



June 2023 WAVGA Newsletter

Dear WAVGA Member

A warm welcome to the second newsletter of 2023 with the season now 7 months old, embracing the adage they say 'Time flies when you are having fun' which, I hope, applies to you.

I hope the information in this newsletter will interest those members who are not able to stay for the presentations. It is also an opportunity to keep members up to date with current developments and committee initiatives.

It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of Manfred Ruschmann of Royal Perth Golf Club who was one of our members for 11 years and regularly attended our fixture program. We send our condolences to his wife, family, and friends.

Vets Promotion

Please note a generous offer from the committee: if you introduce a new member between now and the end of this calendar year, your membership for 2024 will be free. Do not forget to mention to prospective members that they automatically receive life membership of Drummond Golf, worth \$35, when they join us which includes many cost saving initiatives. Please make sure you advise our Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Grimston, (email: secretary@wavetgolf.org) of anyone you have introduced.

Did you notice that we got a good profile in the Drummond Golf eNews this month, plus information regarding many of their current equipment offers.

The committee is keen to promote the organization and increase its membership, especially as we are all over 55 and, at times, face health challenges which can reduce our attendance numbers.

We think with our great fixture list that 400 members would be sustainable. Therefore, if you have any ideas regarding promoting the organization, please communicate to a member of the committee.

You will also hear promotion information soon on Curtin Radio community announcements.

Another element of promotion is that we have just signed up a new bronze sponsor, Paul Dixon of Golf Corner Travel, who will be speaking at the Royal Fremantle Golf Club fixture on Monday 18th September. Paul is pleased to promote us in his wide network of contacts.

Fixtures and Results

Please note to check:

- 1 The members tab on the website for the following:
 - A. Fixtures
 - B. Captain's Corner - this contains all information relating to fixture changes, results, and any changes to playing conditions, etc. as well as Drummond voucher credits. If you see you have \$25 or more credit in Drummond vouchers, please ask the Captain for a voucher.
- 2 The Home/game results tab for all weekly results and the order of merit progressive scores.

Also, for those interested, the weekly fixture results appear in The West Australian on a Wednesday.

We hope everyone who stayed enjoyed the post-game catering at **The Vines**. This will be repeated at our next fixture there in October.

There will be a two-competition day at **Rockingham** on July 10th. You will play and score normal individual stableford and then, after the game, your score will be added to that of your partner on the timesheet, to produce a combined stableford result. Prizes will be awarded for both competitions. This will be a trial of this concept with the possibility of similar combinations in the future.

The next **City V Country** challenge will take place at Pinjarra GC on 20th November. There will be the same arrangements as last year with post-game catering provided.

Hopefully the City Vets will be able to retain the Bruce Rowley Shield. 😊😊

A note for your diary: the 2024 City V Country challenge will be back at Bunbury Golf Club on Monday 18th March 2024.

Other fixtures will be arranged for that week and will be announced soon as part of the 2024 South West tour.

Reminder to all members

- Please arrive and check in at the desk 30 minutes before your start tee time
- Remember the delegates will also be playing in the fixture
- Report to the tee 10 minutes before your playing slot
- If you are delayed for any reason, please contact the Captain.
- Please note to strive to always keep up with the group in front of you.

Midwest Tour

Remember the Midwest tour is open for timesheet bookings and will be held on the following dates:

- Monday 28th August Kalbarri
- Tuesday 29th August Spalding Park
- Wednesday 30th August Geraldton
- Thursday 31st August Dongara

Join the group and bring a friend to enjoy the hospitality of the mid-west clubs where the weather will be warmer than Perth. Please let the Captain know if you want to bring a friend.

Association Championships

This year the Club Championships will take place at the following venues:

Monday 4th September Rockingham

Monday 11th September Wanneroo

The prizes will be cash this year so sharpen your clubs to have a share in the prize pool.

This year A and B Grades will be stroke and C Grade stableford.

The cost of entry is \$15 per person in addition to the normal daily green fee.

New members

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the last Newsletter in March 2023.

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined	Home Club
Liz	HONDROS	10/04/2023	Mt Lawley
Malcolm	McARTHUR	10/04/2023	Mt Lawley
Guy	PARIS	18/04/2023	Melville Glades
Roger	LEWIS	11/05/2023	Hartfield
Andrew	QUIN	30/05/2023	Northam
Bruce	GAINES	18/06/2023	Mt Lawley
Ray	GURNEY	24/06/2023	Royal Perth

MiScore app

Please note the following announcement from MiClub.

Golf Australia Approval of Self-Score Submission method.

For the past two years MiClub and Golf Australia have been exploring with The R&A, the permanent adoption of "self-scoring" for competition scores. During the COVID period, millions of competition scores were submitted using this method.

MiClub has now received advice from Golf Australia, further to Golf Australia consulting The R&A, that the MiScore app's self-scoring method is permissible under the Rules of Golf, effective immediately. Any queries on this matter can be directed to Golf Australia's Head of Rules, Simon Magdulski (simon.magdulski@golf.org.au).

Golf Australia has advised that it will treat the MiScore app self-score submission configuration selected by your club to be its official record of the verification requirements for scores submitted via the MiScore app in club competitions.

This will be well received by the many clubs and members whom have expressed their preference to return to the self-scoring method for the significant benefits it delivers.

Click on this link to review the benefits of self-scoring [Overview and benefits of Self Scoring](#)

MiClub is planning to upgrade all clubs that use the MiScore app to activate the self-scoring method in conjunction with a new hole by hole score comparison feature on **Monday 17 July, 2023**. An instruction kit for clubs to communicate to members will be provided on **Wednesday 5 July, 2023**.

The new hole by hole score comparison feature validates the individual hole scores for both player and partner prior to signatures and score submission.

Click on this link to review the Hole by Hole score comparison feature

[Hole by Hole Score Comparison Process](#)

General

In addition to the overall Order of Merit competition, there will be a separate ladies Order of Merit introduced this year as follows:

- Minimum 6 games with the highest average score
- The winner will receive a \$100 voucher from Shani Waugh golf.

Please note the closing dinner will be at The **West Australian Golf Club** following our final fixture of the season on **Monday 11th December**. More details will follow in our next newsletter.

We wish to acknowledge Peter Green for his contribution and fellowship with the Country Vets. Thank you Peter, for attending our committee meetings with the extensive travel involved and keeping us up to date with Country Vets issues.

Remember "Golf is the closest game to the game we call Life. You get bad breaks from good shots. You get good breaks from bad shots. But you have to play the ball where it lies". Bobby Jones.

I hope you find the newsletter interesting and informative.

Next time you look through your rangefinder when facing a difficult shot remember Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar when surrounded by the French and Spanish navies. He put the naval spy glass to his blind eye and said to Hardy, his captain "I see no ships, only hardships" but he did win the battle so hopefully your shot will achieve some success.

Happy Golfing

Stan Sexton

Vice President