

**NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB
PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER
12TH OCTOBER 2017**

Dear Members and Guests,

To keep you up to date:

Voting for position of Club Captain

This is now open and Full Playing Members should have received an email from Elections Australia Pty Ltd providing you with a link and a unique voter card to allow you to vote on-line. Please note you can only access the voting paper via the link between the hours of 10am-5pm.

If you do not have an email address you can vote at the Clubhouse between the hours of 10am -8pm. Please see the Reception Staff who will assist you.

Voting for the position of Handicapper on the Ladies Committee.

Voting for this position is available only to Full Playing Lady Members and this will be able to done at the Clubhouse or by post.

Voting will take place at the Clubhouse on Tues 17th & Thurs 19th October between 12.30pm -3.00pm

For those who cannot attend the Clubhouse voting papers are available upon request from the Lady Secretary, Maureen Brown or at Reception. These must be completed and mailed so as to reach the Returning Officer by no later than 3pm on Thursday 19th October 2017

Men's B & C Grade Pennant Results

There are mixed results from last weekend's Round 4 games in the local derby against Horizons at Tanilba Bay with B Grade continuing their good form and recording a 3.5 / 2.5 win while C Grade went down by a similar margin. Obviously both very tight contests that went down to the wire.

Both teams have a bye next week in Round 5 which will be played here and in Round 6 on 22nd October both teams meet Muree at Newcastle.

Men's Scratch Match Play Finals

The finals of this event sponsored by Moses Golf will be played this coming Saturday (14th Oct), with B & C Grade hitting off at 12.03pm followed by A Grade.

The matches are:

A Grade: Rob Fitzgerald v Connor Benjamin

B Grade: Peter Elliott v Steve Parrott

C Grade: John Skues v Ray Carruthers

Good luck to all the finalists and it would be good to see a gallery to watch these matches.

Men's 2017 Club Championships

Entry forms are now available from the Reception Desk.

The first 2 rounds will be played on Sat 4th & 11th November with the final 2 rounds on Sat 18th & Sun 19th November.

NDGA Junior Boys Team

Congratulations go to members Connor Benjamin and Harry Cleare on their selection in the Newcastle District side to play against the Lower North Coast District at Charlestown this Sunday (Oct 15th)

These 2 players are really improving their games and we wish them every success.

Ladies 2017 3 Club Swing

On Saturday September 23rd at Merewether Golf Club the final round of the 3 Club Swing was held between Merewether, Charlestown and Nelson Bay with Nelson Bay Ladies playing fabulous golf to take out the Trophy (donated by Merewether) for the second year running.

This competition is for any lady players entitled to play a on a Saturday and it is held throughout the year playing at each of the major clubs once. This event highlights the comradery between the clubs; however it also showcases their competitive side.

After having only a one point lead on the final day, Nelson Bay Ladies beat Merewether by at least 20 points overall with Charlestown coming in third place.

Thanks to all the Bay girls who competed in any, or all of the games!

Winners on the final day were Ronnie Shaw in Div. 1 with a fantastic score 44 points!! (76 off the stick!) followed by Barb Frost with 38. Winning Div. 2 was Julie Partridge with 42 with Fran Guides runner up and the winner of Div. 3 was Glenda McCaw with 40 points.

Winner of the overall best score was Barb Frost with 93 points over the 3 games. To top it all off Di Johnson had her first hole in one on the 3rd hole. A picture of the happy ladies is below:



Practice Fairway

This is now open. Please hit only from the synthetic tee and do not use anything longer than a 5 iron.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Time Sheets

This is a reminder that Members cannot book visitors onto the Time Sheets before 5 days prior to the event. Please adhere to this Policy.

Reciprocal Clubs

We have recently agreed to reciprocal rights at Canterbury Golf Club in Kent UK and Scotsraig Golf Club (celebrating its 200th anniversary this year) in Tayport (15 minutes from St Andrews) Scotland.

These are both very fine golf courses so take advantage of the reciprocal arrangements when next travelling to the United Kingdom.

Hosting of Major Events

The Club has been awarded the hosting of the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Open Championships in Oct 2019.

We have also been invited to apply to host the 2021 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Open Championships, also in October of that year.

These are 2 very prestigious events which confirm the standing of our Club in the eyes of Golf Australia.

Pennant Presentation Dinner

This is an early reminder to pencil in your diary Saturday 9th December as the date for the 2017 Presentation Dinner. This will be another special night to acknowledge the achievements of our pennant players.

Entertainment

Tuesday night trivia has been a great success! This week we hit a record of 85 participants! Well done to David Rann, Paul Kennedy and the staff who are doing so well with this. Unless there is a private booking for the function room trivia will now be held in there.

Member badge draws have commenced this month and are on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights at 6pm. It is now jackpotting at \$700.00. You need to be in the Club to win if your name is drawn out; you have 4 minutes to collect your prize.

Live entertainment is now on Friday and Saturday nights in the main lounge. Why not book a table in Bluewater Grill and come and enjoy?

Raffles and Joker Poker has been going along well. Joker Poker jackpots at \$3,000 this week!

Upcoming Events

October is golf month and we have quite a lot on:

- **Rotary Charity Day** – Friday, 13th October 2017

- **L&Z Chalmers Day** – Sunday, 15th October 2017
- **FREE Golf Clinic** – Sunday, 15th October 2017 - Warren is running this clinic if there is anyone you know who would like to start playing please let them know
- **Twilight Golf** – Thursday, 19th October 2017 start time 4.15pm OPEN TO EVERYONE so come along and enjoy an afternoon round
- **Junior Tournament and Family Day** – Sunday, 22nd October 2017 - If there are any budding golf superstars you know please encourage them to come along
- **Social Clubs Challenge** – 27th – 29th October 2017 – OPEN TO EVERYONE. You don't need to have a GA Handicap to play in this event so grab a friend who might like to come and join in.
- **Cox Plate Calcutta** – Friday, 27th October 2017 – OPEN TO EVERYONE. Big focus this year will be on Winx running come and throw your hat in the ring!

November:

- **Wine Maker's Dinner** – Friday, 3rd November 2017 – This is the opening event of the Taste of the Bay festival we are holding. The evening will be hosted by Stuart Blackwell, Senior Wine Maker for St Halletts Wines. It is a four course meal with accompanying wines, information and trivia. Tickets are \$75.00 for members and \$90.00 for non-members
- **Melbourne Cup Day** – Tuesday, 7th November 2017 – 18 Holes shotgun start at 8.30am with a 2 course meal, prizes, giveaways, sweeps and live telecast of the races in the function room. Members \$50.00, Visitors \$65.00, Lunch only \$35.00 and Corporate Tables of 10 including golf, lunch and bar tab for \$1,000.00
- **Men of League Trivia Night** – Saturday, 25th November 2017 – 7pm for 7.30pm just \$10.00 per person, tables of 8 with prizes, raffles and auction items
- **Angel Billy Golf Day** – Sunday, 26th November 2017

That is all for now, hope to see you on the course or in the Clubhouse.

Max Pride