

September 2021



Holes In One – for Alan Sing and Lance Davey



Lance Davey



Alan Sing (photo taken earlier)

In the last month or so there have been two holes in one scored on the 170 metre 2nd/11th hole by a couple of our veteran players.

The first one was on Wednesday 21 July when Alan Sing teed off on the 11th with his 3 wood. Before the ball even got to the green, one of his playing partners, Denis Phipps saw it was a good shot and said to Allan “Have you ever scored a hole in one before?” Alan said, “No never”. The four in the group then watched as the ball landed on the green and rolled straight up to the pin and in the hole causing Denis to say, “Well you have now”. That was on the finishing hole for the group, so it was Alan’s last shot for the day. Just as well because his game would have surely turned for the worst after that. Having said that, you wouldn’t believe it but he almost scored a hole in one on the 6th on the same day. The ball hit the back of the cup causing an indentation in the hole, but unfortunately it didn’t stay in. Now the odds for a hole in one are about 12 500 to 1. The odds of two holes in one on the same day in the same game are 167 million to one and Alan almost did it.

On Wednesday 17 August Lance Davey who has been a member for a while, although a relative newcomer to veteran's golf days, teed off on the 2nd with his driver. Mike Rataj, Hank Timmerman, and Bill Malpass watched in awe as the ball made a dead straight course directly for the pin. It hit the fairway just in front of the green, bounced onto the green and rolled straight up and into the hole taking care of the nearest the pin shot for the day. Lance kept a fairly cool head during the remainder of the game and when the group played the 11th, the other three made a mess of their tee shots and didn't even land on the fairway let alone the green. Last to tee off was Lance and he was offered \$100 by two other members of the group if he could 'do it again'. He made a fairly good attempt at it, at least landing on the green. That was the first hole in one for Lance as well. Lance is pictured right after taking his ball out of the hole on the 2nd.

Congratulations Alan and Lance on your achievement. Savour it as it doesn't happen to everyone. In fact, it only happens to one in 12,500 golfers.

Submitted by Hank Timmerman

Cock O Walk 2021

The draw for the Cock o Walk playing pairs was conducted on Saturday 21st August prior to the days golf with the Calcutta for the event occurring after golf the same day. Many club members stayed after presentations and participated in the Calcutta. It is always an interesting event, and I am sure it was enjoyed by all that stayed and participated.

Twenty-three pairs entered this year's event with the normal 2 ball bogey qualifier event to be held on Saturday 28th August. Sixteen of the twenty-three pairs that qualify will continue in a knockout week by week playing in handicap match play golf until we reach the final two pairs who will play in the final over 18 holes on Sunday 19th September.

Wazza Viney was again in his usual fine form as the auctioneer for the Calcutta and with over 2000 tickets being sold the pairs were sold for \$100-\$200 average with the top money \$220 being bid by Sam Vickers and Ben Smith for last year's winners. (Neville and Tony), but I can't remember the same pair ever winning the event two years running, but there is always a first for everything.

Prize money this year will be \$1887 for the winners, \$1132 for the runners up prize and equal third \$188 each (2 of).

The Cock o Walk is a very popular event at the club, pairs need to play well and have a bit of luck to reach the final in September. As usual there are a lot of hot pairs contesting for the trophy and we wish everybody all the best for this prestigious event.

Submitted by Neville Smith

Working Bee

A working bee was held on Thursday 26th August to cut up the fallen trees for firewood. A good turnout was had, and a lovely luncheon supplied.



Some workers enjoying their lunch.

Upgraded Entrance to the Club

With a break in the weather, the sealing of entrance was completed this month. With the fence and signage looks very smart.



Replace Divots

Repair Pitch Marks

No cigarette Butts on the Course

Golden Circle

24 th July	\$30 AT Dick	\$20 KW Jones	\$10 G Boyd
31 st July	\$30 KW Jones	\$20 A Wild	\$10 G Beaton
7 th Aug	\$30 KJ Jones	\$20 B Richardson	\$10 B Smith
14 th Aug	\$30 G Dyke	\$20 KJ Jones	\$10 H Timmerman
Bonus Draw	\$75 G Oliver	\$50 D Dunham	\$25 T Griffith
21 st Aug	\$30 M Cruse	\$20 W Smith	\$10 K Dawson
28 th Aug	\$30 K Cock	\$20 M Clarke	\$10 L Boyd

