

Members Newsletter

Wednesday December 8th, 2021

President

Pete's

Paragraph

Covid

19

After careful consideration, the Board has decided the "double jab" requirement for both the Clubhouse and the Course is to be extended until the 1st February 2022.

As you are aware unvaccinated members of the public have more freedom after the 15th December 2021. We have based our decision on the safety of our staff and fellow members and the uncertainty with the new Omicron variant of Covid.

After discussions with some of our members I believe most of our members will support the Board's decision to extend this requirement which will only affect a very small percentage of our membership as most of us are used to flashing our double jab paperwork.

Irrigation

Works

We have received from Council both our Development Approval and the subsequent Construction Certificate for the new pump shed and tanks.

The works at the back of the 26th green will commence early in the new year and be completed by the end of March. This installation should not adversely interfere with play.

It was also pleasing during our recent AGM that our membership gave our Contractors (GIWS) a thank you for the manner they are laying the irrigation network which is programmed to be completed in June 2022

Festive

Season

It is so pleasing seeing so many Xmas parties at the Club held by various golf groups within our membership. Lots of happy members and festive cheer.

Bunker

As our Captain says later in this newsletter, we now have rakes in the bunkers and they are there for a purpose. It appears we are so used to preferred lies in the bunkers that we have to be retrained on the basic etiquette of bunker presentation.

Golf

Carts

We now have new bright red cart directional that cannot be missed. Please follow directional signs and cart paths to preserve your golf course.

Club

Trading

It is pleasing to report trading in the clubhouse and on the golf course has returned to a similar level of trading at the same time last year since we opened to visitors on November 1st. This will assist us with the funding of the irrigation project and weather permitting the club maybe able to fund the complete project without any borrowings.



A recent visitor Daly Cherry-Evans with Chris (Ned) Kelly and Warren (Rooster) Moses

Courtesy

Bus

The courtesy bus will operate on Fridays & Saturdays between 4pm – 10pm with the last bus service leaving the club at 10pm on both nights. Please contact reception to make a booking.

BlueWater

Grill

To give Tanya, Will and their staff a two day break before we head into the busy holiday trading period, BlueWater Grill will not be open on Boxing Day. Sandwiches, pies and sausage rolls will be available from the bar.

See you out there.

**Peter
President**

Fagan

From the Captain

Mixed Foursomes Championship

After various delays from the original date pre-Covid, our Mixed Foursomes Championship was finally held in reasonably good weather last Sunday 5th December.

The results are as follows: -
Champions: Robyn Kennett and Will Semmens – 131
Runners up: Lachlan Lawson and Barbara Frost – 137
Nett winners: Margot and Stuart Phegan – 138cb
Nett runners up: Susan and David Hogan – 138cb

My congratulations to all who took part as much patience was required to hang in there!

These winners and all the year's major winners will receive their prizes at the Annual Prize Giving which will happen immediately after the Opening Day event for 2022 on **Sunday 30th January.**

Bunkers

Many players seem to be completely unaware that our bunkers are back in play and must be repaired after each shot from them. It is quite clear that many members and not just some visitors, are not doing this. We have a great golf course but leaving bunkers un-repaired after your shot is both selfish and lazy. Please make sure that all your playing partners repair every bunker after playing out of them. Please leave the tip of the rake handle just on the edge of the bunker to minimise repair work.

Carts

When we renewed our carts contract during the Covid shutdown we opted to save money by omitting the GPS systems in each cart, thinking that all users would know that no carts are allowed within 30m of any green, unless on a path. Unfortunately this has led to some users driving anywhere they want. Our Course Supt begged us to think again due to the damage being caused. Consequently we are going to retrofit all our club owned carts with GPS so that we can have some control over where they go. This is an unwanted expense but unfortunately necessary.

Hole In Ones

Since July this year we have had four holes in one. Congratulations to the following members: -

24/7/21	-	Graham	Hendricks	-	5th	hole
17/10/21	-	Donna	Hall	-	25th	home
23/10/21	-	Neil	Hodges	-	5th	hole
10/11/21	-	Neil	Edwards	-	25th	hole

Let's hope we see a few more through the festive season!!

Xmas raffle

Tickets are ON SALE NOW at the Golf Club reception and Bar for our annual Xmas raffle. This year, all hampers have been purchased from local businesses to support them after a difficult year. All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Hope Cottage.

Please grab your tickets and support the raffle, tickets are \$5 for 1, \$10 for 3. You do not need to be present at the raffle draw on December 18th, 5pm - the winner can be notified by phone.

I hope you enjoy your Christmas holiday break and please support your clubhouse and the BlueWater Grill as they are the best around!

Happy golfing!

**David
Captain**

Rann

Ladies Captain Newsletter

December 7th, 2021

Hello Ladies,
Let's start with the wash up from the President's V Captain's week of play. On Tuesday the Captain's team had a slight win 6.5/4.5 over the President's and that may be due to the bribery for my team, but alas I heard of no big wins.

However, Thursday saw a big come back from the President's without bribery I might add but it came down to the last match and last hole. The games were played with the spirit intended with the more experienced players given advice to the newer members to the game of matchplay, well done !!

