

Nelson Bay Golf Club Presidents Newsletter November 15.11.17

Dear Members and Guests,

I trust this newsletter finds you all well it's a tad long but hopefully informative.

Full Paying Lady Members Saturday Play.

The ladies committee requested that Full Paying Lady Members be allowed to play at a time of their choosing through the ballot on Saturday.

A sub Committee was formed by the Board comprising of past President Max Pride, President Peter Power and Director Jim Ingleton with a Ladies Sub Committee comprising of president Joanne White, Captain Pam Norman and Vice Captain Robyn Kennett to discuss and make a recommendation on the Ladies Committee request.

The Board has accepted the Sub Committee recommendations and has unanimously approved the following which will come into play on the 2nd December 2017.

- 1. That Lady Playing Members be allowed to enter the ballot for Saturday and Wednesday tee times.**
- 2. That a ballot be introduced for tee times for the current Ladies Competitions held on Tuesday and Thursday of each week and that Male Playing Members be allowed to enter these ballots**
- 3. That the Board and the Match Committee attend to the introduction of the processes necessary to implement this recommendation and to manage the competitions on a consistent basis.**

What does this mean for the future, in simple terms we will now have medley events Tuesday to Sunday, we will still have our Men's and Ladies competitions and members can play any day they wish to. On a personal basis I will play as I normally do Wednesday and Saturday with Skins on Tuesday, I would hope that members accept this change in a harmonious way and do what we all love to do enjoy our great golf club and of course your golf.

PENNANTS AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

We are well and truly into the championships season, with the B and C Grade Men's Pennants finals coinciding with the men's Club Championships.

The exciting news is that at Toronto Golf Club on Sunday, our B and C Grade teams BOTH won their respective pennants. The C Grade team of Darren Hancock, Brian Pobje, Barry Elliott, Ray Carruthers, Lloyd Goodwin and John Maslen, together with Team Manager Garry Troon, were convincing winners over Charlestown by 5 matches to 1.

The B grade team of Leigh Messner, Brett Allman, Garr y Hall, Chris Mawson, Neil Lembcke and Mal Baker, together with Kel Wright and Pennants Manager Paul Kennedy, played a match that will be remembered for a very long time. With opponents Newcastle already shaking each other's hands and patting backs, Leigh Messner had to win the last three holes to square his opponent and the match. This he did . . . and then he went on to win the play-off for the individual match . . . and then the play-off to win the whole match for the team. In doing so, Leigh pulled off the incredible feat of winning 5 holes in a row to clinch the match. Understandably, the final green was soon swamped by jubilant Nelson Bay players and supporters.

Congratulations to all who played in these teams throughout the season. We believe this is the first time in the club's history that Nelson Bay has won two Men's pennants in the same year.

Meanwhile, 2018 Pennants Director David Rann, and A Grade manager Will Semmens, and Team Captain Peter Gibson are beginning the selection process for the 2018 A Grade Pennant team. They are seeking to select 10 players to play in the A Grade series commencing on 4th Feb and concluding with the final on 25 March. Members who would like to stand for selection are asked to contact one of the below:

David Rann. Pennants Director: 0412 438 826

Will Semmens: Team Manager: 0418 665 149

Peter Gibson: Team Captain: 0438 510 464

The Men's Club Championships have reached the half-way stage, with the final two rounds to be played this Saturday and Sunday, 18 and 19 November. After Saturday's 3rd round, the top four on each grade will be seeded into the final three groups on Sunday. With the A Grade top four hitting off at 12.00 noon, we hope there will be a good gathering of spectators on the balcony and around 18th green to watch the final groups come in. We are planning to provide live scoring as the finishing groups come in.

Club & Outside Functions

With Christmas less than 6 weeks away we have 30 functions booked in prior to the big day.

We commence with the Ladies Presentation Dinner this Thursday, 16th November followed by an onsite wedding and reception on Saturday, 18th November.

There are a further 30 functions including Men of League Trivia (25/11/17), The Angel Billy Charity Golf Day (26/11/17), NBGC Vets Closing Day (4/12/17), the Ladies Christmas Party (5/12/17), Probus Christmas Parties, Pennant Players Presentation Dinner (9/12/17) & the NBGC Skins Christmas Dinner (12/12/17) to name a few.

Car Parking

It would be appreciated if you could car pool with your playing partners or be dropped off at the club to assist with car parking through the busy Christmas period.

The Board is also investigating alternative car parking options to assist with car parking when demand is high.

2018 Function Rooms Set Ups.

Unless there is a function on, the following will be arranged by our bar staff for you:

MONDAY VETS – The function room will be set up for you with a data projector and screen for your results and if you need a microphone to assist with your announcements

TUESDAY LADIES – The function room will be set up for you with your results being streamed from the match computer into that room and the PA system for your announcements

WEDNESDAY MENS – The microphone will be available for the main bar to assist with your announcements

**** PLEASE NOTE: We are booked out for Christmas functions in December and ask for your patience during this month as there will be times the function room won't be available for you. If we can set a room up for you, we certainly will and will accommodate you as much as we can ****

Stronger Communities Grant

We have applied for and been successful in an application for a **Stronger Communities Grant** through the office of **Meryl Swanson MP** the grant of **\$5000.00** will go toward the purchase of a new 8-seater golf cart which will be purchased through Club Car. Many thanks to Meryl Swanson for her support of our club and community.

Meryl Swanson visited the club last Monday to formally announce the grant. (insert pic)

Buggy Storage

Members who previously had bag or bag & buggy storage in the old clubhouse, were on the waiting list or have placed their name on the new waiting list will be contacted shortly to confirm they still require a storage space.

The majority of the storage racking has been installed and shortly walls, doors and additional lighting will be in place.

Finance YTD P/L

With three months trading completed in the new clubhouse we are now developing trading trends. After accounting for the clubhouse opening expenses and tighter management controls we have returned a profit of \$30,000 in that period. Our cash flow is good, but additional operating costs and depreciation eat into our profit.

The main growth areas besides the bar has been in visitor green fees and golf cart hire with has been exceptional through the mid spring weather.

A list of the first quarter trading results are posted on the notice board in the passage way leading to the ATM.