

Margaret River Golf Club Veteran's Newsletter

2021 Volume 1



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News

Welcome to the 2021 Veteran's golf year. Last year was very trying with the Covid restrictions stopping us from playing golf for two months. When we were allowed to play again, we had restrictions on meeting in groups so I started this newsletter as a way to keep everyone informed about what was happening in the club and also to give recognition for those who won each event.

The newsletter has proved very popular, but it is not as necessary as it was last year so I will start to reduce the number of newsletters I do, eventually trying to get it down to once a month.

Hopefully you will have noticed a dramatic improvement in the condition of the course as the last of the repairs have taken place to the damaged reticulation. They were doing testing during our game on Tuesday (5th) and think they have solved most of the problems. I would like to thank all the people who were out watering tees and greens manually during the month that the reticulation wasn't working properly.



Brett was also taught by Mike Lawson while at high school in Perth. His drive off #1 drew over the trees and landed about 80m back from the green.

On Tuesday, 29th December, the veterans were asked to wait to hit off from the first tee to allow visiting professional Brett Rumford to continue with his 18 hole round. (John Agnew's response - "F... him.")

Brett has won over \$9 million on the circuit. Lincoln caddied for him for a period of time.

Career Wins

2013 Volvo China Open

Binhai Lake GC, Tianjin, China

2013 Ballantine's Championship

Blackstone GC, Icheon, Seoul, South Korea

2007 Omega European Masters

Crans-sur-Sierre GC, Crans Montana, Switzerland

2004 Nissan Irish Open

Co Louth GC, Baltray, Drogheda, Ireland

2006 BMW Championship

Wentworth Golf Club, Virginia Water, Surrey, England

Rod Bishop emailed me earlier in the year and passed on his best wishes to everyone; "Happy New year to you and all the Vets and good golfing in 2021. Being under 'house arrest' in Tier 3 and only allowed out for survival rations at the local supermarket no chance of golf until next spring. You are so lucky to be in a virus-free environment but at the same time, there is a need for caution as you never know what is around the corner. I should be getting the vaccine jab in January and you never know it might even improve my swing. Looking forward to returning to WA and a better year to come."



Results for Tuesday 5th January

Margaret House sponsored a sausage sizzle to start the new year and also to encourage as many as possible to turn up for the group photo. We had a great field of 28 players, with several people returning for the first time in a couple of months.

The winner, with 20 points John Wholagan, pictured spinning the wheel. Second on a countback with 18 points was Bob Williams followed by Ian Colmer. Also on 18 were Bruce, John Agnew and Jim Watson.

Novelties were won by Ray, Jon Bowden, Jim Watson, Bruce and Greg Byrne (welcome back Greg). The chocolate was won by Bob Mofflin.

Thank you Dave Benson for cooking the sausages and for the helpers with the buns. It was a very successful day and Margaret House will sponsor again next year.



John Wholagan spinning the wheel after winning the competition.



Jim Watson's winning smile with Peter Brennan. Greg Byrne and Greg Cura are in the background.

Results for Tuesday 12th January

Peter Brennan sponsored today's competition in celebration of his 90th birthday. We had an even bigger field than last week with 31 players coming out to celebrate and play PAR.

The winner on the day was Jim Watson with +1 on a countback from Ken Miles and Garrick Masters. Gerard McCabe, Greg Cura and Dave Burges all played to their handicap and got golf balls for their effort. Ken benefitted from Dave Burges coming out and playing his first game for a while. Dave didn't know we no longer bought prizes and brought along a nice bottle of red, which Ken was the recipient of for coming second.

Novelties were won by Terry Halsall, Ian Colmer, Mike Lawson, Jim Watson, Ross Frazer and Gary Evershed. Peter Brennan got the chocolate which I think he truly appreciated for his effort. Jim Kendra won the Wheel, which was well supported this week.

Next week we will be playing a **Stableford** competition on the top nine and I hope the weather is pleasant and we see just as many people out there again.

The following week **Veteran's will be a reduced competition** to make way for the **Australia Day Ambrose 2's** sponsored by Laurie and Patsy Bedford, with a shotgun start at 12 noon. I encourage as many of you as possible to get out and play in the afternoon competition. It is a lot of fun with a sausage sizzle and pavlova after the game.

If you are only a nine hole member or only wish to play in the morning then I am organising a competition starting at 8:45am.

Country Veteran's Association of WA

The first game of the season is at Margaret River GC on Monday, 1st February. Although we are not usually able to play in this game due to too many nominations we would love as many people as possible to come out and volunteer to help on the day with food preparation, directing people around the course and packing up after the game. Please contact Bruce or Jim if you can help.

Bruce has put up a sign up sheet for this year's fixtures on the Veteran's notice board. You need to tick your name off at least 10 days before each game so that Bruce can submit your entry to the host club. Bruce will also accept email nominations within the same period. Failure to turn up after nomination results in a three game suspension so only put down your name if you are sure you will be going. If for some unavoidable reason you cannot turn up on the day of the game, it is your responsibility to contact the host club and tell them.

Country Veterans Golf Association Fixtures 2021

Monday	01/02/21	Margaret River 1	
Monday	08/02/21	Capel 1	
Friday	19/02/21	Busselton	01/03/21 Labour Day
Monday	22/03/21	City Challenge - Bunbury	
Monday	29/03/21	Dunsborough Lakes 1	02/04/21 Good Friday
Wednesday	07/04/21	Manjimup 1	05/04/21 Easter Monday
Monday	19/04/21	Capel 2	26/04/21 Anzac Day holiday
Monday	03/05/21	Margaret River 2	
Monday	10/05/21	Bridgetown	
Tuesday	25/05/21	Donnybrook 1	
Friday	18/06/21	Boyup Brook	07/06/21 WA Day
Friday	02/07/21	Greenbushes	
Monday	02/08/21	Kojonup	
Tuesday	03/08/21	Katanning	
Monday	23/08/21	Dunsborough CC	
Monday	30/08/21	Pinjarra	
Tuesday	07/09/21	Donnybrook 2	
Wednesday	15/09/21	Manjimup 2	
Tuesday	21/09/21	Waroona	27/09/21 Queens Birthday
Monday	04/10/21	Augusta	
Monday	11/10/21	Bridgetown 2	
Monday	18/10/21	Harvey	
Monday	25/10/21	Walpole	
Tuesday	26/10/21	Denmark	
Monday	01/11/21	Collie	
Monday	08/11/21	Dunsborough Lakes 2	
Monday	15/11/21	Bunbury 1	
Monday	22/11/21	City Challenge - Mandurah	
Monday	29/11/21	Bunbury 2	Nationals Yarrwonga
Tuesday	07/12/21	AGM	29/11/21 - 04/12/21 ?



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR SW VETS GOLF

DATE: 1st February 2021

Turn on Urn (6am)	1. Lincoln
Parking (here before 7.45am)	1. Jon Beales 2. Jon Bowden
Registration (required 7.45am)	1. Mike Beale 2. Mike Lawson 3. Ian Colmer
Ball Sweep (required 7.45am)	1. Dave Benson 2. Alan Dale
Prepare Morning Tea (required 7.30am) (Pre Game Food)	1. Bob Williams 2. Jim Kendra 3. Gary Masters
Prepare Lunch Rolls (required 9.00am)	1. Terry Halsall 2. Colin Andrews 3. John Agnew
Take Rolls on Course (required 11.30am)	1. Mike Beale 2. Colin Andrews 3. Jon Beales 4. John Wholagan
Prepare & Serve Hot Beef Rolls (required 1.30pm)	1. Michael O'Connor 2. Ken Miles 3. Bill Guest
Clear & Clean Up (required 3.30pm)	1. Laurie Bedford 2. 3. 4

Additional

Libby Dawson - organises food orders

Bruce ??

Veterans 2020/21



Back Row: Ken Miles, Michael Lawson, Jim Watson, Jim Kendra, Garry Masters (VC), Ray Atcheson, Michael Beale, Peter Brennan, Robert Williams, Peter Shack, Alan Dale, Gary Evershed, Greg Byrne, David Benson, Jon Beales, Mike Basford and Dave Glasson.

Front Row: Bob Mofflin, Colin Andrews, Michael O'Conner, Terry Halsall, Jon Bowden, Bruce Darby (C), Jon Whologan, Niall Carey, John Agnew, Merv McKillop, Ian Colmer and Ross Frazer

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New member Peter Malpas, with John Agnew and our new apprentice green keeper Kristy Rolfe.

I may have been premature in the last newsletter about the water system being fixed since they were still working on it again on Tuesday 19th. Apparently it is getting better all the time and the course is clearly getting improving.

Many of you may have seen Kristy around the course lately. She has been employed as an apprentice and is thoroughly enjoying her new job. As I take the novelties around the course I often run into Kristy as she works around the course and find her to be a bright, cheery asset to the club.

Australia Day

Since this was on a Tuesday, the veteran's had a choice to either play in the morning competition or join in the Ambrose in the afternoon. 18 Veteran's played in the afternoon and Ken Miles did the best of us coming 9th with his partner Marc Griffiths. As usual Jon Beales decked out his cart with a couple of flags and looked the part as always. Unfortunately this didn't help him and Alan, they came 38th out of 50.



Alan Dale and Jon Beales partnered in the Australia Day Ambrose

The next big event for the Veteran's is the CVGA event to be held on Monday, 1st February. I have attached the volunteers list to this newsletter and wish to thank everyone in advance for their assistance.



We will have around 150 visitors on this day and I am sure everything will go well.

Just so we don't forget him, Rod Bishop sent us a photo of himself with his current playing partner. Apparently Frosty plays off a -2 but tends to melt under pressure.

Results



Ian Colmer, wearing the famous yellow shirt, standing with a very serious looking Jim Kendra

Tuesday 19th January

It was very hot and humid at 7:30am but fortunately the day improved and we had a good field of 24 in our stableford competition. Summer is giving us a lot of run and flight through the air so the scores continue to be good. The winner on the day with a great 22 points was Ian Colmer. Second with 21 was Michael Lawson and Bob Williams was third with 19 points. Other players scoring to their handicap were Ross Frazer, Jon Beales, Gary Masters, Gerard McCabe and Jim Watson.

Novelties were won by Jim Kendra, Jim Watson (2) and Jon Bowden. No-one wanted to put their name on the closest to the bunker on 11 so \$5 went begging. Alan Dale enjoyed his day and won the chocolate for his effort.

No-one won the Wheel so there was a carryover of \$15.

Mike Lawson had yet another school reunion this week with Kevin Bennett, a staff member from Kent Street SHS, visiting. Jon Bowden also taught with both of them at Kent Street. It was also good to see Rob Hearn return to veteran's after a very long break.

During the game I noticed that Jon Bowden appeared to be playing on his own. I asked him what happened and apparently his shot on 13 was so bad that it ended up in the middle of 10, where Ian promptly picked it up and kept it. Jon had to chase him down to get his ball back and then continue to play. His partners in the mean time finished off the hole and left him.



Mike Lawson, Jon Bowden and Kevin Bennet all past teachers from Kent St SHS. Jim Watson just photo bombing.



Tuesday, 26th January

Obviously with the Ambrose in the afternoon, we only had a small field of 8 in the morning. Dave Benson won on the day scoring 20 points. Niall Carey came second with 18 points. Gary very generously gave everyone a golf ball for playing.

Ray Atcheson also got the chocolate with his 11 points.

Country Veteran's Association of WA

26 of us have joined the CVGA in 2021 and I hope we get many of this group going to the different games around the South-West. There is a list of games to be played on the Veteran's notice board at the entrance to the male toilets. If you wish to play in a game, you need to tick next to your name under the appropriate date. This must be done at least a week before that game. Sanctuary GC is back on the fixture list in July.

