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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PARKLANDS GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED

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These Blokes Are Worth...?

Early every Tuesday and Thursday morning a band of six to ten willing workers rock up to the Parklands shed for the weekly working bees; week in, week out. They put in about three to four hours work interrupted only by the all important morning cuppa, where not only do they chew over the issues of the moment at Parklands, but also have a crack at solving the world's problems. Admittedly often the discussion doesn't go much deeper than, "Everyone should play more golf!" but they have had a crack at securing world peace.

Six people working four hours twice a week is 48 hours per week. 48 hours per week at a conservative 45 weeks in the year is 2160 hours per year. What would you pay a casual gardener? \$25-\$30 per hour? Let's say we value the Parklanders at \$20 per hour. Do you know how much that is in a year? Go figure.

Presidential Notes Peter Irvin

Planning Day Sunday 23rd February 2020 at the Clubhouse from 2.00 pm to 5.00pm

My feeling is that there are many ideas out there which can see our Club move forward. I have arranged for Darren Barber to be facilitator for the afternoon. Darren has extensive experience in planning. The plan is to get all members, including life members to join in and put forward any ideas (big, small and middle-sized) with the view to develop our Club further. Talking with our members would suggest that over the years many of them have had ideas to help the Club. I would like to see these ideas and thoughts explored, so they can then be further developed and hopefully implemented in the future. The club will provide a cup of tea, coffee or a drink from the bar during a break in the meeting. Please, mark the date in your diary. If you are not able to attend you can either tell me your ideas, email me at president@parklandsgolfclub.com.au or telephone 0407 860 327



Teeing Off Edition No. 71 by John Wilkinson

Welcome to 2020. I hope you had a nice Christmas and are ready for the new golfing season. The weather has certainly been inconsistent and it has really dried out our course to where we can hit the ball a long way, but not necessarily where we want it to go. The newsletter will take on a new look from here on and I want you to still enjoy getting it. Remember, if you want anything put into the newsletter, tell me! I'm hoping for someone to offer me the numbers for the Lotto. Still waiting!

Our thanks must go to Alan Hitchcock who was our captain for the last two years and relinquished the position on 8th December. Alan was one who stepped up to do the job when no one else bothered to put their hand up. Alan took his job very seriously and was always well-organised on competition days. It isn't an easy job and you need to put a lot of time into it. It is often a thankless task. The Parklands golfers owe a big thank you to Alan for the years he put into the job. Let's hope he is able to just turn up and play the game and enjoy his golf. Well done to you Alan.

At the annual meeting we elected a new secretary for the 2020 season and we need to thank Kelly Hitchcock for her time at the job. Again, Kelly put her hand up to do the job when no other member wanted to and she too did her best and the role was contributed to in a tidy fashion without any distractions. Kelly deserves our gratitude for her service. I know she was BIG help in the office and her assistance to Alan should not go un-noticed. Thanks Kelly and also Alan, enjoy your golf.

Congratulations to Barry Oldaker who has been elected to the Captains role. Barry is a long serving member. We can look forward to see how Barry handles the job as Captain. Want some help Barry, you only need to ask!

When playing a round of golf prior to Christmas a funny thing happened at the 16th hole. There were four in our playing group and I parked my battery-operated cart alongside of the scrape. Unfortunately, it was placed in the road of another golfer and he decided to move it along. I was attending to the flag in preparation of the others playing their shots and when it came to my time to putt, I went to grab my putter. I looked around to where I had left my buggy and asked the other players 'where's my buggy gone?'. Stewart said he had to move it, but it's not there now. "No, it's not, but where is it?" I looked across to the 17th tee block and went searching for it. I found it jammed in the fence about 20 metres the other side of the 17th tee. I gathered my senses and got on with the game, but it left poor Stewart a little embarrassed but, I know he didn't mean to send it on a journey! It has a temperamental switch and turns itself on easily.

Our Christmas barbecue was great success and I must say thank you to George D for his assistance throughout the year. The barbecues were well cooked and the evening meal was a treat. The unlucky number game was accepted well, and we had few nice prizes to hand out to the lucky diners who won the prizes. Our next Barbecue tea is set down for Friday 7th February. Please feel free to come along and have a real good night. It is certainly a cheap night at \$5 per person and it is all over by 8.30pm. The salads are as fresh as a daisy and the meats are super juicy. You buy your own drinks from the bar. Put the date in your diary as you don't want to miss out on a fun night out.

The Volunteer Workers (or VWs) have been constant across the course (all year) and have it in a nice and tidy condition. We pray for the bit of rain we need at this time of the year, but our prayers are not heard by whoever it is that starts the rain. But well done VW's.

Welcome to Bill Hendry (ex NSW) retired into Hamilton and to Glenn Cogill (ex Qld). Two new golfers who will be strong members for our club. Glenn and family are working the Grange Burn Motel on Ballarat road, so send him some business. Bill will introduce his son in law, Shannon, and grandson in the short term, so watch out for them to join Parklands.

With the new footy season not too far off, Parklands will probably run a tipping competition. Those who are interested should record their names on a list or mention it to secretary Bruce. I am certain it will be a really good idea to have many involved!

Out Of The Rough by Heather Wilkinson

Happy New Year and welcome to another year of golf and hopefully as much fun as we had last year. Our Summer season commences on Monday February 3rd with a 4 club stableford event. **Please note that it is 8.30am for a 9.00am hit off time.** This will be for the duration of Daylight Savings Time to avoid the heat of the afternoon.

Some of the Ladies have been playing both Summer Time golf and on the Saturdays to swell the numbers and to keep our hand in. Congratulations to Kelly and Gaye who won the Monthly Medal, Kelly in November and Gaye in December. Well done Ladies!

