

Your Clubs, Your Newsletter

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Your Club News From the President

My first 3 months after taking over from President Bill Gurnett has been both rewarding and challenging. It has been a smooth transition and it has been a pleasure to work alongside Bill for many years. Bill remains on the Board and his enthusiasm and knowledge is very much appreciated.



The Board is currently reviewing and formulating strategic planning for what we see as the future success and performance of our club over the next 5 years and beyond. We look forward to sharing our plans in the future as these develop.

The irrigation system has been upgraded after 30 years which will help in running costs and preparation of our course and surrounds. Due to our current climate and lack of rain over recent times and the fact that the pump system let us down in summer, this indeed will be of great benefit.

The Pro-Am was a great success and was won by Matthew Buff. The course was presented in magnificent condition and many accolades were passed on by players, sponsors and visitors. Well done to Ash Davis the Course Superintendent and his team.

The bowlers have had their opening tournament with 80 players in attendance. I wish them well for the upcoming season on what is the best facility as rated by recent State organisations holding their events at Murray Downs.

Shane McHenry our Club Golf Professional continues to improve with the golfing tuition to new juniors and golfing members. We are already seeing increasing membership numbers due to his knowledge and expertise.

As this notice goes out, our annual memberships will become due. Your membership is valuable to us and I hope that our facilities and services at our 3 venues meet your expectations. We are excited to announce that we now have loyalty points awarded at all 3 venues to all of our members.

As we approach Christmas we look forward to members and visitors taking full advantage of our facilities, as we have many social functions coming up. Your continued support will help us grow. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish you all the very best for the festive season.

We look forward to seeing you at our club.

Col Hedwards
President



From the CEO's Desk

Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year again when we ask you to renew your membership with our Clubs. Your membership is valuable to us and we are committed to providing you with first class facilities with a wide range of services and product on offer. As a member you have access to three great venues in Swan Hill and your

Member's card gives you many benefits at both the Swan Hill Club and the Murray Downs Golf and Country Club. You can now also earn and redeem points at Spoons Riverside in the restaurant, gift shop and provedore!

Keep an eye out in your email inbox as we will be sending out renewals and newsletters via email to Members who's email address we have. Please ensure you provide reception with an updated email address so you don't miss any of our future communications.

Your continued support of your Club is vital to its success. We need you to renew your membership and we look forward to being of service in 2019!

3 Year Social Memberships

Social Members now have the opportunity to renew for 3 years rather than having to renew every year, which will save you time and money! Please ask reception when you renew.

Golf Membership Paid Monthly

Don't forget that Full Golf and Bowls Members and Country Members can pay their membership via a monthly direct debit without any administration fees! That's right, you don't have to pay it all up front if you would rather pay by the month. Terms and conditions apply and please contact reception for more details.

Sunday Sessions at Swan Hill Club

The Swan Hill Club will again host live acoustic music in the Beer Garden every Sunday afternoon during warmer months, starting Sunday 4th November. Get a group of friends together and come along and enjoy the Sunday sessions, we look forward to seeing you there.

Functions and Parties

I encourage you all if you are organising a Christmas party, function or celebration of any kind to consider holding it at either the Murray Downs Golf and Country Club, Swan Hill Club or Spoons Riverside. We are fortunate to have a great range of different facilities that can cater for any event. The staff will be only too happy to assist you in planning and holding a successful event. Christmas function menus for all venues are available on their respective websites.

From the CEO Continued

Thanks to all our staff

A sincere thank you to all our staff who have worked in our three venues throughout the year. It has been a challenging year, yet they all remain focused on ensuring you are looked after when you visit one of your venues.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and staff.

May you get to spend some quality time with loved ones and have a safe and happy festive season!

Please renew your membership and visit your venues. Your support continues to allow us to provide excellent facilities and support for our local community. We look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Greg Roberts
Chief Executive Officer

Are you a Gold or Silver Member of Murray Downs and the Swan Hill Club?

You can now EARN and SPEND points at Spoons Riverside when you use your Members card!

Available in the restaurant, gift shop & providore!

No Members/Guests prices apply.



Not a Member?

Visit reception at either Club to apply and start earning points to redeem.



Spoons Riverside

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From the Men's Captain



Welcome to the spring newsletter. The weather is improving rapidly after what seemed to be a colder and windier than usual winter. The course is recovering from green renovations and showing some welcome spring growth. As usual fields have been a little smaller over winter, but with return of the nomads and warmer days the numbers are increasing.

A number of monthly medals have been played since last newsletter. Dennis Kelly won the April Medal (and also won the anniversary cup) and had no hesitation in recounting the round to anyone within earshot. Wayne Wisby was the May winner and Paul Raudino was successful in the June Medal. In July David McFarland used one of his trips from Melbourne to take the medal and Wayne Wisby was our Medal of Medalists winner. August saw multiple C grade champion Peter Martin add another trophy to his collection and in September Tony Miceli became a multiple medal winner.

Major events played over winter include the very keenly contested Golden Putter, which was won by first timers Mark and Jarrah Loving from Cobden Golf Club.