We have changed over to the new Miclub system and I know a lot of people have trouble with the "Remember Me". Miclub are looking at the problem and hopefully it will be fixed soon. From a players point of view haven't heard of too many issues, but please if you are presented with one, speak to one of the Committee.

One local rule which causes controversy is around relief and paths! The new cards state "ALL ARTIFICIAL SURFACED PATHS AND ROADS ARE ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS" so the paths do not need to

be bordered and the gravel washouts are abnormal but sanded areas are NOT.



This is the 21st hole approaching the green but looking back up the fairway .
We will be having a rules night in 2022 so watch this space for more information.

Our District 'Newcastle Hunter District Ladies Golf Assoc.' (NHDLGA) has won the Newcastle Cup after what I believe was a very strong tussle. Jenny Frost was in the team that after day one of Foursomes were all square at Magenta Shores with 12 single matches to be crucial at Shelly Beach and it came down to the final pair who squared their match, so down the first in a sudden death playoff was Stacie McDonald for (NHDLGA) won birdied the par 5 to win the hole and contest. I am sure you will join me in congratulating the District on a fabulous win !

Foursomes were held on Sunday and Congratulation goes to Robyn Kennett and her partner Will Semmens for winning the Championship, and I am also tickled pink coming runner up with one of our promising young juniors, Lachlan Lawson. Nett winners were Margot and Stuart Phegan and runners up Susan and David Hogan.

Well done to all that competed in 2021.

Cheers for now,

Barbara
(L'Capitano)

Frost

Members newsletter

November 18th, 2021

President Pete's Paragraph via Trevor Harrison

President Pete is away a week's golfing holiday on the South Coast with three other members. He deserves a week off after his first year as Club President.

After my two weeks holiday I can thoroughly recommend a trip to regional NSW as the country is looking fantastic. Maybe not Forbes as 20 of our members found out last weekend, but they still had a good time supporting regional NSW.

Irrigation Project

The irrigation project is still going well with the main line completed and all but the 11th & 26th greens now on the new system.

Work commenced on tees and fairways this week with the 22nd fairway being closed for the week much to the members' delight!! Most players are happy to score 2 points on the 22nd during a normal competition.

Next week the 14th or 15th hole will be closed. A construction certificate for the new pump shed and storage tanks has been lodged with Port Stephens Council and approval is pending.

Clubhouse Trading

Since clubhouse trading recommenced on November 1st including allowing vaccinated visitors in from Greater Sydney, the course and clubhouse have been extremely busy.

Our first week of trading which included Melbourne Cup was our busiest week since the new clubhouse opened. To assist staff please use online services to book or change your golf arrangements or to arrange a Bluewater Grill booking as the telephones are extremely busy.

It would also be advisable to book early for any Bluewater Grill bookings as most nights have been well patronised since reopening and Tanya's new menu is being well received.

The staff are doing a great job in all areas of the club and please be patient if you have to wait to enter the clubhouse, for bar or catering services or in the pro shop. Like most regional towns we are also having trouble recruiting bar and kitchen staff.

We welcome new staff members Wendy & Kylie to reception and Aidan to the bar. We have also been fortunate to add Liam Tormey a qualified green keeper from Killara Golf Club to Jaffa's team.

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

**Trevor
General**

**Harrison
Manager**

From

the

Captain

The Mixed Foursomes Championships

The weather forecast for this Sunday is "Rain". No one will be keen to play 27 holes in the rain, so the Match Committee has **decided to postpone this event to Sunday 5th December**. There is no need to rebook your places as the Pro Shop will do this for you. This event was already postponed from 9th May, so we have been quite unlucky with the proposed changes.

Now we have been advised by the Pro Shop that a large group from Sydney have booked 35 carts for the 5th December. I, for one, cannot walk 27 holes these days so need a cart and I have been fortunate in finding someone prepared to lend me theirs. The Pro Shop have marked all remaining carts for the foursomes only but if you can find someone who is prepared to lend/hire you theirs, you are strongly advised to do so.

The Oakes Social group will follow the Foursomes around so there should not be any clash but some of the later times may be brought forward to close the current gap on the booking sheet, so please check carefully well before the event.

Club

Carts

The new fleet of carts was ordered without GPS systems fitted because of the then unknown financial situation due to the COVID shutdown. There was a substantial cost saving involved. Now we are out of shutdown and trading well, the Board will now consider retrofitting the GPS systems to the club's carts since there have been a number of incidents of carts being driven far too near the greens and causing damage to our greatest asset, the Course.

Posts have also been pushed over so that carts can return to the marked paths. It is easy to blame some visitors, but the truth is that some members have little respect for our Course as well.

Bunkers

It should also be remembered that with our limited number of green-staff, bunkers may not have been worked on immediately after serious winds like we had last weekend. Please read Rule 12.2 of golf that allows loose impediments to be removed prior to playing your shot out of bunkers.

The Match Committee is considering whether or not to introduce a “blackboard” rule after storms that allows a Preferred Lie inside a bunker when there is a considerable amount of debris left by a storm still being there. What Rule 12.2 does not allow for people who do not repair bunkers after they have played their shots.

If you find yourself playing with someone who gets into a bunker, please remind him/her to repair the bunker after they have played their shot(s). This is part of Golf Etiquette and is a required behaviour at NBGC.

