



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

September, 2011.

The 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday 25th October** in the Club premises commencing at **7.30pm**.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements are available at the Bar. **Last year we struggled to reach a quorum – please don't let that happen again.** Come along and be involved in the most important event of the year in the life of your Club.

Included in the decisions we will take on the night, will be a special resolution supported by the Board to update the Club Constitution to bring it into line with current legislation.

Also President Grahame Steptoe, Captain Larry Lipscombe and Directors Ian Hobson, Bob Pemble, John Vincent, Michael Craig and Michael Dentist have all indicated their intention to stand for re-election.

Nine Directors in all are needed so at least two new Directors are sought and can't be elected from the floor. **Will you put your hand up?**

WEB SITE – our new web site is very close to being launched and we expect you will see it within a couple of weeks.

MEMBERS – as at 31st August we had 435 full playing members (all categories) and 21 junior members.

And are your personal details (address, phone etc.) up to date in our records?

You can check and update all of your contact details on the web site in the members area – please check and update them for us and make sure you don't miss out on any information about what is happening at your club.

Alternatively an email to the club or even tell the bar staff and we will update it for you.

VALE – Jimmy Hokin, a popular and long standing member of the Club who passed away on Saturday 17th September. One of nature's gentlemen he will be missed by many.

MATTERS GOLF - the 8th October is the first round of the Club Championships and will also be the October Monthly Medal round. The last

round of the championships on 29th October will also be the November Medal round to avoid playing six stroke rounds in a row.

The club will host a social booking for 60 players in a 9 hole shotgun start at 1.00pm Friday 30th September. The social group will be confined to the opposite nine holes to that on which the usual Friday competition will be run.

There may be some inconvenience to members and other social players but we believe we are not in a position to reject such revenue streams in the current climate.

In response to requests we will be installing distance indicators on the white pegs on the 5th tee area and we have also received some positive feedback to the new 'plate' position indicator visible from the 4th fairway.

By the time you read this the modifications to the handicapping system will be operational.

The main changes are that the best 8 cards will count and the weighting will move from .96 to .93 and it is thought most of us can expect a slight reduction in our exact handicap.

Still no word on the outcome of our course rating conducted in April. That will also have an effect on our handicaps and be very important when the second stage of the new handicap system is introduced expected 2013.

No doubt you have noticed the bunkers around the 5th green have been cleaned out, re-shaped, drained and re-sanded. The pot bunkers in front of the green have been raised so that the sub-base is above the dam water level and the bunker on the right has been shaped to better control silt eroding into the sand.

The bunkers around the 4th green are also in the process of renovation with minor changes to improve shape and drainage.

It is important to remember that it takes time for the sand to compact enough to stop the ball plugging.

Other bunker renovation work is planned and will be undertaken as time & resources permit.

Mixed Pennants are under way at the moment to finish off the pennant season. At the time of writing the Antill Park team has two wins and one loss under their belt.

MATTERS IN-HOUSE – Bar prices have been retained at August 2010 levels despite another supplier's increase recently but will have to be moved shortly.

When they present their membership card members presently enjoy a 30c price advantage for a schooner over non-members except during Happy Time on Friday nights when schooners are a flat \$3 from 6pm until 7.30pm

An update on Beccy's progress is that she has not been playing much in competition lately having commitments for exams and assignments, so most competition is probably over for this year and the main trainee events will kick off again next year. But don't forget the trainee match we have here at Antill Park on 21st November.

Check out the new FAYDE golf clothing Brett has available in the pro shop. Both mens and ladies, in array of colours and sizes. Prices only \$59.00

And as a matter of interest Ethan Shanahan, former Junior Antill Park member and now trainee professional with Ken Trimble with at Concord Golf Club, has an average that now qualifies him for automatic acceptance into all Pro-Ams and some other open professional events. He is hopeful of a spot in the NSW and the Australian Open. We wish him well.

BISTRO – Dom and his staff are gradually getting used to the demands of golfers for bistro and 'fast food'. All of the staff are non-golfers and it takes a while to learn the idiosyncrasies of our sport and the necessity for snack and convenience foods.

The signs are promising so give Dom your support and let him have your suggestions if you have a favourite you would like to have on offer.

FINANCE – the new financial year is under way and the early month's trading is usually slow as we ease out of winter.

At this early stage we are on budget and hoping for another good year with lots of traffic on the course and through the Clubhouse.

BENDIGO BANK – welcome to our newest sponsor who will shortly open their new branch in premises at Picton Mall in one of the units facing the car parking area.

The first day of trading will be Tuesday 11th October.

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS – during the past couple of months we have had quite a few bookings for Saturday night functions and these are most welcome and good for our finances.

But perhaps you don't know just how good it is to have a private function at the club on a Saturday night. The benefits are;

- i. No room hire fee
- ii. The club is entirely yours for the night
- iii. Tables & chairs arranged to your preference
- iv. Drinks at club prices
- v. Food from a wide selection
- vi. Noise is not an issue
- vii. You can hire a juke box, DJ or a 5 piece band – it's your choice
- viii. No cleaning or tidying up afterwards. Much better than being at home.
- ix. Camera monitored kids games room upstairs – no need for babysitters.

Recently one of the Directors enjoyed a Surprise Birthday party at the Club and personally experienced the advantages and now highly recommends the facility.

If you are having a function, consider your club as the venue or recommend us to your family and friends. You won't be disappointed.

And finally, if you hear something interesting and worthy or appropriate for the newsletter, drop us a line or an email.

Or perhaps you want a question about the course, club or golf answered. We can't read minds so make sure we know what it is you are thinking.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS