



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

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GENERAL

Did you notice? Yes, the Club has a new colour photocopier-scanner-printer to brighten up our presentations. Access to the new colour machine is strictly controlled but hopefully we can better attract your attention and we can add new meaning to the term 'colourful language' around the Club.

Web Site – if you are having difficulty logging in to the members area of the Club's web site you need to follow these instructions; Login is your membership number e.g 589 and your Password is the same number preceded by two zeros e.g. 00589. If you are one of our newer members and have a 4 digit member number your Login is your membership number and your Password is the same number preceded by one zero e.g. Login 1268 and Password 01268. When you login for the first time you will be asked to change your Password so that only you can login under your number from that point on.

Vouchers – did you know you can spend your vouchers at the bar by having the value credited to your House A/c? There are other places you can spend them too - Brett will happily accept them in the Pro Shop - and you can take them to any of our sponsors listed in the Programme fixture book and use them there. Additionally you can take them to some shops in the Mall at Picton (but not all will accept them and it is their choice) but the Club receives the most benefit and you will be offering the most support to your Club if you spend them at the bar.

House Accounts – as we are now half-way through the year it is timely to remind members that any money paid as part of a Gold or Silver membership must be fully spent by 30th June or any unspent amount will be forfeited. That doesn't mean you lose any extra you have put in or any vouchers that form part of your balance – you only lose that part of the original funds paid with the membership and please note that those unspent funds cannot be transferred towards your next membership renewal.

MATTERS GOLF

Pennants – we will again be entering teams in various pennant competitions in 2011 and at this stage Teams for A Grade and Super Seniors have been nominated and lists calling for players for the Masters and B & C grade pennants teams are on the Notice Board. If you are interested please put your name down immediately as most of the competitions start around February or March.

Carts and Bikes – the Board has again considered the use of carts and bikes and petrol motors in particular and confirmed the present policy and also adding that the introduction of petrol powered bikes will not be permitted after 17th January, 2011.

MATTERS IN-HOUSE

Thongs – the Board recently confirmed the policy that rubber and plastic thongs will not be allowed in the Club House at any time. They can be worn in the Courtyard or on the verandah but Directors and staff will ask wearers to restrict themselves to those areas or change their footwear.

TAB – seems the newly renovated TAB is a popular innovation and it is pleasing to see a few more patrons enjoying themselves on a Saturday afternoon. The Board has approved the addition of air conditioning in the area provided the heritage issues attached to its installation can be overcome.

New Pokies – are also proving popular with players and the revenue from this source is encouraging. Any member who has a particular machine in mind that they would like to see installed is invited to let the staff know and the Board will give it some thought. Similarly if we have a machine that is not liked, let us know about that too.

Bar Prices – perhaps you noticed that we absorbed the last round of cost increases and have not increased our bar prices since last March, but the suppliers are subject to fixed increases by the Australian Government in excise tax and other operating costs are on the up and up. Costs will be changing again



from 1st February and we may have to increase prices again shortly thereafter but the Board is keen to keep them to a minimum and, if possible, limit changes to an annual event. More on this later.....

Congratulations! – Nathan and Crystal are getting married – to each other! The big day is Sunday 3rd April and the Board has agreed to let Nathan have the whole weekend off. So – no Bistro at all on that weekend! Alternative arrangements will be;

Saturday 2nd April – MONTHLY MEDAL ROUND – Steak and Ale Day - competition fees for this day only have been set by the Board at \$22 per player BUT that will include a quality steak sandwich at the half-way mark AND a schooner of beer or Post Mix soft drink or a glass of house wine on the same day. You don't have to claim the drink or sandwich but you do have to pay \$22. The system will operate much the same as the free drink for social golfers - you will need to produce your receipt for payment of the fee at the Pro Shop to claim your food and drink at the bar or BBQ table. Visitors will pay \$27 and Juniors \$14.

Sunday 3rd April – MIXED 4B MEDLEY COMPETITION ROUND and Social Golf – Sausage Sizzle Day – Members can buy a sausage sandwich during the day for just \$3 and visitors for \$5.

NO OTHER FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE on this weekend except pies and sausage rolls from the Bar. Come along and support the volunteer cooks this weekend (and maybe put a face to the Director's names who will be manning the BBQ).

Over the limit? – we have received a new free breath testing unit from the RTA so you can be comfortable driving home (or perhaps decide an alternative driver is a better option). We have taken delivery but are now awaiting a suitable stand to put it on as we have declined to have it wall mounted because of the heritage issues associated with the building. To get this unit at no charge we had to be one of the first 6 Clubs in NSW to apply. Katrina was very quick off the mark and we hope it will be a great benefit to members.

TRADING/FINANCE

We have reached the half-way mark in the financial year and the weather has been both cruel and kind to us in a weird kind of catch 22; on the one hand we like the rain and the way the course responds to it, but on the other hand it does have a negative impact on our revenue with less traffic on the course and less trade at the bar. But we are better off than many Clubs in Qld, Vic and Northern NSW because we haven't been flooded out - although some doomsayers are predicting our turn will come in March. We hope not because the course is in such great nick we just want to get out and play it.

The P & L account at the end of December shows a net trading profit of \$30k which is in front of budget and continues the positive trend we started to see around May/June last year. December trading was the best for many months with a net profit of \$9k.

Reason for this turnaround can mostly be sheeted home to improved returns from the gaming machines and good bar trading from some excellent private functions booked in November and December. The golf course itself is trading well and the free drink for social golfers is popular and profitable. We have maintained a tight control of expenditure and stock levels and for this we need to be grateful for the diligence of our staff – Katrina, Adam and Andrew in particular.

Members and visitors may not know that the Club is available for functions by arrangement at no charge. Up to 100 can be accommodated for a great evening with bar facilities at normal Club prices and excellent choices in food. Ask any of the staff for more information.

Next month we will start to think of budgets for the coming year and, of course, membership fees. If you have any suggestions or comment on this aspect in particular we would like to hear from you. Send an email to admin@antillpark.com.au or speak with any of the staff or Directors and have your say. We can't know what you are thinking if you don't tell us and we welcome any feedback – positive or negative.

Please give your support to your Club by participating at every opportunity; you and the golf course benefit.

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