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### COMING EVENTS:

Friday, September 1 – Guest Guitarist & 2 Draws

Sunday, September 10 – Royal Flying Doctor  
Ambrose Fundraiser

Saturday, September 23 – October 2 - Spring  
Tournament

out and have a fun day for a service we hope we never have to use. There will be a 10.00 for 10.30am shotgun start.

### CELEBRATE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SPRING!!

On Friday night, 2 draws, music entertainer, meals. Bookings essential. Members draw \$700.

### FATHER'S DAY LUNCH CANCELLED

Due to very little response to the Father's Day lunch planned for Sunday, unfortunately a decision has been made to cancel the lunch this year.

### ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE FUNDRAISER

The popular fundraiser for a very important cause will be held on Sunday, 10 September on our course. Men's, women's and mixed teams (including 1 experienced player) of 4 players are invited to register in the pro shop, phone 87251619 to compete for great prizes, with a continuous barbecue lunch and afternoon tea supplied. Cost is \$25 per head. Come



THE MOUNT GAMBIER GOLF CLUB

### Monthly Double Draw

1st September 2017

**CHEF SPECIALS:**

- Sweet & Sour Chicken \$15
- Thai Beef Salad \$16
- Lamb Shank on Mash \$18
- Beef & Reef \$26

**MUSICIAN:**  
**Scotty Finck**  
Acoustic Guitar  
6pm-8pm

**BAR SPECIALS:**

- \$4 Glass - Gossips Moscato
- \$4 Pint - XXXX Gold
- \$6 Glass - Cape Jaffa Wines

**CLUBHOUSE MENU**

- Half Schnitzel \$11
- Battered Fish \$16
- Beef or Chicken Schnitzel \$17
- Schnitzel Parmy \$19
- Scotch Fillet \$22

**\$6 KIDS MENU:**

- Chicken or Beef Schnitzel
- or Chicken Nuggets with Chips
- Salad Bar Available with all Meals

**FOR BOOKINGS**

Phone: 87257739  
Text: 0428760543  
Website: [www.mtgambiergc.com.au](http://www.mtgambiergc.com.au)

**\$5 LUCKY BATS**  
Prizes to Win

## SPRING TOURNAMENT - 23 SEPTEMBER – 2

### OCTOBER

The 95<sup>th</sup> Spring Tournament commences on Saturday 23 September & Sunday 24 September with the 36 holes Open Men's Club Championships. There will also be an 18 hole event for men and women as well as a team event for men visitors over the two days.

Tuesday 26 September – Open Ladies Day

Thursday, 28 September – Footjoy Day – 4 BBB against par for men and women.

Friday, 29 September – 9<sup>th</sup> hole shoot out, meal, lucky members draw etc.

Saturday, 30 September – 18 hole Stableford shotgun start at 7.00am for men and women. The AFL final is in the afternoon and there is also a competition available for afternoon players.

Sunday, 1 October – 4 ball Coloured Ball competition followed by a barbecue tea.

Monday, 2 October – 2 person Ambrose – men or mixed.

Entry forms with full information are available in the pro shop, the office or can be downloaded from the club's website. Members are encouraged to participate and support your club.

Invite friends along and join in the fun.

### COURSE CONDITIONS

While we acknowledge the conditions of our fairways are not as we would like, it must be remembered that climatic conditions are not helping with the new growth on the fairways. Greens also need to be cored and with the heavy rain last week, the sand that was spread on them has prevented doing the required job and will need extra sand in places. Players are also reminded that there is nowhere near the amount of cape weed on the fairways this year due to spraying and once we get some warmer weather, the couch will regenerate and our fairways will return to its former glory. Over the past few years due to financial constraint, spraying and fertilising has been minimalised but with an improved financial situation, spraying and fertilising will increase this year plus with the purchase of the scarifier, our fairways will improve.

While you may grumble about the above, the committee is happy to speak with you, receive the facts and answer any questions. Positivity breeds

success so let us all hop on board and trust the people with the knowledge.

Below is some information about Santa Ana couch you may find interesting and help you understand the position we are in.



## Santa Ana Couch

A fine leaf texture which has a deep, lush green colour. Is best grown in full sun as it is intolerant to shady locations.

Santa Ana Couch is suitable for high traffic areas as it is very hard wearing.

Cooler temperatures brings the Couch into dormancy and may discolour due to frost.

During establishment, frequent watering is required, but will become drought tolerant once established.

This variety looks best when mown short, forming a soft, dense mat.

Santa Ana Couch is ideal for Golf Courses and Parks.

