



RECENT RESULTS

Melville Glades Amateur Open

Nett Runner Up: R Edwards LKCC 143 c/b
Nett WINNER: J Martino WAGC 143 c/b
 Gross Runner Up: N Saraceni MLGC 142
Gross WINNER: M Foster HCC 141
 Champion of Champions: M Dennis RPGC 144

Matchplay Championship

Gross Winner: D Warburton
 Gross Runner Up: M Stubbs
Nett Winner: M O'Donnell
 Nett Runner Up: C Spinella

Foursomes Championship:

Gross Winners: N Goodall & E Dennis
 Gross Runners Up: W Koh & S Liew
 Nett Winners: P Watson & B Aldrich
 Nett Runners Up: T Smith & R Ford

HOLES IN ONE

Matthew Hollington 9th
 Robyn Freeman 14th
 Bev Hayes 17th
 Derek John 5th
 Malcolm Downes 17th
 Angela Freeman 17th
 Lyn Burking 17th
 Charl Grobbelaar 14th
 Jeff Matthewson 5th
 Ray Davies 17th
 Jim Sharpe 17th
 Gordon Calvert 14th
 Winson Iskandar 14th
 Derek Hampson 14th
 Caroline Marshall 14th

LADIES

Ladies Knockout Singles:

Div 1: J Spencer
Div 2: J Hassen
Jubilee Foursomes:
 M Facius & M McDonald

Congratulations



To Rob Smith and Peter Boggs who both received Certificates of Merit at the AGM for their outstanding voluntary service to the Club.



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From the President - Bill Heron

It is now some few months since the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held late in March and I would like to thank all members who attended together with those who placed an absentee vote. In the time that I have been a member (I joined in 1975) this was the best attended AGM in my memory.

Members will recall from the Notice of Meeting that we had a full agenda which involved new Directors for all committees, as well as a number of amendments to the Constitution, the latter which needed to be passed by at least 75% of votes cast. I am pleased to be able to say all amendments were passed with a significant surplus over the majority required under the Constitution and we can now feel satisfied that we have a workable document that is up to date.

At the same AGM, members expressed their dissent to the way in which the Board is perceived to make recommendations for Life Membership. Your Board will be revisiting the process and the whole concept of Life Membership, over the next few months, in an endeavour to avoid the concern and embarrassment that defeat of such a proposal brings to all concerned.

With the season now well underway we are all looking forward to some rain. In the meantime however, we have the privilege of enjoying the course in the best condition it has been for many years. We owe a debt of gratitude to Greens Superintendent Eric Dennis and his staff, without overlooking the great guidance given by Tom Ditz and his Course Committee, all of whom have worked very hard to get the course in the condition we can all now enjoy.

The Directors will report separately on events in their area of responsibility, but I would also like to reflect on the excellent work being carried out in the Clubhouse, with Sonja and her staff promoting a number of new innovations for the benefit of members. It is most pleasing to see the good roll-up that we now have on a Friday evening.

Whilst our membership is slightly in advance of last year it would be a great benefit for the Club if we could increase our numbers by around 50 new members and we will shortly be undertaking a targeted advertising campaign with that aim in mind.

In closing I would like to wish all members good golfing for the rest of the season.

From the Vice President- Andrew Simpson

I recently had the privilege of spending time in Scotland and playing on some famous courses including the 'old' course at St Andrew's, Carnoustie, Royal Dornoch and Kingsbarn. Being traditional 'Links' courses, the style of play is vastly different to our golf. There is the need for 'bump and run' golf (the greens are very hard and fast, but at least you don't need to worry about fixing pug marks), and the absolute need to avoid pot-hole bunkers. In most cases, it is hard to get a swing in these beasts, let alone get it out in the direction of the green. The air turned blue on many occasions as we negotiated our way around, particularly on days when the wind gusted at about 50k per hour. I also took the time to talk to members of the clubs, to get a feeling on how their clubs operate. It proved to be somewhat different to Australian private golf clubs.

- * Membership fees are quite cheap, in many cases less than 50% of what we pay in Australia. It is therefore very common to be a member of several clubs.
- * More than 50% of income is derived from visitors green fees, which are expensive. However, there is no limitation, and visitors seem to fit in between members. Basically, all courses seem to be open to the public as long as they are willing to pay handsomely.
- * Men's and Ladies golf is very separate. At Royal Aberdeen, the Ladies not only have their own clubhouse, but also a separate 'shorter' course, which they are encouraged to use.
- * Most of the courses are 'natural' and you basically just mow the bits down the middle. Thus the cost of maintenance is much lower.
- * Due to increasing work constraints, they are also having problems attracting younger members.

