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**March 2024 WAVGA Newsletter**

Dear WAVGA Member

A warm welcome to the first newsletter of the 2024 season.

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 varied fixture program for 2024 so wishing all our members enjoyable golfing.

Why do golfers often carry a spare pair of trousers with them? In case they get a hole in one!

What do you call a golfer who brings two pairs of pants to the course? An optimist.

**Fixtures and Results**

Remember 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 in playing conditions, etc. as well as the Drummond Golf voucher credits.

Please note we have gone to a system of e-vouchers. Physical vouchers will still be issued to daily winners, if present, and the remainder will be emailed as an e-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, usually on Wednesday.

**Grade Divisions**

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.**

### **MiScore has an exciting new feature in the MiScore App.**

Introducing **Side Match**, a dynamic feature that enables players to engage in a hole-by-hole match play competition with their selected playing partner. This exciting addition records results for the front 9, back 9, and determines an overall winner effortlessly. Side Match can be enabled in Settings. When players start scoring in a comp or social play, they can view the Side Match leaderboard by simply selecting the flashing hole icon at the top of the app's scoring screen. Handicap shots are allocated based on the course stroke index. This intuitive process ensures that players can seamlessly integrate this feature into their game.

[How to Use SideMatch](#) (Ctrl+click to follow link)

### **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 endeavour 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.

### **A sticky situation**



Ken Carson, Chequers member, at Wanneroo Golf Club

Quote "What was his next shot" ball in the middle of a split in a large tree

My caption "Not a Taylor made or Callaway club but a Harry Houdini escape tree wood or chain saw"

Please send in your suggested captions for Ken's next shot.

We encourage members to submit golf photos of interest.

## **South-West Tour 18<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

Bunbury Golf Club  
Collie  
Sanctuary Golf Resort

The Bruce Rowley shield is for the bi-annual challenge between the City Vets and the South West Vets. The fixture on 18th March took place at Bunbury Golf Club and I report, through local knowledge, the Country Vets beat the City Vets by a large margin i.e. 695 to 676, a victory by 19 points.

The 2024 return fixture City v Country will be at Mandurah Golf and Country Club on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

A big thank you to Ian Foot (Sanctuary) and Greg Bell (Collie) for organizing the fixture event arrangements at their respective clubs which was enjoyed by many, and to Ron Ross for organising a very good golf program.

Results can be found under Captain's Corner.

### **New members**

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since our October newsletter.

Paul	BASTER	Nedlands	Oriana	SMITH	Royal Fremantle
Vanetha	LAM	Royal Fremantle	Rod	SMITH	Royal Fremantle
Yin Koi	LAM	Royal Fremantle	Andrew	McDONALD	Melville Glades
Rob	SCEALES	Lake Karrinyup	Peter	FAY	Lakelands
Glenn	MASON	WAGC	Susie	HITCHCOCK	Melville Glades
Adrian	OLIVER	The Cut	Wayne	McKAY	Rockingham
David	DONALDSON-STIFF	Cottesloe	Dorian	BENNETT	Hartfield
Mark	GARDNER	Hartfield	Joe	FRAGNITO	Royal Fremantle
Bevan	HUGHES	Mt Lawley	Kevin	GREENE	Meadow Springs
John	CHENEY	Royal Perth	Mark	BROWN	Wanneroo
Jeff	PEAKE	Chequers	Don	MackENZIE	Sea View
Darryl	BUTTEL	Joondalup	Joe	RICCIARDONE	Nedlands
Graham	FINCH	Chequers	Brendan	MAHER	Chequers
Bruce	van ROOYEN	Mount Lawley	Barry	KING	Sea View

### **Slow Play**

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

## Catering at Joondalup

The Joondalup fixture is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> April.

This will be an 11:30 am shot gun start and catering will be provided after the game.

Please stay and enjoy some hospitality with compliments of WAVGA.

## Obituary

A fitting farewell to the passing of our valued members 2023/2024

Don Hall

Shelly Kraus

Manfred Ruschmann

Alan Poletti

## Sponsorship

All members may have noticed some changes regarding Sponsors on the website home page and also on the fixtures and results pages. All commercial sponsors now have a hyperlink on their logos to enable all Vets members to simply click on the logo to access the sponsor's website. Hopefully, members will take advantage of this and access the services and products our sponsors offer, and even better, give our sponsors financial returns for their generosity towards our organisation.

Our platinum sponsor, Drummond Golf, have also confirmed that the vouchers presented to winners can also be used on services such as re-grips, club fitting, putter fitting, and coaching using the Trackman indoor facilities. Some of our more successful voucher winners may find this more attractive than buying their 50<sup>th</sup> shirt or their 10<sup>th</sup> box of golf balls.

## Trade page

At our last committee meeting it was suggested that our website start a **Trade Page** where members who have golf equipment that they no longer use, could offer these items for sale to members who may want them. How much interest there is for this page is something we are prepared to test.

Some restrictions would apply and these are:

- Items offered must be golfing equipment only, as we are not going to compete with Gumtree or similar platforms.
- Only financial Vets members may use the service to buy or sell so that some security for traders is maintained through the members register.
- Items offered for sale must be accurately described and include a photo if possible. Buyers will deal directly with the seller and not through the Trade page.
- An "Items Wanted" section could be trialled if there is a need.
- Placing items into the Trade Page will be monitored by a committee member who will maintain the page by deleting and adding items as they are traded.

Graham Bourgault ([gbduc@bigpond.com](mailto:gbduc@bigpond.com)) or 0407 422 094, would like to hear from members interested in this service before we embark on its installation. Suggestions on its operation would be welcome.

## **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.

## **End of year prizes**

Please note some changes to the end of year prizes due to our new Sponsor this year - **the Perth Golf Centre**.

**The Order of Merit** prize has been increased from a \$100 to a \$200 Voucher redeemable at the Perth Golf Centre, situated under the Pro Shop of the Western Australian Golf Club. The structure of this competition has not been changed from previous years so all Vets should be familiar with it. Periodic updates of your progress in this competition appear at the top of the results page on the website.

A new competition is being trialled this year which will carry a \$100 voucher, also redeemable at the Perth Golf Centre. This is a consistency award that calculates your average stableford score from all the fixtures you play in during the year. To qualify for the prize, you must play a minimum of 20 scheduled rounds of golf on the Vets fixtures list. There will be no scheduled periodic updates during the year on the progress of this competition due to the size of the calculation spreadsheet but the spreadsheet will be available for viewing at the final fixture of the year at the WAGC, where the presentation will be made. The Order of Merit winner will be ineligible for this competition if it happens to be the same person and, in this case, the second placed person will receive the voucher.

## **Conclusion**

As a couple approached the alter the groom tells his wife to be, "Honey I have got something to confess". I am a golf nut and every chance I get I will be playing golf. Since we are being honest replies the bride to be, I have to tell you that I'm a hooker. The groom replies that's ok Honey, you just need to learn to keep your head down and your left arm straight.

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 famous quote perfectly captures the essence of not only golf but life itself.

I hope you find the newsletter interesting and informative. If you have any suggestions or information for the newsletter, please let me know.

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