**Texture:** Fine to very fine.

**Description:** Regarded as a semi-dwarf variety which can be managed at low mowing heights. Dark green. Leaf width 2.0-2.8 mm, long leaves (averaging 75 mm) Stolons average 1 mm thick, with rhizomes 1.2 mm thick. Shoot emergence angle is 19° from the horizontal. High shoot density and horizontal growth habit gives a flat, firm and dense surface. Rapid lateral extension growth.

**Use:** Lawns (residential/commercial/industrial), streetscapes, sports grounds, golf fairways, parkland and soil stabilisation. Has been mown low (particularly in New South Wales, Australia) for use on tennis courts and cricket wickets.

**Mowing height:** May be mown with a rotary mower, but performs best when a cylinder mower is used. Inclined to form a heavy thatch layer. May scalp if not regularly mowed.

**Lawn use:** Summer: 10-12 mm; winter: 15-18 mm; golf tees and golf greens 5 mm.

**Method of propagation:** Vegetative rolls, sprigging of stolons.

**Preferred soil types:** Best on sandy loams, pH 5.0 to 7.5 preferred.

**Comments:** Medium maintenance, with only moderate inputs of water, fertiliser and mowing needed for an acceptable surface. Can produce high levels of seed heads under low fertility conditions. Seed head production is low when well fertilised. Seed heads produce no pollen, making it a suitable grass for asthmatics. With repeated multiplication.

**Heat:** Excellent. Preferred temperature range is 20-35°C.

**Cold:** Winter colour poor. Enters an early winter dormancy, but holds colour in warmer climates. Browns under frosty conditions.

**Shade:** Poor. Requires full sun.

**Drought:** Moderate to high drought tolerance. Develops a deep fibrous root system. Recovers rapidly after water deprivation.

**Salinity:** Medium salinity tolerance.

**Wear:** Moderate to high wear tolerance. Forms a hard wearing surface. Repairs rapidly.

**Herbicide sensitivity:** Tolerant of a broad range of herbicides registered for couch, aiding weed management.

Members retiring but eligible for election are Dwayne Baker, Graeme Armstrong, Di Norman, Adrian Ballintyne and Heather Barry. These positions are for two terms while members who have one year remaining are John Gosling, Trent Eitzen, Anne Headlam and Bryan Hunt. Andrew Stark is retiring. If you would like to nominate for Committee, nomination forms are available from Camilla in the office and close on Friday, 6 October (check).

#### **LUCKY MEMBERS DRAW**

This Friday's draw is worth \$700 so to avoid missing out, make sure you are there on Friday night. Bookings for a meal can be made by completing the list in the foyer, logging on to the club's website or phoning the club on 87257739.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS, CRAIG**

Our first Pro Am for about ten years was held in April and was a great success thanks to Craig's organisation and running of this event which was also assisted by our members. So much so, that Craig has been informed that the Mount Gambier Golf Club and Beachport Liquid Minerals Pro Am has been

nominated for the **2017 PGA Pro Am Tournament of the Year in SA**. The winner will be announced at the Golf Industry Awards Night on Saturday, October 21 in Adelaide.

Jason Norris, one of the professionals who played in our Pro Am went on to win the Pro Am in Murray Bridge the following week. His success continued on when he won the PGA Fiji International tournament last week, winning \$250000, his biggest win in his career. This has given him entry into the European Tour and the Asia circuit for the next two years. This is further proof of how Pro Am events like ours are vital to keeping dreams alive.

Craig is in the early stages of planning a Pro Am for 2018 so next year's event will be bigger and better. Congratulations Craig!!

#### **CRAIG ABSENT**

Craig will be absent from 8 to 21 September attending the PGA merchandise expo and professional sessions including golf management and coaching, listening to Jordan Spieth's coach, Cameron McCormick and Michael Reed, host of the Golf Fix on the golf channel followed by a week of holiday leave before an extremely busy summer season coming up.

#### **SPONSOR INFORMATION THANKS**

No doubt you have noticed the new tee signs and sponsors who have supported our club this year through advertising their business. The gold sponsors have also been acknowledged on the new board in the foyer of the clubhouse. Please check it out when you are in the club next time. If you need anything in your life or business, please contact them for a quote and maybe there will be a win/win situation for both parties.

Flag sponsors have also been acquired and players will notice the yellow flags have been sponsored by Julia Hill Wines.

Patrick O'Donnell has spent many hours in assisting the Sponsorship Committee in obtaining sponsorships for our club, without these we would find it very difficult to function and the Committee and members are very grateful for this mammoth effort. Thanks Patrick for an outstanding job.