



From the President

MARCH 2015

Dear Members,

As this is our first newsletter for 2015 may I wish each one of you a happy new year.

It is now ten months since the new golf course at Gardiners Run opened and we have witnessed some remarkable improvements in the condition of the course. The Santa Ana couch on the fairways is really taking hold, the areas off the fairways have been sprayed out and we are seeing the development of the natural couch which will eventually dominate the rough, the greens are picking up some speed and subtle turns and the trees are really starting to establish themselves with many of the Casurina pines already over 3 metres tall. There is no doubt that we will continue to see many changes to the landscape over the coming years. I am sure that all members are enjoying the excellent playing conditions on our golf course and have noticed the extensive drainage works being undertaken to address the 'wet spots' that we identified last winter.

We ask that members refrain from driving motorized golf carts through the rough, across the surrounds of greens or park them on the edges of greens and tees. This will help protect these areas and in particular protect the young natural couch that we are trying to promote to strengthen our rough. We ask that cart users follow the 90 degree rule when approaching balls in the rough; drive up the fairway to level with where you believe your ball is in the rough, get out of your cart and walk to your ball. Please read the cart rules that are displayed in all hire carts and if you are not sure about where carts are permitted please speak to our staff at Gardiners Run. Your assistance in helping us to maintain the course in its best possible condition would be appreciated.

Golf membership numbers continue to grow and after a slight decline following the annual fee renewal date in October have returned to the mid 420 mark that we achieved around September last year. Expectations are that these numbers will continue to increase as the course improves. Green fees are also exceeding our initial expectations as the word gets around that this is a very enjoyable and welcoming course to play at.

We have hosted a number of larger groups on the course during February including Round 2 of the Eastern Suburbs Senior Pennant and the Golf Managers Victoria Golf day. The feedback from both groups that consisted of members and officials from a wide range of Metropolitan Clubs has been excellent with the general consensus being one of congratulations and surprise at the very good condition of such a young course. On Sunday March 15th we hosted the opening round of Golf Victoria's Division 5 Mens Pennant Season and again many favourable comments were passed on to us by competing teams. In this regard I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of our Course Superintendant, Alan Greatorox and his team from Densal for their efforts to present the course so well and also to our Clubhouse staff for their welcoming demeanour and outstanding service that they are providing to both members and guests.

Once again may I request that all members be mindful of how fortunate we are to have such an outstanding facility and respect the requests of our ground staff and golf committee to look after our course by following simple instructions such as keeping motorized golf carts on the paths and fairways and not driving them in the rough, repairing divots and pitch marks and raking bunkers.

Back at our headquarters at Kingswood Drive our Bowls and Tennis members are in the midst of their Inter Club competition season and are enjoying their improved facilities as well. Planning for the refurbishments of the buildings on this site is well under way and we hope to be starting the physical work by the end of 2015. Recently the Board has employed professional consultants to undertake feasibility studies to ensure that the design of our reconfigured buildings will match our needs. A huge amount of data has been gathered relating to the projected demand and usage of the various components of this project and the anticipated return on our investment to ensure that we give ourselves the opportunity to get the maximum 'bang for our buck'.

We are constantly in intense discussions with our architects as we fine tune the design to meet our requirements and our budget. As we get closer to our final plans, consultation will take place with members of our consultative committee and a members' information night will be scheduled to communicate our plans to those of you who are interested.

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On a celebratory note, on February 12th our General Manager, Barbara Kelly, achieved a major milestone when she reached her 25 year anniversary since she was employed by the Club. Over the past number of years the Board has acknowledged not only Barbara's efficient and effective management of the Club's business activities but also the significant contributions she has made to the progress and growth of our Club. Once again, on behalf of the Board of Management and the members, I would like to reiterate our good fortune in having her as our General Manager and express our gratitude to her for her commitment and efforts. Well done Barbara.

