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WE'RE ABOUT TO CUT UP ROUGH!



The Southern Grampians Shire Council's Greater Grants Program has well and truly landed Parklands Golf Club in the rough. Fortunately we will be there behind the controls of a brand new out-front mower. A \$15,000 allocation under the Greater Grants Program has allowed the purchase of this much needed addition to the Club's maintenance fleet. Our successful application was given added weight by letters of support from organisations and individuals who make use of our course. We are grateful for that support. The mower has arrived and is awaiting assembly at AJ Fraser.

Parklands Aims For Even Par

Golf Australia has outlined their plans for the future participation in the game through what is known as *Vision 2025: The Future of Women & Girls in Golf*. Parklands has signed up to a program known as Even Par that seeks to guide clubs through a process that will facilitate the involvement of more women and girls in the game. At the March committee meeting it was agreed that the Even Par sub-committee could proceed with the development of four specific action plans.

1. Leadership and Culture: Proposed a change to our constitution to incorporate a clause that states that representation on the Committee of Management cannot fall below 40% for either gender.

DISCUSSION: There was some resistance to this idea because of a concern about knocking back candidates relative to gender, difficulties associated with constitutional change and concern that we would end up with a very small committee.

OUTCOME: Agreement that action plan could continue based on possibility of a by-law to similar effect, instead of constitutional change as by-laws can be more readily changed to accommodate particular circumstances. eg lack of female candidates.

2. Grassroots: Establishment of introductory program for women interested in taking up golf. Short four to five-week non-competitive limited (5 holes maybe) novelty only events where current experienced members act as mentors for each participant.

DISCUSSION: Well received.

OUTCOME: Agreed that an action plan for this idea be developed.

3. High Performance & Coaching: Establish a short program to piggy-back off interest in golf generated by the Golf in Schools event(s) held at Parklands. Run in a similar vein to number 2 above but with emphasis on involvement of school age girls. Inclusion of partnership agreement with Hamilton College and training of community instructors

DISCUSSION: Acknowledgement that access to qualified coaching staff is limited but we have a significant number of experienced female golfers. General level of support

OUTCOME: Agreement to work up action plan on this basis.

4. Marketing & Positioning: Ensure that there are regular items and reports featuring women/girls in Facebook posts, monthly edition of Parklander and in the weekly article "Parklander Candour" in the Hamilton Spectator.

DISCUSSION: There was general agreement with this proposal

OUTCOME: Action plan to be developed on this basis.



