FAIRWAY NEWS





JUNE 2024

Scratch Team goes down fighting

On a beautiful morning for golf at Werribee Park Golf Course Sandy's Scratch Pennant team nearly pulled off an underdog win against the Westgate juggernaut. See later for fuller reports. Thanks to Neil Singh for the photo.



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McDonald R4

13 July Stableford, Captain's Trophy R2,

Singles Match Play R3 complete

20 July Par, Club Medal

27 July Stableford, Pairs Match Play R2

complete

Recent Results

- April's VGL Medal was won by YouTube star Nick Hague with a net 60. Juliet Austin (Women's Division net 62), Todd Wilson (A Grade net 64), George Andreetta(B Grade net 61) and John Smith(C Grade net 62) were the other winners.
- David Beacham's 40pts was the top score on 13/4 and won the overall. Greg Scott's 39pts was next best and won C Grade.
 Jason Gowie and Andrew Bakker both had 38pts to win A and B Grades respectively. Belinda Anson (37pts) took out the Women's Division.
- Two women members had the best score on 20/4 with both Ellesse Graham and Dale Gilkes returning 39pts. Ellesse got the overall on a countback with Dale winning the Women's Division. Two other countbacks were required this round. In A Grade where Cooper Ford beat out his father Clayton to take the win and in C Grade where James Smith beat Ross Gordon for prize. All four scored 38pts. Rod Burke's 37pts won B Grade.
- In perfect conditions a small field failed to set the course alight on 27/4. So much so that the three best scores were a 37pts, a 36pts and a 35pts and the daily difficulty of the course was assessed at the maximum of +3. Tom Tomlin had the 37pts and won the overall. Andrew Lejcak scored 36pts to win A Grade. Liam O'Connell (32pts) beat Peter McLeod for the B Grade prize on a countback. Claire Chang (33pts) and James Henneberry (33pts) won the Women's Division and C Grade respectively.
- Linda Best's net 60 won the overall in the Stroke Round on 4/5. Jeffrey Hannon's net 62 took out the VGL Medal and B Grade. Sarah Adam-Gedge(Women's Division net 66), Clayton Ford (A Grade net 65) and Garry Chalkley(C Grade net 67) were the other winners.

THE **1988** PRESIDENT'S BLOG

As autumn ends, we approach the softer fairways of winter, with early morning dews and rolling fog. Golf courses across Australia will have



seen some amazing colours, here at Sandy we have been lucky enough to be tickled Pink. Our charity day was able to raise \$6,000 for the Breast Cancer Foundation and the members that took to the fairways were entertained, challenged and generous so thank to you all.

As a committee we would love to hear any feedback on the day via member services or the captain's emails as we endeavour to continue to improve this marquee day for future years. We would also love to see members look to either sponsor/donate to the day as well. Helping to enhance and showcase the day alongside our valued partners so please keep an eye out for opportunities in a future newsletter.

Our recently spiked greens have become a lot stickier of late, so we have seen a rise in pitch marks from quality golf shots, please remember to repair these assisting in maintaining the greens for all.

Finally, always remember if you are experiencing fits of rage, followed by temporary moments of euphoria and this is all happening within a few hours you don't need to see a doctor it's just another day on the golf course...So Happy Golfing!

Regards

Andrew stepping in whilst Rob is away.



To illustrate
Andrew's
point about
colours!
Sunrise at
Sandy in May.

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Recent Results (cont.)