It has been very pleasing to see the positive response that we have received following the explanation of the conditions of our Bistro Levy in the last quarter's newsletter and the many members who have consequently visited the Club's centre at Kingswood Drive and enjoyed their meals in the Bistro. Thank you to those who have taken up this invitation and may I encourage you to again consider our Club's offerings for your future dining and entertainment needs.

The purpose of our Club is to provide the best possible sporting facilities for our members. Our business activities serve to support this purpose, so may I wish all members an enjoyable and successful experience over the coming months whilst the weather is so conducive to enjoying the sports that we love.

Lastly, it is with much regret that I must inform you that, due to personal reasons, our Manager of Gardiners Run, Garrick Aird, has tendered his resignation, effective 6th April, 2015

Garrick began his employment as our Golf Facility Manager on April 1 2014 and has made a huge contribution towards the setting up, opening, development and ongoing operation of all aspects of the Club's business at Gardiners Run. His tireless work ethic and easy to get along with nature have been major factors in the successful membership growth, green fee numbers and facility development that we have experienced in our first 11 months of operation and the Board of Management is sincerely grateful to Garrick for his commitment and contributions to the Club.

Garrick has expressed how much he has enjoyed the job and values the experience that he has gained and the relationships that he has formed during his time at Gardiners Run.

The Board of Management asks that members respect Garrick's privacy with his decision and on their behalf wish Garrick and his family a happy and successful future.

A process to find a suitable replacement for Garrick has been initiated by the Board and Members will be advised of its progress as the process unfolds.

Best wishes

Bruce Bower
President CPCC



Chirnside Park Country Club 3rd Annual

Family Fun Day



Good Friday
10am - 4pm

FREE ENTRY

- **Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt**
- **Sporting Competitions**
- **Jumping Castle**
- **Face Painting**
- **Live Entertainment**
- **Market**
- **Auction**
- **Sausage Sizzle**
- **Wine Tasting**
- **Psychic**

Contact us for any enquires about the day or holding a stall.

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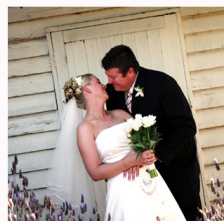


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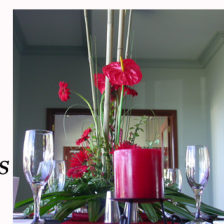
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Tennis News

After the summer break it hasn't taken long to get back into the swing of things. Summer season comp resumed at the end of January and at the time of writing we have finished the home and away rounds and we are preparing for the finals. Hopefully we will have around 5 teams representing the club at the pointy end of the season. I wish them all the best.

Our Junior Convenor Dean Thomas will be stepping aside at the end of this season. Dean has done a superb job over the last 5 years. We have a large junior program and it requires good organisation and structures along with much patience. Dean has excelled in all of these areas. On behalf of the club I would like to thank and congratulate him for his service to the club. His time and energy he brought to the position has been greatly appreciated.

Taking up the role of Junior Convenor for the Winter season will be Steven Pope and Clare Raymant. Steve and Clare will bring much tennis experience to the club. I look forward to working with them. Good Luck guys.

Around the grounds there has not been a lot happening. The grass has established itself between the new court and the porous courts and it looks great. The porous courts have struggled over the hotter months but they are holding up ok. It is important to keep the water up on then during play. The new court 6 has been used frequently which is great to see. Plans for the next stage of development are well advanced and I will report these when they become available.

Teams for winter competitions are due now so please get your registration forms in asap.

Until next time.

Graeme Hill

Tennis Captain

Bowls News

Well the pennant season is over and we had a good year based on the following:

Midweek Pennant:

All teams held their place and two teams reached the finals and won has received promotion and a section flag and still off against other teams / sections around Melbourne.

Saturday Pennant:

Not a perfect year with the second team going to Div 4 but upon reflection they had a hard draw but we expect a lot from you next season. We did have one team in the finals and well done to them even though they did not achieve promotion they will also be a force to be reckoned with next year. Our congratulations should go to our two new singles champions Adam Patrick for the men and Ann Ingram both represented the club in the Eastern Ranges play offs.

