

Sports Calendar

Golf Events

February

- 6th - 7th McLardy McShane Ladbrokes Legends Tour Pro Am
13th Swan Hill Hospital Day
24th - 25th Seniors Tournament

March

- 4th Ladies Opening Day
– Rutherford Street Insurance
25th Kennedys Showcase Jewellers Pink Day

April

- 8th LJ Hooker Golf Day

May

- 3rd Premier League Opening Day
23rd - 24th Mid Murray Amateur

June

- 14th Choices Flooring by Swinton's Day
24th - 25th Ladies Golden Putter
26th - 28th Men's Golden Putter

August

- 5th Cameron's Fine Jewellers Gold Links Day
15th - 16th Murray Downs 36 Hole Ambrose Pairs Tournament

September

- 9th Mildura Health Day
20th #DoingItForJarrod Day

October

- 7th - 9th Ladies Classic

Bowls Events

February

- 13th Swan Hill Hospital Day
18th Barefoot Social Bowls
25th Barefoot Social Bowls

March

- 1st Presidents Day Mixed 2 Bowl Triples
3rd Barefoot Social Bowls
10th Barefoot Social Bowls
19th Medley Day Fours

May

- 4th Bowls AGM

Congratulations Josh Thornton on winning the MVBA champion of champions. Single champion 2019/2020



What's New!

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Platinum Golf Member \$1050

Annual driving range pass with free bucket of 75 balls per day. \$200 food and beverage credit. 10% discount on Pro Shop clothing, footwear and equipment. 15% discount on lessons and clinics.

Beginner Golf Introduction Member \$310

6 day membership (excludes Saturdays). Only available to people who had never had a golf handicap or Golf Club membership. Includes clinic on golf basics and etiquette.

Country Golf Member

Reside within a 10-50km radius of the Club \$450
Reside outside a 50km radius of the Club \$350



Congratulations to Mark O'Connell for winning the Members Draw in December valued at a huge \$9800!



Directors pictured during the Clubs recent 30th Birthday Celebrations



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Your Club News

From the President

As this notice goes out, I hope all members had a very happy Christmas with family and friends. I wish you all the best for the New Year.

I would also like to wish our staff who are at the "coal face" of our business, all the best for the New Year and keep up the good work looking after our members and guests.

Due to the membership change implemented by the board, your membership renewal for 2020 is not due until the 31st of March 2020. Your membership commitment is valuable to us and I hope that our facility and services at our 3 venues, continue to meet your expectations.

Murray Downs Golf & Country Club

The recent renovations to the gaming room, appear to be well accepted by members and visitors. Bar and Catering services of the club have been well supported in the closing months of 2019.

Our Member draw and raffle nights, held on Wednesday and Sunday's, have continued to be well supported and I would like to thank those members who regularly attend these nights.

The Club's 30th year celebration evenings seen some of our largest crowds in the club for many years and we thank members of their support of this special occasion.

The Pro Am and Club Championships were held in the closing months and were very successful and I would like to congratulate those that played and collected trophies.

Swan Hill Club

The end of football season and summer nights are the perfect time and place for members and visitors to enjoy our facilities at the Swan Hill Club. This venue is very popular for group bookings and night music entertainment.

The Friday night Members raffle has continued to be popular amongst our regular members and I thank those who support this.

Spoons Riverside

We have continued to get rave reviews for weddings and our theme events at Spoons Riverside. Whilst breakfast and lunch services are still popular amongst members and guests.

The Board of Directors and I are pleased to advise that we have secured the employment of our current C.E.O. Greg Roberts for another term. Greg is committed, along with The Board, to secure the future of the Murray Downs Golf & Country Club.

Your continued support will make us grow. I look forward to seeing you at one of our three venues soon.

Col Hedwards, President



From the CEO's Desk

Dear Members,

We hope you had a great Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you in our venues during 2020!

New Membership Year – 1st April to 31st March

Our membership year now runs from 1 April to 31 March. This means that your membership fees will no longer fall due and payable in December, which is when everyone is already feeling the pressure and excitement of Christmas.

Your renewal form and information is enclosed, and the points you have accrued will continue to accrue until the third Sunday in March.

