

Dalhousie District 2018 Pennant Golf Season

Handicap Division/Section Three – Men & Women

Sunday March 25th – Pennant Rd 1 – Lancefield G.C.

The first round of the 2018 Pennant Golf season got underway in wet courses all across Dalhousie District. Romsey was taking on Hidden Valley at Lancefield. Saturday's heavy rain brought a deal of casual water with some bare patches becoming quite muddy so relief, club length fairway played, was given. Romsey's got off to good start with a 4/3 win; Shannon Wright – 2 up, Scott Williams – 1 up, Mick Nicholls Jnr – 2/1 win, Rob Rea – 4/3 win, John Freestone – 4/2 loss, Hugh Drummond – 5/4 loss & Mick Nicholls Snd – 8/7 loss

Romsey	D	Hidden Valley – 4/3
Woodend	D	Trentham – 5/2
Kilmore	D	Mt Macedon -5/2

Sunday April 8th – Men's Pennant Rd 2 – Hidden Valley G. C.

Hidden Valley G.C. hosted the 2nd round of the H/C Div 3, 2018 Pennant Golf season. The course was in top condition and with a temperature in the mid 20sC all looked good for the round. However, a number of the field found the greens difficult to read; in both line and speed, leading to more than a few putts pulling up well short or rolling well passed the cup. During the afternoon a tricky breeze blew up from the north causing players to second guess both distance and ball movement whilst in the air. Regardless of the conditions it was a good day for Romsey who came home with a 5/2 win against Lancefield. RGC results were; Daniel Wright; **W-6/4**, Mick Nicholls Jnr; **L-2/1**, Scott Williams; **L-7/5**, Hugh Drummond **W-1up**, Rob Rea; **W-2up**, Ron Walker; **W-2up** & Chris vanDerVliet; **W-5/4**.

The day's complete results were;

Romsey	D	Lancefield – 5/2
Woodend	D	Mt Macedon – 4/3
Kilmore	Tied	Trentham – 3.5 ea

Sunday April 15th – Men's Pennant Rd 3 – Trentham G. C.

With heavy rain during most of Saturday and then more over night two of Trentham's greens were flooded and unplayable. The 3rd round of the 2018 pennant golf season was cancelled. It may be possible to reschedule this round later in the season.

Monday April 16th – Women's Pennant Rd 1 – Romsey G. C.

On Monday 16 April the DDGA Women's pennant competition commenced. Romsey were hosting Section 3 and were drawn to play Lancefield. After RGC not having a pennant side for several years it was a big thrill to start with a convincing 4/1 win. When you are playing at home local knowledge certainly helps.

Individual scores were; Darlene Baker; **W-4/3**, Beryl Cole; **W-2up**, Jenny Hartley; **W- 6/5** and Lorraine Robb; **W- 3/2**.

Sunday April 22nd – Men's Pennant Rd 4 – Woodend G. C.

Another magic day for golf however, one that found most of the players struggling with the slick pace of the greens. Even a small tap from the back of a green could find you rolling off on the other side. The Woodend course was in great shape and despite some less than exemplary work around the greens everyone enjoyed the day. RGC battled last year's pennant winners, Kilmore and their experience shone through. The fast greens were just handled better by Kilmore to hand us a 6/1 loss. This has opened up the field again and RGC really need a good win against Woodend next weekend to get back to the top of the table. RGC results were; Rob Rea – , John Freestone – , Ron Walker – , Scott Williams – , Mick Nicholls Jnr – , Chris vanDerVliet – & Hugh Drummond – .

The complete day's results were;

Hidden Valley	V	Trentham –
Lancefield	V	Mt Macedon –

Romsey **L** Kilmore – 6/1

Sunday April 29th – Rd 5 Men's Pennant – Kilmore G. C.

The fine weather, a sunny and fairly still day, continued as the teams assembled at Kilmore G. C. for round 4 of the 2018 pennant season. Romsey was taking on leaders Woodend and it was always going to be a hard battle as Woodend has one of its strongest teams in years and is still undefeated. Kilmore golf course showed serious damage from birds with several greens having roped off sections that were regrowing and two temporary greens. It was a challenge for all players and even with several changes to the team Woodend just proved too strong. RGC results were; Shannon Wright –**L8/7**, Mal Mottram – **L2Down**, Michael McCarten – **L3/1**, Mick Nicholls Jnr – **L2/1**, Chris vanDerVliet- **L2Down**, Rob Rea – **W1Up** & John Freestone – **W3/2**

Overall results were;

Woodend **D** Romsey – 5/2

Lancefield **D** Trentham – 4/3

Hidden Valley **D** Mt Macedon – 6/1

Monday April 30th – Rd 2 Women's Pennant – Lancefield G. C.

Lancefield G. C. hosted the second round of pennant for section 3. A perfect day for golf, jumpers off and no breeze. The course was in good condition with fast greens. The green keeper had been busy and double cutting Saturday and again on Sunday prior to the men's pennant and again on Monday morning for the women's pennant. Romsey played Avenel and the match was squared at 2.5 a piece. With the result in the balance there were many nervous golfers as we all looked on from the clubroom balcony to watch Jenny square her match on the 18th. RGC results were; Darlene Baker – **W6/5**, Beryl Cole – **W 5/4**, Wendy Gosden – **L2Down**, Pam Drummond – **L5/4** & Jenny Hartley – **Square**. Next week Romsey play Trentham at Trentham

The day's results were;

Lancefield **D** Trentham – 4/1.

Romsey **Vs** Avenel – Square 2.5/2.5

Sunday May 6th – Rd 6 Men's Pennant – Mt Macedon G. C.