- The Pink Day 2-ball Ambrose was won by Chris Shellie and Steve Harrison with a score of net 56. Damien Munro and Yufang Mao(helped by Damien's hole-inone – see elsewhere) were runners up on 56.75.
- Alister Lahood had the best score in the Par round on 18/5. His +3 won the overall and Club Medal. Anne Forwood(+1) won the women's Division on a countback from Belinda Anson. Shane Mays and Ricky Plummer both scored +2 to win A and B Grade respectively. James Henneberry (Sq) took out his second C Grade prize in a month defeating Colin Burge in a countback.
- The Les Stainsby Memorial Trophy (Over 60s) was won by Greg Scott on 25 May whose 39pts also saw him win the overall. A trio of 37pts won the other grades with Mal McAfee (A Grade), Geoff Thornton (B Grade) and Andy Sheehan (C Grade) taking home the chocolates. There was no women's Division due to low numbers but Club Champion Kate Caridakis eagled the 5th hole, which is no mean feat!
- Kieran Fernandez's hot net 60 in the Stroke round on 1/6 won the June VGL Medal and the Overall. Countbacks were needed in 3 divisions. Tom Rogacki (net 62) beat Tom Campitelli in A Grade; Heather Cameron (net 68) beat Kate Caridakis in the Women's Division and Danny Morgan (net 65) beat Michael Sneyd in B Grade. Mark Murray won C Grade with a net 65.
- Scoring has been hot in the Mid-week competition recently with Tony Pearce's 46pts off a handicap of 20 the standout. Kirsty Lally (44pts) and Chris Van Dieman (43pts) were next best. Tony's stroke score in his 46 pts was 3 shots better than his age and got a write up in Box Hill GCs newsletter where he was a former Board member. Fantastic work Tony!

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Sandringham Golf Club was represented in the Division 2 final by a team determined to defeat their rivals from Westgate. The players were supported by an experienced bunch of caddies and hopes were high.

Fog in the valley threatened to delay the start but with a gap in the weather, it was smiles and handshakes all round and the game commenced.

We had them on the ropes by the turn, 3 games had strong leads, most of the remainder were close either way and only 1 match looked shaky.

In the end Westgate held the day by the smallest of margins with the result decided by the final match on the 17th green.

So we reset our target to 2025 and continue to build talent in the ranks with a very competitive Pittard and Ian Fraser field.

To all players and supporting members, thanks for a great season.

Cheers and happy golfing.

Michael Kent



Matt Scott tees off the 3rd at Werribee on his way to a 4 and 3 win in the Pennant Final.

News and Notes

Great to See

It was great to see Barry Russell back on the course when he played on Pink Day and to see Jason Maynard back walking the course over the past few weeks.

Where the hell is he anyway?

As you may have noticed our President did not provide a column for this issue – so what is he up to? Remarkably at last report Rob was somewhere off the Norwegian coast near the Russian border on an undefined mission. Here he is getting ready to venture out in a RIB craft

into a tidal phenomena called the Saltstraumen. which is one of the strongest tidal currents in the world - around 20 knots. Up to 400 million cubic metres of seawater forces its way through a 3 km long and 150 m wide strait every six hours. Vortices known as



whirlpools or maelstroms up to 10 m in diameter and 5 m in depth are formed when the current is at its strongest.

We know Rob's original cruise was cancelled but surely there was another alternative!



Know Your Local Rules

The Rules of Golf as set by the R&A and USGA are standard but they also allow for Clubs and Associations to have some "Local Rules" within the set of overall rules.

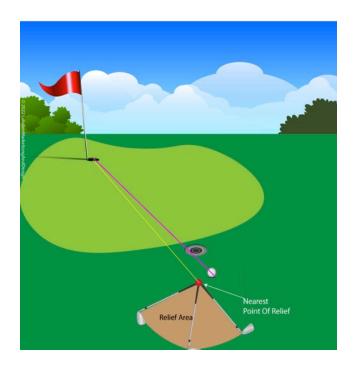
These used to be on the back of the Scorecard (the Club's card NOT the course's card!) but they can be found in the MiScore app by going into the Menu items.

Here's one that comes up reasonably frequently.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

"In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is on the player's line of play, and is within 2 club lengths of the putting green, and is within 2 club lengths of the ball. Exception: there is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable."

The general rules for taking relief apply – see diagram. The Penalty for breach of the rule is 2 strokes or loss of hole in match play.



Two Holes-in-One! Congratulations to Colin and Damien.

There were two holes-in one in Sandy competitions within 4 days of each other in early May – that's 3 this year so far!

First Club Secretary Colin Hockley(r) unleashed his brand new 4 hybrid on the 2nd to score his first ace on 7 May.



Four days later Damien Munro(I) repeated the feat in the Pink day Ambrose competition on the 11th hole.

No doubt there was a lengthy discussion between Damien and his partner about which drive they should take!