Bruce will submit our nominations on the Sunday evening (a week before each game). Once submitted it is your responsibility to inform the respective club delegate if you cannot attend (eg If the game is at Bunbury, you ring the Bunbury delegate and inform him that you can no longer attend).

Failure to inform them of your cancellation will result in a three game suspension. A delegates list is attached to this newsletter.

You need to arrive at games before 8:30 am so that you have time to register (\$20) and enter the ball sweeps (\$1 per entry) plus you will need to give \$2 to one of our players as part of our inter-club sweep. Tea and coffee along with snacks will be available. You will also receive another snack as you play and something like a hamburger when you finish the game.

We are hosting the first game of the season on Monday, 1st February. I have attached the updated roster for volunteers for next Monday. I am not worried about the clean up afterwards since I know we will have a lot of members present then.

Nominations for **Capel**, which is being held on **Monday, 8th February**, will need to be by **Saturday, 30th January** (you can nominate early for any games, just don't forget you did). I will accept email nominations, but again by Saturday.



Jim and Anne Kendra playing their first Australia Day ambrose, as Australians. Rosie helped them understand the language.

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The veteran's have been having a lot of success recently in the 18 hole competitions and none more so than Jim Watson who came second in the Monthly Mug with the help of a great EAGLE on the 18th hole. Well done Jim!



Results for Tuesday 9th February

After a week off with the Covid lockdown we got back to our normal golf with a nice PAR competition. It was only a small field but the quality was good. Ray Atcheson showed that age is never a barrier when he won the event with a great +3. Jim Kendra beat Jim Watson in a countback on +1 for second.

Novelties went Ray Atcheson (2), Abe Huisken, Alan Dale and Jim Kendra. The chocolate went to Abe with (-6) beating Bruce and Ken in a countdown.

Terry Halsall won the Wheel and collected \$39.

Left: Terry Halsall and Bob Williams catching up with Ray before the game.

Results for Tuesday, 16th February

This was the first round of the Veteran's Championship, which was delayed due to the shutdown. We had a good field of 26 playing stroke.

Ian Kerr made a surprise visit and even though he was rushed onto the tee, he still played an excellent game to win with Nett 30. Niall Carey, Abe Huisken Mike Lawson and Peter Malpas all scored 35. Jon Beales and Rob Hearn played to their handicap to score 36. Another 9 players are all within 2 of the this group so next week should be interesting.

The least putts was won by Jim Watson and other novelties went to Mike L, Jim W, Peter M and Abe. The chocolate was won by John Agnew and Peter M won the wheel.



Gary Masters (our illustrious vice-captain) and Rob Hearn, waiting to hit off in the Championship.



Jim Watson on his way to winning both the days event and the Championship.

Results for Tuesday, 23rd February

We had three new members come and play today, Greg Hill, Roger Dallas and Wally Jelliman, along with a returning visitor from Newcastle, John Miller.

This was the second round of the championship and with several of the leading players not playing, the Championship was wide open.

Jim Watson had a good day and won the daily event with a Nett 35 on a count back from Bob Williams. Other good scores were Dave Benson with 36 followed by Michael O'Conner and Terry Halsall, both with 37.

Jim Watson won the putting competition with 13 putts. Other novelties were won by Terry (2), Ian Colmer, Roger Dallas and Bob Williams. Michael Lawson made the most use of the course with a Nett 45. Alan Dale won \$19 in the Wheel of Fortune.

In the Championship, Jim Watson won on a count back from Terry Halsall and Jon Beales, all scoring a combined 74 Nett.

Next Week we will be playing Stableford on the Top Nine. The following week the course will be closed for coring (March 9th)



The Yellow Shirt brigade, Ian C, Greg Hill (new), Gary Masters and Alan Dale. Possibly a new Vets uniform.



New member Roger Dallas enjoying a drink after a very hot day of golf.

Results for Capel, Monday, 8th February

Eight of us went to Capel to play the first game of the CVGA season. The first game was supposed to be played at Margaret River but was cancelled due to the lockdown. It was great to see we were able to play at Capel, but Waroona and Pinjarra were still under lockdown.

Jon Bowden did the best of our group with 37 points, coming equal third. Better still Jon won the gross for the day, much to everyone's enjoyment, until his speech (which wasn't required) started to drag on and on and on . . .

Bruce won a long putt, but didn't give a speech.

The scores for the day are attached at the back of the newsletter. Information about fixtures and results can be found on the CVGA website

Right: Jon helping clean up the fallen branches with Alan Dale the day after his great success.



Jon Beales looking his usual relaxed self.

Results for Busselton, Friday, 19th February

140 players from throughout the South-West converged on Busselton for a perfect day of golf. The course was in excellent condition with very fast greens compared to us. The pin placements were tucked away behind bunkers which made the course quite difficult.

Nine of us played on the day with Jon Beales doing the best scoring 33 points. Alan Dale with 31 and John Wholagan with 30 points did the next best. All won a golf ball for their effort.

We didn't win any novelties, which is not unusual for us.

The next game is the City vs Country Challenge, which is a restricted nomination. This is followed by Dunsborough Lakes on Monday, 29th March.

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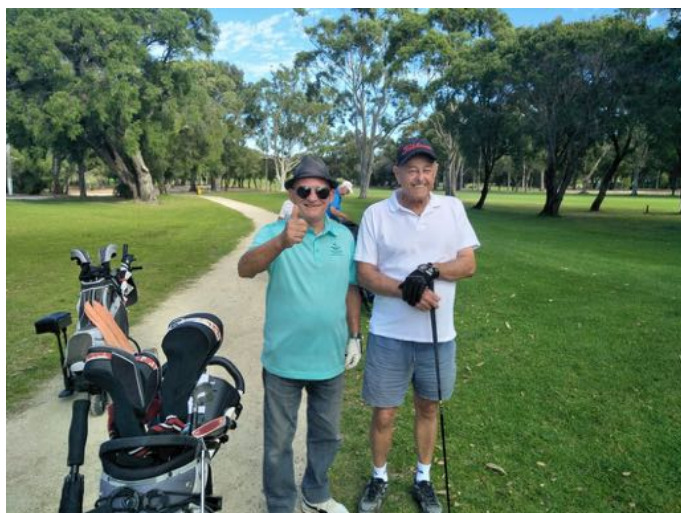
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Results for Tuesday 30th March

Since this was the fifth Tuesday in the month we played stroke today (much to everyone's delight). We also had a putting competition since this can only be done on a stroke day.

A good field of 24 played, which included many of our new members. I look forward to the day when we get everyone together in the same competition and break the 30 players mark again.

Jim Watson stepped in and helped with the running of the competition since Gary is else wise engaged for the next couple of weeks.

The weather was much better than Monday and everyone enjoyed the improving greens, even though they were still very slow.

Ian Kerr played a good game to win with a nett 34 strokes on a count back from Alan Dale. Terry Halsall came third with 35 nett.

The putting competition was won by Terry with 13 putts. Other novelties went to Bruce, Peter Malpas, Greg Hill and Tony Small. Ken Miles won the chocolate with a nett 48. No one won the Wheel so there is a carry over of \$26 for next week.



Ian Kerr (photo taken last year) showing the style that helped him to win today

Stick Pickers Activities

Most Tuesday afternoons, a group of volunteers go out and clean up around the course. We generally clean up fallen branches and clear up dead trees. When we don't have this to do then we clear overgrown areas and low lying branches. It is a good bonding experience and if you are interested in participating, please talk to Michael Lawson.



A splinter group go around on Tuesday and empty all the bins for the bottle refund program. Although this is often an unpleasant task, the rewards are good with the club currently getting around \$500 per month in refunds. To help this program, members are encouraged to bring along their bottles and put them in the black bins near the buggy shed. You can also help by ensuring that the people you are playing with are putting their empty bottles and cans into the correct black bin.

New Members to Veteran's



Above: John Agnew and Alan Dale helping new member, Tony Short.

Left : Gerard McCabe with new member Cliff Spencer

Results for Monday, 22nd March

After a long break, brought about by a couple of the smaller clubs no longer running a fixture, the season returned with the bi-annual City vs Country Challenge for the Bruce Rowley Shield held in Bunbury.

The city veterans struggled a bit with getting all their players there on time. Eight came an hour late, obviously not reading their emails, and this caused a lot of problems reorganising the field. There was still a good field of 127.

The weather was perfect and the greens were lightening fast (especially coming off our greens). Many of us three putted several holes and came off shell shocked.

Michael O'Connor had a great day and was unfortunate to lose on a count back with 40 points. Our next best was Jim Triglone coming 57th with 30 points. The results are attached at the end of this newsletter.

The City won the shield so we will have to do better at the end of the year when we play again in Mandurah.

Results for Monday 29th March

This week we played at Dunsborough Lakes Golf Course and what a pleasure it was to play on a course in such good condition. The fairways had a lot of run and the greens were even and of a good pace. The only downside was the temperature, reaching 38°C. It was stifling for the walkers.

As you would expect, our group lost a few balls in the water but we did all enjoy the beers at the end of the game to make up for it.

Bruce Darby did the best of our group coming 17th with 34 points. Alan Dale had a good score of 32. Mike, Jon, Ian all got in the mid 20's. Merv McKillop played his first CVGA game since he retired and has given himself a lot of space in which to show improvement.



Bruce, who did well at Dunsborough Lakes and Mike O'Connor who was unlucky to not win at Bunbury.

Nominations for Manjimup on 7th April have already gone in but other coming events are Capel on 19th April and then Margaret River on 3rd May.

Bruce and Jim Kendra will be looking for volunteers to help with the running of the Margaret River event in a couple of weeks time.



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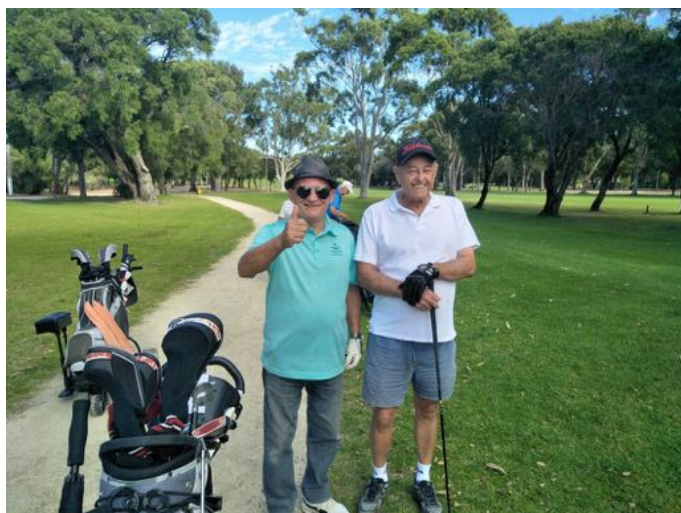
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Jim Watson stepped in and helped with the running of the competition since Gary is else wise engaged for the next couple of weeks.

The weather was much better than Monday and everyone enjoyed the improving greens, even though they were still very slow.

Ian Kerr played a good game to win with a nett 34 strokes on a count back from Alan Dale. Terry Halsall came third with 35 nett.

The putting competition was won by Terry with 13 putts. Other novelties went to Bruce, Peter Malpas, Greg Hill and Tony Small. Ken Miles won the chocolate with a nett 48. No one won the Wheel so there is a carry over of \$26 for next week.



