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WELCOME TO WINTER!



Overnight and early morning rain ensured a wintry start to the first round of the Ladies Championship. Lorraine Ardley, Heather Hay and Karen Sharrock were well prepared for the conditions.

Easing COVID-19 restrictions have allowed the Ladies Championship to take place almost as originally scheduled. Round 1 was played on Monday 1 June and Round 2 on Thursday 4 June. Subsequent rounds will be played on Tuesday 9 and Thursday 11 June. Flags and rakes were returned to the course at month's end ensuring that the championship could proceed under the best possible conditions. The Mens' Championship qualifying rounds will be played on 6 and 13 June with the top eight commencing the knockout matchplay rounds in July.



Teeing Off - *Members' View*

John & Heather Wilkinson

At long last we are playing our golf again, but with some parts of the game missing because of the rules we have to deal with. It looks as if we are not too far off from getting all parts of our game back in order and the golfers enjoying the game. The Committee Executive have performed well during the COVID-19 crisis keeping the news coming through the channels, and informing us of what to do and what has been required of us, whilst waiting to get the go ahead with golf. Many of us have shown what the lay off has done to us in the interim, and some of us are really struggling with our game.

I've watched golfers with their approach shots failing to get to the scrape and the frustration of the golfer brings a smile to my face because I know exactly what they are feeling at that time. But how many approach shots are not happy to run to the edge and stop within seconds from being on the putting surface is a mystery, and then you have the opposite happen, and they run across the scrape and finish with a couple of extra shots added onto your score.

The VWs have made a real effort during the lay-off and the grasses added to the back of scrapes is a real winner. The trees have been removed for the reversal on the 7th and 8th holes and I expect a few working bees will be called to help finalise these works in the future. The weather has been reasonably kind to us and has our course in good shape and is certainly green. The VWs need to concentrate on getting the bark/sticks from the trees picked up and that is an ongoing job indeed. The scrape surfaces need a little attention as well.

The way the course is at present you are required to take a drop IF YOUR BALL IS AMONGST THE NEW GRASSES. Take your ball to the specially marked DROP ZONES near the scrapes. When you are at the drop zone, drop the ball from knee height, and then you can place your ball and play your shot to the hole.

This season you will notice we have new flags and sticks at all scrapes. These were bought through monies donated by the members. Please treat them with respect and they will last for long time and thanks to all the members for their donations.

Thanks to the men who have supported the Hamilton Race Club on race days to keep the monies coming in. The volunteers are led by Doug Ezard and their time is appreciated by the Parklands group. This work has been going on for many years and their contribution to the club funds are a godsend. A BIG thank you, boys!

Parklands has welcomed its new Iseki out-front mower. A beautiful brand new blue mower was delivered to us on 19 May, courtesy of a Southern Grampians Council Greater Grant of \$15,000 plus our own club monies. There were smiles on our President's face as he accepted the keys and log books from Anthony Sealey from A.W. Frasers. We need to have some more fellows trained how use it, and look after it. Perhaps we could do with retired farmers joining our VW's; do you think the same?

Heard on the radio that there are applications for grants available to a limit of \$1,000. Surely, we will have something to that value on our want list.

The veterans golf is in limbo at present, and this could continue on for a while as the current restrictions make the playing of veterans golf very difficult. Hopefully somewhere along the track we will be able to get a game going that will satisfy both, men and women veteran golfers.

WELCOME BACK TO THE WORLD OF GOLF LADIES. It is certainly a pleasure to be out on the course again, even if it has been under changed conditions and a little less social. For some players it has been like they were never away, however for some it has been like we have never played and I for one wondered if I ever would reach a reasonable score, but we keep on trying.

By the time this comes out championships will have commenced and unfortunately the weather is not looking promising, at least for the commencement of them. Good luck to all players and may some great scores be recorded.

Terrific to see some Ladies joining in the week day competitions, a reminder that all club competitions are now open to all members so come along and play on the nicer days while we can. Hopefully we are back in the Club House for Ladies Days by the time you read this, as gatherings of 20 are allowed after 1 June, with social distancing of course in place.

