

Results for rest of March Events:

Saturday Men

18/3 Club Trophy	Jye Curnock	+6
25/3 Willow Bridge Monthly Mug	Nigel Yoxall	67 nett
25/3 Congrats to Brian Williams at last, he won his first NAGA		

Vets

7/3 CVGA	See Alan's report	
13/3 Will Cunningham Trophy	Ivor McKeon	42 pts
21/3 Jim Carwardine Trophy	Peter Leaney	+7
	Junior Jeff Miller a great score of	+9 on the same day
28/3 Peter Leaney Trophy	Jack Wright	37 pts

Scroungers

2/3 Club Trophy	Ric Purto	41 pts
9/3 Valentines Retravisoin Trophy	Tim Weston	42 pts
16/3 Fraser Real Estate Trophy	Ron McDonald	41 pts
23/3 Busselton Cellars "	Kevin Pross	40 pts
30/3 McDonalds Busselton "	Nigel Yoxall	42 pts

Saturday Women

11/3 Geographe Classic	See Helen's report	
18/3 Club Trophy	Margaret Hitching	+5
25/3 Willow Bridge Monthly Goblet	Helen Ten Seldam	70 nett

Rob Hogan is desperate to get names for the pennants, there is a sheet on the entry dais, so please put your name down as soon as possible or contact Rob or myself, as the first game is Sunday 2nd April.

With the football season starting this week Lloyd would like all intending players to let him know their teams as soon as possible.

A big group of players traveled to Walpole for the Pioneer Cup, all enjoyed their trip and should be well prepared for the greens when they are sanded. Lloyd and Sandi lost their coaching duties, and taking over next year are first timers, Lyle and Ed who had a great round on the second day. Shutzy and Prossy will be the first team knocking on the door.

Myself, Mal, match committee and all members would like to welcome new members to the club. (New members for March as follows).

Mavis Stone	Geoff Carr	Henry Carr	Wayne Bell
Stephen Andrews	Jacqueline Chappell	Robert Chappell	Chad Haysted
Doug Kelly	Timothy Murphy	Mark Ward	Richard White
Nick Yoxall			

The best way to welcome new members is to play with them or make sure they have a game.

Once again "welcome" and it's hoped you enjoy the golf course and camaraderie that we will Endeavour to provide you with

Good golfing for April

LADIES GOLF NOTES – Captain Helen Rigoll

The winter golf season is under way after the running of yet again another wonderful Geographe Ladies Classic. Thanks to everyone men and women who worked so hard to make this event what it is.

The Winner of the Classic was Stacey Shanahan from Cottesloe with 148 Gross. Denise O'Keefe and Jo Taylor both faired well in the Nett Event.

Our season opened officially by our President Marg Hogan hitting the first ball down the first hole.

A yellow ball event sponsored by S.W. Audio and Hearing. The winning team was Beryl Meyers, Marg Denton and Ruth Guest with 80 points. Runners up were Denise O'Keefe, Julie Guthrie and Barb Albrey with 79.

22nd March Stroke and Putting sponsored by Tides Restuarant and Golf Box. Flag Competition. Winner off No 1 tee Sarah Bullen 67 Nett and off No 10 tee Jo Taylor with 68 nett. Best Gross Denise O'Keefe 82. Putting Denise O'Keefe 29.

My thanks to Lois Butcher and Judy Frimston for running a very successful Summer Golf Season. Being a much cooler summer the numbers were very good and everyone enjoyed their golf.

COUNTRY VETS NOTES – Alan Hough

March 7th saw Busselton Vets as host club for another successful CVGA event with a final field of 152 starters competing in good conditions on a usual first class course.

Despite this, sand green players filled the first two players with Alan Jeffery of Waroona winning with 39 points followed by Eric Biddle on 38 points, with best Busselton player being Tony Haabjoern with 36 points.

The prestigious OBE award went to George Doust of Busselton who scored 32 points with no damage to his extended handicap.

A complete change in course conditions took place with the Margaret River event on March 22nd, when 103 players attended on drought stricken fairways, but, despite a serious shortage of water, the greens were in top condition.

Local player Bob Imray was the winner on 42 points with best for Busselton being Ross Waring with 38 points.

With George Doust not attending, the OBE award went to Bill Vickery of Dunsborough Country Club with 26 points.

No doubt due to travel distance involved, there is little local interest for the Rockingham March 28th City-v-Country event with only Bev Reynolds nominating from Busselton.

The next CVGA event is listed for Pinjarra on Monday April 10th when several Busselton golfers will be competing including the usual “stay at home” George Doust who will again be in contention for the OBE award.

COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

An extract from a current golf publication re our club and our course super, for members interest;

“Mr Hitching, 27, has three staff, making, it difficult to get all the jobs done.

His philosophy is to focus on the playing" surfaces (greens, tees and fairways with the focal point being the greens.

Nutrition management is important as the course is irrigated with recycled effluent water. Sound nutrition management helps minimise the amount of Poa annua on the course. Mr Hitching uses the lowest irrigation applications he can without creating dry patch as he does not have the manpower to hand-water regularly.

He also likes to maintain his applications of potassium and ferrous sulphate as these shrivel the leaves slightly while the iron keeps the colour and dries any moisture on the green surface, helping to suppress disease. Paclobutrazol is a tool he likes to use on his Pennncross (*Agrostis stolonifera*) greens to setback the Poa and let the bent grow in over the top.

According to Mr Hitching, the main reason for his good-quality greens was his mowing practices. Single cuts four days per week (no cut on Sunday unless an event is scheduled) with double cuts on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the mowing height set at 2.8 millimetres.

During his TAFE turf management studies, Mr Hitching won the Apprentice of the Year award, awarded to the top apprentice completing his or her studies, in 2003.

When asked what the hardest part of the transition from second in charge to superintendent was, his reply was that all of sudden there appeared to be a lot more chiefs, and with a small number of staff it was important to stay focused on the maintenance program”

Golf Joke

Slow golfers are ahead of us

Joe decides to take his boss Phil to play 9 holes on their lunch. While both men are playing excellent they are often held up by two women in front of them moving at a very slow pace. Joe offers to talk to the women and see if they can speed it up a bit. He gets about half of the way there stops and jogs back.

His boss asks what the problem is. "Well one of those women is my wife and the other my mistress," complained Joe. Phil just shook his head at Joe and started toward the women determined to finish his round of golf. Preparing to ask the ladies to speed up their game, he too stopped short and turned around.

Joe asked "what's wrong?" It's a small, small world Joe, and you're fired

Famous Golf Quote

"When I'm on a course and it starts to rain and lightning, I hold up my one iron, 'cause I know even God can't hit a one iron."

~Lee Trevino