Ian Kerr (photo taken last year) showing the style that helped him to win today

Stick Pickers Activities

Most Tuesday afternoons, a group of volunteers go out and clean up around the course. We generally clean up fallen branches and clear up dead trees. When we don't have this to do then we clear overgrown areas and low lying branches. It is a good bonding experience and if you are interested in participating, please talk to Michael Lawson.



A splinter group go around on Tuesday and empty all the bins for the bottle refund program. Although this is often an unpleasant task, the rewards are good with the club currently getting around \$500 per month in refunds. To help this program, members are encouraged to bring along their bottles and put them in the black bins near the buggy shed. You can also help by ensuring that the people you are playing with are putting their empty bottles and cans into the correct black bin.

New Members to Veteran's



Above: John Agnew and Alan Dale helping new member, Tony Short.

Left : Gerard McCabe with new member Cliff Spencer

Results for Monday, 22nd March

After a long break, brought about by a couple of the smaller clubs no longer running a fixture, the season returned with the bi-annual City vs Country Challenge for the Bruce Rowley Shield held in Bunbury.

The city veterans struggled a bit with getting all their players there on time. Eight came an hour late, obviously not reading their emails, and this caused a lot of problems reorganising the field. There was still a good field of 127.

The weather was perfect and the greens were lightening fast (especially coming off our greens). Many of us three putted several holes and came off shell shocked.

Michael O'Connor had a great day and was unfortunate to lose on a count back with 40 points. Our next best was Jim Triglone coming 57th with 30 points. The results are attached at the end of this newsletter.

The City won the shield so we will have to do better at the end of the year when we play again in Mandurah.

Results for Monday 29th March

This week we played at Dunsborough Lakes Golf Course and what a pleasure it was to play on a course in such good condition. The fairways had a lot of run and the greens were even and of a good pace. The only downside was the temperature, reaching 38°C. It was stifling for the walkers.

As you would expect, our group lost a few balls in the water but we did all enjoy the beers at the end of the game to make up for it.

Bruce Darby did the best of our group coming 17th with 34 points. Alan Dale had a good score of 32. Mike, Jon, Ian all got in the mid 20's. Merv McKillop played his first CVGA game since he retired and has given himself a lot of space in which to show improvement.



Bruce, who did well at Dunsborough Lakes and Mike O'Connor who was unlucky to not win at Bunbury.

Nominations for Manjimup on 7th April have already gone in but other coming events are Capel on 19th April and then Margaret River on 3rd May.

Bruce and Jim Kendra will be looking for volunteers to help with the running of the Margaret River event in a couple of weeks time.



Agnew's Way or the highway

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Rod Bishop really enjoys getting our newsletter and keeping up to date with what is happening with the veterans. He recently sent me the following message;

“Thanks for your recent newsletter, it's good to keep in the loop and to see what is happening at MRGC. I keep in regular contact with John Agnew and Jim Taylor and how you are all enjoying living in a Covid free environment. Here in the UK the situation is improving and the vaccination rollout is a success. Over 32 million people have had the jab and Diane and I have had two.

Golf courses have reopened and it will be good to have a game again as my last hit was at Vet's last October. Now into spring, the winter here in Somerset was comparatively mild, and as we don't have daylight saving in the UK lovely long days and shorter nights. There is still no indication when Diane and I can return to WA, maybe by the end of the year or early 2022. The big problem at the moment is EU countries where the virus is rampant, they have not followed the lead of the UK with their vaccination roll-out. No holidaying in Europe this year but hoping a return to Australia will be possible sometime in the future?



Images of Rod's golf course in Somerset.

Some of you may have been watching the GWN news on Wednesday night (7th April) where you would have seen a lovely photo of Ray and Pat Atcheson on their wedding day, 70 years ago. Congratulations Ray and Pat on this fantastic achievement.

Veteran's Eclectic

Everyone who plays on any Tuesday Veteran's competition is automatically included in the eclectic. This is a combination of the best you have played on every hole over the season. I have included a copy of the current results so that you can see how you are going and where you could improve.



Alan and Merv having a practice hit before the game. Obviously it helps to practice, though Alan looks like he is suffering knowing that he was playing golf on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Results for Tuesday 6th April

After a hectic Easter weekend, we were able to have the course to ourselves again and get and play a relaxing game in perfect conditions. The greens are really improving and should be back to normal soon. Roger Dallas's son Chris joined us for the game along with a returning Peter Shack and Greg Cura.

Alan Dale, after his good result in the Kelly Vineyard 4BBB competition on Monday, had an excellent 38 off the stick to score 22 points and win the competition. Merv McKillop came second with 20 points and Michael Lawson was third with 19 points. Jon Bowden and Cliff Spencer played to their handicap with 18 points. Greg Cura got the chocolate with 7 points

The novelties went to Bruce, Merv, Cliff (2) and Lazarus. We had our biggest prize pool yet in the Wheel of Fortune and, for the first time, completely filled the sheet. This made a total prize of \$51 up for grabs and this was won by Jon Bowden.

Results for Tuesday 13th April

With huge rainfall from Cyclone Seroja over the weekend I wasn't sure we would be able to get out onto the course, but the weather fined up for us on Tuesday and the conditions were very good for our PAR competition.

Playing the bottom nine, I put out the nearest the creek novelty on #7. Colin Andrews has won this three times already. When I saw the marker at the base of the tree on the other side of the creek, it was pretty obvious that someone had shanked a shot, hit the tree and the ball has dropped straight down. When I checked, yes, it was Colin again.

Being a maths teacher I know that the probability of anyone winning this four times in a year is astronomical. I don't get it????

The players who actually demonstrated skill were led by Ross Frazer with +3 followed by Niall Carey, Mike Lawson and Wally Jelliman on +2. Colin and



The winners table

lan Colmer on +1 and then Cliff Spencer, Ray Atcheson, John Wollagan and Mike O'Connor were all square. Who said PAR is a silly game. Novelties were won by Mike L (2), Ray and Ian. John Agnew got the chocolate with -7. There was carryover on the wheel.



Jim showing off his trim taught terrific figure.

Results for Tuesday, 20th April

Another beautiful day in paradise to help Jim Kendra celebrate his 71st birthday. I am not sure what he got as a present in the morning but it certainly helped Jim's golf. I can only imagine that Anne cooked him a hearty breakfast of bacon.

There were three very good scores, with Jim leading the way on 23 points. This was closely followed by Gerard McCabe with 22 points and then the ever consistent Alan Dale with 21 points. The scores quickly dropped away after this.

Novelties were both won by Alan Dale. It is hard to believe, but no one got the long putt on 18. Without the creek to aim for, Colin Andrews was lost and managed to win the chocolate with 7 points. Ross Frazer won \$32 in the Wheel.

Results for Tuesday, 27th April

It was sprinkling with rain this morning as Gary and I drove out to vets but by the time we started, the sun was out and it was another lovely Autumn day.

Ross Frazer continued his resurgence by scoring a good 20 points to win on a count back from Jim Watson. Gary Evershed joined us again and managed to come third with 19 points on a count back from Jim Kendra and Alan Dale. Golf balls also went to Dave Benson and Ian Colmer with 18 each.

Novelties were won by Jim Watson, John Agnew, Jim Kendra (birdie on 4), Gary Evershed and Greg Hill. Gary Masters won the chocolate (since Tony Small disappeared before presentations).

John Beales won \$17 from the Wheel.



After most games, Ross goes out and helps clean up the course. On this occasion, Jim must have known Ross would beat him in a count back one day.

Results for Wednesday 7th April

Today we drove to Manjimup to the CVGA for the week. The weather was beautiful and overcast and the condition of the course was the best I have seen it in the 3 years I have been playing here. The greens were faster than ours but very similar to how ours usually play. As good as their greens were, they still had a few spots where fungus had killed off sections and it made me realise that our greens are in really good condition most the of the time. One of the joys of going to Manjimup are the boxes of apples that they have on the first and tenth tees. They are so crisp and tasty, it makes you wonder what Coles and Woolies do to them in the shop.

As a group we did really well, for us, with Alan Dale doing the best with 34 points, coming 19th overall. He was closely followed by Jon Beales and Jim Kendra on 33 and then Bruce and Jim Triglone on 32. It is so unusual for so many of us to get over 30. Jim Watson clearly didn't like the tree lined narrow fairways and only scored 21 points. Jon Beales and Jim Kendra both won 4 golf balls in the raffle.

Manjimup Golf course has some very interesting chainsaw carvings around the clubhouse and first hole, a very good use of old stumps.



Results for Monday, 19th April

On this day, we went back to Capel to play the second of their fixtures. The course was in great condition and it was such a joy for me to hit a drive and see it go 190m, at least 40m of run.

Obviously many of us have adjusted to the new handicap system and we again had a few good scores. The best was John Wholagan with 37 points, coming 4th overall. Bruce got 35 points and 2 golf balls. Alan Dale and Mike O'Connor got 33, Jon Beales 32 (all got a golf ball). Merv McKillop (29) and Mike Beale (25) struggled a bit.



Some of the CVGA crew with John Wholagan, Mike Beale, Alan Dale and the seldom seen Jon Bowden

Message from the WA Veteran's Golf Association

The 2021 Australian Veterans Championships will take place at Black Bull Golf Course and the Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Resort from Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December 2021.

To access tournament details and the entry form use the following link:

<https://www.silverwoodsyarrowonga.com.au/black-bull-golf-course/veteran-champ-2021/>

This is a great opportunity to shake off those Covid shackles and support our interstate fellow golfers in what is always a most enjoyable tournament. Your support is even more paramount as we need your help to promote the 2022 Championships to be held in Mandurah in November next year. Western Australia has always been very well represented at this annual interstate event.

Let's try and uphold our reputation!

CVGA Event at Margaret River – Monday, 3rd May

I have attached the list of volunteers for this day. We have a full field of 144+ nominations so it will be a very busy time for all.

Bruce and Jim always appreciate as much help as we can get on the day so if you just want to drop in around 8am you will always be found a job.

Thanks go to Ian Chidgey and the crew on the computers and also to Libby Dawson for organising the food for the day.

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On Monday, 3rd May, Margaret River hosted 140 veterans from 19 different clubs throughout the Southwest for the CVGA event. These are held about three times a month at all different courses and the veterans always look forward to coming to us.

Many of the competitors bring their own carts, which always makes parking tricky. I was stunned when I got the chance to walk out and look at the carpark to see how neatly the cars and trailers were parked. The Jon's, Beales and Bowden, did a fantastic job organising this. They were part of a 20 strong group of volunteers that were needed to help make this a very successful event. Libby and Rosie had us organised in the kitchen all day with changing crews doing the morning tea, mid morning snack and finally the lunch (great value for \$20). We trialled a couple of beer tables out on the verandah this year to take a bit of pressure off the bar when everyone first comes in and this was very successful. We are lucky to have volunteers who have their RSA, making this possible.

The members of the CVGA were very complementary of our course and found it quite challenging. Bryson and the crew did a great job getting the course prepared and the greens were playing very truly.

I would like to thank everyone who helped on the day and hope that we get this support again for our second event on Monday, July 12.



Xmas Dinner

I know this is early notification, but I thought it would be a good idea to book Saul to cater for our Xmas Lunch so that someone else doesn't take my preferred date. Saul has confirmed that he will cater for us again on Tuesday, 13th December. He is looking forward to continuing to serve us.

It was mentioned to me last year that some people thought there were too many pre-dinner (entrees) snacks and this detracted from them being able to enjoy the main meal. If this is a common thought I will suggest this to Saul, so get back to me with your thoughts on this and any thing else about the dinner.