Remember all rakes should be left with the tip of the handle just on the edge of the bunker, as this allows easy access to the rake and a minimum amount of sand raking.

Happy golfing!

**David
Captain**

Rann

***Important notice to all members - New Online Booking System**

Thursday November 11th, 2021

The program to our “Go live” day is as follows:-

- 16th November to 23rd November – Practice Timesheets available for members to trail bookings etc
- 23rd November – Timesheet for 1st December opens online
- 30th November – Hardware Install and comp training refresher after lunch (Onsite)
- 1st December – Go Live Day (Onsite)

Our new look and feature filled golf operation system will be available for practice from November 16th.

This new 'MiClub' Online golf system is in use by over 500 clubs in Australia including, Cottesloe Golf Club, Port Macquarie GC, Sanctuary Cove GC, Royal Sydney GC, Riverside Oaks GC, Barwon Heads GC and The National GC (Cape Schanck). The new online golf system can be accessed through the Nelson Bay Golf Club website or by selecting the below link:

<https://nelsonbay.miclub.com.au/security/login.msp>

1. Logging on

You will be prompted to login, your username is your Nelson Bay GC 4 or 5 digit member number and your new temporary password is now your birth day and month (e.g. "0705" for 7 May). Upon logging in for the first time the system will ask you to change your password to something more secure.

Membership No.

Password

Remember Me

Login

Forgotten your password?
Need help logging on?

This section of the web site provides information and services that are available only to members of Nelson Bay Golf Club.

Password
Your username is your membership number (the last four digits of you Golfink number removing leading 0s. e.g. 0035 becomes 35) and your password is now your birth day and month (e.g. "0705" for 7 May). Plei contact the club if you have any problems. Once logged on you may ch your password. It is recommended that you update your password aftr logging on for the first time.

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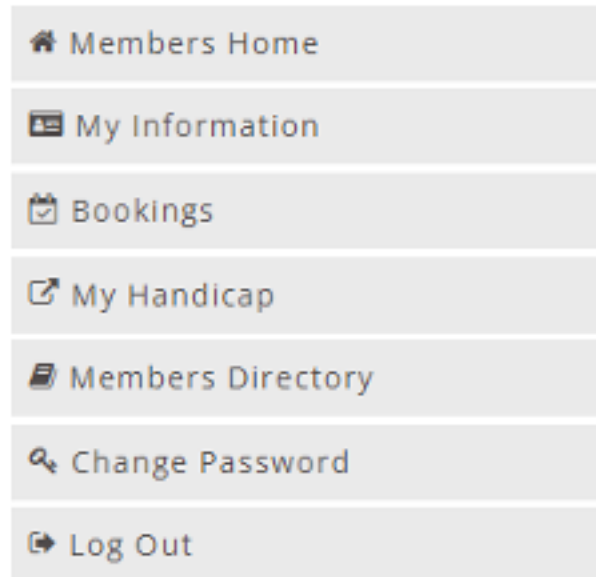
Trouble logging in?

Please contact the office ASAP.

2. Update your details

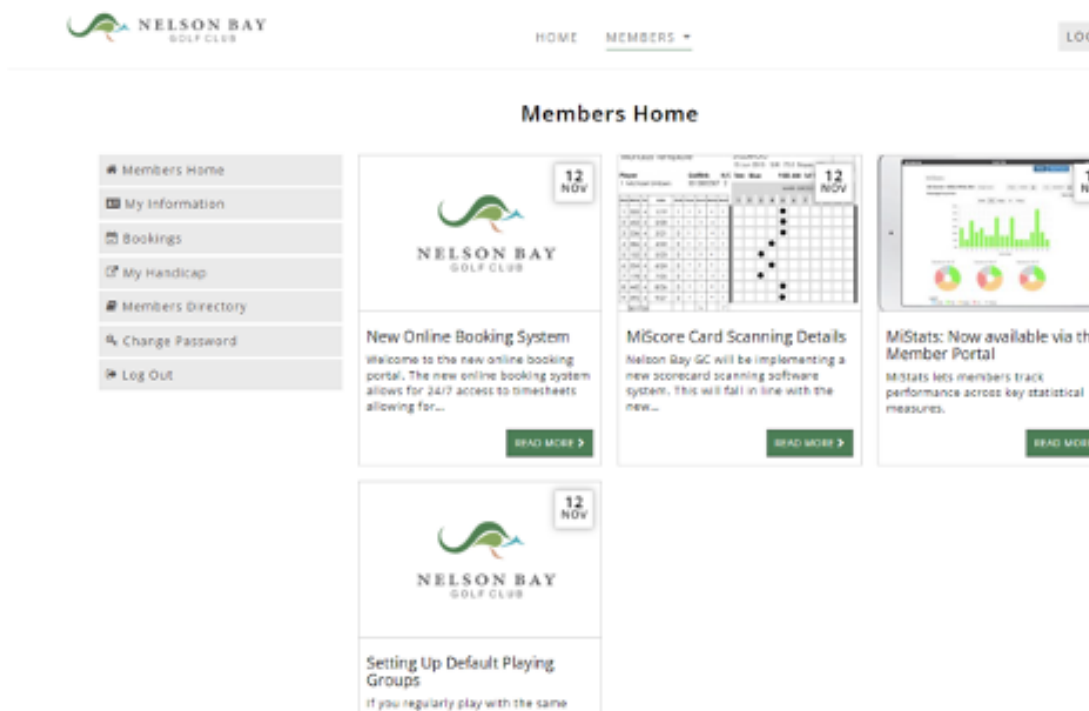
When you first login please update your member details. In particular phone numbers and email address, this will greatly assist the club in keeping all

members information up to date. All members' details are private unless you choose otherwise.



