



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

June, 2011.

GENERAL

Board of Directors – it is with regret that we announce the loss of two of our Directors in the past 2 weeks both having resigned for personal reasons. Long standing Director Ross Natrass decided to stand down after having served 8 years and Col Rumble was in his 2nd year when he also gave notice to the Board.

Ross has indicated he does not agree with the direction the Board has taken on some issues and does not wish to serve the remainder of his term for that reason. He will remain a full playing member of the Club and, hopefully, our pennant teams and the Board thanks him for his efforts and contribution over the years.

Col has resigned his membership of the Club as well and will not be playing golf in the future. The poor health of both himself and his wife are behind the decision and in his letter to the Board Col stated in part '*..... I would like to say it has been an honour to serve on the Board of such a progressive and dynamic Club and I wish the Board and all the members all the best for the future*'. We too wish Col and his wife everything they wish for themselves and thank him for his contribution to the running of the Club.

\$2 Practice Levy – last month's item on the levy was slightly misleading when it referred to the levy as 'voluntary'. By definition it can't be voluntary; it is a levy. It was an unfortunate choice of words for which we apologise and the writer has been suitably chastised. **The rule is that members must report to the Pro Shop and pay the levy before using the facilities.**

Annual General Meeting – it's not definite yet but the 49th AGM will most likely be held at the Club on Tuesday 25th October starting at 7.30pm. Formal notice will be given when all details are finalised but please keep that date in mind.

We have commissioned a full review of our Constitution to bring it up to date and ensure we conform to all current legislation and we expect some changes will be put forward at the next AGM. Last year we struggled to form a quorum so we hope to do better this year.

Web Site – we have retained Definitive Systems to design and build a new web site for us with the aim of lifting our profile on the internet and tapping into the social networking phenomenon of Facebook and Twitter. All of the functionality of our present site will remain but we expect a more modern look with some better technical features. Watch this space!

Prize Vouchers – we have decided to offer an incentive for members to put vouchers into their House A/c by making the value of all vouchers worth 20% more when redeemed in that way. **For example a \$40 voucher will be worth \$48 if you place it in your House A/c and spend it at the Bar.** This will be a big benefit to your Club and the voucher will have no 'use by' date but, unfortunately, it cannot be used at the Bistro.

Grab a piece of this action when you get to collect a voucher.

MATTERS GOLF

Congratulations – to Andrew Nicholls (A Grade), Adam Dalibozek (B Grade) and Michael Dentist (C Grade) on becoming the Grade Match Play Champions for 2011. Having to play 36 holes in one day hitting off early in the frost isn't easy and they fully deserve their success.

Christmas in July Ambrose – on **Saturday 30th July** we will have a 4 person Ambrose with a shotgun start for both AM and PM fields – exactly the same format as the regular annual event in December and the prizes, too, will be the same – turkeys and hams. Booking for both events will open Friday night 16th July. **Bet you didn't notice that in your programme!**



Mixed Foursomes Championships will be held over the weekend of July 23 & 24. Block times from 11.30am will be available from Friday night the 8th July.

Pennants – are now almost over with the Masters team winding up against divisional winners Leonay last Sunday. Good wins were recorded over Strathfield and Rosnay at home but we couldn't overcome the very strong Leonay team although we acquitted ourselves well. Now only the mixed pennants remain to be completed for the current season.

Pride in our Golf Course – it is easy to blame social golfers for the damage done to our course but it isn't that simple. The course is soft at the moment and some of the divots and plug marks being left unrepaired are not the fault of visitors. Playing at the tail end of the comp. field last Saturday was an eye opener. Some unrepaired divots look as if they had been created with a shovel or hoe and some plug marks looked like divots AFTER they had been 'repaired' and no social players were on the course. **Go figure!**

And some of us obviously believe we don't have to repair divots in the rough. **Get a grip!** On the fairway you can have a preferred lie; in the rough, finishing in a divot is double jeopardy!

NOTE – the correct way to repair a plug mark on the green is to push all sides into the centre and then tap it down; not dig under it or twist it or lift the soil – all that does is kill the grass roots and leave an ugly brown spot. Just take your time and simply push it in from all sides!

Cart usage – carts are a great way to lift the golfing experience but they do cause damage to the course in high traffic areas and the rule prohibiting their use within 10 metres of greens and tees is for this reason.

We don't want to see unsightly ropes and barriers all over the place and we don't have many paths for guidance so please don't take a cart that close and where you see a sign saying no cart access, please comply. Most of us who can still swing a club can walk a few metres and the long way round when you're in a cart doesn't take much effort.

Course Rating – we were visited by no less than 5 'raters' a couple of weeks ago so now the die is cast. We won't know the outcome for 6-8 weeks but as soon as we do know we'll let you know. We know we will need some new tee signs and some measurements revised.

Fingers crossed for a rating equivalent to our par 70. How good would that be!

Trees – are presently being assessed across the course by certified consultants to identify required works and to assess the risk of 'drops' associated with the older and larger trees. We should have the report in a couple of weeks and then we will plan ongoing works.

Retaining wall – around the 7th tee requires work or removal as does the entrance, pathworks and drainage around the Pro Shop and some excavation will likely be necessary to address these problems. We may lose our hedge around the 7th tee in the end but the whole area will be addressed as one overall project - although it may be completed in separate stages.

MATTERS IN-HOUSE

Friday night – don't forget the members draw for tee times at 6.30pm every Friday night followed by live, free entertainment. The Bistro is open, the kids play area upstairs is open and also free of charge and we have **schooners at \$3 each** from 6pm until 7.30pm. Come and spend a Friday night with us; even the kids will enjoy something no-one else has in the area.

New Gaming Machine - the Rose Tattoo hasn't proven as popular as we thought with players so we have decided to trade it in on a new machine called 'Most Wanted' – this machine is really 4 machines in one as it provides the option to play one of 4 separate games – Spring Carnival, Black Panther, Choi Sun Doe and Big Red – as well as the choice of investment ranging from 1c to \$1. It should be installed in a couple of week's time.

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