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PARKLANDER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PARKLANDS GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED

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2020 Men's Champion: Phil Kosch

Teeing Off - *Members' View* John & Heather Wilkinson



We are well on our way with half of our season gone, with little of the social side of golf being entertained, but what golf we have played has mostly resulted in having one player made happy with the result. Our members must surely be looking forward to this virus getting itself knocked out and out of our way and us enjoying the social side that we all enjoy but are missing dreadfully!

Looking for a circular saw that has vanished from the workshop. I brought my old saw to the workshop and was looking for it and unable to locate it recently, as I wanted to use one at my home. Anyone have any ideas as to where it may be?

The 4BBB day was a success and the weather was also on target and at times a sweater was not needed as the sun shone on our patch.

Congratulations to the winners and I understand some teams actually carded some very nice scores. Thanks to all players including some neighbouring teams that made the day a success. I thought the course played well on the day and I hope the visitors enjoyed it too.

Secretary Bruce did an excellent job in having the fields timed for their hit-offs and the day went off very well indeed, a big pat on the back to you, Bruce!

The sandscapes were made more acceptable with some screening added in the days prior to the event. When you come off a course that has greens it is often difficult to accept that scrapes are another form of playing golf and you need to approach the game with different tactics. I'm sure the game was new to many of those players, but I hope they enjoyed the experience and hope they will turn out for any future golf at Parklands. Perhaps we should have another day of 4 ball, and see how popular it can be, as it could be a lifesaver for our club. Just think about it, you have 12 teams entered (by 4 persons) @ \$60 per team = \$720 less prizes and come out with profit, you have credit for the bank?

The VW's have done a great job in getting the course in a reasonable condition for playing golf, and if we didn't have volunteers to inject their time in to the work needed to keep our course in the condition we now have it, I think that many of you would be not playing golf at Parklands – in fact you may not have a Parklands golf course at all.

Some work was carried out by Walkers with the removal of the tree stumps in preparation for the reversal of holes 7 and 8. It is noticeable where the new eighth scrape is going. The new 7th tee off will be around the area of the current 8th scrape and the new 7th putting area will be put in place near the current 8th tee off. You are then able to walk across to the new 8th tee which will be built in place of the old 7th scrape. If this is confusing, you will need to wait for the works to be completed!

I mentioned in the last edition of Parklander, the idea of ALL GOLFERS carrying a sand bucket with some dirt and filling in where other golfers have not filled in their divots. Still noticed many divots over the weekend that were not replaced by dirt, and if you do not fill in the divots our course will not meet the high standard that many think it should.

Perhaps a new look at playing our golf could be if the fellows could partner up with a lady and go around with them, as a change to the regular golf we now play. A talk and listen with the ladies is another way of finding out what each other is thinking and some ideas can be learned and if you listen to them, I am sure you will learn something you did not know? There are things the ladies would like to see over the course, and they can mention them to you!

Finally, it's nice to play golf, but when there are two Bill's playing in the four it can be confusing. So, Cooky and I referred to them as Bill Senior (Evans) and Bill Junior (Hendry), and we had a really nice day, except for the scoring, which we will improve on!

To all Essendon supporters, keep on the trail to no-where. Sorry Les that your team is struggling, like mine is, but at least I think next season is coming, and who knows what will happen to us?



Ladies News

Welcome back to Stage 3 Lockdown Ladies; what a ride we are having this year. I can only imagine this was not in your thoughts as you celebrated New Year's Eve. The benefit of this time around is that we can play social golf for exercise, so give someone a call and get out on the course and keep your hand in.

Numbers for golf prior to the lockdown were very good and again it was great to see Ladies participating on all the golf days. Thank you to Heather, Gaye and Marie for keeping the ship sailing on our Mondays and we can't wait to get back to our competitions.

Who was the Lady who lost her pen on the 17th Fairway and spent a short time searching in the short rough with the help of her playing partner? Thankfully her partner looked in the sand bucket and lo and behold there was the pen! The culprit's initials are the same as Los Angeles, and yes, I did tell her she would make the newsletter.

Our love and sympathy go out to Lorraine and her family on the death of her loved Mother, we are all thinking of you Lorraine and sending a virtual hug.

Given the uncertainty of the immediate future a decision has been made to cancel this year's Ladies trip away. This is of course disappointing, but understandable. Let's look forward to a brighter 2021.

Finally, Ladies, stay safe and strong through this time, remember we are here for each other and we will make it through to the other side. If you are feeling down pick up that phone and give someone a call; it always helps.

Until we are all back together, HOOROO.

Lockdown 2.0

Well at least this time we can play golf! It is very difficult to go back to where we were under even more stringent conditions in some circumstances. The wearing of masks when leaving home will be with us until at least September 14; possibly longer. Competitive golf has been abandoned to a similar date in the future although there are no guarantees that we will see competitive golf before Christmas. The remainder of 2020 looks like a pretty bleak landscape for those who love both the competitive aspects of the game and the social contact with fellow golfers. Given the circumstances we are in, the Executive Committee has decided to abandon the 2020 Annual Tournament. In addition both the Annual Ladies Trip Away and the Volunteer Workers' Golf Day have been cancelled for this year.