3. Members page

Once logged onto the site you will be taken to your own personal welcome page. On this page you will see your contact details, a link to your golf bookings, golf competition results, a playing partner's setup instructional post, card scanning post and a general Club notice board. From this screen you will also be able to navigate around the complete site including many pages which are only available to members of the club.

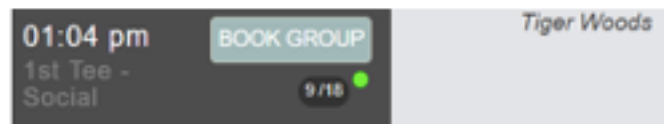


Members will also have access to a 'My Information' page which gives members access to live competition leaderboards, past competition results as well as 'MiStats' which tracks the performance of each member in competition play. This feature will display the members best and worst holes as well as birdie, par and bogey percentages.

4. New Online Timesheet System

Once logged in, navigate to the Timesheets area by clicking on 'Bookings' which will appear in the accordion on the left or via the 'Members' drop down option at the top.

Practice timesheets will be available on the new member's online booking facility from November 16 – November 23. These practice timesheets exist for practice bookings only.



Please be aware that the 1st Online Timesheet with the new system will be for **December 1**. This timesheet will open for bookings on November 23 with normal bookings applying.

Timesheets exist for every day, please be sure to book, to avoid disappointment. Any course closures and or syllabus changes will be updated on the website.

Similar to making a booking, members can also delete their booking by selecting the red cross next to their name on the timesheet.

Timesheets for online bookings close at 6am of that morning, from then on, any cancellations must be made through the Pro Shop.

5. Timesheet changeover period

Timesheets for up until November 30 will be booked via the old system / method. Timesheets for December 1 onwards will be booked via the new MiClub system.

6. Reminder emails

Once live the booking system will automatically send email reminders 48 hours prior to any golf booking. If you cannot play at this booked time, please remove yourself ASAP to allow an opportunity for another member to play.

7. Additional Links (e.g. Card Scanning Tutorial, APP Scoring Tutorial etc)

Card Scanning - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6Q5tFaNleI> Scoring APP (if purchased) - <https://www.miclub.com.au/cms/miscore-app/> and <https://miscore.com.au/download/>

Members Newsletter

Important information for all Clubhouse members

September 29th, 2021

Dear Members and Guests,

With the announcement of the NSW Government's Roadmap to re-opening, we are pleased to announce that Nelson Bay Golf Club are planning to re-open the Clubhouse on October 11. This will be subject to the governments confirmation of the date based on the vaccination percentage.

In line with this re-opening, we will be stringently following the Government guidelines and will be operating in accordance with the NSW Government Roadmap to Freedom.

We have been advised by our regulatory body ClubsNSW, that on re-opening, we can only provide access to the premises for patrons who have been fully (2 dose) vaccinated against Covid-19 or have a valid medical exemption.

ClubsNSW are working with the NSW Government on the Service NSW 'vaccine passport', which will enable us to verify vaccination status. Once COVID-19 digital certificates are available in the Service NSW app, you'll be able to prove your vaccination status when you check in to a venue.

Until this is available we need to verify patrons status using other means as follows.

Please read the next section carefully to ensure we are all working together in the re-opening of our Club. Please also ensure you have your information ready before you enter the Club, for a smooth process at our reception desk. This will be necessary each time you come to the Club.

INFORMATION ON VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS & VERIFICATION

How can I prove I'm fully vaccinated?

You will have either a COVID-19 digital certificate or an immunisation history statement.

Where can I access my proof of vaccination?

You can access your proof of vaccination listed above through either:

- Your Medicare online account through myGov
- The Express Plus Medicare mobile app, which also gives you the option of adding your digital certificate to an Apple Wallet or Google Pay.

Can I come to the club if I've only had one vaccine dose?

The NSW Government has announced that only people who have received both doses of the vaccine can come to the club the Monday after NSW reaches the 70 per cent double-dose milestone.

How can I get proof in hard copy?

You can ask your vaccination provider to print your immunisation history statement. You can also call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 and ask them to send your statement to you. It can take up to 14 days to arrive in the post.

What if I can't get vaccinated?

Subject to the legislation which mandates vaccinations, people who can't be vaccinated may be permitted to enter the club if they obtain a "contraindication certificate" in the approved form. Please consult your medical practitioner for further information. It is likely that we will only be permitted to accept a medical exemption in the approved form.

How can I prove to the club that I'm fully vaccinated or medically exempt?