The Club trusts you have enjoyed your bonus 3 months membership and we look forward to you renewing your membership and visiting your venues.

New Golf Membership Category Options

The Club has introduced some new golf membership categories starting 1 April 2020. These will include a **Golf only membership**, a **Platinum Golf Membership** and a **Beginner Golf membership**.

Functions and Parties

Are you looking to organise a party of a function? If so, we have three great venues and I encourage you all if you are organising a party, function or celebration of any kind to consider holding it at either the Murray Downs Golf and Country Club, Swan Hill Club or Spoons Riverside. We are fortunate to have a great range of different facilities that can cater for any event.

Peta Zucco is our Sales and Functions Coordinator and she would be delighted to help you organise a function at any of our venues. Give her a call today on 0447 415 520!

We look forward to seeing you at one of your venues soon.

Greg Roberts, Chief Executive Officer



Golf Minis every Saturday morning at Murray Downs

Golf News



From the Pro

February was a busy period for the Club with the Reciprocal Tournament and the first ever Murray Downs McLardy McShane Ladbroke's Legends Tour Pro Am. The feedback from this event was incredible and we hope to get the event back again next year! An extremely good testimonial to the great work of Ash, Terry and the whole ground staff team. Of course a huge thanks goes out to all the current and former sponsors of the club. We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support. The Seniors Tournament, Northwest Ag Day and Ladies Opening Day are also fast approaching in the golfing calendar.

In Pro Shop news, this year we held a winter series for our juniors, which meant that after four rounds of golf twelve new juniors obtained their handicaps and are in the process of honing their skills at competition level. Congratulations to Tynen Perry for winning the winter series.

After a Christmas holiday rest our Saturday Mini's have started up again and we are seeing new faces each month. A huge shout out to Elaine Brown, Barb Clark, Mal Woolhouse, Ash Free and Clinton Hucker for their efforts in making the program fun and compelling for the kids. Our Wednesday program juniors and our Friday Elite squad are continuing to improve and we can all look forward to an exciting future for our juniors.

We have had and will continue to have demo days out on the range from manufacturers such as Callaway, Ping, Cleveland, Srixon and of course we have our very own Trackman, which means you can come and get fully fitted out at your leisure.

Nathan has passed his second year as a trainee professional and we wish him well as he enters 2020 in his final year. This year we will see plenty of new and exciting hardware, along with a new winter range from all of our major suppliers.

On behalf of all the team in the Pro Shop we thank you for your patronage and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Shane McHenry, Golf Professional



From the Men's Captain



Since this is my first attempt at keeping all our members informed about what has been happening with the Men's golf over the past 12 months, there is quite a bit of information to pass on.

Firstly, let me congratulate and thank Ken Gregory for his leadership as your Captain over the past 4 years. Ken has left me some very big shoes to fill, but with guidance of the Match Committee and the support of The Board and you the golfing members, I hope I can successfully follow in his footsteps.

Assisting me on the Men's match committee are Vice Captain Tony Ford, Handicapper Rob Merrett, Secretary Dave Hogan, along with Committeemen; Rob West, Brian White, Andrew Petersen, Ken Gregory and Col Hedwards.

Since our last newsletter, many club events have been run and won including our Club Championships which were held in November. Many of you would now realise that we have a brand new Club Champion in Stuart McMillan. Stewie lead the championships from the outset and had a 6 shot lead going into the final round. He got a little shaky during his first 9 holes of the last round, but he held firm to hold off a fast finishing James McLean, with a final round tally of 76, for a four round total of 296, congratulations Stewie.

Our B Grade winner for 2019, is the very consistent Ross Kenyon. C Grade was won by Dale Leiper after a 2 hole play-off against Dale Pearce, which is the first time we have had to have a play-off, to decide the winner of any grade at Murray Downs. D Grade was taken out by Andrew Guy.

Other annual trophy winners saw Neville Brady being crowned the Senior Champion, for those players who are 55 years and over: Luke Merritt took out the NDGA medal for the best nett score over the championships and Lleyton McLean was Junior winner.

