



## March 2023 Newsletter

Dear WAVGA Member

A warm welcome to the first newsletter of the 2023 season which is already 2 months old.

I hope the information in this newsletter is useful for those who are not able to stay for the presentations. The information is also a reminder to all our members regarding current developments and initiatives involving the Vets Association.

Please check that the Vets membership information is posted at your individual clubs and provide feedback.

We have a very good fixture program for 2023 so wishing all our members enjoyable golfing.

I start the first newsletter of 2023 on a sad note with news of the passing of one of our long-term members, Don Hall, of Rockingham Golf Club. Anyone who knew Don will remember his sense of humour and his infectious laugh. Don will be sorely missed and on behalf of the WA Vets I would like to pass on our sincere condolences to Don's family and his friends.

### **Fixtures and Results**

Please note to check:

1. The members tab on the website for the following:
  - a. Fixtures
  - b. Captains Corner – this contains all information relating to fixture changes, results and any changes in playing conditions, etc. as well as the 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.
3. Also, for those interested, the weekly fixture results will appear in The West Australian.

### **Bruce Rowley Shield**

This shield is for the bi-annual challenge between the City Vets and the South West Vets. The fixture on 13<sup>th</sup> March took place at Sanctuary Golf Resort and I am pleased to report that the shield returned to the City Vets with a winning margin of 12 stableford points, 695 to 683.

There is a suggestion for next year's game to have a challenge dinner with partners at the Sanctuary Golf Resort with a play, stay and dine package.

## Grade Divisions

Considering the drop in player numbers this season the committee has agreed the following grade numbers will apply to our fixtures:

3 Divisions 80 + players A Grade 0-13 B Grade 14-21 C Grade 22+	2 Divisions 50-79 players A Grade 0-18 B Grade 19+	1 Division less than 50 players
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## MiScore

The MiScore App continues to grow in its usage amongst our members. We certainly encourage everyone to use the system as it greatly assists the results being made available much more quickly for the after-game presentations. If you are not using the app to score, please ensure **you do not book in one of the last groups as, this delays finalizing the results.**

Please note the following information provided by MiScore.



## **Update 15 April 2023 and End of Life Devices**

As part of our ongoing improvement process from time to time we need to make essential updates to the MiScore App and our systems. These enhancements include important updates to add additional functionality, improved performance and essential security and privacy enhancements.

To provide our services it is essential that a MiScore app user's mobile phone be kept up to date with the latest operating systems from Apple/Google. Having current phone operating systems are essential because they provide a stable, secure, and user-friendly environment for users to communicate, access information, and perform various tasks.

Over time older mobile phones typically 7+ years of age, become obsolete and are no longer capable of receiving operating system updates hence restricting or blocking the access to the MiScore App (and other apps). The minimum requirement is IOS 13 for iOS and Android 8.0 for Android.

From the 15<sup>th</sup> April MiClub will be pushing out an essential update which will make some older devices obsolete due to the operating system not being current. This means that members who run MiScore on these devices will no longer be able to use MiScore.

These obsolete devices will include:

Apple Devices unable to update to iOS 13 include

- iPhone 5s
- iPhone 6
- iPhone 6 Plus
- iPad mini 2
- iPad mini 3

Android devices unable to update to Android 8.0 include

- Samsung Galaxy J3
- LG Stylo 2 & 3
- HTC U11 Life
- Motorola Moto E4

Should a member have one of the devices listed above they will need to obtain another device which meets minimum requirements or obtain a paper scorecard for competition scoring.

Note: if the member has a paid subscription for MiScore it will be required that they cancel their subscription via the app store subscription management area if they have decided not to continue to use MiScore.

To clarify the minimum system requirements please find the MiScore device compatibility site.

<https://miscore.com.au/miscore-device-compatibility/>

We would encourage you to include this information on your club's website and newsletter to members so they can make preparations if required.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Should you require any assistance, please don't hesitate to get in contact through email: [support@miclub.com.au](mailto:support@miclub.com.au) or phone: 08 9444 5300.