As you can see from the table below there have been 11 aces in SGC competitions since the new course was opened with, rather surprisingly, the 11th matching the 16th as the most common hole to be aced with 4 each



	Date	Name	Hole
1	9 January 2021	Helen Ansems	16 th
2	16 January 2021	Kevin Murran	16 th
3	7 July 2021	Neil Evans	11 th
4	26 March 2022	Andrew Kenny	11 th
5	17 September 2022	Anna Puchalski	7 th
6	15 October 2022	Colin Hunter	16 th
7	5 August 2023	Ruth Branagh	11 th
8	7 October 2023	Cris Payne	9 th
9	10 February 2024	Tony Morgan	16 th
10	7 May 2024	Colin Hockley	2 nd
11	11 May 2024	Damien Munro	11 th

Where to redeem your vouchers if you are lucky or good enough to win one!

Sandy PGA Pro Shop

House of Golf

Some Drummond Stores

Sandringham Café for food or drink

Grape and Grain Liquor Cellars, Station St Moorabbin

Royal Melbourne Golf Club Pro Shop

Pennant Golf 2024: Scratch Team goes down narrowly in final

This year's Pennant season saw one of Sandy's teams make the final for the first time in a few years. The wait goes on for the next Pennant for Sandy. The last was the Handicap team in 2018 with the Scratch and Seniors team making one final each since then.

The Senior's team had a disappointing season finishing with 3 draws and 3 losses for the season. Thanks to George Andreetta and Geoff Thornton who tag teamed the Manager's job.

The Handicap team started brightly but needed a last ditch draw at home against eventual premier Creekside to remain in Division 3. Thanks to Geoff Maynard for managing the team.

The Scratch team had an excellent season winning 4 matches with the only losses coming to table topping, undefeated Westgate. In the final the Sandy took the match to the last couple of holes before going down 9pts to 7pts. This was the closest any team got to Westgate during the season and the Sandy team got closer with each match against them. Congratulations to Manager Tim Noonan and the team for making the final.

Pennant Results

	Scratch (Div 2)	Handicap (Div 3)	Seniors
Rd 1	Brighton (W)	Elsternwick Red (D)	Creekside (D)*
	(11 to 5)	(8pts to 8pts)	(8pts to 8pts)
Rd 2	Craigieburn Wilmott (W)	Ringwood Blue (W)	Craigieburn Wilmott (D)
	(9pts to 7pts)	(14 to 2)	(8pts to 8pts)
Rd 3	Westgate (L)	Creekside (L)	Eastern Sward <mark>(L)</mark>
	(13pts to 3pts)	(12pts to 4pts)	(14pts to 2pts)
Rd 4	Brighton (W)	Elsternwick Red (L)	Creekside (D)
	(10 to 6)	(9pts to 7pts)	(8pts to 8pts)
Rd 5	Craigieburn Wilmott (W)	Ringwood Blue (L)	Craigieburn Wilmott (L)
	(10 to 6)	(13pts to 3pts)	(16pts to 0pts)
Rd 6	Westgate (L)	Creekside (D)	Eastern Sward <mark>(L)</mark>
	(11pts to 5pts)	(8pts to 8pts)	(10pts to 6pts)

^{*} Round cancelled due to forecast heat

Thanks to all players representing SGC in Pennant in 2024.

Scratch: Gary Boschen, Matt Scott, Neil Singh, John White, Michael Kent, Terry McAleenan,

Andrew Rumbelow, James Lefebvre, Tim Noonan, David Mallen and Nick Hague.

Handicap: Mark Brooks, Paul McGarry, Geoff Maynard, Clayton Ford, Ilja Sidoti, Scott Reed,

Michael Sneyd, Oliver Cunliffe, John McCarthy, Ricky Plummer and George

Andreetta.

Seniors: Craig Punshon, John McCarthy, Hamish Oglivie, Gary Gibb, Russell Jones, Bernie

Bagley, George Andreetta, Colin Hockley, Anthony Pearce, Paul Scanlon, Chris

Labour and Rob Harris.

