



# CHALAMBAR

Golf & Bowls Club Ararat

# November Newsletter

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## Christmas Gala Day

### Saturday 17th December

- Open 4 Person Ambrose
- 2.00pm Shot Gun Start
- \$22 for Golf and Dinner
  - Courtesy Bus
  - Happy Hour
  - Santa for the kids

Further details and entry form on the club website

## 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.



## Thanks to the Volunteers

The improvements to the northern side of the clubhouse are gradually taking shape with one garden bed now re-planted and the other shortly. The Vets led by President Geoff have been working hard of late to clean out the rocks, roots and other rubbish as well as installing the sleepers around the edges. The next stage after that is to remove the rocks bordering the car park.

The 'deck hands' have also been busy re-oiling the boards which look very good.

## Congratulations Grant

A great performance by Grant Seary at the World Champion of Champions Tournament in Hong Kong, finishing 7th overall with a win-loss record of 7/6.

For a complete report of Grant's performances go to the following link:

<http://www.worldbowlsld.co.uk/championofchampions2011men2/ResultsTable.html>

As well as the Ararat Advertiser story:

<http://www.araratadvertiser.com.au/news/local/sport/lawn-bowls/seary-successful-in-world-competition/2374258.aspx>

Simply copy and paste the links into your internet browser to view.

## Gaming Machine Update

Tabcorp have now made an offer for us to purchase their gaming machines which is currently being assessed by our service provider - Mercury. Once we have the final recommendations the finance committee will complete our finance arrangements and proceed with securing the machines. This will allow us valuable lead in time to prepare for the changeover of gaming operations in August 2012.

## Keno Update

Recently the Victorian Keno licence was awarded to Tabcorp and will begin in April 2012. We have now committed to a new 3 year contract which will see all new equipment and a national marketing campaign kick off next year which we are expecting to increase our Keno business significantly. The opportunity to expand the Keno facilities into the function room is also looking likely.

## Committee News

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

- Rob Arestia has announced that he will be taking up a position as Groundsman at Spring Valley Golf Club and will finish at Chalambar on 7th December. On behalf of the Committee, thank you to Rob for his contribution over the past 2 years and we wish him and Melissa all the best for the future.
- The increased vigilance in the Compliance arena continues with OH&S training for the Committee as well as articles from Clubs Victoria magazine distributed for reference.
- The Committee has been working on development of an Organisational Chart in order to identify efficiencies in the reporting and communication structure of the club. The aim is to have a further draft document available for the December meeting.

## New Members

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

Colin Prior - Provisional

Mark Fielder - Summer



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# Golf News

## Around the Grounds

### Course Works in November



The sprigs from the fairways were used to re-cover the 7th and 16th tees after they were levelled and the garden beds removed. It is expected with favourable weather that they will be back in play in around 4 weeks. Other areas were also covered with sprigs including the right side of six where the trees were removed and around the 7th fairway. Will look fantastic when completed. We also donated sprigs to St Arnaud Golf Club. Further work to sand the bare areas around the front 6 will be undertaken shortly.

Well done to the 20 or so members who attended the working bee.

The Grounds Committee have discussed the speed limits along Golf Links Road and agreed to approach Ararat Rural City Council to reduce the speed to 50km/h around the club.

Lachie Stevens recently completed the third and final year of the theory component of his apprenticeship and received the Certificate 3 in Horticulture (Turf). Congratulations to Lachie for his hard work and dedication to this.

The greens renovations were also carried out recently and for these who have played would agree that they have recovered extremely well and are back to excellent condition. The greens roller will be utilised in the coming weeks in order to further enhance the consistency of the roll. Thanks again to the volunteers who come out and assisted with spreading sand etc.

The club trailer rear door has now been modified to open towards the curb which addresses the safety issue of opening upwards. A reminder that the trailer is available for use free of charge to members on golfing trips.

### Captain's Corner

Well what a busy time of year it is and where did the last month go? As you all know the greens have been cored and fairways scarified. I might add that if the fairways come up anything like the greens have the course will be sensational over the coming summer months. Congratulations to Les Gason with a great score of 86 - 23 - 63 to take out the November Monthly Medal. My thanks has to go my vice captain Rob Harricks for starting the field and doing presentations at the end of the day for the last month while I have had to work on nearly every Saturday but thank god my Saturday shifts have come to an end and I can now re focus on golf of a Saturday. Please make all efforts to play on the December 17th Gala day it is a 4 person Ambrose with a late tee off of 2pm and entertainment after your game so please bring out your family and friends for a meal it should be a great way to spend a Saturday evening.