Another magic day for golf with some very one sided results. Mt Macedon course was in tip top shape, greens fast and true and good coverage on the fairways for this time of the year. While it was a slow round with many hold ups on tees the wait in the sun was very pleasant. Trentham had a few team changes and their players had a day out against RGC; forcing pars and birdies for halves and making the day a very tough battle. Woodend proved its dominance yet again with a 6/1 win over Kilmore and Lancefield have given themselves a chance of a finals spot, with Kilmore and Trentham. Kilmore in the strongest position having a half win extra in their pockets over the other teams with one round to play. Romsey will be hosting the final round on the 20th. RGC results were; Andrew Laing – **L5/3**, Scott Williams – **L5/3**, Michael McCarten – **L3/1**, Mick Nicholls Jnr – **L7/6**, Rob Rea – **L6/5**, Hugh Drummond – **W4/2** & Chris vanDerVliet – **L6/5**

The day's overall results were;

Trentham **D** Romsey – 6/1

Woodend **D** Kilmore – 6/1

Lancefield **D** Trentham – 5/2

Monday May 7th – Rd 3 Women's Pennant – Trentham G. C.

Monday 7th May, the Romsey team played Trentham at Trentham. Home ground advantage was too much for us and we unfortunately went down 4/1. Scores for Romsey were; Darlene Baker – **L2Down**, Beryl Cole – **W1Up**, Jenny Hartley – **L6/5**, Wendy Gosden – **L6/5** and Lorraine Robb – **L5/3**. RGC plays Trentham at Avenel next and we hope we can manage the sand scrapes better than them and pick up a win.

Monday May 14th – Rd 4 Women's Pennant – Avenel G. C.

The fourth round of pennant was held at Avenel. Avenel G. C. has sand scrapes instead of grass green so a quick recap of protocols and rules for scrapping the sand greens was given. The field teed off in perfect weather conditions. RGC had a great day picking up a 5/0 victory. With two rounds to go this results places RGC in a good position to make the final however, golf is often a fickle game and upsets can be very common. RGC results were; Darlene Baker – **W**, Beryl Cole – **W**, Jenny Hartley – **W**, Elaine Scanlon – **W** and Lorraine Robb – **W**.

The day's overall results were;

Avenel **D** Lancefield – 3/2
Romsey **D** Trentham – 5/0.

Sunday May 20th – Rd 7 Men's Pennant – Romsey G. C.

With our pennant division being a seven team competition the hosting club, Romsey, did not play. The final round began on another still, cloudy 12C day. Groups were sent off the first and the 15th, this worked and resulted in a fairly smooth moving field. The club received plenty of positive feedback on the course and especially the state of the greens and how true they were running. The day was one of lop-sided results with top team, Woodend going down to Lancefield and both Trentham and Kilmore having very strong wins.

Results for the day were:

Trentham **D** Mt Macedon 6.5/0.5
Kilmore **D** Hidden Valley 6.5/0.5
Lancefield **D** Woodend 5/2

Men's Handicap Three Final;

Before the final round Woodend seemed assured of a place in the final but the other spot was up for grabs, between Trentham, Lancefield and Kilmore. It was a close thing with Kilmore doing just enough to edge out the other two teams. The final was played at Lancefield G. C. on Sunday May 27th. Congratulations to Woodend who defeated Kilmore – 4/3

Monday May 21st – Rd 5 Women's Pennant – Romsey G. C.

The 5th round of the women's pennant saw RGC **Vs** Avenel and Trentham **Vs** Lancefield. A good result for RGC would see them secure a final's spot. After preparations for the men's pennant round on the previous day all that needed to be done was an early cut to the greens and some minor cleaning up here and there. The course played long with very little run and the greens were fast which possibly suited Romsey better than Avenel who play sand-scrapes. Weather was cool and threatened rain but day ended up being dry with no sunshine. RGC's team was very pleased to get a 3.5 /1.5 result. Results were Darlene Baker – **W4/3**, Beryl Cole – **Sq.**, Jenny Hartke – **W4/2**, Elaine Scanlon – **W5/4** and Lorraine Robb – **L3/1**.

The other match was Trentham **D** Lancefield – 3/2 .

Next week, the last round before the final, Romsey will be playing Lancefield on their home course.

Monday May 28th – Rd 6 Women's Pennant – Lancefield G. C.

DDGA Women's Division 3 Handicap Pennant at Lancefield. Well done Romsey women; Darlene Baker – **W**, Jenny Hartley – **W**, Wendy Gosden – **W**, Pam Drummond – **W** and Elaine Scanlon – **Sq.**

Avenel **D** Trentham 3.5/1.5
Romsey **D** Lancefield 4.5/0.5

Thank you to Lancefield team and for their game and the club for its hospitality. Romsey will play Avenel in the final on Monday June 4th, again at Lancefield. Good luck to both teams.

Monday June 4th – 2018 Women Pennant Finals – Lancefield G. C.

The 2018 DDGA Women's Pennant Finals were played at Lancefield. The course was in good nick with the usual fast greens and cover returning to the fairways. RGC was competing in Handicap Division 3 playing Avenel. The RGC team fought out five close matches to take the pennant. Results on the day were;

Division 1; Marysville **D** Alexandra – 4/1

Division 2; Seymour **D** Broadford – 3/2

Division 3; Romsey **D** Avenel – 3/2

The RGC women have won two previous pennant flags; 1978 in Central Highlands District and 1995 in Dalhousie District.

Many RGC members joined the victorious players in the clubrooms to celebrate the win. There were four members of the 1995 winning women's team – Hazel Allen, Leila Beasley, Shirley Shelton, Darlene Baker and Helene Newnham from the 1978 team.

Proud players who represented RGC during the 2018 Pennant Season