The executive is attending to administrative and operational matters as they arise because we are unable to gather for our monthly committee meetings. Monthly financial and other relevant reports will be emailed to all committee members so that the executive remains accountable. Consideration is being given to the possibility of holding online meetings should the meeting restrictions continue beyond mid-September. Members concerned about any aspect of Club operations should contact a member of the executive. Members of the executive are Peter, Marie, Tim, Bruce, Barry and Heather (Hay).

The volunteer workers are attending to necessary grounds maintenance by working in pairs on tasks allocated by Barry (head of the match committee). Regular Tuesday and Thursday working bees have been abandoned and will be replaced with specifically assigned tasks to be carried out by paired volunteers on a day and at a time that suits them.



This Month's Crossword



ACROSS

- 1) Whose name is the sign writer adding to the honour board in the photo (10)
- 5) Wilky is missing this power tool (11)
- 7) When Les finished second in a Wednesday stableford he scored how many points? (9)
- 8) Name the sign writer who has updated our honour boards (10)
- 12) What is dispensed by the dispensers recently installed in the Parklands' toilets (14)
- 15) The number of windows in the locked down house (5)
- 16) Who from Grampians Garden Supplies offered to spruce up one of our garden beds? (11)
- 18) The scientific name for The Australian Magpie (16)
- 19) The player who finished second in no fewer than four July events (10)

DOWN

- 2) Given that the committee can no longer meet, who is running the show? (9)
- 3) What is one thing that the golfers in "Do you know your Parklanders?" have in common? (12)
- 4) Who heads the match committee? (5)
- 6) What ABBA hit features as one of the answers in the crossword in the June edition of Parklander" (12)
- 8) We're all wearing these! (5)
- 9) The Executive have abandoned this annual event (10)
- 10) A single species of this weed was recently removed from the Parklands course (15)
- 11) Bill Junior's surname (6)
- 13) An American city has the same initials as one of our women golfers. Name the city. (10)
- 14) The number of metres back you would have to move the blue tees on the seventh to make it a 400m par 4 (5)
- 17) What's the recommended colour cap to wear in magpie swooping season? (5)

July Winners

Up to the end of July we had played eighteen 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
01/07/20 Wednesday Stableford	Bruce Taylor 29 points	Bernie Cook 28	Phil Kosch 27	NTPs: P.Kosch, John Wilkinson, B.Taylor, D.Rendell LP's: A.Walter
04/07/20 Monthly Medal *Allan Flavell 74 nett	Vince O'Brien 75 nett	Bernie Cook 76	Chris Morey 78	NTPs: V.O'Brien, B.Taylor LP: John Wilkinson x2, Bernie Cook, A.Flavell LD: V.O'Brien
06/07/20 Monday Stableford	Marie Cook 31 points (c/b)	Jodie McGregor 31	-	NTPs: M.Cook x2, T.Salter LP: J.McGregor, H.Hay B&F: H.Hay
08/07/20 Wednesday Stableford	Barry Oldaker 23	Bruce Taylor 22	Les Pye 21	NTPs: Allan Hitchcock, B.Oldaker x2 LP: P.Kosch
10/07/20 Friday Stroke	Alex Walter 29.5 nett	Phil Kosch 32	Les Pye 32.5	NTP: P.Kosch B&F: Stewart Turner
11/07/20 Saturday Stroke	Steve Nattrass 73 nett	Peter Irvin 74	Vince O'Brien 77	NTPs: James Brown x2, Peter Irvin, Les Pye, Barry Oldaker LPs: Les Pye, Barry Elvery
13/07/20 Monday Stroke	Jenny Row 78 nett	Mary McCallum 81 c/b	Gaynor Eats 81	NTPs: Maureen Darling, Jenny Row x2, Toby Salter LP: Mary McCallum, Heather Wilkinson LD: Mary McCallum B&F: Marie Cook
15/07/20 Wednesday Stableford	Barry Oldaker 27 points c/b	Les Pye 27	Heather Wilkinson 27	NTPs: Geoff Holcombe, Phil Kosch, Les Pye LP: Barry Oldaker
17/07/20 Friday Stroke	David Rendell 30.5 nett	George Donaldson 32	Barry Oldaker 33.5	NTPs: Alex Walter, Stewart Turner LP: John Wilkinson LD: Phil Kosch
18/07/20 Saturday Stroke	Allan Flavell 73 nett c/b	Steve Nattrass 73 c/b	Marie Cook 73	NTPs: A Hitchcock x2, Peter Irvin, Bruce Taylor, Marie Cook LPs: David Rendell, Steve Nattrass, Alex Walter, John Wilkinson
20/07/20 3-Person Irish Stableford	Mary McCallum, Jenny Row, Heather Wilkinson 70 points c/b	Irene Box, Lorraine Ardley, Kath Hartwich 70	-	NTPs: Marie Cook x2, Toby Salter, Irene Box LPs: Jodie McGregor, Kath Harwich, Irene Box
22/07/20 Wednesday Stableford	Stewart Turner 26 pts	Bernie Cook 24 c/b	George Donaldson 24	NTPs: Peter Irvin, Barry Oldaker LP: Peter irvin
24/07/20 Friday Stroke	Phil Kosch 32 nett	Barry Oldaker 32.5	John Wilkinson 33	NTP: Bruce Taylor LD: Marie Cook LP: Richard Sharrock