Footy Margins 2021

Date	Name	Name	Name	Margin	Serial No	Teams
21/03/2021	L Clarke	N/C	N/C	52	829974	Nth Mel v P Adel
28/03/2021	N/C	R Paice	R Paice	29	828558	Haw v Rich
4/04/2021	R Paice	B Hall	NW Smith	45	828301	Carl v Frem
11/04/2021	L Clarke	G Mitchell	T Ryan	41	828804	Nth Mel v Adel
18/04/2021	T Ryan	J Booton	B Hall	12	828244	Adel v Frem
25/04/2021	N Smith	B Dutton	B Hall	3	828344	Haw v Adel
2/05/2021	R Beveridge	B Hall	W Viney	30	828443	Nth Mel v Mel
9/05/2021	S Vickers	M Aherne	B Hall	38	828444	Haw v W Coast
16/05/2021	N/C	AT Dick	B Hall	7	829059	ESS v Frem
23/05/2021	N/C	W Viney	R Beveridge	16	828805	GWS v W Coast
30/05/2021	L Viney	S Vickers	R Beveridge	28	828756	Rich v Adel
6/06/2021	M Smith	NW Smith	S Vickers	22	829160	Carl v W/Coast
13/06/2021	L Viney	BA Hall	BA Hall	Draw	829051	Nth Mel v GWS
20/06/2021	N/C	L Davies	M Smith	13	829060	Haw v Ess
27/06/2021	CR Hinds	M Smith	BA Hall	18	829058	GWS v Haw
4/07/2021	M Smith	AT Dick	M Smith	92	829365	Syd v W/Coast
11/07/2021	BA Hall	W Viney	W Viney	1	829659	GWS v G Coast
18/07/2021	R Paice	BA Hall	AT Dick	18	829660	Nth Mel b Ess
25/07/2021	G Osbourne	M Smith	M Smith	40	829156	Syd v Frem
1/08/2021	M Smith	N/C	BA Hall	12	829057	Haw v Bris
8/08/2022	BA Hall	L Viney	D French	19	829050	Haw v Coll
15/08/2022	D French	AT Dick	L Clarke	41	829157	Melb v Adel
22/08/2022	N/C	BA Hall	N/C	58	829560	StK v Frem
	N/C= Not Claimed					

Wildflowers on our Golf Course.

HEATH *Epacris impressa*

Heath can be found in open eucalypt forests throughout in SE Australia and while flowers can be observed at any time of the year, the best time is from February to late May.

Flower colour varies from White, through to Pink and a vivid Red.

It is grown as a hothouse plant in the UK.

The best place to see the plant on our course is on the western side of the Fourth fairway and on the Southern side of the Third Fairway.



Trivia Night

Lynne asking the questions



The scorers and umpires



The Winning Table

The Trivia night was again an entertaining and challenging evening. Thankyou Lynne and her numerous assistants.

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Birthday Celebrations



Helen Richards and Jan Richardson

Current and past members enjoyed lunch at Anvers to help Jan and Helen celebrate their recent milestone birthdays.



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Road Safety Sign on Squeaking Point Road

A local farmer has put up a sign as you enter Squeaking Point Road after leaving Frankford Road. There is another near Ibbotts Road as you drive towards Frankford Road. The request makes perfect sense and I encourage all club members using the road to comply with the request.



A Crow with a Difference

Brian Page pointed out a Crow to me that had a white wing. I managed to get the attached picture.

What most of us call Crows are in fact Forest Ravens and they are **black**, always **black**. The specimen at our club is therefore quite rare I suspect. Keep a look out you might just see him or her.



Submitted by Bevis Dutton

Intrepid Mouse Catcher

With all the wet weather we have been having the Thirlstane Mice decided that the Club Rooms were a better option than being outside.

General Committee Secretary Greg Boyd was on the case. He admitted the Mice outsmarted him on his first attempt. Greg put peanut butter around the circle on the trap. When he came back the next day to check, the mice had licked the peanut butter completely off the trap, and escaped capture.

Greg was not going to be defeated so added a few technical adjustments to the traps, including a lolly, and success was on Greg's side, with his adjustments to the trap, there are less Thirlstane Mice now.

Greg Boyd pictured below: -