Apart from these differences, golf remains a huge pastime in Scotland and the number of courses per capita is much greater than Australia. This is surprising when you remember that for at least six months a year it is very cold and rainy, and at least by our standards, the conditions are often not suitable for golf. Most importantly, the Scots were wonderful hosts, and I would certainly recommend a visit by anybody interested in seeing the 'home' of golf.

Back at Melville, our membership program remains strong, and we have consistent intake of new members. At this month's New Members Night, it was very pleasing to see that many of the new members were in the 'young' category. The 'social' membership category, which allows 12 games per year, should also prove attractive to busy people.

Finally please respond to the current member's survey. This provides us with valuable information, to meet our program for continuous improvement in service to the members.

Christmas in July Saturday 15th July

* Traditional Festive Buffet with all the trimmings

* Special visit from Father Christmas!

* \$35.00 pp— Includes entertainment by musical duo "After Hours"

* Please book your table at the office asap

* All tickets must be purchased in advance

* Lucky door prize!

* Dancing



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*=MGGC Member

Junior Report

I take this opportunity to thank all the businessmen who put their hands in their pockets to support Matt Jager for his trip to America to play in the World Junior Championships. Matt is currently the Number 1 Australian Junior and has also been invited to play in other tournaments while he is in America. We wish Matt all the best for his trip.

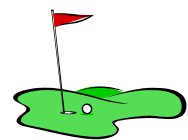
For the first time in a number of years, MGGC entered a girl's pennant team on their own, with Jemma Partridge, Aimee Woosnam, Catherine Davies, Whitney Harvey and Kirsten Silvey all playing very well, finishing 2 points behind the winning team. This was a great effort especially seeing as Kirsten, a very new member at Melville Glades, had only obtained her handicap the week before pennants started. Congratulations girls on a fine effort.

We now have 14 juniors on single figure handicaps indicating that the effort being put in by these youngsters is now starting to show. This all goes well for the upcoming pennant season where a number of the juniors will be selected to play in our A grade side. Keep up the good work.

In closing I would like to thank my committee for their support and assistance throughout the year. I am certain that every Junior also appreciates the efforts of the Junior Committee.

Till next time, good golfing

Kevin Hills
Vice Captain



From the Course Director

I think that we should congratulate the course staff on the excellent way they are presenting the course week in and week out, it is a real credit to all of them under the direction of Eric Dennis our Superintendent.

Our program for improving the pathways continues with the new path from the 10th green to the 11th tee being moved to the left hand side of the tee, to improve safety for players from stray shots from the 12th hole.

By the time you read this we will have reverted to our old method of repairing divots. This means you MUST chop in the divot then LIGHTLY sand the divot. A number of factors conspired against us in the implementation of our sandless divot repair strategy and these have already been explained in previous communications. However I believe that one of the major reasons for the lack of success is the extremely poor support from sufficient members, which is very disappointing.

Your members elected representative Rob Smith, in conjunction with the Course Superintendent, have produced an excellent DVD on how to repair a divot, it is regularly shown on the television in the lounge, and this process is still applicable even when using sand in divots.

Tom Ditz
Course Director



From the House Director

As there are a lot of members who have no idea who I am, I thought I would give you a short run down on my background since joining MGGC. I have been a member at the club for nearly 12 years and in that time I was the Ladies Vice Captain for 1 year, Ladies Captain for 2 years, have served on the Membership committee for 4 years, Gala Day committee for 3 years and worked part-time in the Pro Shop for both Peter Milton and Ritchie Smith for the past 5 years.

I am committed to our Club, and I realise that not everyone has the time to stand on committees, but all of us can support our Club by attending some of the social events held throughout the year. Our functions to date have been very successful because we have a great Chef, fabulous bar staff and, most importantly, you have supported them by coming along with your family and friends, and the Club appreciates that. The recent Quiz Night was a great success with over 150 members and their guests attending. Our thanks go to Southlands Shopping Centre and the many generous members who donated prizes.