Stick Pickers Sponsor Scroungers

On Thursday, 27th May, the Stick Pickers group sponsored Scroungers. I think this was an innovation of Dave Glasson a few years ago to highlight to everyone the work that the Veteran's do around the course. The game was off the white tees, one of only two competitions that Scroungers play off the white tees, so it is a bit of a surprise to everyone that they lost 4 strokes off their Blue handicap. To those of us who play CVGA events, we have just come off two rounds of losing 6 strokes off our Blue handicap, so in a way we gained 2 strokes for this competition.

Most of the younger players laugh at how easy the White markers are compared to the blue so it was pleasing to see the scroungers competition dominated by us old folks. Cliff Spencer won the day with 41 points. Bruce Darby came second with 38 points (21 on the back 9) on a count back from John Ritchie and Rob Baker (ex-Captain of Veteran's). Jon Bowden was 5th with 37 points.

Thank you to Mike Lawson and Jon Bowden for collecting the donations for this event and for Mike on doing a good speech before presentations on the work done by the Stick Pickers.



Gerard McCabe with new member Cliff Spencer

Results for Tuesday 4th May

After a hectic day Monday, many of us fronted up again on Star Wars Day (May the 4th be with you) to play a stableford competition under very good conditions. The scores reflected the good conditions with several players getting 18 or more points.

In the end, Gerard McCabe managed to pip everyone with an excellent 21 points to win. He was closely followed by Jon Bowden with 20 who beat John Wholagan and Gary Masters in a count back. Michael O'Connor, Wally Jelliman, Ray Atcheson and Bruce all got golf balls.

Novelties were won by Terry Halsall (2), Gary Masters, Mike O'Connor and Gerard McCabe (birdie on 12). John Agnew is struggling a bit at the moment and he got the chocolate. The Wheel was won by Alan Dale.

Results for Tuesday 11th May

Being the second Tuesday of the month, we played PAR (and you all thought it was arbitrary). We had a reasonable field of 22 players and the weather was good as always. It was nice to see the greens getting better and they were behaving almost normally.

Wally Jelliman continued his good form for the week (having won scroungers on Thursday with 41pts) to score a great +4 to win from Ross Frazer with +3. Niall Carey was 3rd with +1, beating Roger, Alan, Greg and Cliff on a count back. Gerard and Dave Benson were all square.

Novelties were won by Alan Dale, Cliff Spencer, Ross Frazer and Bob Mofflin. Bob Williams and Jon Beales both birdied the 4th. Garry Masters also got a birdie on #7, he broke its poor leg. Bob M won the chocolate and just to top off a great day Bob also won \$18 in the wheel.



Bob Williams enjoying his stick picker activities.

Results for Tuesday 18th May

The weather looked fine when we arrived but then Ray Atcheson put on his rain gear, and down came the rain. Fortunately it only lasted for the first couple of holes and the weather was good for the rest of the round.

Greg Hill had the best score for the day with 21 pts. Jon Bowden was second beating Alan Dale on a count back with 20 pts. Other good scores were obtained by Jim K, Mike L, Mike O'C and Jon Beales all with 18 pts.

The novelties were won by Alan Dale, Gerard (birdie on 12), Bruce and Bealzie. No-one got the long putt on 18 (good effort by 23 players). After another handicap revision, giving Bob a 53 handicap, he still managed to win the chocolate again!!! This time though he nearly had a lot of competition so we will see how next week goes.

As a thank you to all the helpers at the CVGA event, we cooked up Hamburgers for everyone after the game (a \$2 donation was optional but appreciated). Thanks to Alan and Jim for cooking and to everyone else who helped with the set up. The burgers were a great success and we will try to make this a regular occurrence.



Ray Atcheson and John Agnew from quite a while ago.

Results for Tuesday 25th May

Several of us were away at the CVGA event in Donnybrook, but we still had a very good field of 19 come out to play in what was the first of the Ray Atcheson Shield Qualifying Events. This year, everyone who wishes to go in the Shield event will be put into the draw, with the most successful in the qualifying days getting a bye in the first round.

Fresh back from a camping trip around the Mid-West, Merv McKillop managed to win a 5 way count back to win with 18 points. Second was Rob Hearn making a welcome return and third was Wally Jelliman. Roger Dallas and Mike O'Connor were the unlucky players also scoring 18 points.

Novelties were won by Greg Hill, Neil Carey and Jim Watson. Two novelties went unclaimed, which means people weren't paying attention. Someone must have been closer to the creek on 7 than any other player.



The stick pickers enjoying drinks after work.



One of the many skills Bruce has learnt at Stick Pickers, how to drive a tractor. Boys and their big toys.

Results for Bridgetown, Monday 10th May

The day started off with a bit of a worry when Michael Beale didn't get further than the Cowaramup Cafe before he started to feel dizzy and unwell. He took himself off to hospital where they discovered he had a minor stroke, so they sent him off to Bunbury for an MRI. All turned out well in the end and he should be back again soon.

Everyone else went off to Bridgetown at 7am and were greeted with some lovely scones for our effort.

The President Alan Perkins won the competition with 37 points. John Wholagan did extremely well coming 3rd with 35 points. Alan Dale got a respectable 29 pts and the rest of us suffered trying to play the small greens and gravelly fairways (at least that is our excuse)

Everyone was very complimentary of the event that we hosted the previous week, which is a great advertisement for our course.



The regulars at CVGA events, Jon Wholagan, Mike Beale, Alan Dale and Jon Bowden.



"Yes, the chain saw is bothering the other golfers. But, that's not the only reason why I want to speak with you."

400 x 500

Results for Donnybrook, Tuesday 25th May

Mike Beale made a great recovery to attend the game in Donnybrook. It must have been the thought of missing out on the apple pie at the end of the game that got him out of his sick bed.

I haven't played Donnybrook before and found the course to be an absolute delight. The fairways were in reasonably good condition and the greens were very good (although a bit small, as is common to many of the inland golf courses).

Again our group struggled on the small upturned greens, with none of us managing 30 points. Jon Beales did the best with 28 points, Alan Dale, Bruce and John Wholagan all got 26 points.

Our next game will be at Boyup Brook, which is the first of the sand green courses for this year. This will be held on Friday, 18th June.

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South West Ladies Championships – 24, 25th July 2021

On the 24 - 25th July, Margaret River is hosting the Ladies South West Championships. In the past, whilst running the Classic, the Vets have always, generously, provided the ladies with considerable support.

Wendy Chidgey wrote to ask if we could be willing once again to help us with the running of this event. The areas where they need help would be as follows;

CAR PARKING x 2 SAT / SUN - Jon Beales and Alan Dale
STARTERS x 2 SAT / SUN Bruce Darby and Laurie Bedford
PRAC TEE MARSHALL x 1 SAT / SUN Bruce should be able to do this if he is starter on 1
SPOTTERS/BUNKER RAKERS x 3 SAT / SUN - If you feel like going out for a few hours, contact Bruce

I am asking for any other volunteers and would appreciate any help that you can offer.

CVGA Event at Margaret River – Monday 12th July, 2021

We are holding our second event of the year and I have attached the volunteers sheet to the newsletter. I must thank everyone for the tremendous support that they give Jim and I in organising this event and I am sure it will go well again. Hopefully some of us might be able to play this time and I will contact people if this becomes available. We are always looking for people who wish to assist, so please contact Bruce if you can see a job that you would like to help with.

Results for Tuesday 1st June

We had a good field of 22 today and although it looked like rain we were again lucky and only got a slight sprinkle.

Jim Watson came home strongly to win the day, and get himself a bye in the first round of the Atchy shield, with a great score of 22 points. Michael O'Connor came second with 20 points and Alan Dale was third on 19. Jon Beales was the only other player to play to his handicap with 18.

Novelties were won by Jim Watson (2), Jim Kendra (2) and Rob Hearn. John Wholagan stole the chocolate from Bob (much to Bob's delight). We think John was still reeling from the repair bill to his Mercedes. Jim Watson topped off a good day winning \$15 in the wheel.

I needed to update my photo collection so took this one on the day. Jim told John that one of them would have to do well since their photo was taken. How fortuitous it was that they both featured on the day.

Results for Tuesday 7th June

With the temperature hovering around 10-12°C it was a very chilly morning to be preparing for and playing golf. Brendan was late so it was left up to Bruce to light the fire. As you would expect, several early arrivals made comments about the poor quality of this fire, but none were heard complaining when they came in after the game to a warm, inviting club house.

The scores reflected the chilly conditions with David Benson (Benson the Benevolent) winning a 5 way countback on -1 in a PAR competition. John Wholagan was second followed by Mike Beale, Gary Masters and Merv McKillop.

Novelties were won by Michael O'Connor, Cliff Spencer, Jon Bowden and Jim Watson. No-one got the long putt on 2. Gerard McCabe suffered the most with -6. John Wholagan won the Wheel. We have had really good support for the wheel lately which means we aren't getting many carry overs.

Roger Dallas beat Terry Halsall in their Match-Play. Most of will play the first knockout next week.



Ray Atcheson was one of several players to bring out the beanie on this freezing cold morning.

Results for Tuesday 15th June

Another cold morning to start our day but it was better than rain, which happened a bit later. This was our first full round of the Atchy Shield and Colin Andrews, Alan Dale, Cliff Spencer and Michael Beale all won through to the next round.

Wally Jelliman continued his great form to win the competition with 20 points. Bruce and Cliff Spencer can 2nd and 3rd, with Ian Kerr also getting 18 points . Gary Masters and Michael Beale did well with 17 points. John Agnew won the chocolate, but only due to Ray leaving early.

Novelties were won by Alan Dale (2), Mike Lawson, Cliff Spencer and John Agnew. The wheel was won by Jon Beales.

Ken Miles dropped in to say hello, hopefully he will be back playing in the next few weeks.

Left: *The fine form that helped Wally win both our competition but also the Saturday comp.*



Results for Tuesday 22nd June

After a very wet weekend in which many people pulled out of the competitions, the Vets were greeted to reasonably fine weather. The course was still very wet but we were careful to keep our carts away from the greens and wet areas.

It was good to see Dave Burges and Abe Huisken out playing, along with Greame Smith from Rottneest GC. We had a great field of 29.

Greg Hill came back to form to win the day with 18 points from Gary Masters and Michael Lawson both scoring 17. Dave Burges got a respectable 16 points. Novelties were won by Ross Fraser, Bob Mofflin, Jim Kendra, Alan Dale (birdie) Michael O'Connor (birdie and NTP) and Michael Lawson.

Roger Dallas won the wheel and Bob Mofflin won the chocolate.



Mike Lawson and Greg Hill preparing for an enjoyable game of golf.

Results for Tuesday 30th June

I was talking to John Agnew before we hit off today and as we surveyed the blue sky, John told me that the forecast was for good weather until the afternoon.

John got saturated on his second hole and went home. The other 18 of us stuck it out and got saturated two more times during our STROKE round.

John Beales found the conditions to his liking, cruising around to score a nett 34 strokes. The next best was Wally Jelliman with 37 then Mike Beale with 38. Our illustrious Vice-Captain struggled and won the chocolate with a nett 47.

Novelties were won by Colin, Bruce, Ross and Mike B. Jon won the putting competition on a three way spinoff. There was a carryover of \$16 from the wheel.

Left : Jon Beales looking very debonair, obviously taken a long time ago.

We will be having our second CVGA event on Monday, 12th July. We are expecting a good crowd around 140 and hope to show case our course to its best. Bruce and Jim have been collecting volunteers to help with the running of this event and are always happy to have more help. If you can come along, please contact Bruce.