You can show our staff proof of vaccination:

Open your Express Plus Medicare mobile app, click "Immunisation history" and then click "View COVID-19 digital certificate"

Access the COVID-19 digital certificate in your Apple Wallet or Google Pay

Present a hard copy of your immunisation history statement

Present a hard copy of a medical exemption (contraindication certificate) completed by a medical practitioner.

How will the club know my proof of vaccine or medical exemption is authentic?

At our discretion, we may attempt to verify that your "proof of vaccine" is authentic. We remind you that it is a federal offence to falsify this information.

Where can I find more information?

Further information on accessing and proving your vaccination status can be found on the Services Australia website and the NSW Government website.

We look forward to working together for a successful club re-opening and hope to see you soon. Please follow our social media channel for further updates and we will send email updates as they are available.

Regards,

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

Members Newsletter

October 1st, 2021

President Pete's Paragraph

As you will see when you read the Captains' Column below it is anticipated the Clubhouse will open to double Covid-19 vaccinated members from Monday, 11th October. We look forward to welcoming you back.

Since March 2020 the Directors and Management have always considered what is best for the members, staff and contractors at the club and this will continue during the NSW Government's reopening roadmap. We have applied more stringent rules than other golf clubs, but this was due to our member's safety, age demographic and the safety and welfare of our staff and contractors.

With this in mind, that is why the decision has been made to allow only allow double vaccinated NBGC golfing members access to the golf course for competition and social play. **Please ensure you have forwarded an electronic copy for Covid-19 double dose certificate available through your myGov app to reception@nelsonbaygolf.com.au or hand a copy to the duty Covid Marshall before October 11th or when you have been double vaccinated to update our records.**

As with previous clubhouse Covid19 operations the following guidelines will apply: -

- You must produce your NSW Services Covid-19 check in and membership card and proof of double Covid-19 vaccination or Medical exemption when entering the Clubhouse. Members & visitors must check out when leaving the Club to control the number of people in the Club at any one time.
- You must wear a face mask and check in when you visit a business including clubs. At NBGC this includes the Pro Shop and Clubhouse, but can be removed when eating and drinking.
- The one person per 4sqm rule applies indoors and one person per 2sqm applies outdoors.
- You must follow the instructions of the duty Covid-19 host (wearing hi-vis vest) and reception staff when visiting the Club.
- You must remain seated at all times when at the Club except when ordering food & drink.
- You can stand up when drinking on the balcony abiding by the one person per 2sqm rule.
- Furniture is not to be moved or closed tables used under any circumstance.
- Visitors from outside the Port Stephens LGA will not be permitted to enter the Club until further notice.
- Wash your hands regularly as per the posters in each bathroom.
- Cover your mouth & nose when coughing & sneezing.
- The courtesy bus will not be operation until further notice.

Like other Nelson Bay businesses our main issue is staff vaccination with not all staff being fully double vaccinated due to the Covid 19 vaccination delays in the Port Stephens LGA. This will affect the **reopening of Bluewater Grill and they will resume full lunch**

and dinner service from Thursday, 21st October 2021. A limited number of pies, sausage rolls and sandwiches will be available from the bar during the day until this time.

Covid-19 has affected us all in different ways, but spare a thought for Keith Campbell (Director of Finance) and other Sydney based members who have been in lock down in Sydney for the past 15 weeks and have not been able to play golf. We are very lucky to live in the Port Stephens LGA.

Regards,

Peter Fagan

From the Captain

Our Clubhouse is likely to be open from Monday 11th October. We know that this depends on the Govt orders but by trying to be ready, the Match Committee has decided to plan ahead as follows:

- As a basis for what follows, the Club recognises that it has a duty of care to all its employees and all of its members.
- To begin with we will limit playing to our members only, as our verified knowledge of the status of everyone's Covid vaccination is paramount to protecting all our staff and other Members. Only players with the full double shots of vaccination will be allowed in our Clubhouse and on our Course until the Govt relaxes its regulations to allow others, yet to be defined. We may have to have a Covid Marshall checking people's vaccination status before they go into the Pro Shop.
- No one should even book a game if they have not registered their full vaccination with the Club as previously requested. If they do so, they are taking up a playing time for a member who is fully vaccinated. Members who have not provided a Covid-19 vaccination certificate or medical exemption will be removed from the booking sheets.
- We should start playing in 4s from Monday 11th.
- Flagsticks remain in place and are not to be touched.
- Bunkers have no rakes, so the current Temporary Local Rules stay in place, so current rules re carts still apply.
- All the regular Medley comps restart from Tuesday 12th at 7 minute intervals, not the present 6 mins.
- The Ladies' Champs start next Tuesday 5th October playing in pairs. Rounds 2,3 and 4 will be played in 4s, providing the expected opening up of the Shutdown regs occurs by the 11th October.
- The Men's Champs will start on Saturday 16th as planned and will be in 4s for all 4 rounds, again, subject to the Health Regs. The allotted tee times will be available online from Monday 11th October.
- Assuming the Clubhouse is open from the 11th, ballots for Wednesday and Saturdays will start again from Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th at 4pm for early players and 5pm for the later players.

