

NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB
NEWSLETTER
7th July 2017

Dear Members

This is another long newsletter to bring you up to date with important matters.

Clubhouse Opening

A huge amount of work has been done since the last newsletter and this will continue of course until the Building is completed within the next few weeks.

Acoustic panels and light fittings have been installed in the restaurant, bar areas and the auditorium. The tiling of bathrooms and terraces has been completed and carpet has been laid in the relevant areas.

Electrical conduits have been laid to allow for the lighting of the pond and adjacent trees behind the 9th green.

Some fencing and Builder's work sheds will be removed in the next week, but the site remains closed to members and guests.

The most critical matter is the final connection of the upgraded power supply by Ausgrid which is currently scheduled for 20th July, a delay of one week.

The opening of the Club for business is now scheduled for Thursday 3rd August.

Services in temporary clubhouse will be progressively shut down to be relocated in the new clubhouse. We apologise for any inconvenience through this process.

It goes without saying that everyone is working together exceptionally well as we see the light at the end of tunnel rapidly approaching.

Bag & Buggy Storage, Small and Large Locker Fees

We are currently evaluating a number of options for the storage of member's clubs and hand buggies on the ground floor of the new Clubhouse and the installation of new lockers in the Ladies & Men's Locker Rooms.

Fees that will be charged for 2017/18 are as follows:

Storage - bag & buggy or bag only - \$100

Small lockers 450 high x 500 deep x 400 wide - \$30 per year

Large lockers - Split hanging locker 950 high x 500 deep x 400 base - \$50 per year

Could you please advise the Office if you would be interested in applying for the storage of Clubs, Hand Buggies and the use of a Locker.

Car Parking

I am leaving this in from the last newsletter, disappointingly because I have to.

As I mention in each newsletter car parking is still a major issue at the club. It is simple, if there is not a white line on each side of car park it is not a car park.

You should also note that all car parking in the upper area will from now, until completion of the Clubhouse be restricted to the front section. There will be no access to the side or rear parking.

Also please do not move cones and or barriers that are in place to allow important deliveries in the coming weeks.

Trading Results

Month of May 2017

We recorded a loss of \$16,000 for the month, excluding \$6,000 interest received on the remaining invested funds from the Clubhouse Building Insurance claim.

Bar Trading and Green Fee income was steady for the month; however Poker Machine trading continued to disappoint returning a loss of \$3,000.

11 Months Ended 31st May 2017

For the 11 months to the end of May (and again excluding interest received of \$155,000) we incurred a loss \$66,000 for the period.

Business Interruption Claim

In my previous newsletter I mentioned that it was hoped that this Claim might be settled before June 30.

This will not be the case and it may be several more months before it is in fact settled.

In the meantime we have lodged another interim claim of \$450,000 for loss of profits and additional costs incurred since the Fire.

2017/18 Annual Subscriptions

These were due and payable by Friday 30th June.

Members who have not paid by that date will be contacted and if payments are not made within 7 days of being contacted those members will be resigned.

Draw for Refund of Annual Subscriptions

460 Playing Members had paid the \$850 annual subscription in full by June 30 and these were entered into a draw with the winner to receive a refund of their subscription.

Congratulations go to Bill Joncevski (No.1128) who was the lucky winner.

Golfing News

Match Committee

For some time now former Director and Vice-Captain Dave Flatt has been chairing the Match Committee, particularly to ease the burden of Club Captain Peter Power and Director Dave Rann, who have been heavily involved in the Clubhouse rebuild.

As we near the opening of the new Clubhouse and workloads are easing a little, Director David Rann will now chair this Committee for the immediate future up to the 2017 Board elections.

Men's B & C Grade Pennants / O C Colley Cup

To be considered for selection in the B & C Grade Pennant Teams you must play in the OC Colley Cup on Sunday 6th August at Waratah (B Grade) and Belmont (C Grade)

Entry Fee is \$30 and minimum GA Handicaps are B. Grade (10.9) and C. Grade (17.7) payable at the Office.

Please advise Pennant Team Convenor Paul Kennedy ASAP if you are interested in entering and so be considered for selection in these pennant teams.

Men's Foursomes Championships.

These were played recently over 27 holes and we saw the younger generation of Connor Benjamin and James Marshall with a score of 114 win the title by a comfortable margin of 9 shots from Vito Massaioli & Craig Mackenzie.

The nett winners were Geoff Cousins & Lloyd Goodwin (108 $\frac{3}{4}$) from Jim Ingleton & Peter Miers (109 $\frac{3}{4}$)

Water Wonderland, sponsored by Ryan Palmer was played over the June long weekend. Despite more indifferent weather 150 players hit-off in this annual 2 day stableford event. The winner was James Sullivan from Dunheved Golf Club with 74 points, followed by Adrian Kerr (Charlestown) and Wayne Williamson (Ryde-Parramatta) both on 73 points.

Alan Daubarus was our leading member finishing with 72 points, a welcome return to form by this Club personality.

The BOC Trophy for the best team score, honouring the late Brian O'Connell, was won by Branxton Golf Club.

Hole-in-One

Well done by Brian Lawrence who achieved this recently on the 20th hole.

Kangaroo Golf Tour Volunteers

Our Kangaroo tours introduced and managed by Club Member Phil "Kangaroo" Murray, assisted by a band of volunteers, have been an outstanding success.

However, we do need more volunteers to help Phil with this growing part of our business.

Please let our Office Staff know if you can assist in any way.

Upcoming Events

Men of League Dinner on Sat 5th Aug / Golf on Sun 6th August

Port Stephens Accommodation Golf Classic (Visitors): 14th-18th August

Clubhouse Opening Week 21st-27th August (**Details of Booking requirements/prices etc. will be announced in the next couple of weeks**)

Pro-Am: 7th September

Port Stephens Accommodation Ladies Golf Classic: 11th, 12th & 14th Sept.

Wednesday players should note that the Stableford event scheduled for 9th August has been changed to a 4person Ambrose. Life Member and Elder Statesman Jack Evans, has a special birthday that day (90) and he also has a dodgy knee. An Ambrose event will enable Jack to have a hit with his mates. Happy birthday in advance to Jack.

Course Matters

Our staff and volunteers continue to present the course in excellent condition considering the challenging weather conditions we have experienced. In the month of June we received over 260mm of rain.

The Root Pruning machine will be back in action next week. It has already covered almost 30kms in the 2 or 3 times it has been around the course.

Recent testing of soil samples from the greens to measure nematode populations has shown very disappointing figures with counts increasing. We have been provided with a new nematicide from Bayer for trialling called Indemnify, which is currently being reviewed for registration in NSW.

A request please for more attention to repairing fairway divots, pitch marks on greens and raking of bunkers. Everything you do will help the green staff and make the game more enjoyable for all players.

The 20th tee has been taken out of play for a few weeks to give the turf a rest. Play will revert to the temporary tee.

Vale

It is with a great deal of sadness we note the recent passing of Club Members Kevin Davis, Les Hayes and Ian Christensen.

Our condolences go to the family & friends of Kevin, Les and Ian.

That is all for now.

Max Pride
President