Flags and Pins are back as of 1 June. YAHOO! Remember the regulations as directed by the Match Committee and we will have them back for good.

Good hitting everyone and remember the HAND SANITISER.



Returning To A New Normal

Golf at Parklands returned on 16 May and since that time further easing of restrictions has been a trigger for that feeling that soon it will all be back to normal. It seems that whilst this is basically true some aspects of the original lockdown will be with us for quite some time. The need to maintain distance from others, fastidious hand hygiene and procedures that enable efficient contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID-19 case are here to stay for the foreseeable future. We all have a responsibility to play our part.

- Should you be feeling, in any way unwell, you should not attend a club event.
 - Flagsticks and rakes should not be used by anyone who has not followed basic hand hygiene procedures, designed to negate the possibility of transmission of the COVID-19 virus. It is the club's recommendation that each player should carry a personal hand sanitiser that can be used as required*. Whilst gloves and towels offer a form of protection they do not offer the surety of a hand sanitiser and in fact offer only limited protection.
 - In competition the use of the rakes, flagsticks and novelty equipment should be limited to as few players as possible. The lowest handicapped player in each group is responsible for overseeing this requirement. It may be that a single player agrees to be the scraper and/or flag attendant on all holes, but this responsibility can be shared provided that appropriate hand hygiene requirements are accommodated.
 - No individual player can be compelled to touch flagsticks, rakes or novelty equipment.
 - These arrangements do place a significant responsibility on the lowest handicapped player in each group. Please ensure that all of you give them your co-operation.
- *Using a hand sanitiser before and after using rakes, flagsticks and novelty equipment is the best way to avoid transmitting or acquiring COVID-19 to or from this equipment.**

Contact tracing: It is a requirement that any person playing golf at Parklands is readily contactable by health authorities in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. Members playing in competitions are covered for this eventuality in that the Club has your contact details and we know each player participating in each comp via the scorecards. Playing a practice round or having a casual hit is a different matter. Under these circumstances ***you must record your name and the date and time that you hit off*** on the sheet provided outside the office window.

Non-members must record these details in the receipt book when paying their sandgreen fees.

Please note that having the CovidSafe app on your phone **does not** exempt you from these requirements.