### **Southwest Tour**

The Southwest tour was, once again, very successful with fixtures at the following clubs: -

Sanctuary Golf Resort – Country v City Challenge

Donnybrook

Collie

Harvey

A big thank you to Ian Foot (Sanctuary), Alan Perkins (Donnybrook), Greg Bell (Collie) and Jeremy Lister (Harvey) for organizing the fixture event arrangements at their respective clubs which was enjoyed by many, although we did get very wet at the last game at Harvey (drowned rat comes to mind!)

### **Late Withdrawals & Timesheet opening/closing change**

Some of our host clubs have raised the above matter with us, notwithstanding it is understood emergencies will arise which will cause cancellations. In an endeavor to reduce the number of cancellations the following changes have been put in place:

- **Timesheet opening** will now be 7pm Monday evening **7 days in advance** of the fixture.
- The timesheet will now **close at 6pm on the evening before the fixture.**

## **New members**

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the last Newsletter in December 2022.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>	<b>Home Club</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>	<b>Home Club</b>
Steve HOLLIER	28/03/2023	Nedlands	Tamara MOREY	5/02/2023	Secret Harbour
Keith BARRIDGE	26/03/2023	Denmark	Yola KREBS	4/02/2023	WAGC
David MOFFLIN	23/03/2023	Cottesloe	Scott BROWN	18/01/2023	Kwinana
Phillip SMITH	13/03/2023	Royal Perth	Rebecca DONALD	18/01/2023	Royal Perth
Richard CLARKE	5/03/2023	Nedlands	Jerry HETHARIA	18/01/2023	Mandurah
Greg MAYNARD	5/03/2023	Melville Glades	Amee HAU	7/01/2023	Melville Glades
Jack HONDROS	24/02/2023	Mt Lawley	Judy KING	7/01/2023	WAGC
Max ETHERINGTON	23/02/2023	Meadow Springs	Bernard Choi LEE	7/01/2023	Melville Glades
Thor LINNET	22/02/2023	Mandurah	Carol BURNS	1/01/2023	WAGC
Mohan SINGH	8/02/2023	Royal Fremantle	Teresa SMART	1/01/2023	WAGC
Glen STEWART	8/02/2023	The Cut	Yvonne TURNER	1/01/2023	WAGC
Tim TRAFFORD	8/02/2023	Gosnells	Pam PORTER	20/12/2022	The Vines
Brian WILKINSON	6/02/2023	Katanning	Gavin DOULL	17/12/2022	Hartfield
Trevor BROWN	5/02/2023	Secret Harbour	Sue LANCEY	14/12/2022	WAGC

## **Credit cards**

When processing green fees, as many as four cards are rejected every week due to members failing to keep their card details up to date on the website. This becomes very time consuming for the Treasurer having to follow up with members to get their card details updated.

Can all members please remember to update their card details whenever they are issued with a new card.

## **Website**

Like all technology our website has issues at times and we apologize for any inconvenience caused from time to time. Any issues or recommended changes, please contact Tom Grimston on 0403 253 192.

## **South West Vets**

Our relationship with the above gets ever stronger, thanks to Peter Green's (Country Rep) contribution at our committee meetings. The delegates arrangement is working well and emanated from the Country Vets operation.

## **Catering at the Vines**

Catering will be provided following the shotgun start at The Vines on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please stay and enjoy the complimentary hospitality.

## **Slow Play**

Make sure you are aware of your Tee time and be at your Tee 10 minutes before your time slot. Please note to strive to keep up with the group in front of you at all times.

### **Alternative Events**

There will be a trial to run a two comp day with two consecutive competitions, both with prizes i.e.

- Individual Stableford

- 4 BBB comp which automatically links with your partner on the timesheet.

A number of clubs in the Eastern States successfully operate this arrangement and our trial will take place at the Rockingham fixture on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Membership Promotion**

Our membership currently is around 350, but we would like it to be over 400. As we are all over 55 years of age and sadly, age catches up with us from time to time.

Therefore, the committee would like to explore new marketing strategies. If you have any ideas, please let us know so we can discuss them at our next committee meeting in June.

Finally, if you have any suggestions or information for the newsletter, please let me know.

*Stan Sexton*

Vice President