- As the Clubhouse will be closed until Monday 11th, we will have to stay with the current online bookings in pairs for up to Sunday 10th, but the booking sheets will be set as stated above in 4s from Monday 11th.
- All Members MUST have registered their double vaccination status or medical exemptions with the Club Reception before they can book to play or enter the Pro Shop or Clubhouse from Monday 11th .
- Because the Championships are based on the aggregate scores of 4 rounds, we cannot switch to the Mi Club software until after Sunday 24th October when the Championships will have been completed.
- Unfortunately, Trivia cannot restart until the Govt Regs allow us to meet with 2m2 pp indoors.

Happy golfing,

David Rann

Ladies Newsletter

September 30th, 2021

Dear

Ladies

If nothing else this lockdown has helped me improve my technological skills with some assistance from our wonderful and efficient secretary Julie Walker!

Consequently I am now making available to you a link to the nomination form for our AGM on 9th November. Any current committee member who is nominating for another year and any new members nominating must be on this updated electronic form and submitted accordingly [Nomination for 2022 form](#)

All nominations must be received by **5pm Tuesday 26th October 2021** and Nominees and Nominators must be financial full playing lady members. Nominations will be posted on the notice board in the ladies locker room and will remain on the notice board provided there is not a need for a secret ballot for a particular position.

The minutes of the 2020 ladies AGM have been on display in the locker room and are also on the NBGC website [here](#)

Any notices of Motion and General Business to be raised for members' consideration or voting must also be received by **5 pm Tuesday 26th October**. Please email or deliver to Julie Walker at juliewalker249@gmail.com

At this stage I envisage that the AGM will be held at the club at 2 pm after

golf on Tuesday 9th November however in these strange times nothing is certain.

Anyone who has an interest in nominating please think seriously about it and feel free to talk to any of the current committee members. Once we are allowed back into the clubhouse this will be easier to do in person however I am happy to provide anyone with the phone number of a committee member they may wish to phone (my number is 0419467766).

Can I just remind all ladies who are double-vaxed the importance of providing the club with your Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate before 11th October. There have been a lot of words thrown around to describe this pandemic we have endured over the past 19 months however my favourite at the moment (especially with some of the confusion that abounds over the rules once we reach the so called 'freedom targets') is:- discombobulated - means "to confuse or disconcert" but adds an aspect of anger as well "to upset or frustrate."

Kind

regards

Pam

Dear Member,

With government announcements suggesting that when NSW achieve the 70% double-dose milestone (possibly by October 11th, 2021) businesses across NSW may re-open or otherwise be open to those who are fully vaccinated, the Club would like to get a better understanding of where the membership is at with regards to vaccination rates to allow us to plan for a re-opening of the clubhouse, golf back in 4 balls and welcoming back all our locked out members.

With the delay in the Government's vaccination App, we would like to take the opportunity prior to reaching the 70% milestone to log proof of vaccination against COVID-19 for all our membership. We are taking this step now in order to prepare us to more effectively manage our membership at such a time when the government eases it's COVID-19 restrictions.

At this time, we are unsure what restrictions may be placed on individuals who are not yet double-dosed. The Club is therefore requesting members send electronic proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to reception@nelsonbaygolf.com.au, or bring a copy to the Covid Marshall. You can obtain a COVID-19 Digital Certificate through MyGov. Please be aware that the club is requesting only a COVID-19 Certificate, not an individual's full vaccine history, and that should restrictions ease for those who are fully vaccinated, compliance (proof of vaccination) is on the individual, not the Club.

As we have reported in past newsletters the Club has been delayed with the introduction of the MiClub golf management system due to COVID 19, but when the system is installed it will have the capacity to securely keep members Covid 19 status private.

The Club will continue to comply with all requirements set by the NSW Government and all advice provided by our industry bodies wherever applicable.

Your assistance with the above is appreciated.

Peter Fagan
President

Members newsletter

September 10th, 2021

Covid Update

Please do not enter the facilities at Nelson Bay Golf Club including the golf course and practice facilities, if you are impacted by any updated venue of concern or hotspot advised by NSW Health or listed on their website www.health.nsw.gov.au

Please contact the Club if you require additional information.

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

President Pete's Paragraph

Apology

In my last newsletter I thanked Chris Mawson for his time as a director, but inadvertently called him Chris Dawson. My apologies Chris, your service on the board was greatly appreciated.

Vale Robert (Bob) Miller

With the clubhouse being closed I would like to inform members of the recent passing of Bob Miller. Bob lived for golf and was a very good pennant player in Sydney. He had also played with some of the world's greatest golfers when they played in Sydney back in the sixties. Bob was a NBGC member for 32 ½ years and up until his illness a regular player as well as foundation and life member with the Skins Group. We will miss his golf stories.

Covid Restrictions

With the current Covid restrictions remaining for the foreseeable future the Captain, Professional and General Manager have been busy planning additional competition spaces to keep up with unprecedented demand. See David's report below.

Speed of Play

With the introduction of competition golf, we are playing about 30 minutes slower than social golf. If you follow a few basic guidelines the speed of play will improve:

- Keep up with the group in front, not keeping ahead of the group behind
- Mark your score card after playing your tee shot or while your partner is playing their tee shot
- Allow the shorter hitter (not height wise) to tee off first Following the above guidelines will ensure all players enjoy their round and finish in a reasonable time.