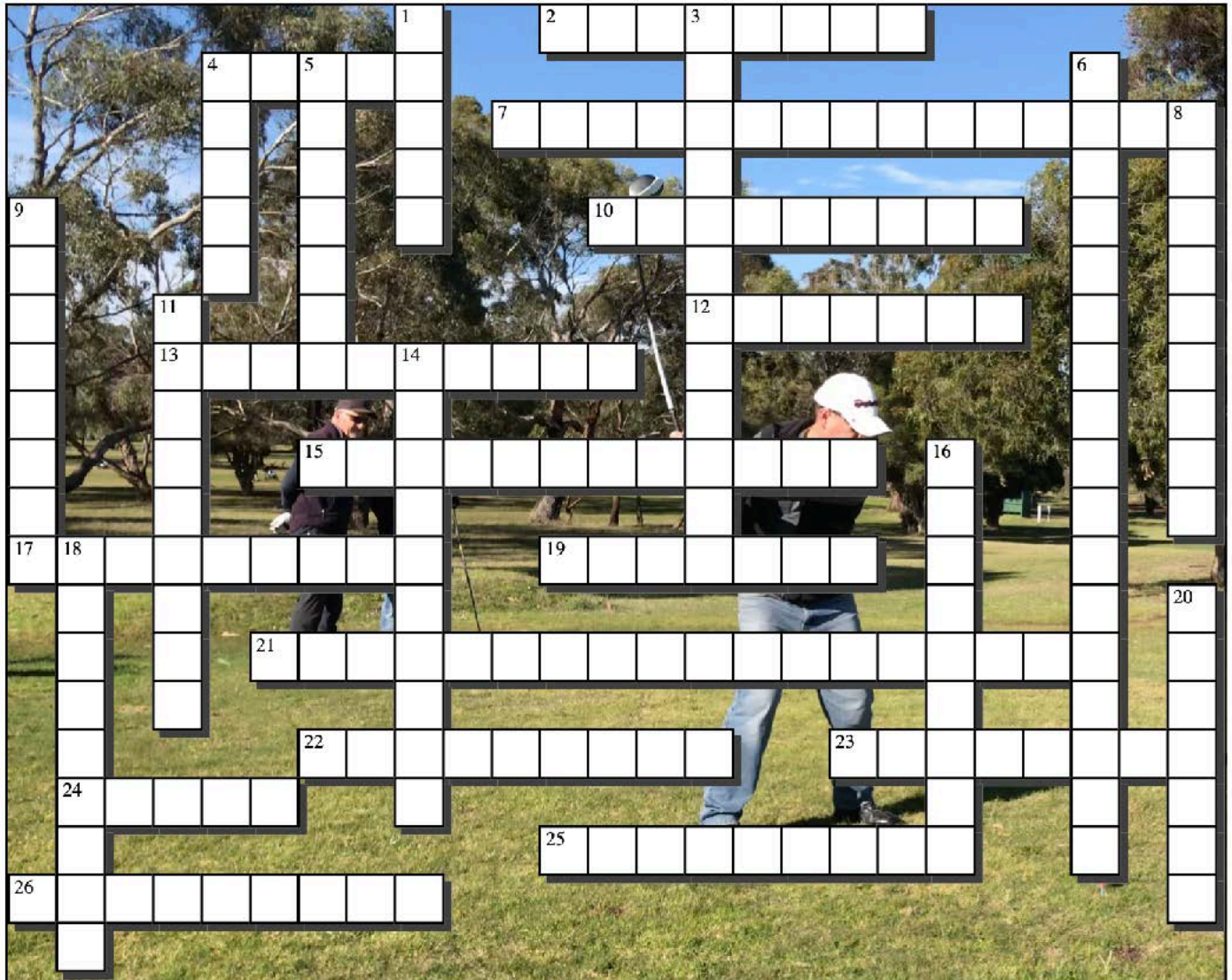


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Cryptic Crossword

Here's this month's challenge for those who like to take their mind for a walk. Bolded clues are club sponsors. All other clues relate to golf somehow or other.



Clues Across

- 2. Proceed to Larry Flint's formal dance for this critical item of equipment (4,4)
- 4. Di voted without Ed and made a clod of herself (5)
- 7. Found on the side of the Yarra? (4,2,9)**
- 10. Ew! Try rope untangled; should get some rubber on the road (9)**
- 12. Noel wins a golf ball playing with TVY (7)
- 13. An elephant's been this way I see (5,5)**
- 15. Little Metal Band plays ahead of confused stove lick (1,1,1,9)**
- 17. Timber bloke (4,5)**
- 19. Scare PR to smooth it over (7)
- 21. Home town self reason (8,10)**
- 22. This building is full of beetles! (5,4)
- 23. "I'm Pancho!" cried the excited victor (8)
- 24. Rose Smith stepped on the gas to putt, but not at Parklands (5)
- 25. Needy ranges explodes and creates a flat surface (9)
- 26. Unseeing good fortune (5,4)

Clues Down

- 1. Feeling crook? Add tea and it will make you better. Put a flag on top (5)
- 3. Trudy and Laird mind their own business (8,4)**
- 4. Dee's in front of the shower; don't go in there! (5)
- 5. Victory will owe you Sonny's far better half (7)
- 6. Richie makes up his job (8,9)**
- 8. Make Emaly confused and she will reward a good second shot (4,5)**
- 9. Rat cult added a turn and spun out to reveal Jack's business (8)**
- 11. Petite carp (6,3)**
- 14. Old fashioned chewy shows you the way (1,1,8)**
- 16. The potato gets a rails run (4,5)**
- 18. Stop yakking. Get on with it! (5,4)
- 20. Dad's mum's gig makes the scrape (7)

After all that you might like a little light relief.
Just click [here](#)

May Winners

Golf cranked up again on Wednesday 13 May. Up to the end of May we have played eleven events including the unofficial nine hole events on Fridays. Here's a rundown on those who have entered the winners circle or managed to take out a novelty prize - or both.