25/07/20 Saturday Stableford	Allan Flavell 33 points	Marie Cook 32 c/b	Ashley McDonald 32	NTPs: ,Allan Hitchcock, Ash McDonald x2, Barry Oldaker, George Donaldson, Graeme Torney LPs: Ash McDonald, Steve Nattrass, Marie Cook, Barry Oldaker LD: Heather Wilkinson
27/07/20 Monday Stableford *4 clubs only	Karen Sharrock 30 points	Irene Box 29	-	NTP's: Irene Box, Gaye Goggin x2, Marie Cook LPs: Gaye Goggin, Jenny Row SD: Toby Salter B&F: Toby Salter
29/07/20 Wednesday Stableford	Bruce Taylor 30 pts	Bernie Cook 27	Marie Cook 25 c/b	NTPs: Peter Irvin, Bruce Taylor LP: Bruce Taylor
31/07/20 Friday Stroke	Bruce Taylor 31 nett	Barry Oldaker 34 c/b	David Rendell 34	NTP: Peter Irvin LP: Karen Sharrock LD: Karen Sharrock



Just So You Know

- Angela Rouse from Grampians Garden Supplies, has offered her business' services in renovating the garden bed adjacent to the clubhouse veranda, free of charge!
- Honour boards have been updated by Warrnambool's Mark Struth who has a remarkably steady hand. Quite probably a deadly putter!
- The course was recently inspected for the presence of serrated tussock. The good news is that a single specimen was identified and summarily dispatched!
- Our multi-skilled President has installed paper towelling dispensers in all toilets requiring one. We are now compliant with the most effective hand-washing and drying facilities under COVID-19 recommendations.
- They're back! A number of Cracticus tibicen (Australian magpie) are now breeding, so watch yourself out on the course. White caps are apparently less threatening to them than dark colours. Unfortunately there is nothing that can deter the more dangerous Cracticus collywoblyis (Collingwood supporter). Despite valiant efforts to deter this pest by hard working Parklanders, they still persist!

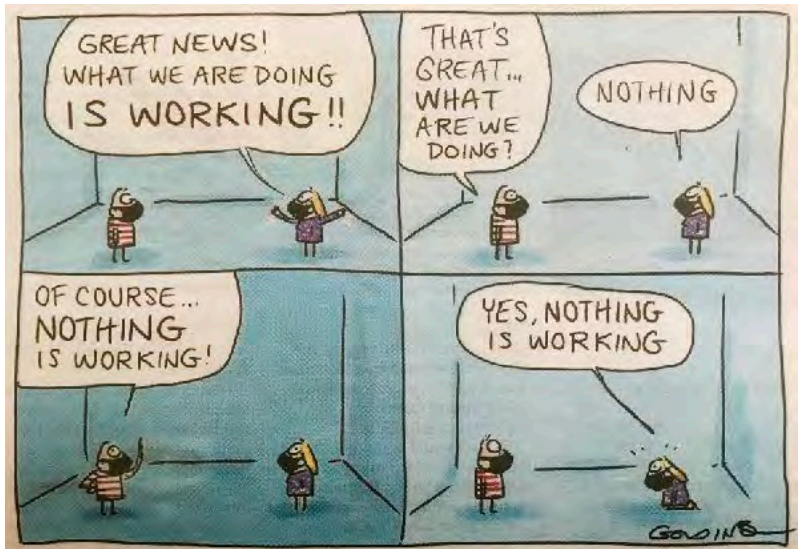


Do You Know Your Parklanders? *Answers*



Last Month's Crossword. *Answers*





Final Word

We are living through grim times indeed. No-one knows when, or even if our lives will return to that normality we left just five months ago, or to some other kind of new normal that we will need to adjust to.

By now we are all surely missing not just competitive golf, but that regular close contact with extended family, friends and regular acquaintances. We've all had to stop ourselves from the firm handshake, the comforting arm around disconsolate shoulders or the congratulatory embrace of a true friend.

It's tough. Some of course have it tougher than others. These people are facing their challenges significantly more isolated than others.

We at Parklands pride ourselves on being a welcoming club and many members in the early days and weeks of their time at Parklands, have attested to that sense of being accepted as part of the mob.

A fellow member remarked recently that they were catching up with a friend to play the permissible round of social golf. They remarked that, "We need to make sure those who live alone get to play and still connect with our members." That's community isn't it?

All of us need to be mindful of the other. Maybe it's a round of golf, perhaps a phone call or even just a text message. In the absence of physical contact it's all we have.

In the meantime we just keep going. Whilst we certainly will get to the other side the uncertainty of what we will find there remains. Like the golfer deep in the rough, we instinctively know that sometimes the only way is through.

