



CHALAMBAR
Golf & Bowls Club Ararat

December Newsletter

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Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year

From The Committee and Staff

Gazebo Available

The club has a 6m x 3m deluxe gazebo available for members to use free of charge. A bond of \$100 will be required, refundable on return if not damaged. Please book with staff.



Committee News

Some of the key items from the December General Committee Meeting:

A somewhat uneventful meeting took place in December with further discussion on a couple of matters with the view of finalising them in the New Year. They were:

- Organisational Chart
- Formation of Audit and Governance Committees / Responsibilities
- Development of an Emergency Fire Plan
- Implementation of a Social Media Policy

New Members

The club welcomes the following new members approved at the December Committee meeting:

Alan Martin	Summer	Daniel Starkie	Summer
Mark Alcorn	Country B	Darren Camilleri	Summer
Stephen May	Provisional	Nick Brain	Summer
Stuart Calder	Summer	James Brain	Summer
Matthew Harris	Summer	Aaron Kilpatrick	Ordinary
Terry Romari	Summer	Nick Dunford	Junior
Chris Irons	Summer	Grant Watson	Summer

Fantastic to see so many new members in particular the guys from the prison project who have been supporting the bistro and bar very well also. Please take the time to introduce yourself to these new members and make them feel welcome.



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Golf News

Around the Grounds

The grass around the course has been growing madly and with Rob moving on has meant considerable work from our volunteer mower operators - John Shaw and Kevin Tassell. Thanks to these two great supporters of the club. Gary and Lachie have also been going flat chat mowing as well as the other issues which crop up. The kikuyu eradication process has had excellent success with only a patch at the back of the 7th green still requiring further treatment.

The couch sprigs which were laid around the course are progressing fairly well particularly the 7th and 16th tees and the new area on the right side of the 6th which have been watered regularly. The other areas have had mixed results depending on whether they are in sprinkler range and with very little rain in early December has made it difficult.

We are on the look out for a new 1st Year apprentice which was advertised recently. Hoping to make an appointment to this position early January.

Path works which weren't completely finished in September will be undertaken during January.

Captain's Corner

Another busy month at Chalambar. The fairways were scarified and are coming up beautifully, the course is going to be in pristine condition this summer! Please encourage your family and friends to get out to the course during the summer holidays.

Congratulations to Stuart Muller on winning this months monthly medal with a great score 71 - 7 - 64. Keep up the good scores Stu.

The Christmas Gala day was a huge success with a great turnout for golf and the dinner, it was pleasing to see some people if they played in the morning turn up for dinner at night. This day will definitely happen again next year, congratulations to all the winners!


Some of the jobs the Match Committee have been working on:

- The 2012 Program is about to be finalised with a new layout to the book. The new version will be a month per page going from 96 pages to around 20 which will save quite a bit in printing dollars. This year will only have 10 months as we have gone to January - December instead of February. We are also trying some new things next year so keep an eye out. Should be available around mid January.
- Knockout putting and match play competitions will happen again starting in February.
- A combined Mens and Ladies Tournament Committee consisting of Ruth Gellert, Marg Peoples, Pete Gemmola, Tim Cronin and Matt Collins met recently and put together a draft schedule with some new ideas to be included. More details to come out in the program.
- Thursday Chicken run will be stableford every week from now.

A new website was recently launched by Golf Australia called www.playgolf.com.au which has a great range of golf information and resources. Worth a look.

Have a great Christmas and safe travels over the holiday period.

Captain Mat Collins

<p><u>Our Sponsors for January</u></p> <p>Harris Accident Repair Centre BARTCO Traffic Management Wes Davidson Real Estate Graeme McKay Earthworks</p> <p>Thank you for your ongoing support</p>	<p>Special Thank You to Grampians Insurance Brokers for their generous sponsorship of the new score cards.</p>  <p>grampians insurance brokers <i>We're with you all the way.</i></p> <p>Call 5352 2661</p>	<p><u>Upcoming Golf Events</u></p> <p>December 31 - Par January 7 - Monthly Medal January 14 - Stableford January 21 - 2 Man Combined Nett January 28 - Stableford</p>
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Ladies Golf News

Our main event during this month was our annual Christmas Ambrose. We had 81 ladies participating in what was regarded by all participants as a successful day. The winners were a team from Hepburn Springs, a Club which our members regularly visit and who return in kind, and the runners up were from Skipton. So it was nice to share the joy around and not just keep all the accolades to ourselves!

Then the following week quite a few of our ladies helped Stawell celebrate their annual Christmas Event hosted by the Skinner family. This is an extremely popular day, with this year 112 playing. Nola Mahoney and Tracey English were winners of the A Grade Handicap, while Marg Brehaut and Judy Lewin took out the B Grade Handicap. Marg Brehaut and Ruth Brain also managed a couple of nearest the pins, and then to top it all off Kaye Powell and Helen Tucker won the best dressed division as a couple of elves!

Lois Dunne, Marg Lardner, Ruth Gellert and Marilyn Brady played in the Ballarat Tournament, while Ruth Brain, Marg Peoples, Marg Brehaut and Kaye Powell played at Camperdown, where they only just missed out on a major trophy.

The Ladies usually have a Christmas Dinner, and this year with our op shop glam theme, some quite amazing facts were discovered. It seems to be really glam you need a slit or two in your dress, and Rosemary Graham just out did everyone with a slit for both legs. Joy Harris was still able to pull off wearing a dress from about 30 odd years ago and Joy amazed everyone with a very slinky number which just meant she couldn't eat dinner! Margot's diamante strips sparkled as did Heather's butterfly motif. To put the icing on the cake we were lucky enough to have as our host, Dame Edna (aka Marg Brehaut) with her side kick Marg (aka Kaye Powell and yes she did remain at the Dame's side to receive numerous kicks!) It was good fun and together with contributions from produce throughout the year, we were able to contribute over \$400 to the Toy Library.