The charity days continue to be extremely successful for the very worthwhile organisations being supported. The Chaplaincy Day recently attracted an excellent field with 92 visitors and members turning up. The Ararat Advertiser ran a story on the success of the day and can be found at

<http://www.araratadvertiser.com.au/news/local/sport/golf/most-successful-event-in-history/2366106.aspx>

Please keep carrying sand buckets on the course at all times and use them to full effect.

Have a great month and Merry Christmas to one and all.

Mat Collins

### Our Sponsor for December

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### Upcoming Golf Events

- December 3 - Monthly Medal (McAllister Cup)
- December 10 - Stableford (Presidents day)
- December 17 - 4 Person Ambrose (Gala Day)
- December 24 - Stableford
- December 31 - Par



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## Ladies Golf News

Firstly congratulations to all new, returning and retiring Committee members. How well a club functions, is only as good as how well it's members are prepared to put in. Although not on committee Elaine Richie, Nola Mahoney, Ceal Gubbins and Marg Lardner are all prepared to assist with entering scores into the computer.

So thank you to you all.

It was Chalambar's turn to host the Moreton Trophy this year. This is a competition held annually between Ballarat, Buninyong, Colac, Chalambar, Hamilton, Midlands, Portland and Warrnambool. It was instigated by two sisters, Honor and Joan Moreton, and this year was actually the 40th year of the Event. Although in her eighties, Honor Wilson was able to join us for the celebrations, driving from Tocumwal in the morning to award the Trophy in the afternoon. Chalambar had won the most times, and to really show what a strong club we have, Lee-Ann Moana, Ruth Brain, Rene Hamilton, Marg Lardner, Marg Brehaut and Marilyn Brady won the day by one point. Congratulations to everyone, and a thank you to all those members who were prepared to come along to assist with scoring and hosting, including catching up with Honor. You all did the Club proud!



Rene Hamilton was the Brooch winner in November with an impressive 86-19-67

Numbers of players for Monday mornings have remained strong, even outdoing the Wednesday group on one occasion.

Joy Cronin, Lois Dunne, Lyn Faneco and Shirley Park represented the club in the Nell Smithett Memorial at Horsham, and Barb Mannix, Rene Hamilton, Mardi McOwan, Lois Dunne, Tracey English, Joyce Shearer, Marg Peoples, Marg Brehaut and Ruth Gellert all participated in the Stawell Tournament Ladies Day Irish Stableford. The two Margs and Ruth G managed runners up on a count back.

Then Rene Hamilton, Marg Lardner, Jenny Conboy and Joy Cronin all played in the Aradale Tournament stableford teams event, with Shirley Park, Barb Gow and Val McCarthy only just being beaten on a countback also.

The Ladies are very keen on seeing our own Tournament have a higher profile by offering similar sorts of events to the above two.

At this stage we have 72 players preparing to help us celebrate our Christmas Ambrose Event in the first week of December.

Finally a correction to the results published in the last Newsletter. It was actually Maree Dalgleish who was the winner of the Captain's Trophy in 2011.

Ruth Gellert

### Friday Coffee Special

**Members & Guests**

**Mug of Cappuccino or Latte**

**\$2.00**

**All Day**

### Upcoming Golf Events

December 7 - Christmas Open 3 Person Ambrose

December 14 - Stroke

December 21 - Stableford

December 28 - Stableford

January 4 - Brooch - Stroke

# Chalambar Veterans

## Golf News

### A Message from President Geoff

The Vets have had a busy month., starting with the Wimmera Vets at Chalambar where we provided lunch, coffee etc. Thanks to all those who helped especially the two Margarets, Roy and Brian. The fairways were scarified and mountains of couch grass was spread over bare patches. The monthly luncheon attracted 20 members, including one who had just returned from Heaven!. I don't know if he dreamt he had been home to the UK, or else he confused the garden out the front of the clubhouse with the garden of Eden. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the new garden beds, and we will try and finish the job when the ladies aren't bowling. Our next luncheon is on Thursday December 15th.

### Veterans Report

Monday and Tuesday 3rd - 4th October , Merv Fox and Daryl Dunford played in the State Championships at Port Fairy without success. Thursday 6th October Noel Davidson, Ken Farrar, Vern Poole, Rick Thomas and Daryl Dunford travelled to Hepburn Springs. Noel and Vern won balls and Ken a \$40 fruit pack in the raffle.

Monday 7th November, we hosted the Wimmera vets Day with great success. John Pola won A Grade, Merv was runner up in B Grade and Ian Woolcock won C Grade. Balls went to Darkie Tassell, Arthur Mahoney, Norm Clark, Ian Wright, Bob Laidlaw, Daryl Dunford, Des Hull, Tony Rees, Tilla Horvath, Max Chamings and Peter Shearer.