Results for Friday, 18th June

A lovely crisp morning as we drove across to Boyup Brook. The outside temperature ranged from 0 to 6°C during the drive.

As usual we were met by a happy group of veteran's all looking forward to their hamburger at the end of the game.

Although Boyup has sand greens, they are using a clay like yellow sand and the result was like putting on greens just a bit slower than ours. They were also very clean – no oil. Their course was in good conditions but since it was rated very easy we all lost a lot of strokes off our handicap, poor Alan Dale played off 8 for the second time.

Bruce did best of our group with 33 points, coming 4th overall (the winner only got 34). Alan got 26, Jon Beales 25. Cliff Spencer played his first game and scored a magnificent 15 points.

Right: Bruce, wondering "Do I look fat in this outfit?"



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Rod Bishop's Response to our Last Newsletter and the need for Vaccination.

It was disappointing to learn that there have been lockdowns in Brisbane, Darwin, Perth, and the Peel region, this virus has ways in finding its way into the country even though the strictest of border controls. Looking at Australia from this side of the world we just hope it accelerates the vaccine roll-out and prompts people to get the vaccine.

We have now got 80% of the UK population vaccinated with the first jab and 40% with the second and although the infection rate has increased over the past week it is in the non vaccinated under 25's and those that are anti-vaxxers. The people that have had to go to hospital and several in intensive care are people that have refused the vaccine for whatever reason. There has been bad press about blood clots in Australia but you stand more chance of being killed by a golf ball or driving to the course on a Tuesday morning than refusing the vaccine.

Recent reports from my golfing friends mention that the weather has been cold and wet and at times the course unplayable. My golf has been limited this summer and have played only five rounds of golf since leaving Margaret River. Played in a competition last week on a delightful course in Dorset and believe it or not won the day with 42 points. Maybe the less you play the better you get?

Please pass on my kind regards to all the Vets, tell them that I miss their company and golf, and to those that haven't had the jab tell them to get on with it as I will never be able to get back to my Margaret River home and they will never be able to holiday to a foreign land. Not good times but I guess we are all making the best of a bad job. Very best wishes from a warm and sunny Somerset and good golfing to all.

David Benson - 80th Birthday Celebration

David wishes to share his birthday celebrations with the Veterans and will be sponsoring the event on **Tuesday, 24th August**. David will be putting on prizes for 1st and 2nd. We will also put a novelty on every hole. We will have a prize for OBE. After the game there will be a BBQ with a hamburger for all.

Please put this date into your calendar and try to attend. It has been a while since we have had a celebration and I cannot think of a better reason to celebrate.





John Wholagan, Mike Beale, Alan Dale and Jon Bowden in warmer weather

Results for Tuesday 6th July

Wet wintry conditions continued this week so we shifted our competition to the top nine so that the carts wouldn't sink in the wet patches. Thanks to Dave Glasson and Lincoln for helping to arrange this.

We only had a field of 16 but the quality was there and Michael Beale had a good day to win with 19 points. Cliff Spencer lost on a count back to come second and Gerard McCabe was all alone in third place with 18 points.

Novelties were won by Ian Kerr, Gerard, Cliff, Colin Andrews and Merv McKillop. The chocolate was hotly contested but Ross Frazer won on a three way count back with 9 points.

Colin and Cliff both won the 2nd round matches in the Atcheson Shield.

Results for Tuesday 13th July

Another wet day of golf was predicted so the field was a bit small. 16 hardy golfers went out and were rewarded with only two downpours and we all came in relatively dry, so all up another good day better spent than sitting at home.

Terry Halsall returned to form to win the day with all square in our PAR competition. Gerard McCabe was unlucky to lose on a count back. Niall Carey came third with -1. Other good scores were achieved by Mike Lawson and John Wholagan.

Novelties were won by Mike Beale (2), Alan Dale, Wally Jelliman and John W. David Burgess made a guest appearance, trying to win our money wheel, and was rewarded with the chocolate for his efforts. Another carryover for the wheel.



Terry Halsall relaxing before an easy win, Rob Hearn made a rare, but appreciated, appearance.



We had our biggest prize pool for the wheel with three weeks of carry over so everyone was keen to see what number Ross Frazer spun up. Ray Atcheson was the very deserving winner, much to everyone's delight.

Results for Tuesday, 20th July

At last we looked like having a dry game of golf, but there always has to be a pay off. A gentle breeze was blowing and it felt like it was 5°. One of the coldest games this year.

A great field of 24 turned up and for the first time the Wheel was completely sold out, given that we also had our biggest prize pool of \$75 on offer.

Ross Frazer, who continually practices in these freezing conditions (he plays at 7:30am most mornings) won with 21 points. Gerard McCabe was runner up again with 20 points and Tony Small made a rare appearance to come third with 18 points. Other good scores Rob Hearn, Greg Hill and visitor Phil McCann (great to see you there Phil, hope to see more of you now that you are becoming a full member).

Novelties were won by John Wholagan, Gerard McCabe, Gary Evershed, Cliff Spencer and Kenny Wapshaw. Merv McKillop may have lost his match play but did get the chocolate.

Results for Tuesday, 27th July

Terrible weather and a water logged course caused a cancellation of Veteran's.

Results for Friday 2nd July 2021

Got up early to drive to Greenbushes to play veteran's golf. They had a good field of 68, which supplied them with funds to keep going for another year – interesting how the small clubs see these events compared to the bigger, more commercial, clubs.

Greenbushes is an unusual course in that it has very good grass greens but the fairways are not watered so they are very gravelly. You get good run, but the ball can run off very easily. I find it difficult to use a wedge here, but those who know the course can do so very well.

Jon Beales did the best of us, coming third with 35 points. Alan and I got 27 (so I didn't have to pay him), Mike Beale got 23 and John Wholagan got less. Always a good experience and worth dropping in if you are in the area (green fees are only \$10).



Jon Beales turned up fully prepared for the wintery conditions and was ready to navigate around the course.

Results for Tuesday, 26th July, 2021

It has been a lean month with our event being cancelled due to poor weather and a water logged course. Sanctuary also had their problems with management of the course reneging on their support and cancelling the event. Fortunately Harvey GC came to the rescue and allowed Sanctuary to run their event there.

It was a great day and the course was in very good condition. The greens were quite fast and the pin placements were set up for a championship, very tricky and a lot of movement. As normal, our group didn't cope well and I thought that my 25 points was pretty poor. Fortunately for me, only Alan Dale managed to score this much so we shared our prize pool.

Merv wouldn't tell me his score, but Jon Beales and John Wholagan both got 23.



Katanning and Kojonup last year, looks like being colder this year. The group are still all going, even though Koji has cancelled. We are going to play Katanning twice, hopefully the second time our group will perform better and win something.

Bruce and Gary, freezing in the camper van, it doesn't get better than this.

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Recycling Collection

With the drier weather, we were finally able to get around the course and clean out the bins. The separation of recycling from general rubbish was much better and several of the bins were 2/3 full. All up we filled three and a half big bins which is worth about \$70.

This combined with the cans from the club house and the ones that our members are dropping off at the course is giving us a nice little revenue stream to buy unusual items.

The club recently bought a large log splitter to break up the larger rounds that are collected on the course from fallen branches and trimming. It was a lot of fun smashing through rounds that the axe just bounced off. We are using a lot of wood in the clubhouse this winter so it is great to have this splitter to aid us old farts.



A lovely bright day for John Agnew (middle) to win for first time in a long time. Mike Lawson and the ever bubbly Ray Atcheson also played on the day.

Results for Tuesday 3rd August

We had a few away today for CVGA in Katanning but still got a good field of 16 which were ably organised by Jim, Dave and Merv.

After hearing a certain member complain about their handicap to anyone who would listen it was pleasing to see that "Whinging Johnny" made a welcome return to the winners circle this week. John Agnew scored 18 points to beat John Wholagan and Jon Beales both on 17 points.

The novelties were won by Bealzy, Merv, Wally and Cliff (2). Bob Mofflin braved the weather to win the chocolate again. There was a carry over of \$14 in the Wheel. Jon Bowden beat Jim Watson and Cliff Spencer beat Ross Frazer in the Atchy shield quarter finals.

Results for Tuesday 10th August



As we prepared to play today, the rain was pouring and then the hail came down (on right). When Ray Atcheson stated that we were all mad, we decided to call off the competition. Some of us played anyway since we were waiting to work in the afternoon. Who can judge our weather???



Greg Hill, Norm Williamson, Wally Jelliman and Roger Dallas. All these players are new to Veteran's this year. It is great to see several new players coming out this year, it is helping to keep the Veteran's competition strong and vibrant.

Wally Jelliman played Roger in the quarter finals of the Atcheson Shield, with Wally winning 1 up. This means we are now into the Semis. Jon Bowden v Mike Lawson and Wally v Cliff Spencer.

Results for Tuesday 17th August

At last a beautiful sunny day to play golf and a good group of 24 turned out to enjoy the conditions. We played the top 9 off the red tees and everyone seemed to enjoy the experience.

Ross Frazer won with a convincing 20 points, closely followed by Jim Watson (a fair weather player) with 18 and then Dave Benson with 17. The scores dropped away from here so all the other prizes were for turning up.

Novelties were won by Bruce (2), Greg Hill, Jim Watson and Norm Williamson. This was Norm's first game with the veteran's and we hope to see more of him.

Ken Miles made a welcome return after months off with elbow surgery. He won the chocolate with 9 points. There was a carryover in the Wheel from a couple of weeks ago and Jon Beales won collecting \$34.

Results for Tuesday 25th August - Benson's Birthday Bash

We played the bottom nine, red tees, today for the first time and many of us struggled with the loss of 7 shots from our blue handicap. Otherwise, I think everyone enjoyed the different course.

Roger Dallas revelled in the conditions and won with a great score of 21 points from Jim Watson on 18 and Ross Fraser with 17. Other good scores were Greg Hill, Bob Williams and Mike Lawson. Since we were celebrating Dave Benson turning 80 we decided to have an OBE. Ken Miles won our first OBE with 15 points.

Novelties were won by Greg Hill (4), Mike Lawson, Gerard McCabe, Roger, Jim Watson and Peter Nichols. Bruce won the chocolate with 5 points. The wheel was won by first timer Kim Aspland.



The birthday boy, with Wayne Clark and Peter Brennan.

It was great to see several of Dave's friends turn up to play in our game or just to enjoy the hamburgers that David put on. The chocolate biscuits that Sheila made were also devoured with gusto. Abe donated some wine to have with our burgers and Dave put on wine for the first and second place getters. It was a great day.



Mike Lawson, Gary Masters and Carl Wheeler (making his first appearance).



Alan Dale, Cliff Spencer, Ross Frazer, Roger Dallas and John Wholagan.



John Wholagan (obviously very social), John Agnew and Jim Kendra.



Peter Nichols and Wally Jeliman. Peter came along to support Dave, showing that he has recovered from his heart attack a month ago.

Results for Tuesday, 31st August

We changed our fixture today and played a 2 ball ambrose. A few members have mentioned that we once had a lot more variation in our games and I am trying to take this onboard.

Everyone seemed excited to see who they would draw for a partner and it was a jovial group who went out to play.

The good thing about ambrose is that we all come in with a much better score than we ever would by ourselves, so we are all happy with our game. The scores were very close but the combination of Jon Bowden and Mike Lawson prevailed, scoring 36 off the stick and a nett of 32. Phil McCann and Cliff Spencer came second with 33 and then Jim Kendra and Gerard McCabe with 34. We had an odd number of players so John Agnew, Bruce and Kenny Wapshaw played together. They received a cancellation prize for a very good 38 off the stick.