During January and February our Saturday Pennant teams managed to get three 8's your badges will be presented at the AGM. For the golfers reading this it is the equivalent of a team each getting a hole in one and which probably only happens to 1% of all players in their lifetime.

Our membership over the season has increased as has our social activities on Wednesday nights, let's all try to encourage new members for next year in the offseason by inviting friends and other bowlers for Winter bowls on Saturdays and our two bowl triples tournament.

We will be having some personal coaching during the winter too so look out for the sheets at the front and put your name down. The club has the facility to take slow motion pictures of your action for you and the coach to review. Remember a 5% improvement in your bowls will mean more bowls in the head.

The renovation of number 2 green was done over the Christmas period and the green looks perfect however those that play on rinks 9 and 16 are well aware that there is some more work to do next year. Subject to rain the green has run at approx. 14 seconds plus, which is far better than the past and is a credit to our new green keeper.

The new carpet on green number 1 is running well and gives us the chance to practice 7 days a week, which some do on a regular basis. Although Thursday afternoon or evening is the designated time please come anytime you have a spare moment.

Yes the club has a new image with our new club shirts which look really good; we have new score boards which make the club look more professional and not least the new retractable blinds which have helped Green 2 from excessive shade problems which have occurred in the past. The volunteers have again made the club what it is a very friendly social club which takes its sport very seriously but can still maintain a friendly atmosphere.

Gerry Allen

Bowls President

\$10 MARCH MADNESS

**Chicken Parma
Chicken Schnitzel
Fried Flathead Tails
Grilled Flathead Tails
Roast of the Day
Spaghetti Bolognese
Penne Carbonara
Pumpkin Risotto
Satay Skewers
Beef Burger**



Monday—Wednesday for Lunch & Dinner.

Not valid with any other offer

Wine Club

2015 is well under way and we have held our first function being the Bowls & Burgundy event in conjunction with the Bowls Club. This once again proved to be a popular night with 57 attending. Matt Jenkins from 4 Directions Cellar in Lilydale provided a tasting of his wines sourced from various small wineries. He spoke of his experience as a Wine Maker in both Australia and of all places Malta. For 5 years he made a vintage in both countries each year spending 6 months here and 6 months in Malta. Matt added another dimension to the evening.



The annual port bottling was held on Sunday 15th March 2015 in the Wine Club Cellar once this was completed we moved to the Bistro for lunch. The bottling as always was well organized by the cellar master with a bit of fun thrown in.

The Committee has checked out the cost of running a bus trip to the Rutherglen area but lacked the numbers to proceed with a large bus and driver. However, thanks to the generosity of a member, we have organized a smaller bus which he volunteered to drive. This will take place on the weekend of 18th/ 19th April.

The Annual meeting will be held in May with the date being notified by the Club. Keep in mind that we will require some new Committee members for the coming year.

Bert Patrick
Wine Club President

FREE BINGO

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

72 Eyes Down 10am 26

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20 games On Now!

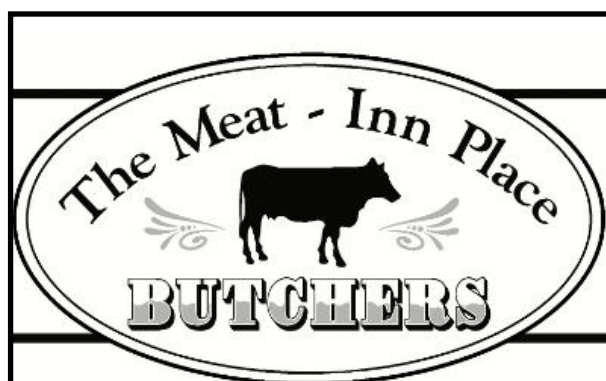
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