Back in August we held our first 36 hole-2 person Ambrose event, replacing the former Masters 36 Hole 4BBB Par Tournament, with a scratch and nett event on offer. A very good field of 120 players took part with Stuart McMillan and Craig Fletcher, combining to take out the scratch title with a 36 hole score of 133. The winners of the 36 Hole event were Gene Brooks & Brian White with a score of 128.5.

Other trophy winners for 2019 were: Medal of Medallists: Ian Read, LJ Hooker summer cup winner: Wayne Wisby, Singles knockout: Ian Johansen, 4BBB knockout: Grant Ford & Scott Mathiske, Mixed knockout: Brenton & Janelle Hogan, Putter of the Year and Golfer of the Year for the umpteenth time: Ross Kenyon.

Post the football season, the course has been inundated with big



From the Men's Captain Continued



groups of visiting golfers, challenging themselves on the lay out. It's a credit to Ash Davies and his ground staff to have the course in such excellent condition for all members and guests to enjoy. Particularly as we are going through a very dry period, weather wise.

February 2020 is proving to be a very busy period for the Club with 3 very big golf events with Reciprocal Tournament at the start of the month, the much anticipated Ladbrokes PGA Legends Tour held on February 6 & 7 and followed by the Seniors Tournament on February 24 & 25.

Good golfing, enjoy our facilities and continue supporting all the events at Murray Downs.

**Mick Kiley,
Men's Captain**

From the Ladies Captain



As we say goodbye to 2019 and welcome in 2020, I would like to acknowledge some of the results from our very busy golfing season of 2019.

It was wonderful to have an average of 70 players contest the Annual Golf Championships. Congratulations to our Club Champion: Mary Anne Davis, B Grade Champion: Rhonda Barrow, C Grade Champion: Jenice Krahnert, D Grade Champion: Fay Rush, Senior Champion: Barb Clark.

We had many sponsored events throughout the season and I sincerely thank all our sponsors. These events attract more members and visitors to play on our great course.

In March Rutherford Street Insurances sponsored our Opening Day for the Winter Season.

In April L J Hooker sponsored a Stableford event. A Grade: Chris Warburton, B Grade: Sheila Beard, C Grade: Kate Lochery, D Grade: Fay Rush.

In May we had the Fay Ayson Memorial Day sponsored by Kennedy's Showcase Jewellers and the winners were: Rosie Ficarra, Bev Holt, Paula Pickert and Georgina Douglas. Pink Ball winners were: Sue Davis, Lisa Brady, Jill Pattenden and Di Nalder.

In June for the Silver & Golden Putter we had a full field both days with visitors from 33 clubs.

From the Ladies Captain Continued



The Golden Putter sponsored by Holts Mitsubishi Hyundai Isuzu Ute was won by Lyn Billing from Murray Downs and Joyce Boyd from Kerang with +7.

In July Rob Duffield came out and presented the prizes for the Guardian Day. The 4BBB winners were Judy McMahon and Judi Loneragan with 43 points.

In August we had 3 major events, Cameron's Fine Jewellers Gold Links Day, Holt's Spring Brooch and a new 36 Hole Ambrose event. Cameron's Fine Jewellers Gold Links Day winners: Di Martin and Mary Anne Davis with -4. The 3 rounds of the Holts Spring Brooch were eagerly contested, with Nona Wilson being the victor. The 36 hole Ambrose event was won by Jo Watts and Jane Wall from Barham.

In September, the Mildura Health 4BBB Stableford winners were, Georgina Douglas & Colleen Roberts with 45 points.

In October, we showcased our course with the 26th Annual Ladies Classic sponsored by Swan Hill Disposals. Visitors came from 26 different clubs and enjoyed great weather on our beautifully presented course. It was a very successful tournament with capacity fields and favourable comments from our visitors. Jo Watts is the Mid Murray Amateur Champion for 2019.

Congratulations to the winners of our Annual events: Golfer of the Year: Michelle Holt, Donnington Cup: Lois Carnie, Singles Knockout: Maree Thurwood, Doubles Knockout: Di Nalder and Pam Blohm, Anniversary Cup: Sheila Beard, Winter Cup: Carol Wiseman, Medal of Medallists: Nona Wilson. Judy McMahon and Lois Tippett won the Doris Chambers event and represented Murray Downs at Sanctuary Lakes.

