

SANDGATE GOLF CLUB NEWS – AUGUST 2023

Our Course

From Bryan Morgan

We must all acknowledge the magnificent job that the Green's staff have done on the course and greens. As members – you 'own' this Club – and it's all about an enjoyable round.

Please take note of the following dates when planning your Golf games. Yes, you can still play on these dates. There will be more tree removals – I can hear the cheers from here this will occur on **Thurs 31st August** further enhancing line of sight, Full Green's renovation will occur **Wednesday 11th October**.

PS. The guys LOVE it when you let them know how awesome everything looks and feels.



*From Our Captain –
Peter Scott*

Pennants

This last Sunday 13 August we played our last Men's Pennant match for the season against McLeod Golf Club here at Sandgate. Going down 14 to 7. A massive thankyou to **Bryan Morgan** who not only got up at dawn to mow the greens, but caddied for **Larry Pumpa** (who halved again this week – awesome work) and then cooked our BBQ Lunch – massive effort greatly appreciated.



Last weekend we played Jindalee at Jindalee and had our best result for the year going down 14 to 7. Some good wins to **Sid Murphy, Ryan Dunn, Neil Stevens** and our junior on loan from Pacific Golf Club, **Oliver 'Ollie' Wright** (by the way, Oliver won all his 6 matches for us last year and all 3 this year!) and **Larry Pumpa** was all square after 18 holes so halved his match. The other points were forfeits because Jindalee only had one Junior.



Slow Play

The total fields on Saturday are going quite well mostly with about 100 playing. There is some concern about slow play so we all need to be aware of how we can keep up to the group in front – only look for lost balls for 3 minutes, if there is any doubt about a ball please hit a provisional ball, only have a maximum of one practice swing per shot, play ready golf not worrying too much about who is furthest from the hole, don't all mark your cards at the one time if there is an opportunity to drive one person should do their drive then mark their card, walk quickly to your ball and prepare for your shot and

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don't go to everyone else's ball. If your group does fall substantially behind, do the courteous thing and invite the group behind through.

From the Vice President - Shayne Gilbert

It has been another busy month for the team at Sandgate GC. I am always amazed at the time our staff, members, and volunteers contribute to the operation of the club to ensure the facility is operational every single day. It is certainly something which I have a newfound appreciation for having joined the committee just this Year.

Monthly Medal

Last weekend was our August Monthly medal and congratulations to our winners:

Mens A Grade: **Curtis Baker** (1st), **Larry Pumpa**, and **Alan Head**

B Grade: **Neil Kunde** (1st), **Peter Coddington**, and Noel Bates

C Grade: **John Grace** (1st), **Bob Nolan**, and

Paul Hogan

Ladies A Grade: **Clare Alford**

G'Bye Peter Coddington

As many of you will be aware last week marked the final 'work' week of our Club Secretary, Peter Coddington. Peter has filled this role for some 8 years now and has been an integral part of the operation and management of our club. Personally, Peter is one of the friendliest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Peter has had the task of overseeing the club through some highly unusual and tumultuous times. He is the first Club Secretary to see the club through a Global Pandemic, a major flood event and the rebuilding of our downstairs club area. To list all of Peter's accomplishments and achievements would take too much time and space. The membership will never be able to THANK YOU enough for your leadership and care during your time. We all hope you enjoy your retirement, travels, and time with family. Peter won't be lost to the club; I have no doubts that he will continue to play regularly.

Welcome Brett and Raelee

With Peter moving on members of the committee undertook an extensive process to appointment a replacement. **Brett Forrest** who is no stranger to the club, will take on the role of General Manager of Sandgate GC. Brett is a previous Club Captain, and he has been assisting Peter for many years now, on a part-time basis. Hopefully each of you will take the time, to make Brett feel welcome and give him some time to settle into his Full-Time role.

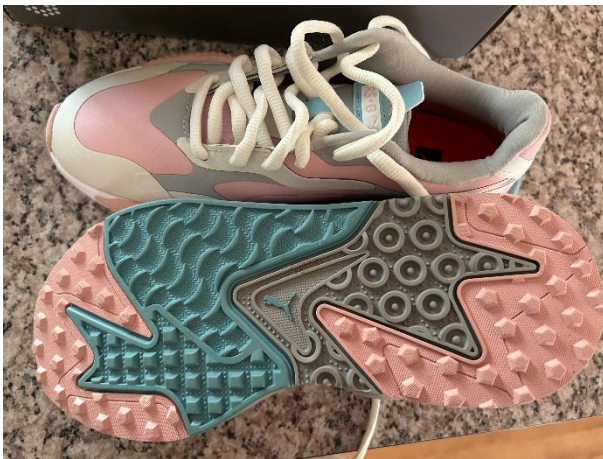
To support Brett, **Raelee Marxsen** has accepted a role and will commence working at the club this week (week commencing 14/8). Raelee comes to us with extensive experience in the hospitality and clubs' sector. Please introduce yourself to Raelee and make her feel welcome to our community.

One of the challenges the club has at present is meeting the continued expectations of a growing membership. We now have over 330 members, which ensures the club receives plenty of use. Keeping our costs at a level which reflects our facility and ensures we remain able to deliver on these members' expectation is becoming a growing challenge. Higher wages, supply costs and general operating costs (eg. Electricity and insurance) all impact the club's bottom line and require prudent financial management. if there are any questions regarding this please reach out to discuss in more detail. The committee, with lead from the Treasurer, are presently in the process of completing a budget for the 2023/2024 FY, an important guiding document for our club over the next 12 months.

Finally, a massive thank you to our course committee **Kevin Green** and **Bryan Morgan**, led by Course Director, **Vince Bold**. The course is in great condition.

Enjoy your next couple of weeks, I look forward to seeing each of you around the place. if there are any issues, please feel free to reach out to me to discuss.

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