Novelties were won by Roger Dallas, Alan Dale, Mike Lawson, Merv McKillop and Kenny. The chocolates were won by the combination of Alan Dale and Wally Jelliman (mainly because Gary and I had trouble closing off the event and getting a final set of results - it was the first time we had an ambrose and didn't pick up on the subtle differences). Bad luck to Ray and Ross.



Above : Jim Kendra and new member Kenny Wapshaw.

Below : Enjoying the sunny weather, Greg Hill, Ross Frazer and Ray Atcheson (last in ambrose). Behind them is the winning combination of Jon Bowden and Mike Lawson talking tactics.



The 2021 AVGU National Championships, to be held at Yarrowonga, were again cancelled due to Covid and have been abandoned altogether.

The 2022 AVGU National Championships are to be hosted by WA from 6 to 12 November, 2022 - based in Mandurah. A good deal of planning has been completed and as part of this process a website has been developed to provide advice to potential participants and to allow them to register online. The website is due to go "live" from Saturday 21 August, 2021.

The website address is: www.avguchampionship2022.com.au

Whilst the AVGU hope a good number of us will be involved as players they will require a number of volunteers to assist in running this event. Once you have had a chance to look at the website I hope you will let someone on the committee know if you have any feedback or if you would like to assist as a volunteer.

Results for Tuesday 3rd August

With the huge amounts of rain this winter, Kojanup found themselves underwater so had to cancel but this didn't stop 6 of us going to Katanning for a few days anyway. Katanning is a lovely golf course with excellent couch fairways and clean sand greens. We played a two ball ambrose between us on Monday. Bruce and Alan were 'randomly' partnered and easily accounted for Gary and Greg, with Jim and Roger a close third.

On the Tuesday, Alan continued his good form to score 32 points (14th overall), along with Roger. Greg scored 31, Bruce, Jim and Gary all got 29. Overall this was very good for us and we are looking forward to next year.

Bruce, Gary, Jim and Greg drank 11 bottles of wine between them and by Tuesday night, Gary was slowing down dramatically.



Jim and Roger looking hopeful, Alan confident, Greg has already hit and then taken off his slippers. Gary needs the pole to hold him up. Bruce is just freezing while taking the photo.

On the Monday, Greg wore his slippers onto the first tee, obviously still suffering from the night before.



Results for Monday, 23rd August

A few of us hardy souls went to play Dunsborough Country Club in the CVGA. This course has similar views to Augusta but the fairways were all cape weed and the greens were treacherous sand. Since it is supposed to be an easy course, we lost 6 shots off our blue handicaps and we all struggled. The winning score on the day was 35 points, then 31 points.

Alan Dale and Jon Beale did the best of us with 24 points each. Bruce and Cliff both got 22 points.

Results for Monday, 30th August

After a battering at DCC, we all got back on the horse again and got up early to drive to Pinjarra. Last year the water hazards were virtually empty but this year they were absolutely full of water and provided quite a challenge to the unwary.

It was good to go to a course where our handicaps were normal, the grass on the fairways was lush and the greens were green (though very slow).

Bruce did the best of our group with 34 points, closely followed by Greg Hill (33), John W (32) and Alan (29). We all scored much better than last week and have been scoring better than previous years, which is a sign that we are getting used to the ever changing handicaps that we endure.



1993 Laurie Bedford, Merv McKillop and Bruce Darby helping with the development of the grass greens



2011 Veteran's Captains - Mike Lawson and Terry Halsall.

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News

It has been a sad month with two of our stalwarts dying. Brien Taylor died on Saturday, 4th September, at age of 96. Brien loved his golf and was a life member of Katanning GC, where he spent 64 years of his life, practising law in his spare time. He started playing veteran's in Margaret River when he shifted here 9 years ago. Brien sponsored an event at Veteran's every year and even last year, when he wasn't able to play he still made the time to come along and join all his mates and sponsor his event on 20th October. **A gathering to celebrate the life of Brien Taylor will be held outside the TAFE building at the Farmers Markets on Saturday 9 October at 11 am. Please feel free to come and share your memories of Brien over a coffee or tea, bring a plate to share if you like.**



Presentations last year on the day Brien sponsored. Merv won the day, with Gary and Bruce coming runners up.



Rod Bishop took this photo in 2009 of Peter, Alan Forward, Vince Homes and Mike Marks. I am sure they will all now be playing again on a course where it never rains.

Peter Clift started playing veteran's in 1995 and was very keen right up until last year when health problems (and Covid) made it too difficult to come out and play. He still made regular appearances with the early Saturday morning crew. Peter loved going to the Kalgan River trip and was organising this still in 2019.

Melbourne Cup Game

Jim Watson will be sponsoring this event again and we will be having a sausage sizzle as well as Novelties on every hole. The game will start at 8:30am so that we can get organised properly for the sweeps. We have invited the Ladies to join us but not sure if they will take up the offer. We will start collecting money for the sweeps the week before so that we can have most of this organised in time for the race.

Xmas Dinner

Just a reminder that the Xmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, 14th December. The subsidised price should be around \$40 per head and partners are invited.



Mike Lawson and John Agnew both had a good day in this event.

Results for Tuesday 7th September

With several of us away at Donnybrook, we had a small, but talented, field for today's competition. I would like to thank Gary and David for running the event.

John Agnew has really returned to form winning the event with a very good 22 points. Second was Ross Frazer, beating Wally Jelliman on a count back with 18 points.

Novelties went to Ross Frazer, Gary Evershed (making a welcome return) and Jon Bowden (2). Even though Bob Mofflin got a very respectable 13 points, he still won the chocolate. There was a carry over in the Wheel.

Mike Lawson beat Jon Bowden in the first semi-final of the Atcheson Shield to book his place in the final.

Results for Tuesday 14th September

What a beautiful morning to play golf and it was pleasing to see 23 of us come out and enjoy it. It was nice to see Ian Colmer make a return from Broome and Dave Glasson came out to help with our 4BBB trial (it failed unfortunately, but we will try again).

A roar came up from the crowd (mainly from one person) when Gerard McCabe was announced the winner on a countback from Bruce, both with 18 points. Dave Glasson also won a countback for third with 17 points from Garrick Masters and Ray Atcheson.

The novelties were won by Bruce, Dave Benson, Jim Watson and Ian Colmer. No-one put their name on the nearest to the bunker, which saves us a voucher. Abe Huisken had a horror of a day scoring 7 points to win the chocolate, saving Greg Hill (8 points). Bob Mofflin wasn't even close to the chocolate. Jim Watson won the carryover of the Wheel.



Gerard McCabe and Cliff Spencer enjoying the sunshine.



Dave Glasson, Charles Johnson, Rob Hearn and Ian Colmer - all fair weather golfers who waited till the sun started to shine to make a return or an appearance.

Results for Tuesday, 21st September

Another great day and we had 29 players come out to play. This time Bruce managed to get the 4BBB to work nearly as he wanted so the final results were a mystery to everyone until they were announced.

Cliff Spencer scored the best individual score with 21 points. The winners of the 4BBB with a magnificent 26 points was Niall Carey and Wally Jelliman. Second with 24 points was Kenny Wapshaw (1st game with a handicap) and Roger Dallas.

Cliff managed to beat Wally 3/2 in the Atcheson Shield making the final. Cliff will play Mike Lawson in the final.

New member Roger Verboon joined us along with first time player Charles Johnson. Novelties were won by Wally, Mike Beale (making a welcome return), Dave Glasson, Jim Kendra, Kenny Wapshaw and Ray Atcheson. Cliff topped off a good day by winning the Wheel.

Results for Tuesday, 28th September

Good weather greeted us again this week and we had 23 players come out for our Stableford competition.

Abe Huisken rebounded from coming last to winning this week with a good 19 points, which also gave him the OBE. Cliff Spencer continued his good form to come second with 18 points and Rob Hearn came third with 17 points. Seven players got 16 points which means a lot of people were very competitive on the day.

Novelties were won by John Agnew (2), Abe, Jon Beales and Ross Fraser. The chocolate was won by Ken Miles with a discouraging 9 points. (Ken won the OBE a few weeks ago). Mike Beales won the Wheel.

Next week we will play the final of the Atchy Shield between Cliff and Mike Lawson. This will be followed by a **sausage sizzle** so hope to see many of you.



Abe Huisken and Ian Colmer before the game, at this stage, Abe was just hoping to do better than his last game.

Results for Tuesday 7th September, 2021

Some of us took a pleasant drive to Donnybrook today to enjoy their hospitality and their apple pie. We finally got to put on the sunscreen and soak up the sun after a very wet golf season.

The course was in excellent condition but the rough was very rough. The grass greens were small as usual since they had just been placed on top of the old sand greens. This made your approaches tricky.

Alan Dale scored a very respectable 29 points to do the best of our group. John Wholagan got 24, Bruce 22, Jim Kendra 21 and Cliff 19. Not the best set of scores but the day was still very enjoyable and I am sure we will do better next time.



CVGA day at Margaret River earlier in the year



A photo of Bruce where he doesn't look really fat. Michael O'Connor made a return this week which was pleasing to see.

Results for Wednesday, 15th September, 2021

With an ominous weather forecast, we ventured to Manjimup this week to try our luck again. Alan Dale and Jim Kendra both had Grandfather duties but were ably replaced by Gary Evershed and Bill Hilbert, both playing their first games for us.

We got started a little early and Bruce's groups raced around to finish just before the rain came down. It was very pleasant to sit by the fire and watch the unfortunates still out on the course for another 30 minutes. Good to see a penalty for slow play.

Bruce did the best with 34 points, coming 7th overall. Cliff Spencer, 33 pts, and Gary Evershed 32 pts, also did very well. Jim Triglone 26, Bill Hilbert, 25 and Jon Beales 24 were all not that happy but happier than John Wholagan. Bruce won a nearest the pin, which is unusual for both Bruce and our reps.

The food was good, the apples fantastic and the company great.

Results for Monday, 20th September, 2021

Only Alan Dale and Bruce went to Waroona to play in the CVGA this week. I am sure that the sand greens had nothing to do with the poor showing. Unfortunately; they did have something to do with our scores. Both of us got 25 points each, which is sad since it was our putting that let us down.

The golf may not have been good, but I did like the flower display which I saw alongside the second fairway.



2020 Newsletters

I have combined all last years newsletters into one file and put it onto the website along with Ray Atcheson's Newspaper clippings. If you would like to view these, go to:

<http://www.margarethouse.com.au/golf/>



Ray Atcheson Shield 2021

Played before June 22nd

- 1 Merv McKillop
- 2 Bye
- 3 Michael Lawson *
- 4 Gerard McCabe
- 5 Niall Carey *
- 6 Jon Bowden
- 7 David Benson
- 8 Jon Beales **
- 9 Tony Small
- 10 Ian Colmer **
- 11 Jim Watson
- 12 Bye
- 13 Colin Andrews
- 14 Jim Kendra
- 15 Bye
- 16 John Wholagan
- 17 Ross Frazer
- 18 Bye
- 19 Alan Dale
- 20 John Agnew
- 21 Bruce Darby
- 22 Cliff Spencer
- 23..Gary Masters *
- 24 Greg Hill
- 25 Ian Kerr *
- 26 Robert Williams
- 27 Terry Halsall
- 28 Roger Dallas
- 29 Mike Beale
- 30 Michael O'Connor
- 31 Bye
- 32 Wally Jelliman

Played July 6th

- Merv McKillop
- Mike Lawson 2/1
- Jon Bowden 1x
- Jon Beales 5/3
- Ian Comer
- Jim Watson
- Colin Andrews (1 up)
- John Wholagan
- Ross Frazer
- Alan Dale (4 up)
- Cliff Spencer (1 x)
- Gary Master (1 x)
- Robert Williams
- Roger Dallas (1 up)
- Mike Beale (3/2)
- Wally Jelliman

Played July 27th

- Jim Watson
- >
- Jon Bowden 1up
- Mike Lawson 3/2
- >
- Colin Andrews 2/1
- Ross Frazer 3/2
- >
- Cliff Spencer 2/1
- Roger Dallas 2x
- >
- Wally Jelliman 2/1

Played August 31st

- Jon Bowden 3/1
- Mike Lawson def
- Cliff Spencer 4/3
- Wally Jelliman 1up

Played September 28th

FINAL

-----> Mike Lawson 1 up

Winner

-----> Cliff Spencer 3/2

Games can be played during the normal competition on the day allocated or any time before the next round is due to be played. The Final must be played before the end of October. Presentation at Xmas Function.

