

Newsletter 02/11/17

Dear Members and Guests,

President's Message

Thank you for allowing me the honour to serve as President of this wonderful club. I look forward to continuing the good work of the previous board ably lead by Max Pride.

At present we have a fantastic clubhouse which is trading well, the golf course is in fabulous condition and wonderful friendly staff looking after our requirements.

This is my first newsletter as your new President. I plan to make the newsletters regular in a bid to keep you all as informed as possible about club activities and the reasons behind them. Any feedback is always welcome but please keep it constructive.

AGM matters arising from members

1. Roger Ball
Questioned the accuracy of the waiting list for storage of member's privately owned carts and the lack of knowledge of administration staff regarding the existence of the list.
The President responded by saying that he himself had taken responsibility for this matter following the Clubhouse Fire and had in fact been in touch with Roger to address his concerns.
The President also acknowledged that there is still a degree of training to be undertaken by all staff.
As for nepotism the remark is unwarranted The Board works hard on your behalf, there are 2 directors that are on the list and a long way from getting a space. This matter was dealt with well before the AGM.
2. David Burnley – Honour Boards, have been ordered we were only waiting for the elections to be finalised so elected officials could be included.
3. Max Stocker – Cart Paths, in particular red rock paths, The Board is aware of the dust thrown up by carts and has been looking at a number of options all expensive given the size of our Course, we have installed a number of new concrete paths over the last few years and where funds allow we will continue to do so. An ongoing process.
4. Graham Brown – Trades Directory, we will pursue this, perhaps in the Fixture Book and website.
5. Chris Dunn – Golf Cart GPS, we are continually refining and tuning the system as with any technology there are issues, we refer any problems to the supplier and these are usually addressed quickly with any zoning difficulties looked at and adjusted. Unfortunately, any courses with tree lined paths will be a little more sensitive around these areas.
6. Peter Graff – Sand Bunker Practice Area, we have an area being considered for an additional Practice Chipping/Putting Green and Sand Bunker the concept design and budget for this has yet to be presented to the Board.
7. Kevin Baker – Practice Area parking, at present the Practice fairway is being prepared after all the damage from parked cars, this area will not be designated and was not prior to the clubhouse rebuild as a parking area. We are looking at various ways to increase our parking when we have a concrete plan this will be notified to the members. We can only suggest where possible that members consider carpooling with their respective partners.

8. Gary Troon – Cleaning of cart Shed's, the club purchased a good quality industrial vacuum cleaner which survived the Clubhouse Fire. With the completion of the Clubhouse, cleaning of the Cart sheds, with the assistance of volunteers should now be a priority.
9. Jenny Frost – Sand in Bunkers, beach sand has now been removed from bunkers except for 23 and 27 the bunkers are prepared on Tuesday and Friday.
10. Neil Russell – light for practice green, this came about because of the proximity of the temporary clubhouse to the practice green, we have no plans to light the practice green.
11. Norma Hocking – 20th cart path resurfacing, we are currently investigating a new surface that may suit.
12. Lyn Hollier – First Aid Room, this will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

New Board

President: Peter Power, Captain: Dave Flatt, Finance Director: Keith Campbell, Director: Jim Ingleton, Director: David Rann. 6th Director and casual vacancy to be selected by the Board.

Ladies Committee

President: Joanne White, Vice-President: Norma Hocking, Secretary: Rhondda Shaw, Treasurer: Liz Davis, Captain: Pam Norman, Vice-Captain: Robyn Kennett, Handicapper: Jeanette Faye, Assistant Handicapper: Rhona Birss Committee member: Julie Walker.

Golf News

Ladies Medal of Medal round, Judith McCann won the Medal of Medals with a nett score of 69. She also had a Hole in One on the 5th. First one ever. Needless to say, Judith was very excited, well done and congratulations.

Medal of Medals

Winner Mark Limana, congratulations.

Men's Pennants

Both the teams are in the Semi Finals!

The B Grade beat Tanilba Bay 4.5 to 1.5 at Hawks Nest yesterday to finish 1st in Division 2 and will play Charlestown in the Semi Final.

The C Grade beat Tanilba Bay 5 to 1 and finished 2nd in Div 2 on a countback, after both teams (NBGC & Tanilba) finished equal on Match & Game Points.

Our C Grade team will play Belmont in the Semi.

The Semi Finals will be played at Pacific Dunes next Sunday with our C Grade hitting off first at 8am and B Grade at 9am.

Please come and support the teams, C grade are looking for caddies contact Gary Troon via reception if you are able to assist.

Preferred Lies

As of Wednesday, 1st November 2017, preferred lies no longer apply on the fairways.

It is important that members and guest continue to fill divots as preferred lies no longer apply to sanded or unfilled divots.

Members & guests are also reminded to check greens for pitch and not only repair their pitch mark, but any other that may be on the greens.