Monday 14th November the travelling circus continued with 12 members going to Beaufort. David Haddow and Wally Rhook scooped the pool in the 4BBB with 49 points. Daryl and Noel collected a ball each. Peter Shearer won the raffle, Noel won 2nd prize, a lesson with the Ballarat golf pro (leave it to your imagination) and John collected a dozen balls. A great result for Chalambar.

Merv, Clyde Vearing and Garth Goodwin travelled to Nhill with Merv and Clyde winning balls, great representation by our club.

#### Coming Up

Ballarat District Christmas Dinner - Thursday 1st December @ Beaufort. 9.00am registration for 9.30 shot gun start.

Wimmera District last day for 2011 is Monday 12th December @ Horsham.

Let's please support both of these events and make Chalambar a force in both districts.



### Joke of the Month



A Catholic Priest, an Indian Doctor, a Chinese Businessman, and an Aussie Bricklayer, were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers in front of them.

The Aussie fumed, 'What's with those bastards? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!'

The Indian Doctor chimed in, 'I don't know, but I'm losing my patience!'

The Chinese Businessman called out 'Move it, time is money!'

The Catholic Priest said, 'Here comes George the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him.'

'Hello, George!', said the Catholic Priest, 'What's wrong with that group ahead of us?'

They're rather slow, aren't they?'

George the greens keeper replied, 'Oh, yes. That's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year. We are forever grateful. We always let them play for free anytime.'

The group fell silent for a moment.

The Catholic Priest was the first to speak, and said, 'That's so sad. God forgive us. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.'

The Indian Doctor said, 'Vishnu, I repent. Good idea priest. I will also contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them.'

The Chinese Businessman replied, 'I'm writing a cheque at this very moment. \$50,000 to these brave souls.'

The Aussie bricklayer said, 'Why can't the bastards play at night?'





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## Bowls News

### 50th Birthday Celebrations

On Sunday 20th November 2011 Chalambar Bowls Club celebrated the 50th Anniversary with a bowls competition and dinner in the evening. 40 players played 2 games of 8 ends with the winners being Peter Hamilton, Betty Meek, Ian Drever and Margaret Stephens. Runners up were Ned Jenkins, Noelle McDonald, George Mach and Jan Ayer.

Eighty guests and members attended the Anniversary dinner with Murray Rowe representing Bowls Victoria, his wife Barbara, Geoff Gloury VRAG and wife Barbara and Edith Kuchel of VRAG the dignitaries who travelled to Chalambar. Phillip Meek Chairperson of GBD and wife Irene and GBD Secretary Colleen Wilkinson and husband Geoff were also in attendance.

MC Gary Todd welcomed the officials and handed to Peter Dohnt (representing Men's President Dennis Pickering) also offered a welcome to the guests. Lady President Jenifer Howard also spoke and thanked one and all for the work put into making the day a great celebration of 50 years. Notable ex members who returned for the day were Joyce Clark, nee Clover now from Bendigo, Valerie Carter past President in 1979, Kevin and Lyn Maple, George and Jill Mach and John Tobin who was club greenkeeper for 22 years after spending the preceding 16 years as assistant. John now lives in Ballarat.

Brian McCutcheon and Roy Biggs both received their Super Veterans badges from Murray Rowe who also presented a 50th Year plaque to the club. Joan Warfe, Joan Watson and Audrey Brennan cut the birthday cake.

<b>GBD Midweek Ladder Rd. 8</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Shots</b>
Stawell Blue	63	186
Stawell Gold	56	222.25
Stawell Golf Blue	56	199
Ararat Gold	53	30.50
Stawell Golf Gold	52	79.75
Lake Bolac	50	64
VRI Gold	45	99
Ararat Blue	42	41.25
VRI Blue	40	-59
Chalambar Gold	34	-24.50
Chalambar Blue	33	-100.25
Aradale	19	-172
Landsborough	10	-225
Willaura	7	-339

<b><u>Division 1 LADDER Round 7</u></b>			<b><u>Division 2 LADDER Round 7</u></b>		
	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SHOTS</b>		<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SHOTS</b>
Ararat	85	+ 135	Stawell Golf Blue	69	+ 108
Aradale	80	+ 149	Ararat Gold	61	+ 140
Stawell Golf	71	+ 115	Stawell Golf Gold	60	+ 84
Chalambar	67	+ 49	Aradale	59	+ 49
Stawell	51	- 14	Ararat Green	49	+ 64
Ararat VRI	40	- 27	Stawell Gold	47	+ 68
Lake Bolac	30	- 170	Chalambar	46	+ 13
Landsborough	24	- 237	Ararat V.R.I	39	- 64
			Stawell Blue	32	- 33
			Lake Bolac	24	- 94
			Landsborough	10	- 153
			Willaura	8	- 182