Just a reminder to all the ladies that our Cancer Research Day is now being held on Feb 29th, and the more people who invite a partner means more contributions to this great cause.



Dame Edna and 'Marg' at the Ladies Christmas Lunch.



Winners from the Stawell Golf Club Christmas Event - Nola Mahoney and Tracey English.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to everyone, with lots more golf in the New Year.

Ruth Gellert

Friday Coffee Special

Members & Guests

Mug of Cappuccino or Latte

\$2.00

All Day

Upcoming Golf Events

December 28 - Stableford

January 4 - Brooch - Stroke 9.00am Hit Off

January 11 - Par

January 18 - 2 Person Ambrose

January 25 - Stableford

February 1 - Stroke - Brooch

Chalambar Veterans

Chalambar Golf News

A Message from President Geoff

The monthly luncheon was again well supported by 20 Vets. Thanks to everyone and great to see Don Smith back after a period of ill health. The garden project continues to tick along with the top soil being brought in last week and spread out by the group. Not much more work to complete this job.

On behalf of myself and the Veterans wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Veterans Report

The Veteran Circus went to Stawell on Monday 28th with 12 Chalambar members making 10% of the field. The evergreen Clyde Vearing was runner up in A Grade and the old plumber Des Hull the winner in B Grade with 41 points. Noel Davidson had the lucky shot winning nearest the pin on the 18th. Balls went to Ian Wright, Merv Fox, John Pola, Arthur Mahoney, Noel Davidson, Garth Goodwin, Bob Laidlaw, and Daryl Dunford.

The grey nomads wandered down to Beaufort on Thursday 1st December for the Ballarat District Christmas Dinner Event. For a change we had very little success, Frank Kitchen teamed with Ron Clarke to finish 4th, Rick Thomas and Vern Poole collected balls. Des and Roy must have had too much cooking sherry as they won the 'nice of you to turn up' trophy.

Monday 12 December 10 members played in the last event of the year at Horsham. Ken Farrar, Des Hull, Merv Fox and Clyde Vearing collected a ball each. Des and Ken also won balls in the pro's competition.

Thanks to all members who represented Chalambar this year and a reminder that the district subs are now due.

Coming Up

The first event for 2012 in the Wimmera Association is on Monday 23rd January at Edenhope.

Ballarat kicks off 2012 on Tuesday 7th February at Ballarat Golf Club.



BRITISH GOLF NOTICE - 1940



And, you thought you were a tough weather golfer.

This notice posted in war-torn Britain in 1940 for golfers with stiff upper lips.

You have to admit --- these guys really had guts!

German aircraft from Norway would fly on missions to northern England; because of the icy weather conditions, the barrels of their guns had a small dab of wax to protect them. As they crossed the coast, they would clear their guns by firing a few rounds at the golf courses. Golfers were urged to take cover.

British 'phlegm' was never better illustrated than during 1940; as witnessed by this calm notice.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB TEMPORARY RULES 1940

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
2. In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonable, but not guaranteed, safe distance there from.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosions of a bomb may play another ball the same place. Penalty one stroke.



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Bowls News

Chalambar Ladies Bowls Champion for 2011-12 season is Pam Williams.

The semi final was contested between Pam Williams defeating Wendy McCutcheon, and Marjorie Harricks defeating Leonie King.

On Friday the 9th December the green was in excellent condition, the weather was ideal for the Final of the Club Championship.

After 7 ends the score was 4 all. Pam scored the next two ends and Marj one and at 11 ends Marj was 6 and Pam 11. Pam continued gaining and at 20 ends the score was Marj 11, and Pam 21, hence the latter continued scoring and finished 25 to 16. It was an exciting display of bowling although the score did not indicate the excellent bowling. Congratulations to both players



<u>GBD Midweek Ladder Rd. 9</u>			<u>Points</u>			<u>Shots</u>		
Stawell Blue		81			226			
Stawell Gold		72			265.25			
Stawell Golf Blue		68			239			
VRI Gold		65			173			
Stawell Golf Gold		63			116.25			
Ararat Gold		62			16.50			
Lake Bolac		52			10			
Ararat Blue		50			-3.25			
VRI Blue		48			-94			
Chalambar Blue		43			-106.25			
Chalambar Gold		38			-64.50			
Aradale		27			-180			
Landsborough		20			-306.50			
Willaura		1			-390.50			

<u>Division 1 LADDER Round 10</u>			<u>Division 2 LADDER Round 10</u>		
	<u>Points</u>	<u>Shots</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Shots</u>
Ararat	127	+ 206	Stawell Golf Gold	94	+ 140
Aradale	120	+ 207	Ararat Gold	89	+ 186
Chalambar	105	+ 136	Aradale	83	+ 113
Stawell Golf	101	+ 140	Stawell Golf Blue	83	+ 110
Ararat VRI	58	- 70	Chalambar	78	+ 51
Stawell	57	- 97	Ararat V.R.I	63	- 48
Lake Bolac	36	- 270	Stawell Gold	59	+ 47
Landsborough	36	- 286	Ararat Green	57	+ 39
			Stawell Blue	48	- 53
			Lake Bolac	28	- 161
			Willaura	22	- 241
			Landsborough	16	- 183