

**WHAT'S ON**

**NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB
NEWSLETTER
3rd FEBRUARY 2017**

Dear Member

Annual General Meeting - Monday 30th January

Sixty eight members including Life Members Jack Evans, Brian Diemer & Joan Frost attended the AGM held at the clubhouse last Monday. Apologies were received from 22 members.

All Ordinary & Special Resolutions were Moved, Seconded and Carried by those present.

Items of note were:

- Life Member – Brian Diemar was confirmed as Club Patron
- The annual subscription for Full Playing Members would remain at \$850
- All other items passed ensure compliance with the Club's obligations under legislation such as the Registered Clubs Act 1976 (NSW) and the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
- Membership benefits to be suspended if annual subscriptions remain unpaid at 30 June each year. This will encourage members to pay their subscriptions on time, and benefit the Club's financial position.

President Max Pride thanked members Kerry Rehn & John Edmunds for their assistance on the new Constitution.

The following members were elected as the Board of Directors for 2016-19:

President: Max Pride

Captain: Peter Power

Director of Finance: Ralph Carstairs

Directors: Keith Campbell, Jim Ingleton, David Rann

President Max Pride congratulated the new board on their appointment and thanked retiring Directors Peter Lewis, Bob Justice & David Flatt for their time, effort and commitment to the Club.

AGM - General Business

The following members raised questions at the AGM with responses provided.

Mr Ian Pfennigwerth - "We were promised a Course Masterplan which would be reviewed by members"

Club Captain Peter Power explained "The Course Masterplan is in progress and has only recently gone to Board Members for their comment. It is expected that the Course Masterplan will be placed on the club website late March for members comment."

"What is the progress on Strategic Plan Document?"

President Max Pride responded that "Due to the increased current workload i.e. Clubhouse Rebuild, Business Interruption Claim and generally dealing with our temporary situation the Strategic Plan has taken a back seat, this is not to say it has been forgotten or is not visited/reviewed at this time. The Board is responsible for this document and it is noted at all Board meetings."

Mr John Wade - "Some greens are very wet and not in good condition?"

Peter Power advised "The current hot weather conditions not only during the day but at night which is stressing the greens require constant attention and water to survive, our Course Superintendent does not consider that the greens are being unduly overwatered. The greens are monitored visually and by a moisture and temperature meter.

Nematode infestations have again depleted the greens root growth which effects the capacity of the plant to absorb and maintain/withhold moisture. Bent grass is a cool season grass and the best turf for our climate."

NB. The recent weather conditions which had a significant effect on our greens in January with average daytime temperature 31.1C compared to 28.5C 2016, highest recorded overnight temperature of 26.3C with most evenings exceeding the average. Rainfall is below recent averages.

"Our group are constantly repairing ours and other's Pitch Marks"

Peter Power replied "A point well raised, if each group repaired their Pitch Marks and a couple more this would greatly improve the condition of our Greens, this also applies to Divots."

Mr John Bell - "Why can't the Greens Staff prepare the competition course in reverse order i.e. start at the 18th green"

Peter Power replied "We prepare the course of the day from the 1st hole has as always been the case it takes approximately 4 hours to complete the work, we must also comply with the rules of golf, this means the

conditions of competition of the day must be maintained until the completion of the round. This requires the greens Staff to start at the 1st, cutting, grooming and placing the hole positions on each green, the hole positions must remain the same throughout the round under Rule 33-2 b.

Reversing this order would not work as we would be altering hole locations during a round and in the middle of a competition.

Mowing of fairways and the rough is normally completed in reverse order.

Mr Rob Fitzgerald - "Why are we reducing the size of the Greens and what about the weed infestation"?

Peter Power advised "We are not reducing the size of the greens. In some cases where the greens are under stress we are not cutting the problem area and allowing it to recover, when the turf has sufficiently recovered it will be cut as normal and the Greens size returned to normal."

"The encroachment of foreign grasses into Greens is being treated by the staff. This is time consuming as the foreign grasses need to be treated (in some cases Painted on by hand) with Glyphosate and then removed by hand."

Duncan Begley - Assistant Course Superintendent

Duncan Begley has resigned from the club to take up the position as Course Superintendent at Horizons Golf Resort. Duncan has been at NBGC for 2½ years and has been a great asset to the club. We wish Duncan every success in his new position.