It is also very important pitch marks are repaired correctly by pushing the turf into the pitch mark, not bringing the soil to the surface. A pitch mark repaired properly will recover in 2 – 3 days, a pitch mark where the soil is brought to the surface will take 4 – 6 weeks to recover.

Men's Club Championships – 4th, 11th, 18th & 19th November

The tee times for the first round of the **Men's Club Championships this Saturday 4 November** have now been entered into the system. Unless otherwise advised, these tee times and groupings will remain for rounds 2 and 3 on Saturday 11 November and Saturday 18 November. They will remain largely the same for the final round on Sunday 19 November, except that the **TOP FOUR IN EACH GRADE will be seeded into the last three timeslots of that day.**

Volunteer ladies are urgently required to act as spotters for the Men's Club Championships commencing this Saturday 4 November. If you can help, please place your name on the roster at the Reception desk.

We are now calling for volunteers from the general membership to assist on the Match desk for the Men's and Mixed competitions, and also with the Timesheets ballots on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Please call or email Dave Flatt (0410419967, dave_flatt2@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping out.

St Hallett's Wine – Hole In One Club

- Open to all male and female members over 18 years of age who are members of an affiliated NSW Golf Club, with an official AGU handicap
- The hole in one must have been achieved in an official club competition
- The minimum distance of the hole to qualify is 120 metres or longer for men and 100 metres or longer for women
- The official "nomination form" must be completed in full, signed by a club official and return to Golf NSW within 10 days of the hole in one
- Accolade Wines retain the right to alter the prize should unforeseeable circumstances arise

Players Rewards

When a Player joins the St Hallett Hole In One Club they will receive the following

1. Automatic membership to the "St Hallett Hole In One Club"
2. An exclusive "St Hallett Hole In One Club" polo shirt
3. A personalised certificate detailing the rare feat, including players name, course, hole number and date of the hole in one. This will be signed by the CEO of Golf NSW along with the Chief Winemaker of St Hallett Wines
4. A personalised letter of congratulations welcoming the player to the "St Hallett Hole In One Club"
5. Publication of the players name and details of their hole in one on the Golf NSW website

Good Luck

Staff Changes

On behalf of the members I would like to welcome Terry Hall to the club as Operations Manager. Terry has an IT background and is a past Operations Manager at Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club. Brandon Haggett has returned to the club as a casual bar person. We look forward to the experience both Terry & Brandon bring to the club.

Blair Gibson has also resigned from the club, but he will not be leaving NBGC just moving downstairs to work in the pro shop where more daylight hours are available.

Badge Draw

The members' badge draw has been in operation for three weeks with the current jackpot sitting at \$1,200.

To win the jackpot you must be in the clubhouse at the time of the draw and produce your current membership card to the reception staff within four minutes of the draw.

The draw is conducted at 6pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sundays and jackpots by \$50 each draw until the jackpot is won and then recommences at \$500.

Joker Poker

The current jackpot for Joker Poker is \$3,600 and is drawn after the Friday night raffles. To be eligible to win the Joker Poker jackpot you receive a ticket when purchasing \$5 of Friday night raffle tickets. \$10 of tickets gets you two Joker Poker tickets and so on. Joker Poker jackpots by \$200 a week until won.

Proceeds from Joker Poker and the Friday Night Raffle assist the Marlins AFL Club.

Upcoming Functions

From the first weekend since the clubhouse opened and we hosted the Men of League Dinner & Golf Day the club has hosted numerous events for members, guests and charity groups.

Wonderful feedback from the first wedding held in September with 140 guests can be seen on the club's Facebook page and our second wedding will be held in mid November.

During November the club will host the Wine Makers' Dinner to launch the Taste of the Bay weekend, the Melbourne Cup Luncheon, NBGC Ladies Presentation Night, Men of League Trivia Night and the Angle Billy Charity Golf Day to name a few.

The Tuesday night trivia is also proving to be popular with 13 tables competing for vouchers. Well done to Club Director David Rann a Paul (Flounder) Kennedy and their helpers for organising the trivia each week. NB. There will not be Trivia next Tuesday due to the Melbourne Cup.

Last weekend the club hosted the Country Liberal Conference and Dinner with the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian in attendance.

Dowling Street Cart Shed Gate

Members using the Dowling Street cart sheds are reminded the last user is responsible for securing the shed(s) and locking the double gate when leaving.

New Products

A number of new products are available from the bar and they include diet drinks and a gluten free beer.

A range of Penfolds Bin Wines will soon be available for purchase.

Beer of the Month

Local Brewers Murrays are providing of "Beer of the Month" Whale Ale which fits in well with our whale tale beer taps fonts.

Whale Ale (4.5%) is a refreshing wheat beer with a twist. Whale Ale's high percentage of malted and unmalted wheat and aromatic late hop profile gives a unique take on a session strength ale. A classic light body, creamy mouthfeel and refreshing citrus flavour. This is balanced with assertive late hopping, giving a fresh, light tropical fruit aroma and cleansing dry finish.

Peter Power

President