We recently held another enjoyable Sunday Players and Stayers evening with over 50 members attending. Some members may not be aware you don't have to play golf to attend the Sunday buffets. All are welcome to book in and enjoy JC and Nancy's fare. Our major mid year social event is just around the corner and I urge all interested members to book a table for our Christmas in July as soon as possible. It is sure to be a wonderful night, with the promise of fabulous food and great entertainment by musical duo, "After Hours".

We are getting more and more members having a drink on Friday evenings hoping to win the elusive \$500. Bottles of wine and mystery prizes are also raffled and you don't have to buy a ticket to be eligible, you just have to be there.

The House Committee is committed to do the best job we can so that all members can be proud to be part of MGGC and enjoy every social event they attend. Any suggestions to improve events are welcomed and can be put in the suggestion box or e-mailed to the club.

Hope to see you at one of the functions very soon.

Karyn Mears
House Director

Coming Event...

Club Championships
Entry forms
out soon



From the General Managers Desk

I trust all members are enjoying the new golf season which is well underway.

All areas of the golf club have had a very busy start to the year with none more so than the Greens Department, who have continued to improve the playing quality of your golf course, culminating in the Course being prepared at its absolute best for the recent Glades Open. It was very pleasing for all concerned to hear the many positive and complimentary remarks regarding the condition of the course. The course should now remain in a similar condition until the first of the spring renovations in September.

A major evolution has recently been completed in the administration department, converting our accounts system to the MYOB accounting package. In July we will be upgrading and integrating our membership system with the new MYOB system and the end result will be a more efficient accounts system with less problems with our club keys and vouchers.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Club Survey and I would urge all members to take the opportunity to complete this survey so that we may obtain as much feedback (be it good or bad), from the membership, as possible. It is your opportunity to have your say and it is completely anonymous, if you wish it to be.

As our House Director has noted the Bar and Social side of the Club is performing extremely well with all members making our new caterers JC and Nancy feel extremely welcome. The quality of their food and service is exceptional and this has been reflected in Food and Restaurant sales up almost 20% on last years figures.

With the middle of the year fast approaching members should be aware that half yearly fees are due on the 1st of July and those that have taken up the option of paying their fees in two moieties will find a statement of their account also included in this mail out. Members should also be aware that all vouchers in your Trophy 2 account expire on the 30th June.

Ian McNeill
General Manager



PRO SHOP NEWS

Many of you will have noticed that we have a new full time staff member in the Pro Shop. His name is Matthew Sturmer and he has been involved within the golf industry for over eight years, firstly at Burswood Golf Course in the shop and then at Gosnells Golf Club as the Shop Manager and Course Controller. Matthew has already introduced a higher level of customer service and professionalism to your Pro Shop and I am sure he will be a great asset to Melville Glades Golf Club during the time he is here.

The start of the new financial year will see the Golf Shop introduce a new referral system for lessons. Basically what will happen is that after you have a lesson you will be given a referral letter that you can offer to one of your friends (must be a new customer and a non member). This letter will provide your friend with a 25% discount off their initial lesson and for your referral you will receive 25% off your next lesson.

Until now range balls have not been purchasable using your voucher account. From July 1 until December 31 we will have a trial period where range balls may be purchased using your trophy winnings. This will leave competition fees, green fees and clinic fees as the only items not available using your vouchers.

With the start of the new financial year there will be an increase in the price of some items in our range. One of the more notable changes will be lesson fees, which will increase from \$45 for ½ hour lessons to \$49.50. This is extremely competitive within the industry and well below some professionals who are charging up to \$75 for the same service. Should you have any queries as to what these other items may be please do not hesitate to ask.

It has come to my attention that many members do not know that they can bring guests to play at "The Glades". A member can invite as many guests as they like over a calendar year as long as there are only three here at any one time and each individual plays a maximum of six rounds a year. Should you wish to bring guests please contact your Pro Shop to confirm course availability and book hire carts if required.

As with club vouchers, secret six and sundowner credit will also expire soon. After nine months of availability this credit will expire so please check in the file to make sure you are not going to miss out on credit you have won. The first months to expire will be October and November 05, at the end of July.

Ritchie Smith
Club Professional

SOCIAL CALENDAR

All members are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming Social functions listed below:

Xmas in July	Sat 15th July	Gala Open Day	Sun 29th Oct
Bingo/Cards Night	Thurs 3rd Aug	Melbourne Cup Luncheon	Tues 7th Nov
Players & Stayers Buffet	Sun 15th Oct	Champayne Brunch	Sun 19th Nov
Presentation Night	Sat 21st Oct		