



## INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

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### GENERAL

**Our History** – we believe that 2012 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Antill Park Golf Club and the lease of the present site and club house. Apparently the original Picton Golf Club occupied part of a private property on both sides of the present Henry Street - which runs between the Mitre 10 Hardware store and the industrial/commercial development roughly opposite the swimming pool complex up to Stilton Lane. Whether Henry Street existed at that time is unknown to the Board, as is the reason why new premises needed to be found, but we have been told that our present club house was at that time utterly derelict and providing shelter for sheep and cattle.

This may or not be true but the Board is keen to support a project to research and document as much of our history as we can collect and perhaps publish the record at some celebratory event to coincide with that anniversary next year.

So the search is on! Anyone interested in helping out is asked to contact Katrina and let her know. Where we go from here depends on the response we get, but the Board is keen to make it happen.

**Communication** – surely you know that the most unreliable way to get the real story is to listen to the 'Grapevine News' – that is something that is told to you by someone, the 'facts' spread by word of mouth, rumour, hearsay and gossip. Many people, with the best of intentions, pass on information they have been told by 'someone' who supposedly knows because they have been told by someone who knows someone etc. etc.

But we are concerned to make sure you don't react or respond to any falsehoods about your Board, its decisions, the administration of the Club, the golf course or anything else. The Directors or Katrina are your best information source so use them; not the guy you play golf or have a drink with.

Sometimes we have something we want members to know and about the easiest and most accurate way to do this is by email or the web site. A short email is very cost effective for your Club but we do need your email address.

To help us keep in touch with you;

- a. just send an email to [admin@antillpark.com.au](mailto:admin@antillpark.com.au) and put your name in the subject line; **or**
- b. update your personal details on our web site at [www.antillpark.com.au](http://www.antillpark.com.au); **or**
- c. leave your business card or details at the bar.

BUT if you have access to the Internet did you know that on our web site you can;

- a. book your tee time;
- b. update your personal details;
- c. get your handicap movements – updated as soon as the competition is closed off;
- d. check out competition results, your prize account (i.e. any golf balls you have won) and the balance and transactions on your House account;
- e. read the most recent newsletters; and
- f. find out about upcoming events (presently being updated).

What is all that really about? – the Board has decided on a couple of very exciting promotions to be launched shortly and we think you will want to know all about them. Don't wait for the word of mouth interpretation of what someone else thinks it's about – we will make an announcement at the right time and wouldn't you like to be one of the first to get the right story? Send us an email and when an announcement is made, we'll use it and you could be one of the first to know and take advantage.



**Membership fees** – the Board has decided to retain the exact same fee structure for next year as was introduced last year. The cost will be the same as last year for Gold Members (\$495 plus \$500 House A/c) and Silver Members (\$570 plus \$375 House A/c) but the annual fee for Bronze membership will be increased by \$20 (3.17%) to \$650 for a full playing member with smaller increases for other categories of Bronze membership. A full schedule of all fees will be available on the Notice Board and web site shortly. Social membership will also remain unchanged.

In addition we will again offer a 15 month membership from 1<sup>st</sup> April for the cost of a 12 month subscription fee for all new members. A great incentive to come and join our club!

**Gift vouchers** – you may not know that you can purchase gift vouchers from Katrina but it could be an ideal gift for someone who may turn out to be a keen player and supporter of the Club. Think about it – we can tailor the voucher to your special needs so talk it through with Katrina.

## **MATTERS GOLF**

**Tee time bookings** – in response to some claims that tee times have mysteriously been changed without authority you can no longer delete or move a booking yourself. You can still book for yourself and your group as before but once you are booked in, you will have to contact the Pro Shop staff to make any change.

**Storm warning** – a new siren has been installed on the Pro Shop building to warn when play is suspended. It can be heard at least as far as the 11<sup>th</sup> green and we have to rely on your help to let those on the 13<sup>th</sup> green and 14<sup>th</sup> tee know. And remember if play is suspended, you **MUST** stop and return to the clubhouse – it is **NOT** an option to keep going and if you do, you can be disqualified.

**Steak and Ale Day** – a reminder that the Bistro will be closed on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** for Nathan and Kristal's wedding and you will have to pay **\$22 competition fee** to play in that monthly medal. You will receive a quality steak sandwich at the half-way mark **AND** a schooner of beer or soft drink or a glass of house wine but it isn't optional; you don't have to eat but you do have to pay \$22 to play.

**Course rating** – the rating of our course under the second stage of the Slope handicap system is scheduled for June/July. All courses in Australia will be rated according to a strict and complicated criteria by a panel trained for that purpose and we do have to make sure we present the course as we intend to maintain it for the longer term. It can't be tricked up for the rating so Andrew and the Match Committee are working hard on complying with all conditions to ensure we are rated fairly.

**Slow play** – is a continuing problem affecting our day and is just plain selfish. If you can't keep up with the group in front you are causing a problem. Remember **your correct place in the field is immediately behind the group in front – not immediately in front of the group behind.**

## **MATTERS IN-HOUSE**

**Bar prices** – will remain as they are for the time being as we absorb another small increase in costs. If you use any of our facilities (even just having a few minutes putting practice) please just call in, say hello and have a drink with us. Every little bit helps and it doesn't have to be an alcoholic drink.

## **TRADING/FINANCE**

Our trading in January was only fair – particularly in the bar – but we again made a small profit to further improve our year to date performance. The P & L account shows a net profit for the year to date of \$35k but we are showing a disappointing downward trend in total bar sales revenue on previous years that we need to reverse.

We are also working on a capital expenditure programme and budget for long and medium term acquisitions for the course in particular. The high cost items such as new mowers and other equipment need to be replaced from time to time and, in addition, we are hoping to be able to afford a significant upgrade to our irrigation system but nothing will be spent on that until lease negotiations are finalised.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**