowest spot in the swing's arc on the target side of the ball -- see picture ). This promotes contacting the ball before the ground (*this is a good idea*). You can develop a feel for this by scratching a line on the ground with a tee, or making a row of tees spaced about 6 inches apart, perpendicular to your target line. Straddle the line and take divots until you consistently make the divots in front of (toward the target from) the line, or row of tees. You can certainly hit balls this way too -- with the balls on the line or between each of the tees.

Once you can do this you'll hit your iron shots much more solidly and with more control.

*For right-handed player  
(from above)*



## ● Putting Tip ●

Want to be a good putter? Here are some basic fundamentals you should be practicing.

- Get a putter with a very distinct line marked on it to indicate the target line and practice with a chalk line. You can get a chalk line at any hardware store for 5 or 6 bucks, and it's as valuable a training aid as there is anywhere. Find a putt on the practice green that is straight. Snap a chalk line down from about 5 or 6 feet to the middle of the cup. Make sure that **the entire length of the line** on your putter is **exactly** on the chalk line. Start making putts. This will train your eyes to "see square" precisely.
- Keep your the pressure in your hands soft and constant throughout the stroke. Sensitivity is obviously a huge part of putting. If your hands are tight on the grip you are diminishing your sensitivity - period. Also, if your grip pressure changes during the stroke, it's probably not "a stroke" but more likely a jab, flinch, spasm, push, hit ... well, you get the point -- good luck with *that* kind of technique.
- There is no independent action in the hands. Nothing could be more logical: If you do indeed have the putter face aligned precisely, as in the first point above, the **last** thing you'd want to do is to **change** the position of the face. Therefore, your hands should not be moving independently of your arms and shoulders. To see if your hands are moving, *as a drill* try watching your hands very carefully (instead of the ball) a few times. You'll see what your hands are doing quite easily.

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There are many more (seemingly endless) details about putting, of course, but if you turn these fundamental concepts into habits it will take you a long way toward being a consistently good putter.

## Short Game Tip ●

The chip and run should be the workhorse of your short game. It is the most reliable shot around the green when you can't putt.

I would estimate that at least 95% of my short game shots (from within 20 yards of the edge of the green) are played with a chip and run technique, and the other 5% is made up of putts from off the green, pitches, and bunker shots.

Getting the ball on the ground and rolling as soon as possible greatly increases the chances of the ball's behavior being predictable. That is not to say that a chip and run is **always** very low to the ground; just as low as possible. A chip and run style shot can be played with the most lofted wedge in your bag, in which case some people might refer to the shot as a "pitch and run."

In many cases where the average golfer tries to pitch the ball up in the air, the "risk vs. reward" and the uncontrollable nature of a pitch (*especially from a marginal lie*) make it a poor choice.

## Short Game General Rules

- **Putt whenever feasible** (*i.e., IF the ball will roll rather than bounce*)
- **Chip and run when you can't putt**
- **Pitch only when you have no choice**



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Wangaratta Golf Club Logo Shirts	\$ 59.95 or 2 for \$100.00
Navika Hat Clip and marker	
Plain	\$ 19.95
Swarovski Crystal	\$ 29.95
Snake Eyes Gift Pack (Hat Clip, Marker and pitch Mark reparer)	\$ 29.95
Sure Shot GPS SS8850	\$329.00
Sure Shot GPS Micro	\$225.00
New Sure Shot Laser Lock	\$349.00
Walkerden WGC Logo Hats Floppy	\$ 23.95
Walkerden WGC Logo Hats Akubra Style	\$ 29.95
Wangaratta Golf Club Logo Towels	\$ 19.95
Ned Kelly Driver with Ned Head Cover	\$ 99.00
Maggies Driver Head Cover	\$ 39.95
Golf Gear Driving Net	\$ 89.99
Golf Gear Putting Mat	\$ 89.99
Golf Gear Traveller Cover	\$ 89.95

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I would like to take this chance to thank all of the WGC membership who have shopped and supported the Golf Shop and supported me whilst in a teaching capacity from April 2010 to October 2011. Also to the WGC Board who have supported the golf Shop with ball credits, shirts and accessories as prizes throughout the year.

A number of pricing changes that will benefit members as of 1/1/12 is for one example is the Driving Range will stay the same price for members of WGC but for the general Public will see and increase to \$15 large Bucket and \$8 for a small bucket.

A big thankyou to all the staff who have helped me: Meliesa Dean, Jan Staff, Val Guan, Margret Price, Midget Hall, Rodney Dean (for fixing carts and donating and erecting security door for the shop), and Mr reliable Geoff Lacey who as done a great job from day one.

Thankyou to all.

Just a reminder to those members who have Credits on their accounts, are to spend them as the pro-shop format will change in 2012 and goods will be limited and unobtainable.

I would like to welcome Alicia Goswell, who will be helping me in the golf shop for 2012. So don't be shy and say hello.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy and safe New Year.

Thanks  
Alex Tahin  
Golf Professional

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