Keep safe and see you out there.

Peter Fagan

President

From the Captain

Due to the ever increasing pressure from members who want to play comp golf and as the current Covid situation seems unlikely to change for a good few weeks yet, we are going to introduce the following new medley comp times as from next Saturday 18th September. We cannot make these changes any quicker as it would cause too much disruption to existing bookings. We must play in pairs and must not congregate anywhere. Please see our booking sheets, one week ahead, for the exact times: -

- A new "early birds" medley comp will be slotted in from 6:30am to about 8am from next Saturday 18th and the following Wednesday 22nd and each will enable about 30 players to have a game.
- A new medley comp will be added from Monday 20th onwards. 9 hole social bookings still have to be made with the Pro Shop.
- An additional medley comp from 11.30am will be added on Tuesdays, Thursdays and possibly Sundays as well.

Please note that our green staff have limited work hours because of the Covid situation so the course may not be perfect, but I ask that all members appreciate what the Club staff and the Pro Shop is doing for us members.

The Match Committee and Match Desk personnel will also have to work extended hours as well, so if results are delayed in being published, please be patient as all legitimate scores will be processed in due course.

Following recent questions about the value of prizes, it should be understood that all prizes depend on the size of the field of that comp and that it takes 16 players to make a formal competition. Less than 16 players means that it will be a ball comp. Sometimes the grades and the number of prizes have to be modified to suit the number of players and their grades.

Golf is good exercise!! Stay safe and get vaccinated!

Happy golfing!

David Rann
Captain

Lady Captains Newsletter

September 8th, 2021

Dear

Ladies,

Please read below for the changes to the purple flags, provided by David. I have

tried to change back to purple on Thursdays and Fridays, but this is what has been decided by the board. At the end of the day, we are so lucky to be playing golf and these measures should only be temporary during this COVID lockdown period.

"Warren had already made me aware of the confusion caused by some Ladies not looking at their score cards to see that they were playing off the red tees not the purple. As you are aware, the decision to simplify the tee set-ups was instigated by the need to save the club money since the Covid shutdown of our clubhouse has made a \$100k reduction in our Club's weekly income. This immediately lead to the greenkeepers and all permanent staff having their hours cut back to the bone. The greens and fairways are not being cut so often for the same reason. This is obviously regrettable but necessary. There are no bunkers being repaired daily and I have noticed that some hole positions have not been changed as often we used to do. To minimise the risk of confusion, I have asked our GM to instruct our greenkeepers to remove all the purple markers until we resume normal play after this Covid shutdown has passed and normal working hours resumed. I trust that the Ladies will understand why these measures have been introduced and we apologise for the small inconvenience caused."

Regards,

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Members Newsletter

3rd September, 2021

Covid update

Please do not enter the facilities at Nelson Bay Golf Club including the golf course and practice facilities, if you are impacted by any updated venue of concern or hotspot including, but not limited to the recent advice below.

Coles Liquorland Salamander Bay – Advice from NSW Health, all customers who were in the store between 4.10pm and 10.09 pm on Friday 27th August and 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 28th August are asked to seek a COVID-19 test immediately and isolate until you receive a negative result.

IGA X-Press Shoal Bay, 26-27 Shoal Bay Rd, Shoal Bay on Saturday, 28 August between 10.50am and 11am.

Please contact the Club if you require additional information.

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

President Pete's Paragraph

Unfortunately, I wish to advise Chris Dawson resigned from the Board prior to our recent meeting. Chris was a Director for two years prior to being elected as Vice-Captain in late 2020. I did not know Chris prior to my joining the Board but over the last year I have come to respect him and his commitment to our Club immensely. Chris has been a reliable, constant worker and has always been prominent around the Clubhouse. It is a shame he has personal reasons for his resignation, but he will still be out there on the course. Chris, on behalf of the Board and our membership we sincerely thank you for your efforts.

The Vice Captains position will be up for election before the Annual General Meeting planned for next November. Mark Barden has agreed to fill in as Vice Captain until the AGM.

Golf Bookings

The Match Committee have considered all options for more members to have access to our competitions. However, being limited to groups of two puts severe limitations on how many players we can have out on the course. I believe the present system with competitions held six days a week is the best we can achieve.

An associated problem is the difficulty booking a game at the 7pm opening of the sheets, frustrating in a lot of cases. That time may not be suitable to all members but appears to be best for most. I ask for members understanding and patience in these matters.

Staff

With the Covid lockdown extended by 2 weeks and to cut overheads all members of the green staff are now working a 17.5 hour week in line with all other full time staff.

Our popular long term Office Manager, Penny Whatman is leaving the Club in October to take up a contract with Tocul Agricultural College. Penny has been at the Club for over 10 years and has always provided members and staff valuable information on club membership and the way the club operates. We wish Penny & Rob the best with their new life at Paterson. Trevor our GM is currently reviewing the Office Manager's position before a replacement is employed.

Keep safe and see you out there.

Peter Fagan
President

From the Captain

Following on from Chris Mawson's surprise resignation, I want to thank him for all his hard work for the Club over the past few years. However, I am delighted to confirm that Mark Barden will act as Vice Captain until the outcomes of the upcoming elections are known at the AGM.