In August John Tripodi found the right partner in Aldo D'Amico to triumph in the Murray Downs Masters. Our Murray Downs Junior Championships are played in conjunction with the Junior Open event with Luke Doolan the winner. The Pro Am again attracted a good field with Matthew Buff shooting a very impressive 66 to take out first prize.

A new edition of Rules of Golf will become effective on January 1st 2019 and new books should be available as you read this. There are many changes being implemented and I urge everyone to have a look at these.

Thanks to Shane and Pro Shop staff who do a great job keeping our competitions running and to the Golf Committee for your efforts in managing our golf program.

Club Championships are coming up, so let's see strong fields for these and good luck to everyone.

Hope to see you on the course.
Ken Gregory
Men's Captain

From the Ladies Captain



It seems incredible that the winter golfing season is over and we are heading into the time of year when we enthusiastically welcome visitors to our magnificent course for the holiday season. What an exciting year we have had.

It was a joyous day, in a keenly contested round of the Northern District Pennant final. Congratulations to our Division 1, 2 and 3 teams on proudly returning the flags to Murray Downs, it was a great result ladies.

Nonie Domaille what a year you have had! A huge drop from 45 handicap to 26 in just seven months and a worthy winner of Golfer of the Year, congratulations and well done.

A huge congratulations to Donnington Cup Winner Mary-Anne Davis. Doreen Murphy and Di Nalder our 4-Ball Knockout winners, and to Judy Simmonds the Singles Knockout winner. These events were very keenly contested, so well done to all who took the honours. Nona Wilson put in a blistering game in the Medal of Medalist play-off to take the title, great golfing Nona, well done.

The three rounds of the Championships were played in perfect weather conditions. Congrats to Club Champion Kathy Parkinson, and to B, C and D Grade Champions, Judy Simmonds, Jenny Monahan and Janelle Hogan.

Our two major events, the Ladies Golden Putter, sponsored by Holts Hyundai, Mitsubishi Motors and Isuzu Ute, and the Ladies Classic sponsored by Tasco Petroleum, LJ Hooker and Swan Hill Disposals and Outdoor Store welcomed visitors from 27 Clubs. There were perfect weather conditions for both events, with capacity fields. It was great to see our local ladies take the honours, well done Barb Cadd and Bev West who took the Golden Putters home.

Shannon Bishop took time off from her studies in Melbourne to play in the Ladies Classic's Tasco Mid Murray Amateur event. So glad you made that trip Shan, we are all very proud of you, our own Mid Murray Amateur Champion.

Thank you to all our sponsors throughout the year. Your generosity and support is truly appreciated. To the Murray Downs staff in all departments thank you for all that you have done throughout the year, you are a very special team.

From the Ladies Captain Continued



Lastly, as I end my journey as Ladies Golf Captain, I thank my Committee for your never ending support. It has been a wonderful three years for me and I wish our new Ladies Captain, Marg Moore, as exciting an adventure as I've had.

Wishing all a happy holiday season and a great 2019.

Barb Clark
Ladies Captain

Golf News



From the Pro

Winter has been and gone and we are now looking forward to the summer months and clearly the warm weather season. We have had some staff changes in the Pro Shop and though we have lost our beloved Brodie Parsons as a full timer, we happily welcome back Blaede Hawkins as a full time member of staff. We also are proud to announce Nathan's future back into the PGA of Australia and he will continue his Professional golf career officially from January 1st 2019.



We have some exciting new products in store, for example we have a full men's range of Under Armour gear and clothing now in store and many new demo clubs such as the new driver and woods from Titleist and Taylormade. We have had fitting days from Titleist, Ping, Callaway and have more planned for the coming months. If you would like to try any equipment there is no need to wait for a fitting day.

In great news for our members we now have a Trackman 4 which is the latest ball and club tracking device on the market. This device is used by all the top ranked professionals and amateurs in the world and it will be of huge benefit to any golfer who wishes to improve their technique, hit it higher or lower, straighter, longer or to simply understand exactly how far or short you hit your clubs and to determine what equipment will suit your individual tendencies. I can confidently say that we have the technology and the knowledge to guarantee an improvement in your game.

From the Pro Continued



The Club recently held the Ladies Classic tournament in October. A huge congratulations to Barb Clark and all the ladies team for their time and efforts to run such a great event. We now turn our attention to the upcoming Club Champs and many of the other big events like next year's Men's NSW Senior Open and many Corporate events.

The 2018 Pro-Am was great and the shootout with our Trackman was a great success. The professionals loved it as it was an extraordinary add on to a great tournament. All the players gave the course on the day a huge wrap which is a credit to the efforts of Ash Davis and his team.

Our golf clinics have recommenced to add to our ongoing Ladies Clinics on Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. The intermediate juniors had a once a month Sunday nine-hole tournament added to their program and we look forward to watching their progress.

