

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

April, 2011.

A bit late but public holidays and a busy work load are the cause – sorry about that but here we go!

GENERAL

Appreciation – a couple of our members have written to the Board making some very good suggestions on activities and thoughts to consider for the future as well as some general observations about our Club and the course. The suggestions have been well received and we are working on some of them already. Members thoughts are always welcome so don't hesitate to let us know what you are thinking – a quick email will do it and we appreciate you making the effort.

Membership – with the new financial year bearing down on us and our thoughts turning to paying fees again, we wondered how we were going compared to last time we published an analysis (in 2008) of where we all come from. The Oaks and Oakdale and that area have been included in the Camden numbers and it shows the 'local' members from either side of the mountain are pretty much the same with both showing a healthy increase.

What does it all mean? While many clubs are struggling to maintain their membership numbers we are growing and we continue to receive many, many compliments on the condition of our course. Much of the credit must go to Andrew and his staff who do a magnificent job – so let them know next time you see them, just how much you appreciate their efforts.

Total Members all Categories - as at 31st March				
2011		2008		From whence we come
22	4%	31	6%	City to Liverpool
8	1%	12	2%	Coast
288	48%	260	47%	Camden, Narellan & C'town
278	46%	237	43%	Picton, D.Park, Menangle & Bargo
3	1%	10	2%	Highlands
599	100%	550	100%	

Steak and Ale Day – held on the Medal Day in April was a resounding success and members appreciated the efforts of Directors Bob Pemble and Col Rumble and Col's daughter Karen who did a great job. We received so many complements that **we have decided to repeat it – on the Medal Days in June and again in September**. Once again it will be \$22 to play and you will receive a steak sandwich and a schooner of beer or a glass of wine or soft drink.

MATTERS GOLF

From the Captain –

Cigarette butts - could I ask members who enjoy a cigarette during their round, to please dispose of the butt in a responsible manner. Unfortunately, cigarette butts are turning up on greens, fairways and in sand buckets. Butts are not bio-degradable. If you 'bin the butt' it helps keep our golf course tidy.

B & C Grade Pennants - I would like to congratulate our B & C Grade Pennant sides in winning their respective divisions on Sunday 17 April. **B Grade** managed by Gordon Collins had a very good win over Glenmore. The team consisted of K. Maguire, C.Dunn, P. Bradley, W. Bergmann, J. Vincent, W.Purcell, N. Hill, I.Hobson and S. Allan.

C Grade also defeated Glenmore. The team is R. Pemble, J. Brady, R. Hughes, C. Hegney, B. Potter, P. Cavanough, L. Snee, M. Dentist and Manager W. Dunkel.

The Pennant Semi-Finals were played on Sunday May 1st. and unfortunately both teams were narrowly defeated but each has represented your Club with distinction.

15th hole - over the past few weeks I have been asked by members whether the pump house and bore pump on the 15th hole should be treated as GUR. The answer is NO! The pump house and bore pump should be treated as an 'Immovable Obstruction' (rule 24-2) i.e. **if the obstruction interferes with your stance or area**



of your intended swing, you must lift the ball and drop it without penalty within one club-length of the nearest point of relief and not nearer the hole.

The telegraph pole near the pump house has old white markings painted at the bottom of the pole but those white markings do **NOT** indicate that the area is GUR.

Many thanks, (Larry Lipscombe, Club Captain)

Beccy does it again! – last month we reported on Rebecca’s success at Penrith and Oberon – this month we can report that trainee Beccy won again at the magnificent Federal Golf Club in Canberra in early April. Some of our members were at Federal a week later and were told that one of our members had won a trainee match there the week before (as if we didn’t already know). Great advertisement for our Club and we appreciate it. Well done again Beccy!

Looking after our most valuable asset – which is, of course, the golf course. To that end we have placed an order for a new tractor and gang mowers much more suitable for the many varied tasks Andrew and his team have to cover. We should see it on show and performing shortly.

Greens staff - a real thorn in the side of our hard working ground staff is the fact that golfers generally are very careless of their safety – to the point of them believing some golfers aim at them.

Of course, we don’t and we all know golf balls have a mind of their own but the onus is on us to observe safety at all times. Remember they are out there working – not watching you – and they are unprotected and do have the right of way. They have been hit and don’t appreciate it.

Please be careful and considerate of the ground staff. And just in case you aren’t sure who they are, they are usually in brightly coloured clothing sitting on a mower or tractor.

Junior Development – for many years we have had a great reputation for producing very good junior golfers and they continue to flow through and are fine ambassadors for our Club.

And we have always had a few dedicated members prepared to pitch in and help the pro Shop staff and teaching the important elements of sportsmanship and etiquette – so highly valued in our game and recognized as key elements in character building. Until not so long ago former President Terry Quinn (a Life Member) and now ex-member Barry Cook (living down the South Coast) spent many hours over the years helping out.

We need someone to step up and help out again. Can you spare some time to assist? Let one of the Directors or Pro Shop staff know if you would like to be involved.

MATTERS IN-HOUSE

House Accounts – it is important that members are aware that any money that was paid with Gold or Silver Membership fees last year must be fully spent on or before 30th June or the remaining balance will be forfeited.

That rule does not apply to money deposited during the year or any vouchers credited to a House account – those funds will simply just be carried over to next year but any money paid as part of the membership fee and remaining unspent will not be refunded or carried over beyond 30th June.

Friday night at your Club – just a reminder that we have live entertainment every Friday night, the Bistro is open, the kids play area is available with XBOX’s, Play Station 3’s, a Wii, Air Hockey and lots of toys to keep them entertained. **AND \$3 schooners from 6pm to 7.30pm**

Why wouldn’t you come and give it a try?

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