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## **DENI GOLF CLUB eNEWS**

### **04/2022**

What a busy few weeks, championships, Ross Wilson Concert, a number of wakes and a busy Easter period. Many thanks to the large number of volunteers that made the month run smoothly.

As I write the first stage of the carpark is being resealed, the road will also be resealed today. The club entrance will look great once the front windows have the mural completed. Poker machines have been relocated, and work has started on the Lounge extension.

The course has never looked better, the feedback from visitors has been great. Numbers over Easter were good, with all days busy. Once again the volunteers in the Pro Shop have done an excellent job.

On a negative note, I am feeling that my tenure is coming to an end and after 8 years, we are in need of change. We are planning to travel over the next couple of years and will be away from Deniliquin for extended periods.

I will not be standing for re-election in November and will do everything in my power to facilitate a smooth transition. I will continue to volunteer where I can and assist the club in its next chapter.

I sincerely thank the last eight boards for their unwavering support of my position.

**Norm**

## **COURSE MATTERS**

April has seen some great weather for golf and a fair few players on course. Staff have continued with course presentation being the focus, as the warm days are still stimulating plenty of growth. We work our way through the jobs on the notice board as time permits. As I write, we are getting our first decent rainfall for some time, so we are desperately trying to catch up with machinery maintenance.

Greens continue to perform well, but are badly in need of a renovation which is programmed for the first week of May. Staff are busy preparing machinery for the renovations at the moment. We won't need the help of volunteers this time. Thanks to Taffy for providing a fresh set of blades for the scarifier. Greens will be solid tynd to a depth of 100mm and topdressed accordingly.

Tees have received a fair flogging over the last month particularly on the medal marks. There may be a need to plant an annual rye grass to cover wear and tear over the cooler months.

Fairways are currently being left on 12mm, a height I hope to maintain over the next 5 months of minimal growth. Some organics will be applied soon to aid soil health, more so than plant health.

I've been holding my breath for the last two weeks, which is normal whenever I spray herbicide on greens. The new chemical recommended for treating the Plantain (small star shaped weed), was applied twice over a ten day period. Whilst the Plantain melts away very slowly, a bonus has been the eradication of both Pennywort and Pearlwort, plus Nut grass has been severely decimated. The Bent grass seems to be showing no effect at all which is a relief. Greens will have some bare areas thanks to these weeds melting away but I would expect a quick recovery once renovations are done.

Discussions have been had to solve the problem of carts crossing the road near the water tank. My suggestion would be a tall colourbond fence replacing the pine logs. This would be a more attractive option as well as hiding the water tank area from the entrance.

Design for the new 16th green is almost complete. Before I draw up the final plans I'd like to meet on site with a few board members to discuss our options

for the design. Perhaps a meeting could be organized late on the first week of May, (the more Board Members the better).

Once the renovations are completed our focus will turn to repairing the sinkage on the 13th green. This will involve excavation of an area roughly 20 meters square, fitting some independent drainage, releveling and relaying turf sods. I'm hoping the repaired area will be back in play within 3 weeks.

**Terry Howe**

### **Captain's Reports**

Our club championships have been completed with Matt Thomas again being the club champion. A great effort by Matt, who won by 12 shots. Other winners were Daryl Nalder in B grade, Norm Purtill in C grade and Keane Sutton in D grade.

The Inter Club Challenge final was played at Murray Downs between Deniliquin and one of the Rich River teams. Deniliquin played very well and were comfortable winners on the day. Congratulations to all the players who participated in what was a very enjoyable competition.

The monthly medal winner for April was Jimmy Poka jnr well done to Jimmy on a good win.

We are starting a singles pennant against Barham, Rich River and Murray Downs, with the first matches being played on July 3rd. There are three teams comprising of one scratch team and two handicap teams. There are five players in each team. Hopefully we can convince some of our better players to play.

Numbers have still been good, hopefully this will continue over the winter period

Good golfing  
John Radeski.

Our Club Championship were played on 31st March, 5th and 7th April in ideal conditions. Congratulations to our winners. Vicki Bruncker played superb golf to

win the Open championship comfortably. Sarah Aitken took out B Grade for the second year in a row and Pauline Sherwin, our C grade winner, was thrilled with her result having competed for a number of years and never having won a championship previously. Well done to the winners and to all other ladies who contested over the 3 days.

Jane Glowrey was our April Monthly Medal winner with a net score of 69. Well done Jane on a great result.

A big congratulations to our ladies Challenge Cup team who were victorious over Barham in their final round which ensured that they were the Summer Fourball Challenge Cup winners for 2022. A great effort by all those who represented Deni in this competition.

The draw for the Doris Everitt Brooch has been completed so ladies need to ensure they complete their matches by the due dates.

The RWGA Pennant competition for 2022 commences on 2nd May with Deni playing Berrigan at Finley. We wish our participating ladies the best of luck in this competition which continues throughout May.

May we continue to enjoy our golf.

Ann Bull

Ladies Captain



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