Our Saturday Mini's Program is growing well and I would encourage any of our members who have family aged 3 to 12 years to bring them along on a Saturday morning. The mini's will have their final Kids Cup in December and the order of merit winners will be announced at our final presentation of this year. A big thanks goes out to Elaine Brown, Barb Clark, Ash Free, Ken Gregory and Mal Woolhouse for their support of junior golf.

If you haven't already done so, we would be happy for all members to like our Facebook page so we can keep you up to date with all the news from the Pro Shop. Should you need any help, advice or tips please come in and see the team in the Pro Shop.

"Your leisure is our pleasure". Happy golfing!

Shane McHenry
Golf Professional



Nearest the Pin at the 2018 Pro-Am

Bowls News



Welcome all bowlers to the new season. This year we have four teams in Tuesday pennant and five teams in Saturday pennant. Good luck to all players selected and best wishes to both selection panels.

The Committee for the 2018/19 season are:

Chairman	Bill Pearson
Secretary	Pam Martin
Treasurer	Peter Furnell
Assistant Chairman	John Manser
Committee Members	Barb Butcher Carl Fox Sharon Giddings Bev Roberts



Thank you to all these people for putting their hands up for these positions. A big welcome to Sharon Giddings who has joined the committee this season.

Of the fixtures so far:

Open Day – we had 80 players. The winning team consisted of Keith Burrage, Barb Beckworth, Matt O'Bree and Mick Holyoak.

Our Aspire Jewellery Day attracted 60 players. Congratulations to the winners; Mick Tempini, Noelene Weir and Teresa and Peter Furnell.

The Tasco Tournament again saw Teresa and Peter Furnell as winners along with Daryl, Barry and Bernadette Kelly.

The Two Day Classic was a great success with 32 Team entries from 24 clubs. The team from the Cohuna Golf club played well to take the win. Well done to Buc Leaman and John Mayers for all the hard work they put into running this event.

Over the Winter Ash and George worked on the greens and laid pavers on the ends of A and C Green. We are looking at paving between B green and the bowls office in the future.

Keep an eye on the notice board for upcoming Championship events.

To all the new bowlers, we hope you enjoy your time at Murray Downs Club. Looking forward to a great season.

Bill Pearson
Chairperson Bowls Committee

Sports Calendar

Golf Events

November

10th	1st Round Club Championships - Men
11th	2nd Round Club Championships - Men
17th	3rd Round Club Championships - Men
18th	4th Round Club Championships - Men
24th	Christmas Turkey Stableford

December

2nd	Swan Hill & Kerang Toyota Golf Day
12th	Christmas Party Ladies Golf
25th	Christmas Day Course Closed
26th	Boxing Day Stableford

January

26th	Bailey's Transport Australia Day Opening Shotgun
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February

1st	Reciprocal Challenge
2nd	Reciprocal Teams Event
3rd	Reciprocal Teams Event

Bowls Events

November

17th	Murray Downs Triples
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December

2nd	Club & Friends Mixed Triples
6th	Murray Downs Turkey Day Mixed Triples
13th	Christmas Breakup

January

8th	Night Pennant Starts
11th	Women's 100up - Round 1
13th	Presidents Day Mixed Two Bowls Triples

February

3rd	Three Bowls Pairs
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Premier Division Murray Downs Bowlers
- First round 2018/19 season

What's New!



25 little champs came out to play in our third Kids Cup Monthly Medal in October. Well done to all the medalists. Golf Professional Shane McHenry runs Golf Mini's every Saturday morning for ages 3-12 years with all equipment provided. Key areas include coordination, golf training, golf course experience and regular competitions. For more information contact Shane McHenry on GolfPro@mdclubs.com.au



Congratulations Shannon Bishop from Murray Downs, who was the Tasco Petroleum Mid Murray Amateur Champion



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Entertainment Calendar

We have a great range of talented bands and musicians coming up at Your Clubs Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's!

Swan Hill Club

November

16th	Cheap Thrills at 8.30pm
18th	Tullie Roberts at 3.00pm
23rd	Brolly Boys at 8.30pm
25th	Kiera Smith at 3.00pm
30th	Mike Elrington at 8.30pm

December

2nd	Jason Davies at 3.00pm
7th	THinC at 8.30pm
9th	Steph Bitter at 3.00pm
14th	Bender at 8.30pm
16th	JUCE at 3.00pm
21st	Code 5 at 8.30pm
23rd	Seven Car Pileup Acoustic at 3.00pm
28th	Kung Fu Jesus at 8.30pm
30th	M & the Best Men at 3.00pm
31st	Jimmy Cupples Band at 9.30pm

Murray Downs

Every Saturday night during AFL off season

November

17th	Luke Austen and Aaron Schembri Duo at 8.30pm
24th	Kiera Smith at 8.30pm

December

1st	Rendezvous at 8.30pm
8th	Charlie & Fi at 8.30pm
15th	Still Cruisin Trio at 8.30pm
22nd	Maurice Conway at 8.30pm
29th	Endangered Species at 8.30pm
31st	Scoggs at 9pm



Live Music in the Beer Garden at the Swan Hill Club