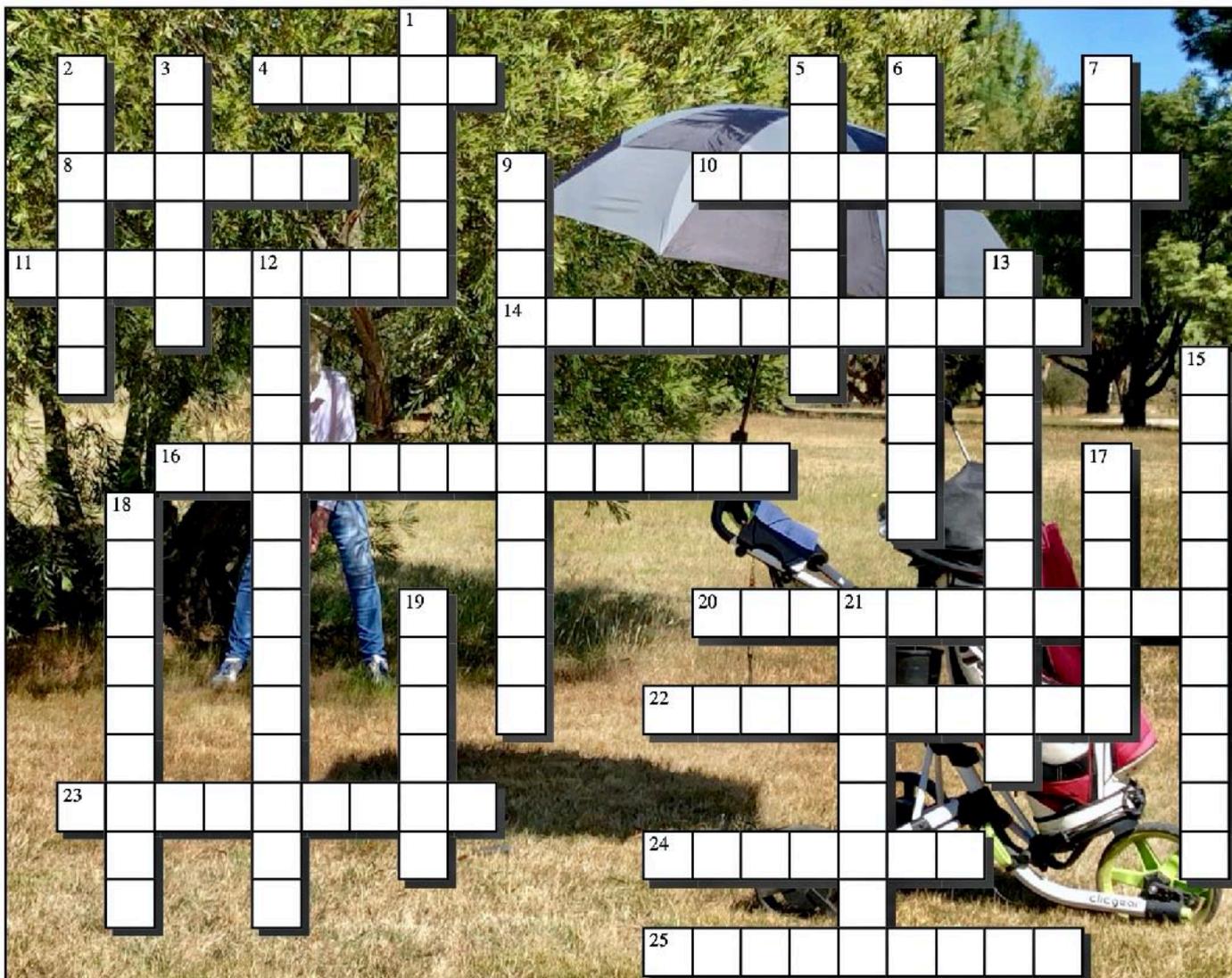
Celebrating Our Volunteer Culture

One of Parkland's great strengths is that it has a substantial number of members who are prepared to volunteer their time and skills to ensure that the club keeps humming along. Even through the COVID-19 Stage 3 lockdown necessary work continues. When we do finally step back onto the course members will notice improvements around the sandscrapes and commencement works on the reversal of holes seven and eight. They might also notice less obvious changes as individual members have added their own touch to maintenance and improvements.



Cryptic Crossword

Here's this month's challenge for those who like to take their mind for a walk. All answers are items of golfing equipment or terms commonly used at Parklands.



Across Clues

- 4) A rare bird indeed (5)
- 8) I bride juggled to keep 1 under (6)
- 10) Punch drain organised into three should get you on the dance floor (4,3,3)
- 11) A faulty pair of socks leads you to golf's holy grail (4,2,3)
- 14) A tree-lined street belongs to Alan (6,6)
- 16) First half of the weekend before you step on it (8,5)
- 20) Your hairdresser uses hedge clippers! (5,6)
- 22) You need to be one of these to solve this puzzle (10)
- 23) River horse leads confused teck to our sponsor (3,6)
- 24) Award for winning team has actor Sean ahead of the arthropod (7)
- 25) Three, two, one breaks a tie (5,4)

Down Clues

- 1) Rhythm and blues' Percy reveals this one liner (8)
- 2) Sam Robe is confused about this team event (7)
- 3) Nails it from off the dance floor (6)
- 5) Blonde road? (7)
- 6) The falcon's behind the horse shed (10)
- 7) Don't want this end of the pineapple after your drive (5)
- 9) Chew a menthol madly to win the coveted prize (7,5)
- 12) Most impressive rounds are played right here (10,4)
- 13) An exhausted kangaroo in the middle of Hensley Park Road? (3,2,6)
- 15) Conversely it accelerates your handicap.(4,7)
- 17) A real golfer doesn't use this club off the tee (6)
- 18) Spooner uses a stig flack to mark the target (4,5)
- 19) Miss Daisy's employee (6)
- 21) Trac flog reversed into a convenient conveyance (4,4)

Getting Back To Golf

We are all hopeful that a return to golf is not far away, but we will not be returning to the game as it was played before the coronavirus intervened. Golf Australia has made [numerous suggestions](#) as to how the game may be managed on resumption. Whilst many are applicable to our situation, some are not. Each club will have minor differences as to how they proceed. When we are permitted to once again play a round of golf it is likely to be via social rounds of paired players not the competitive rounds we are used to. Players will arrive, play the game and leave immediately afterwards. There will be no presentations or gathering for a cuppa or beer afterwards. It is also likely that initially at least, flagsticks, sand buckets and rakes will remain stacked in the shed. Social distancing measures will remain and personal hygiene will be a priority. As time goes by we can assume the relaxing of these arrangements, but in the meantime all Parklanders should prepare themselves for a return to a very much modified game. Here are some of the ways to be prepared:



- Make sure you have paid your annual fees; some haven't!
- Ensure that you keep informed about the latest COVID-19 restrictions
- Consider adding gloves and a hand-sanitiser to your golf kit
- Be prepared to follow match committee directions closely

A Little Light Relief



When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.



No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery



I wondered why the golf ball kept getting bigger; then it hit me.



She was only a whiskey-maker but he loved her still

A Cautionary Tale

This is what we who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, might look forward to. This is something that happened at a retirement complex. The people who lived there had small apartments, but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area. An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room, but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the handrail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance, but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him. A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts. I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.