Mixed Pennant is Coming – September 2024

Later this year Sandy will have a team in the VGL's first mixed pennant competition. Keep your eye out for further information and the opportunity to express interest in playing. Matches will be played on 8th, 15th and 22nd September with a final on 6 October. Keep those dates free!

Pinktastic!



Pink Day on 13 May was a great success with the Club able to donate \$6,000 to *Breast Cancer Trials*. Highlighted by Damien Munro's hole-in-one and a number of astonishing pink themed outfits the Day was great fun thanks to a dedicated organizing committee – Christine Nicholson, Jenni Clarke, Ruth Branagh and Andrew Preston and a great group of sponsors.

THANKS TO OUR GREAT SPONSORS

HOUSE OF GOLF AND 5 IRON (MOORABBIN AIRPORT)	DRUMMOND GOLF CHELTENHAM (SOUTHLAND)
PGA AT SANDY GOLF LINKS	SANDRINGHAM GOLF CLUB
SANDY GOLF LINKS MANAGEMENT	FLAVOURS PATISSERIE (CONCOURSE BEAUMARIS)
ANN'S FLOWERS (CHARMAN RD CHELTENHAM)	BLACK ROCK CELLARS (BALCOMBE RD BLACK ROCK)
CRAIG BRENNER	

A TASTE OF THE ACTION



More photos next page!



More Scenes from Pink Day

















Are you paying attention?

Club Captain Michael Kent is testing member's use of the OneGolf site. The notice below asking members to email Michael once they read it did not get a great response it is fair to say. Only 8 members emailed Michael saying they had read the notice in a 10 day span.



Also on the front page of the OneGolf site is a new process for members to advertise or look for a spare tee time (right).

Please take the time to check the Club's website and the OneGolf page to keep up to date.

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TEE TIME SWAP PROCESS

- · Looking for a last minute game but don't have a booking??
- Have a booking but need another player to fill a spare slot??

After much searching, we have a method where members can advertise an available tee time, or see if anyone has a spare to sell.

Check out this new process here.

Don't forget, once you accept an offer <u>you are liable to that member for the cost of the green fees</u>, so don't back out without paying!



Members from all three Sandy Pennant teams get together at the Grape and Grain Liquor Cellars in Moorabbin to talk over their seasons and plan next year's campaign.

The Golden Age of Golf – art and culture section

The Golden Age of Golf is a disputed concept but there is probably no period where golf permeated into art and culture more than the first 40 years of the 20th century. Pre television and pre chain stores (largely) the vehicles for cultural transmission were newspapers, magazines (especially illustrated titles), advertising (again illustration) and some radio. The examples below come from a book called *Golf: The Golden Years* and show some of the breadth of golf's influence.



Classic golf illustration with Collingwood themed caddies and a ladies outfit which reminds us of John White's wings on Pink Day.



GOLF de la Soukra TUNIS

PLES SYNDICATS DINITIATIVE DE TUNISE

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Travel poster (above) and sheet music (I) for Millie, The Caddies Song – a bit creepy based on the illustration!



Shirt advertisement (I) and golf themed ceramics (r)



A selection of illustrated magazine covers







Some slightly suss and bizarre examples here. Life magazine goes with "Distance lends enchantment"! The Elks Magazine is the magazine for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which you may be surprised to learn is not about protecting elks – the illustration probably gives it away! A fraternal society established in 1868 and despite a checkered history it still had 750,000 members in 2020. Liberty magazine appears to be foreshadowing modern times with their stories "My Love Affair with Mussolini" and "Did Stalin Poison Lenin". It was 1940 I guess.



Two more sedate golf themed examples but is the lady or gentleman golfer out of bounds here? Or is something else out of bounds? The caddy seems suspicious.
Caddies feature as background figures in a lot of classic golf illustration.



In the beginning there was Bobby Jones

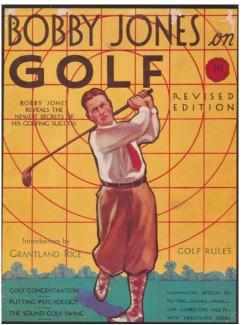
Well maybe in the real beginning was Old and Young Tom Morris, Harry Vardon and Francis Ouimet but probably the first real golfing celebrity in the modern sense was Bobby Jones.