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Play 9 in 2021

I am not sure if everyone has read the email from Golf Australia, but there is a national competition going on since June and everyone who plays in a 9-hole competition appears to have been entered into the competition. Many of us would have multiple entries into this competition so this could be interesting. Entries close November, 15 and you don't have to do anything (so long as you have been checking your handicap through the app at some stage).

We're offering golfers around Australia the chance to win a spot in the 2021 Play 9 national final over the summer of golf!

28 golfers – four per state/territory association – will win the chance to play nine holes at the Play 9 national final.

The four qualifiers will receive the following at no cost:

Return flights to the event;
2 nights accommodation;
\$200 towards food and transport expenses;
Entry to the Play 9 national final;
Player gift pack;
Attendance to the Play 9 function;
Tickets to the associated national tournament over the summer of golf.

Terry Brealey

It was sad to hear that Terry Brealey died on Tuesday, 19th October. Terry played with the Veteran's from 1990 to at least 2008 (according to my photographic records of Veteran's). He also served on the committee as Vice-Captain and then Captain of the Club in 1992. Terry owned a small vineyard and produced wine (of dubious quality we all thought). He asked me once to go with him to pick up some of his wine from Moss Brothers. We drove in and they just loaded 24 cases of their unlabelled red. I never doubted the quality of his wine again. My condolences go out to his wife Judy in these difficult days.



1990 Veteran's Photo

Back L to R: Peter Huitenga, Allan Forward, **Terry Brealey**, Bill Atkins, Alistair Campbell,
2nd L to R: Bill Lynn, Herb Deadman, Wally Price, Gordon Smith, Derek Trigwell
3rd L to R: Arthur West, Doug Phillips-Jones, Bill Roseman, Dick Blain (Vic)
4th L to R: Ralph Morrow, Roy Hobson, Charlie Hine, Kim McKeown, Norm Scott



Ray Atcheson presenting small prizes to Cliff and Mike.

Results for Tuesday 4th October

Today saw the final of the Atcheson Shield played between Cliff Spencer and Mike Lawson. It was a tightly fought match, but Cliff held on to win on the last hole. We started with 27 players, and I know that everyone who participated enjoyed the experience.

With the promise of a sausage after the game, we had a good field of 29 turn up to enjoy the cold conditions. New member Kenny Wapshaw blew us all away with a great 23 points, which appears to have **taken 13 off his handicap** (vicious). Second on a countback with 18 points was Jon Bowden followed by Bruce. Other good scores were achieved by Mike O'Connor and Roger Dallas.

Novelties were won by Bruce (2), John Agnew, Rob Hearn and Greg Hill. Ross Fraser proved that practise really doesn't help getting the chocolate with 5 points. Alan Dale won the wheel. Special thanks to Dave Benson for cooking the BBQ and also winning the OBE. It was good to see Colin Andrews back from his trip and Peter Panegyres making an appearance.

Results for Tuesday 11th October (Liam's BD)

Another good field of 26 turned up for today's PAR event. Unfortunately; the stress of last weeks loss in the Atchy Shield caused Mike Lawson's heart to go into fibrillations, mirroring a heart attack, and he spent the day in Bunbury hospital. All turned out to be good and he reckons his new drugs will help his putting. It wasn't even bad enough to get him into the "Stent Club" (If you wish to join this club, see the President, Mike Beale.)

Jon Beales must have been on some really good drugs as well since he whipped the field to win with an impressive +5. Roger Dallas came second with +2 then Merv all square. -1 was scored by Kenny Wapshaw, Ian Colmer, Bruce and John Agnew. Novelties were won by Jon Beales, Lazarus, Gerard McCabe, Mike Beale and Phil McCann. Ross Fraser continued his good form to win the chocolate again with -8. Ken Miles won the Wheel, collecting \$21.



Jim Kendra and Kenny Whapshaw, Kenny lost 13 strokes off his handicap last week and still managed to come in with -1 today.



Norm Williamson managed to stick it out for the nine holes in the rain (it was really bucketing down at this stage). Norm owns the Candy Cow in Cowaramup.

Results for Tuesday, 19th October.

The forecast was for strong winds and squalls so half those who turned up today decided not to play. 93 year old Ray Atcheson and 82 yo Mike Beale decided to play though, shame on you youngsters. We had a field of 7 and the conditions were quite good for 7 holes.

Cliff Spencer won with a magnificent 15 points followed by Bruce with 14. Bruce also birdied #4 to win the only novelty. Jon Beales won the chocolate. Kenny Wapshaw came in third with 13 points.

Results for Tuesday, 26th October

The weather was much better this week but we still had a smallish field due to 5 of us being in Denmark for the CVGA event. With the Melbourne Cup approaching we have been collecting money for the sweeps and have two full \$5 sweeps and 3 full \$2 sweeps. We will still be collecting money for these next Tuesday, so make sure you book in and bring along your money.

John Wholagan played very well today to win with 22 points, closely followed by Mike Beale with 20. Richard Verboon came third with 18 points beating John Agnew on a countback. John still got the OBE though.

Novelties were won by Kenny Wapshaw, Jim Kendra (2), Colin Andrews and John Agnew. Ray Atcheson would have got the chocolate with 7, but left early so Bob Mofflin won it again with 8 points. The Wheel was won by Cliff Spencer.

For the Melbourne Cup we will be having a sausage sizzle and novelties on every hole, sponsored by Jim Watson. Please get your names in early for catering purposes.



New member, Richard Verboon, with next weeks birthday boy, Jim Watson

Results for Monday 4th October - Augusta

A group of 13 of us went to Augusta, which is the biggest since I have been delegate and unlike other clubs we all went regardless of the dire weather predictions. As it turned out we had a windy but dry day and unusually none of us got terrible scores.

John Wholagan did the best with 32 points closely followed by Bill Hilbert with 31 and Greg Hill with 30. Alan Dale won a nearest the pin, great effort Alan.

The course was in great condition and if you knew how to bump and run onto the greens then you were able to enjoy your game.

A minutes silence was held for Peter Clift in recognition of his contribution as a delegate from 2005-2008.



Bruce, Cec Holman and Merv McKillop enjoying the magnificent views of the ocean at Augusta.



Mike Beale and Bob Williams - President and Vice-President of the Margaret River Stents Club.

Results for Monday, 17th October - Harvey

Although it was a long drive, Harvey is a very good golf course and well worth the trip. We had 8 players and as usual we all struggled on a different course. John Wholagan was the best of our group with 31 points followed by Alan and Roger with 29. The rest of us got in the mid to low 20's.

Rosie and I came back fro Perth to play and Rosie caddied for me. Unfortunately, all it showed her was how badly I can play.

Results for Monday, 10th October - Bridgetown

It was a lovely drive to Bridgetown, following the Blackwood River and up through the rolling hills.

When we went to start the game it started to rain and didn't stop throughout. It was a very unpleasant day weather wise and it was an achievement for us all to just finish.

Mike Beales revelled in the conditions and loved the unbelievably slow greens, scoring the best of us with 29 points (coming 5th overall). Bruce came 10th with 27 points then Alan with 26, Merv 24 and Jon Beales 23.



John Wholagan won at Harvey, standing with Jim Watson who will be sponsoring the Melbourne Cup game.



Alan Dale, Jon Beales (in his foul weather gear), Michael O'Connor and Jon Bowden all went to Walpole along with Bill Hilbert for a wet and wild couple of days.

Results for Monday and Tuesday, 24th and 25th October at Walpole and Denmark.

Jon rang Mike Beale at 10am on Monday morning, just before hitting off at Walpole to say that he was in his full wet weather gear and had all the rain shields down on his buggy.

Jon wanted Mike and Bruce to know what they were missing out on.

Unfortunately I don't have the results from Walpole at this stage but I do know the results from Denmark the next day and they are usually better than Walpole.

The boys did themselves proud at Denmark with Alan, Jon and Bill coming equal top of our group, all with 24 points. Mike got 22 and Jon received 19 points. We can only hope that the drinks and food were better than last year (when the hotel ran out of most dishes on their menu).

The next game is at Collie and we can only hope that the weather will be better and that our scores are more respectable.



The Veteran's group in 2005 on their "world tour", taken in front of the clubhouse at Orchardleigh in Somerset. Terry Brealey can be seen in the middle, back row, directly under the inverted cone tower. strangely Rod Bishop (far left) is the only one dressed appropriately.

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News

The Melbourne Cup Veteran's was a huge success and thank you to everyone who came along and helped in the organisation and running of the event.



Farewell to Terry

Terry Haywood, our ex-vice-captain, is going back to Scotland to live so that he can help out with his daughter, who is having a few family issues.

It will be sad to see Terry leave us, but he told me that he might come back here again if everything sorts itself out.

On Tuesday, 30th November, we had a farewell BBQ and it was great to see a large group around 40 turn up to say goodbye.





Results for Tuesday 2nd November Melbourne Cup Game - sponsored by Jim Watson.

This year we decided to try something new for Melbourne Cup and invite anyone who wanted to play. Since it was the first time we didn't get much of an uptake, but still got 5 Ladies and 6 non-Vets to make a total 39 players.

Everyone enjoyed the supersized sausage sizzle, with chicken kebabs and salads (thanks to Nigel, Anne Kendra and Shiela Benson for these).

We ran 8 sweeps (mostly prearranged) and three Wheels and I think everyone had a great day. The winner (off the red tees) was Colin Andrews with 21 points, followed by Terry Halsall, 19 and then Gary Masters 17. Anne Kendra was the best Lady with 17. Prizes were donated by Schweppes (left overs from a previous day). David Benson got the OBE.

Novelties were won by Ray, Marc Griffiths, Jim Kendra, Jon Bowden, Rosie Burnett, Matt Davey, Bill Ross, Kenny W and Bob Williams. Ray also got the chocolate.

All up it was a great day and we look forward to making this bigger next year - it was a good fund raiser for Vet's grossing us an extra \$50 in the Wheel.

Results for Tuesday, 9th November

Bruce, Jim, Rosie and Anne were off on our trip to Albany, Esperance and Kalgoorlie so it was left to the able hands of Gary and Dave to run the event.

19 players turned up to play Par on the top nine with Merv McKillop starting to show some good form (at last) winning with +2. Second was John Wholagan +1 and then Michael O'Connor all square. John Agnew won the OBE with -3.

The novelties were won by John Agnew, Gary Masters and Richard Verboon. Bob Mofflin got the Chocolate and Roger won the Wheel.



You are not safe anywhere, we ran into Marc Griffiths while playing in Albany (on both days)



Roger Dallas and Greg Hill both played extremely well on the sand greens.