EVENT	WINNER	SECOND	THIRD	NOVELTIES
13/5/20 12-hole Stableford	Bill Hendry 23 points	Barry Oldaker 21	John Wilkinson 21	NTPs: Bruce Taylor, Barry Oldaker, Alex Walter LP: Bill Hendry
15/5/20 Friday Friendly	Alex Walter 30 nett	Bernie Cook 33	Phil Kosch 35	NTP: Mitch Miller B&F: Sue Irvin
16/5/20 Saturday Stableford	Allan Flavell 35 points	Phil Kosch 30	Barry Oldaker 30	NTPs: Phil Kosch, Bruce Taylor, Mitch Miller, Vince O'Brien LP: Alex Walter, George Donaldson, Barry Oldaker STRAIGHT DRIVE (SD): Mitch Miller B&F: Barry Oldaker
18/5/20 Monday Stroke	Irene Box 80 nett	Kath Hartwich 81	-	NTP: Lorraine Ardley LPs: Karen Sharrock, Gaye Goggin SD: Gaye Goggin B&F: Sue Irvin
20/5/20 Wednesday Stableford	Les Pye 24 points	Stewart Turner 23	Bernie Cook 23	NTPs: Lee Petch, John Wilkinson, Les Pye, Mitch Miller LP: Alex Walter
22/5/20 Friday Friendly	Phil Kosch 32.5 nett	Mitch Miller 33.5	Colin Stewart 33.5	NTP: Peter Irvin B&Fs: Colin Stewart, Les Pye, Alex Walter
23/5/20 Saturday Stableford	Phil Kosch 37 points	George Donaldson 32	Allan Flavell 32	NTPs: James Brown(x2), Mitch Miller, Phil Kosch, John Wilkinson, Dale Grambau LPs: Gaye Goggin, Mitch Miller, Alan Hitchcock, George Donaldson B&F: Bernie Cook
25/5/20 Monday Stableford	Jodie McGregor 29 points	Karen Sharrock 28	-	NTPs: Irene Box(x2), Marie Cook SD: Sue Irvin B&F: Jodie McGregor
27/5/20 Wednesday Stableford	Gaye Goggin 21 points	Lorraine Ardley 21	Peter Irvin 21	NTPs: Bruce Taylor, Peter Irvin LP: Bill Hendry
29/5/20 Friday Friendly	Marie Cook 31.5 nett	Phil Kosch 32.5	Bruce Taylor 33	NTPs: Bruce Taylor, Mitch Miller LP: Les Pye
30/5/20 Saturday Stableford	Allan Flavell 32 points	Laura Hitchcock 32	Barry Alvery 31	NTPs: James Brown, Mitch Miller, Jamie Ackland, Barry Oldaker, Vince O'Brien LPs: Dale Grambau(x2), Les Pye, Barry Alvery





Just So You Know

- The Committee has re-affirmed that regular weekly club events at Parklands are open to both men and women. There are exceptions of course; the Men's and Ladies Championships and some of our tournament and special events/trophies may be gender specific.
- It has been confirmed that Parklands will host the Veterans' Sandgreen Championships in 2021 following the cancellation of the 2020 event.
- Parklands has applied to host the 2022 Victorian Sandgreen Championships.
- Application has been made to the recently announced Community Sport Package Stream 2 - Clubs. Grants are to the value of \$1000.
- Parklands Golf Club turns 50 in 2022.

Rule School

Can you ground your club in the drain? Short answer: Yes. Long answer below:



Ball in Penalty Area

Penalty areas are defined as either red or yellow. This affects the player's relief options (see [Rule 17.1d](#)).

Player May Play Ball as It Lies in Penalty Area or Take Penalty Relief

The player may either:

- Play the ball as it lies without penalty, under the same Rules that apply to a ball in the general area (which means there are no specific rules limiting how a ball may be played from a penalty area), or
- Play a ball from outside the penalty area by taking penalty relief under [Rule 17.1d](#) or [17.2](#).