New Club Logo

With the building of the new Clubhouse it has created an opportunity for Nelson Bay Golf Club to really strive as a business and be a trail blazer to other struggling golf clubs - whether they are city or country based or resort or community clubs. We are in a fortunate location of picturesque Port Stephens and have a beautiful course which has no problems in attracting visitors or members to play golf.

Unfortunately in this age golf clubs can no longer just survive on fees and memberships alone. As we all know they're a costly enterprise to run. NBGC will now have the ability to cater for new business streams (conferences, business groups, international golf, international bus tours, mums & bubs) and develop further existing ones (corporate groups/days, weddings, kangaroo tours) and not just golf.

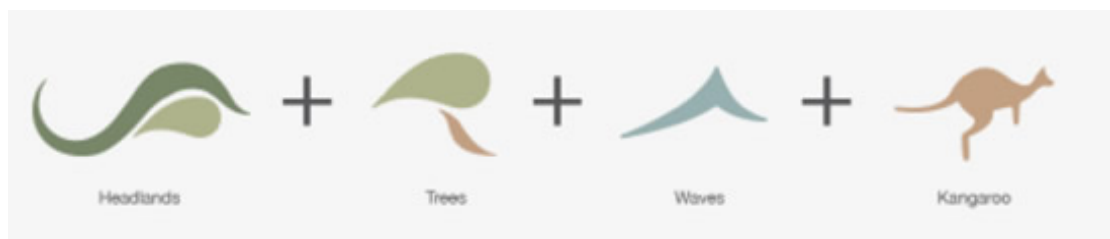
The logo needs to appeal to ALL of these business streams and demographics. So it was quite the tough ask! Our current logo unfortunately doesn't, for example having bright reds, greens and blues on a wedding kit stands out for all the wrong reasons, it's dated looking and the logo itself is confusing when trying to relate it back to who we are. So we needed something to represent our brand new club and chapter ahead.

After requesting suggestions from members for a name or logo change

last year we received six responses, three suggesting a change and three to remain as is. The Board approved the commissioning of a branding company in Newcastle called the Engine Room. They rebranded companies such as Newcastle Airport, McDonald Jones, Destination Port Stephens, The Forum just to name a few so we felt we were in safe hands.

After a bit of back and forth in the past 6 weeks we finally came up with one that we feel encompasses everything we're about: golf, conferences, weddings, events, members, international appeal, young, old, women, men, juniors. It's welcoming and friendly and will stand up in corporate and international market places.

NBGC is such a beautiful/natural location that we felt it needed to reflect this foremost in our Christmas bush trees, views out to the headlands, kangaroos and being close to the water of Port Stephens. So this was how the story was developed:



The colours in this version weren't quite strong enough, so we played around with those and decided on a final of these:

CORPORATE VERSION



CONFERENCE/WEDDING/EVENTS VERSION



We hope you like it and are as excited about the new look and feel of Nelson Bay Golf Club as we are. Hurry up builders we can't wait for our new story to begin (or the member benefits!)

Natalie Kelly
Sales & Marketing Manager

Clubhouse Re-build

Work is continuing on the first floor steelwork and roof and well as brickwork for additional roof support.

All form work has been removed from the ground floor with both floors recently inspected by Maurie, Maria, Warren and Max.



We ask members to continue observing the car parking restriction signs.
The project is still on track for completion in June 2017.

Pennants

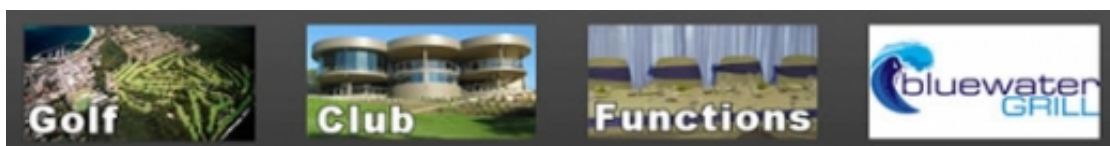
The Super Seniors played their first match against a very strong Tuncurry team last Monday at Hawks Nest recording a 1 ½ to 6 ½ loss. This week they are on the road again playing Pacific Dunes at Tuncurry.

Our two weekend lady pennant teams recorded strong wins last weekend.

With the Dolphin's winning 3 - 1 against Charlestown and the Nemo's winning 4 -0 against Merewether including a great victory by Sharon Dunn 8/7. Well done ladies.

I look forward to seeing you on the course or in the clubhouse during 2017.

Trevor Harrison - General Manager



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