Results for Tuesday, 23rd November

After a break last week for coring, we had a good field of 27 come out to play in perfect conditions (if you didn't consider the greens).

Results for Tuesday, 30th November

Today we played 4BBB and had a BBQ to bid farewell to Terry Haywood. Not sure if it was the game or the BBQ but we got a great field of 34 booked in, which is almost a record.

You could hear the laughter and encouragement around the course indicating that everyone was having an enjoyable day of golf and the scores were fantastic.

The winners were Phil McCann and Ross Frazer with 26 points closely followed by Ian Colmer and Kenny Wapshaw with 25. Gerade McCabe and Jon Bowden were third with 24. The two Bobs combined well to win the chocolates with 18 (normally you would be happy with this). Jim Taylor came out to farewell Terry and played with Bruce. They got 20, which made Jim very happy, he contributed on 4 of the holes.

Novelties were won by Ross, Ian, Richard Verboon, Dave Glasson, Jon and Bob Williams. We filled the Wheel sheet so Mike Beale collected \$25.50.

It was good to see Phil McCann and Peter Shack make a return to Vet's

We played off the red tees and with the extra run on the course, many players beat their handicap. The winner was Roger Dallas, obviously still basking in the glory of his **hole in one earlier in the month**, with 22 points. Second was Greg Hill beating Merv McKillop, Kenny Wapshaw and Jon Beales all with 21 points. Ross Frazer got 19 and David Benson won the OBE with a good 18 points.

Novelties were won by Ross (3), Kenny, Ray and Gary Evershed. Niall Carey won the chocolate. and Jon Bowden won the Wheel.

After the game, our new club President gave us a run down on the direction he hopes to take the club in, which was good to hear. Personally I was pleased to see Charles Johnson get VP and I am looking forward to working with John Bell again as Captain.



Phil McCann looking every bit the in form golfer that he was. Phil is a new member this year.

National Veteran's Championships - Western Australia - 2022

I have been asked to pass this on to all our members

It's a good time to consider nomination especially with the early-bird package of \$330 available until Jan 31. All details and entry form are on the website at:

<https://avguchampionship2022.com.au/>

Entrants will enjoy four rounds of golf, a welcome function along with daily prize presentations and off-course entertainment. Presentation dinner optional.

GOLFER PACKAGE Price: \$330 if paid by 31st of January 2022, \$390 from 1st of Feb 2022.

Golfer Package includes four rounds of golf with a cart, welcome function, Championship prizes and lucky draws and information pack.

Results for Monday, 1st November at Collie

Collie is a great course with plenty of run and excellent greens. The course meanders around the Collie River making it both beautiful and challenging.

With the improved weather, we are getting more nominations from our club, which makes the kitty good to win. Bruce did the best of our group with 39 points, coming 4th overall. Other good scores were Bill Hilbert (36) and Alan Dale (34). All our scores were over 25 which is unusual.



Mike Beale removing his ball which was embedded in this pile of sand 50m from the tee.



John, Mike, Alan and Jon all went to Dunsborough and enjoyed the weather.

Results for Monday, 8th November at Dunsborough Lakes

10 of us went to Dunsborough and enjoyed a good course with plenty of run. After all our handicaps have drifted during winter, we are now doing much better at courses that we are visiting as shown by the good scores yet again. John Wholagan did the best with 36pts but was closely followed by Bill Hilbert and Ian Colmer with 35pts. Jon Bowden, Greg Hill and Roger Dallas all got 34 pts.

Results for Monday, 15th November at Bunbury

Again 10 of us went off to Bunbury and enjoyed another wonderful day of golf on an excellent golf course. Roger Dallas continued his good form to do the best of our group with 36 points. Bill IHilbert came second in our group (again) who scored 33 pts along with Jon Bowden. Alan Dale, Jon Beales and John Wholagan all got over 30 pts, which is our benchmark for a good day of golf on a course we don't know.



One of the best things about visiting other courses is the beauty of how they set them up. This lake was at Collie GC. I also saw a long neck turtle crossing the fairway at Collie.

Results of City v Country Challenge at Mandurah Golf Club on Monday, November 22nd.

This is a bi-annual event played at Bunbury earlier in the year and then now in Mandurah. We play for the Bruce Rowley Shield. This time they took the aggregate of the best 20 scores from each team to determine the winner.

We had six players participate in the field of 144, which was a good turnout in Mandurah. The course was in good condition but we struggled a bit with the greens. Jim Triglone was the best of our group with 33, followed by Gary Evershed (31) and Bruce with 30pts.

Unfortunately: The city boys beat us convincingly so we will have to do better next year to recover the trophy.

Results from 29th November at Bunbury (again)

For reasons best known to Bunbury, they run two events this month. Jon Bowden rang me so that he could nominate again, since he wanted to beat the course after his first attempt. Read on to see if he did.

9 of us went this time and the course was in very good condition with very fast greens (especially compared to our cored ones). Merv McKillop did the best of our group with 33 points. He was followed by Micheal O'Connor (31), Cliff Spencer (30) and Jon Bowden (30). The rest of us played our usual average game in the 20's. Merv was the only one to receive a ball.



Jon Bowden and Merv

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Xmas Dinner

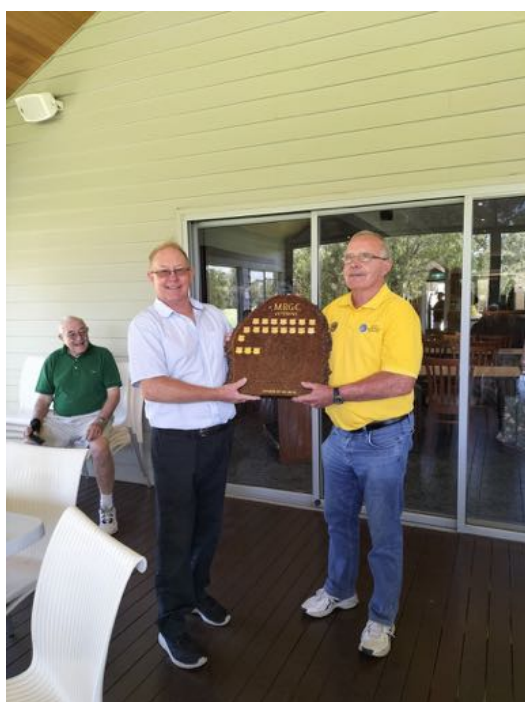
We had a great crowd at the dinner this year with 51 people attending. It was good to see several partners come along and join us. This gives everyone the chance to see why we love coming out on Tuesdays every week and joining our mates. Special thanks to Ken Miles and George Heyden for bringing us some quality wines to go with the other great wines that were put into our Xmas raffle, we sold all the tickets which helped pay for the prizes on the day for eclectic, champion and appreciations.



Veteran's Champion, 2021 - Jim Watson



Atchy Shield Winner, 2021 - Cliff Spencer with runner up Michael Lawson.



Veteran's Eclectic 2021 winner - Alan Dale



Veteran's Captain 2021 - Bruce Darby



Jon and Doreen Bowden



Viv and Terry Halsall



Jon and Phyllis Beales



Ina and Bob Williams



Kerry and Greg Hill



Jim and Kerry Watson



Maddy and Ken Miles



Cliff and Janice Spencer



Lincoln and Shaye Reimeyer



Richard Verboon, Colin Andrews and Peter Shack



Gary Evershed and Phil McCann



Clockwise left to right : Charge of the light brigade on #3, George Heyden and Roger Dallas. Benson the Benevolent, Shaye golfing at the Volunteers Day (Wednesday). Bruce ruining Merv's perfect hair. Both Colin and Jim went to a very bad barber, not recommended.





Clockwise left to right : Wally Jelliman, Bob Mofflin, Mike Beale. Enjoying the beers Ian Chidgey, Ken Miles and Greg Hill. The people who prepared our great lunch - Saul Atkinson, Phoebe and Katie Willcox.





Mike Beale and Bob Williams are loving the sunny weather and are working on their Blues Brothers act.

Cliff Spencer won the chocolate in a countback from Bob (both with 11)

Results for Tuesday 14th December

What a great day for a Xmas Lunch, with cool overcast weather keeping the inside temperatures pleasant. We had a great field of 36 playing off the red tees and looking at the scores, everyone really enjoyed the shorter course.

John Agnew led the field (and the OBE) with 21 points beating Bill Hilbert on a countback. Alan Dale was third, with 20 points on a countback from Michael O'Connor and Garrick Masters. Bruce (19), Gerard, Roger, John Bell, Jon Bowden and Ian Comer all got 18. There had to be a countback for the chocolate but this was won by Wally Jelliman with 10.

Novelties were won by Dave Benson, George Heyden, Cliff Spencer, Alan Dale, Greg Hill and Niall Carey.

It was good to have Ian Chidgey, John Bell and Charles Johnson join us for the day and see how much fun it is playing off the different tees. Hopefully we'll see more of this in other competitions.

Results for Tuesday 7th December

The weather has warmed up considerably and I am pleased that this has had the effect of keeping our fields high. We gained another new member today, with George Heydon joining us (and committing to the Xmas Dinner, that is keen isn't it).

29 players played off the White tees on the top nine and with Jim Kendra and myself away at the AGM of the CVGA, it was left up to Gary and Merv to run the show.

Michael Beale had a good return to form to win the day with 23 points. Second was John Wholagan with 20 and third was Wally Jelliman on 19. Other good scores were achieved by Richard Verboon, Ross Frazer and Rob Hearn all on 18. Dave Benson again won the OBE with 17.



John Agnew drinking a well earned beer after the game. John played with our club Vice-President Charles Johnson.



Kenny Wapshaw on the right standing next to Jim Kendra (who was at home sick for this competition)

Results for Tuesday, 21st December, 2021

The last game of the year was played in superb weather and a great field of 27 turned up.

The winner of the day was Kenny Wapshaw with 23 points, Kenny's handicap has come down from an initial 53.5 to 32.6 since July. Obviously this is not enough. Second was John Wholagan with 20 pts and third on a countback was Ian Colmer with 19 pts. Other good scores were achieved by Cliff Spencer, Colin Andrews (OBE) and Ray Atcheson.

The novelties were won by Mike O'Connor, Rob Hearn, John and Dave Benson. George Heydon has just received his handicap in his first official game he won the chocolate. There is only one way to go from here. Next game will be on January 4th.

Country Veteran's Association of WA

(<https://vetsgolf.com.au/>)

On Tuesday, 7th December, Jim Kendra and I went to the AGM in Donnybrook. It was an interesting meeting with two main items of the agenda.

The first was whether to increase the competition fees to \$25. There was a bit of discussion about this with clear lines drawn between the small clubs (sand greens) who felt that were making huge profits from the day and the larger clubs like ours who don't actually make any money on these days (if you take into account the costs of running the event and what we would have taken in green fees anyway). The motion to increase the fees was **passed** 27 votes to 17.

The second discussion was about trying to make the fixtures more even through out the season and also to get some of the games shifted to times that were better suited to the condition of the courses. Courses that are not reticulated obviously would like their game to be held later in the year, after winter, when the fairways are at their best. The result of this discussion (which has been taking place for a few months now) is that Augusta will have their game in November. A better distribution of games will take place next year.

Walpole/Denmark have had their games shifted to the beginning of May and Margaret River's second game has been put back to October 10, which should mean us getting a bigger field and the chances of rain should be less.

Nomination and membership fees will stay the same as previous years and Jim will be collecting this from the first game in January.

We will also be collecting information on proof of your **Vaccination Status** since there is a good chance that this will become required information for nominations next year. Please keep this in mind when you decide if you wish to join for 2022.