I know some of our members have been having a break in South Hamilton, AKA Port Fairy, we hope you have enjoyed yourselves and come back refreshed and ready to take on another year. Lil will front up as our Captain again this year with Gaye her Deputy and we wish them well and guarantee them our support.

Finally, good golfing where ever it may be and we will see you at Parklands in February.



Committee News



Bushfire Appeal: Parklands Golf Club will make a contribution to the Bushfire Appeal. We have decided that all competition day fees from Saturday 8 February will be donated to the Appeal. The club will match, dollar for dollar, all entry fees. We are mindful that many of you will already have contributed to bushfire relief but if you wish to make an additional contribution over and above the entry fee, you are welcome to do so. We plan to contribute raised funds to the fuel and transport costs of delivering hay and fodder to bushfire ravaged areas.

Promoting Parklands: A promotional brochure has been produced to advertise our course to visitors to Hamilton. A preliminary distribution of brochures will be made to the Tourist Information Centre and selected accommodation venues.

New Member: We welcomed John Borrodell as a returning member to Parklands.

Fallen Timber: It was agreed that sawn timber suitable as firewood, collected from fallen and trimmed trees on the course, be stockpiled and used as a prize in a future raffle

Match Committee: It was agreed that Barry Oldaker, Heather Hay, Allan Flavell, Maree Cook, Peter Irvin, Gaye Goggin, Bruce Taylor and Tim Spillman comprise a match committee to assist with the running of competitions.

Golf Australia's Vision 2025: Parklands has committed to GA's vision statement and has signed up to a program called Even Par which focusses on working to encourage more women and girls into, and back to, golf. The program participants are Marie Cook, Bruce Taylor and Heather Wilkinson.



The Monthly Medal. Like a meat tray with that?

MONTH	WINNER	SCORE
April	<i>Bruce Taylor</i>	60
May	<i>Bernie Cook</i>	63
June	<i>Mark Miller</i>	69
July	<i>Steve Natrass</i>	63
August	<i>Dale Grambau</i>	65
September	<i>Alan Hitchcock</i>	67
October	<i>George Donaldson</i>	69
November	<i>Kelly Hitchcock</i>	69
December	<i>Gaye Goggin</i>	63
January	<i>George Donaldson</i>	60
February		
March		

Previously it was called the Monthly Medal. Now it is variously called “The Monthly Meat Tray”, “Your Regional Butcher Day” or the “Butchers’ Badge”. Doesn’t matter. What is important are these two things. Firstly, our Club is generously supported by Andrew and his team at Your Regional Butcher, Hamilton. Secondly, this monthly event is a much coveted prize and competition to get your name on the winners’ board is fierce. So it was for the January event with George Donaldson in scintillating form and a very worthy winner.



What Would We Do Without Them?

Spare a thought for our local businesses. Time and again they are asked to contribute to and support a significant number of organisations and causes. We at Parklands value our supporters because without them we could not do what we do; maintain and operate our club to support our members, visitors and the many casual users of the Parklands Community Course. We approach businesses often and are impressed and grateful for their ready willingness to provide support and assistance.



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Casual Hirers

Members and visitors will have noticed new signs alerting casual users of our course, to the process for paying sandgreen fees. A receipting system is in place to ensure that payment of fees can be verified. The fees are not expensive and we DO expect payment. Maintaining our course and equipment requires significant financial resources, and that necessitates all users making some contribution. Parklands is a great course for the occasional or "new to the game" golfer. We need your help to keep it that way. Whenever you can, make it known to friends, acquaintances and other contacts that there is a clear expectation that fees will be paid by casual users. This will help to overcome a perception by some in our community, that no one worries about collecting sandgreen fees at Parklands. **We do care**, and we will approach casual users to request proof of payment.

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1. Complete receipt book entry including name and date. Take your copy of the receipt
2. Enclose and seal the correct amount of money in the small envelope provided
3. Write your name and the receipt number on the envelope
4. Place envelope in the green metal box provided
5. Ensure that you carry your receipt with you, so that it can be produced when requested by a course official
6. Enjoy your round!





World Handicap System

The World Handicap System comes into effect on January 30. Trying to understand what this means for your handicap can be quite confusing. Here are a couple of snippets of information to confuse you even more!

E. CHANGED REGULATION

Maximum GA Handicap under the WHS is 54.0 for both men and women

Note: Many clubs will operate Daily Handicap limits lower than 54 (for example 36 for men and 45 for women for any/all competitions).

As a part of the transition to the WHS, your GA Handicap will be recalculated using the WHS regulations. During 30 January your new GA Handicap will then be released for your viewing on www.golf.org.au. But how much will it change by?

There are several new regulations that could impact you.

- For the vast majority of golfers, the only change that will have any effect on GA Handicaps is the shift in the position of the Multiplier, which will cause an increase of about 7%.
- But if you're trying to work out what your new GA Handicap will be, you should also consider the impact of some of the other new WHS regulations.
- One example is the new maximum GA Handicap limit.
- Another example of something to check is whether you have any 'exceptional scores' amongst your most recent 20 rounds.

Coming Up In February

- Saturday 1stYour Regional Butcher's Day
- Monday 3rdLadies Opening Day. Four club stableford. 8.30 am for a 9 am start
- Monday 3rdGlenelg Veterans Event at Hamilton GC. Registrations before 9.30 am
- Monday 17thPGC Committee Meeting. 7pm
- Wednesday 19thLady President's Gala Day at HGC. 2 Person Aggregate Stableford
- Sunday 23rdPlanning Day 2pm - 5pm