A fresh-faced darling of the media – newspapers largely, Bobby Jones won the pre Masters Grand Slam in 1930 while an amateur. This feat was labeled the "impregnable quadrilateral" by one of his hometown newspapers. The Slam was the US Open, the British Open, the US Amateur and the British Amateur. Of course it was pre-Masters because Jones helped establish Augusta and didn't co found the Masters until 1934 four years after he retired as an amateur in 1930. He never competed as a professional.

In all Jones played in 31 majors, winning 13 and placing among the top ten finishers 27 times and placing first or second more than 50% of the time.



Incredibly, in his 13 years of major competition, Jones was a student in high school or college in nine of them. Despite an initial degree in engineering Jones next studied English Literature and then became a practicing lawyer. He only turned professional at the end of his career so he could earn income from golf instruction, course design and club manufacturing. He is credited in 1932 with designing the first ever matched set of irons for Spalding Golf Company.



He was idolized by the public and received 2 ticker tape parades through the streets of New York and reportedly 125,000 people came out to welcome him in his hometown of Atlanta after his Grand Slam win. Maybe it helped that a good friend who was also a newspaper writer accompanied him on his golf travels.

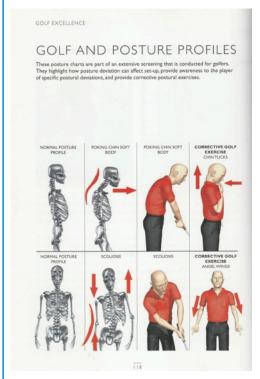
Jones' instructional book "Bobby Jones on Golf" is considered a classic of the genre. Another of his books the limited edition (300 copies) of "Down the Fairway" is considered one of the rarest and most sought after golf books. Jones also participated in a number of short films produced by Warner Brothers. The films often involved Hollywood celebrities (including James Cagney, Edward G Robinson, Douglas Fairbanks Jr and Loretta Young) whose games were used to illustrate a point of golf instruction.

Jones' career was relatively brief as he suffered from a degenerative spinal disease that was painful and incurable. When asked about his illness Jones is said to have responded:

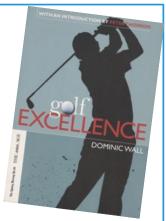
"Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots – but you have to play the ball where it lies."

Golf Excellence – more than you ever wanted to know!

This amazing, overwhelming and rather odd publication has more detailed information about improving your golf game than 50 YouTube videos. It is also somewhat scary! Case in point the pages below on golf and posture profiles and rating you body for golf and motor pattern identification. Now there's a set of words I never thought I'd type!







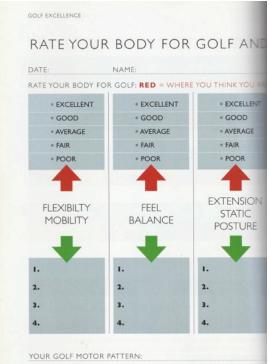
Try this party game after your next round.

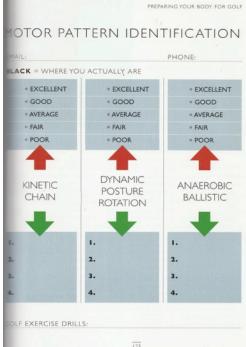
Which golf posture are you? Options include but are not limited to:

- Poking Chin Soft Body
- Kyphosis Rounded
- Scoliosis
- Sway Back

Go on I dare you!

PS Poking Chin Soft Body would be my Lakota name.





On this one I gave myself an Average mark for Kinetic Chain but scored myself Excellent for Anaerobic Ballistic.
That just means plenty of ballast – right?? And I mean excellent Anaerobic Ballast just comes naturally to us Poking Chin Soft posture types!

What's been happening in professional golf?

Record breaking streaks

Both the men's and women's game have seen individuals go on record breaking runs to firmly establish themselves as the best player in their world. Nelly Korda has taken the LPGA by storm winning 6 out of 7 tournaments including a major (the Chevron Championship). On the men's side Scottie Scheffler won 4 out of 5 including the Masters and the Player's Championship and has finished second in two other tournaments as well. He also had a streak of 42 consecutive rounds under Par.