I would like to thank all Murray Downs staff who assist in many ways to make Murray Downs a great course and a wonderful place to play golf. Well done and congratulations to all Lady Members. The average attendance over the Winter Season was 55. It is all of you who regularly support and play golf that make our Club a great place to be. May you all continue to enjoy your golf and have great fun in 2020.

**Marg Moore,
Ladies Captain**



Anniversary Cup
Winner Sheila Beard

Social Members can choose between **Bronze, Silver or Gold Memberships.**

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES			
MEMBERS BENEFIT	BRONZE 1 YR \$5.50 3 YR \$15	SILVER 1 YR \$15 3 YR \$40	GOLD 1 YR \$25 3 YR \$65
Entry into both Clubs	✓	✓	✓
Access to members prices	✓	✓	✓
Entry into Members Promotions	✓	✓	✓
10 points on entry to both Clubs	✓	✓	✓
Entry into the members draw at Murray Downs		✓	✓
Free meal voucher the month of your birthday at Murray Downs		✓	✓
Entry into the monthly \$500 birthday draw at Murray Downs		✓	✓
2 x 25% meal voucher to Murray Downs each month		✓	✓
1 point for every \$10 turnover in gaming at Murray Downs		✓	✓
2 points for every \$1 spent on Food and Beverage at Murray Downs, Swan Hill Club and Spoons Riverside		✓	✓
Murray Downs player activity statement available on request		✓	✓
Entry into the monthly \$500 birthday draw at Swan Hill Club			✓
Entry in to the Gold draw every Friday night at Swan Hill Club			✓
Right to stand as a member of the Swan Hill Club advisory committee			✓
Free function room hire at both Clubs			✓
1000 points after renewal available at Murray Downs from 1st May 2020			✓

Country Club Sports and Sports Memberships also available. These Memberships receive Gold Member benefits.

For more information on how to become a Member please ask our friendly reception staff.



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It's All Happening

Bowls News



As we head into the last part of the season, our bowling club is still producing winners.



Our first success for the season came via Greg Robertson, winning the Murray Valley Novice Singles. He then went on to win the Murray Mallee section, now to go into the last sixteen in the state. Our coach, Josh Thornton, won our Men's Club Championship. Runner Up was David Alderuccio. Josh then went on to win Murray Valley Bowls Division (MVBD) Champion of Champions.

Marg Jewson won our Ladies Championship and went on to MVBD Champion of Champions to just miss out, becoming runner-up. Other MVBD results for our club include:

MVBD Singles Champion Winner: Buc Lehmann.

MVBD Pairs Winners: Ladies: Noelene Weir & Doreen Weaver (Moulamein) Men: Mick Tempini and John Alderuccio.

MVBD Triples Winners: Ladies: Di Martin, Noelene Weir and Teresa Furnell. Men: Brian Mansbridge, John Caldwell and Jack Sharman.

MVBD Fours Winners: Ladies: Di Martin, Marg Jewson, Noelene Weir and Teresa Furnell. Men: Josh Thornton, Buc Lehmann, Shorty McCaig and John Alderuccio.

All these players now go on to contest in the Murray Mallee section, so best of luck to all.

At the time of writing, all our pennant teams still have a chance to make the finals, with several on top of the ladder, so we're hoping for more pennant success.

I'd like to add a warm welcome to all new bowlers to the club. Special thanks to my committee and the other members who just make everything happen, from pennant to barefoot bowls. Also thanks to all staff who make life at the bowling club so much easier. To the club management, thank you for all your encouragement.

Yours in Bowls

Bill Pearson,
Chairperson Bowls Committee

Entertainment Calendar

Swan Hill Club

February

21st Midnight Echoes
28th Still Cruisin Trio

March

6th Code 5
7th YU ASK
13th Tori & Carl
20th KEG
27th Endangered Species

April

3rd Los Wages
4th Bushfire Relief Fundraiser Concert
10th Code 5
17th The Drowning Sorrows
24th Jatz Crackers

May

1st Seven Car Pileup
8th Things with Strings Festival



Live Music in the Beer Garden at the Swan Hill Club

Functions and Events

Are you looking for a venue to hold your wedding, function or special event? Spoons Riverside riverfront venue can cater for your needs



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