Both hot runs were stymied in unusual (Korda) or bizarre (Scheffler) fashion. In the first round of the US Open Korda shot an 80 including a 10 on a Par 3 after putting the ball in the water in front of the green from the back bunker and then putting two more in the creek. She went on to miss the cut.

Most will have seen that Scheffler was arrested as he tried to enter the course for the second round of the US PGA tournament. He only just made his tee time and remarkably shot a 66 but understandably fell out of contention. The charges have since been dropped but may well have cost Scheffler a chance at the Grand Slam.

How Many?

Lexie Thompson recently announced her retirement from the LPGA tour. Amazingly Thompson has just played in her 18th US Open. Pretty special you say but the key thing to know Thompson is only 29! She qualified for her first US Open when she was 12! She has never won the US Open despite having a 5 shot lead going into the last nine in 2021. She missed the cut this year.

PGA and LIV – will they ever get together?

It's nearly a year since the announcement that the PGA and LIV had reached a "framework agreement" with the intent of resolving their issues by the end of 2023. No you didn't miss the news – 6 months after that deadline no marriage has been consummated or even scheduled. A few things have happened but it's hard to say if they have moved things closer to being resolved or undermined the chances of a happy ever after professional golf landscape.

- The PGA Tour created a legal body (PGA Tour Enterprises) to facilitate outside bodies investing in golf and providing a mechanism for top golfers to receive equity in the business.
- The Strategic Sports Group (a consortium of US billionaires based in American sports) agreed to invest \$US3b (\$1.5b initially)
- A player take over of the PGA Policy Board lead by Tiger Woods has lead to frustration on the
 parts of other members. Jimmy Dunne who was seen as the architect of the framework
 agreement has resigned and said "no meaningful progress has been made towards a
 transaction with PIF".
- Rory McIlroy resigned from the Policy Board and then wanted to re-join but gave up in the face of opposition headed by reportedly PGA hard liners led by Woods, Jordan Spieth and Patrick Cantlay
- Just recently the PGA and PIF (LIV's Saudi financial backer) have exchanged term sheets whatever that means!

Will it happen? Who knows? Will it stop us playing golf? Of course not!

Bibs, Bobs, Credits and Acknowledgements

Further Reading (or in this case viewing) Part 1 - Illustration

For those who might be interested in the "Golden Age of Illustration" which pretty much coincided and overlapped with the Golden Age of Golf I can recommend a YouTube channel by Pete Beard. He does concise, beautifully researched videos on influential illustrators as well as a series on "Unsung Heroes of Illustration". Search his name or that last title.

Further Reading (or in this case viewing) Part 2 – No Laying Up

As mentioned previously in these pages No Laying Up is a group of American golf fans that have parlayed their love of golf into a near full time occupation that involves podcasts, YouTube golf videos, written stories, merchandise and even a bit of commentary for ESPN. One of their ventures is a video series called *Tourist Sauce* where they travel to a different country or place in the US and play and film golf on some of the best and some of the quirkiest courses in the world. The quality of the production has improved with each season. They are currently publishing an episode of their latest season (Season 9) once a week on YouTube. Season 9 was filmed in Australia (as was Season 1) and includes golf in Sydney, Adelaide, King Island and Melbourne.

Of particular interest to SGC members is a brief 2min segment (really a promotion!) and footage of Sandy Golf Links in episode 6 of this season – it occurs at about the 14m 30s mark.

Credits for photos

Thanks to Neil Singh (Photo p1), Geoff Maynard (Photo p3), Rob Harris (Photos p4) and Jenni Clarke, Christine Nicholson, Ruth Branagh for various Pink Day photos.

How do you know who the members are when you book in Quick18?

The Club is asking members to edit their surnames in their Quick18 account by prefixing the surname with SGC. This idea has received a lot of positive feedback and helps new and existing members to identify fellow members when booking rounds.

Club apparel

The Club has Men's and Women's Polos and Caps for sale. See last issue for a picture of these items or admire from afar fellow member who wear them with pride. To inquire or purchase Email: memberservices@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au OR send a message on the website's Contact Who page

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