We have started to be well prepared for the imminent changeover to the Mi Club system of golf management and Match Committee training has commenced. Our playing members will get an opportunity to become familiar with the Mi Club system towards the end of September,

before going "live" soon after, Covid 19 permitting.

The Men's Club Championships are planned to take place over the two weekends in October, namely the 16th/17th and 23rd/24th as per the online calendar. The Match Committee will announce the booking arrangements after the next Committee meeting to be held on Monday 13th September.

Meanwhile it is also our intention to hold the next Monthly Medal on Saturday 11th September. Booking sheets for this will open this Saturday 4th at 7pm. C1, Gynea Lily, will be the Monthly Medal Stroke and C2 will be Stableford.

Hopefully the glitch in the current booking system has been sorted by M-Power before this weekend so that people can add their playing partner's name in before closing. Depending on when the Govt changes its restrictions it will likely take 7 days to change our booking sheets because changing from pairs at the current 6 minute intervals to 4 ball groups at 7 minute intervals is always going to be very difficult. Please blame Covid not us!

Happy golfing!

David Rann
Captain

Ladies Newsletter

3rd September, 2021

Dear Ladies

As it seems we may be in this lockdown situation for a while longer there is not much to impart about golf matters at the moment. So following on from my last newsletter which revolved around the Bay Buddies program I would now like to highlight the valuable contribution from two of our lady members. Both these ladies are very humble however I know how much time and dedication (with the contribution of many other lady members) they have given of themselves and so I will let you hear it in their own words firstly from Vicki Melrose.

The Hot Birdies Story

How did we come about?

From one of Warren Moses's Clinics 6 years ago when a group of 5 took one of Warren's 5 week clinics. The majority of us were new to the area had husbands that played at Nelson Bay Golf Club who had encouraged us to take up golf in retirement if we wanted to see them.

At the conclusion of the clinic we asked what social group could we join to be told there was none and it was suggested we start our own. So with the help of Karen and Dave Flatt, Ina Collins (Bombardiere), Lesley Filmer and many other lady members who volunteered to walk around the course with us we started a golf group (no name yet). With word getting out as to what we were doing to ladies from other courses it meant our group suddenly started to grow. (However won't tell you how long it took us to get around the course as a huge number of

beginners) The Lady members help and patience was unbelievable.

How did we get our name?

The Club House had just burnt down. It was suggested we find a name to book in as we were up to 10 in numbers. Karen Flatt suggested Birdies so we went with it. At the same time a photo was posted on Facebook, then a very cheeky Bar Supervisor came back with “Hot Birdies”! You have to remember most of us were under 60 at the time!!!

We still like to think we are ‘Hot’ but probably not for the same reason now.

How do we operate?

So originally it was just turn up no need to notify. Ball in the bag and who came out was who you played with. From the beginning we decided to put \$1 dollar into play and this went towards balls and the end of year Christmas party. We do balls each week but not necessarily for best score.

Covid-19 hit last year so we had to rethink. We went on to What’s app so it was easy to say if you are in for Monday or Friday and times were then sent out. We are also very fortunate that not only the Moses brothers were very accommodating but also Michael who worked for them and understood the Birdies.

Things you don’t know about the Birdies:

- We are now a group of 30 and while our numbers fluctuate we now come from people new to the area with a need to meet people but also we have been used as a way back to golf for those with shoulder or hip injuries.
- We are indeed happy for anyone new to golf because that is how our group started.
- Our ladies who couldn’t hit a ball to save their lives 6 years ago are now sponsors of Thursday Golf and to their credit are on the winner’s board regularly.
- Also we are big supporters of Tomaree Breast Cancer.
- Because of D.O.B we have a number of medical issues and losses of parents and loved ones but have the most amazing support group that started from nothing
- The Birdies is an amazing group of ladies that have built amazing friendships through golf.
- What Anne Turner is doing with The Bay BUDDIES is fantastic and how the “Hot Birdies” originally started with the help of lady members well done Anne.

And now this from Ina Collins (who I inadvertently referred to as Bombardiere in my last newsletter although I knew full well she had married Peter) Skinettes

A little of our history.

At a Skins (men only) End of Year Dinner, I was asked why ladies didn’t have Skins? And, so the birth of Skinettes came about. Myself, Sandra Pride and Jenny Syme were the beginnings.

After some conversations we had some other ladies came on board. Sandra as President,

myself as Captain and Denise Ball as Treasurer. Then later Jenny Runyard and Sue Conrades as Committee.

We play exactly the same as the men, and initially I received lots of help from their Executive, and that still continues.

We commenced on the 7th March 2019 with four ladies Anne Peterson, Denise Ball, Sandra Pride and myself. We quickly grew to around 12 ladies, and now regularly have 20+ starters each week with around 40 registered members.

We play Stableford hole by hole, each hole is played for 20c (doesn't break the bank). We play every Thursday morning following the Ladies Competition and monetary prizes and balls are awarded depending on numbers playing.

There is a Trophy for the yearly winner with accumulative points being given for attendance, winning, NTP, Birdies and Gobblers.

Last year we also held an "overseas trip" to Hawks Nest. We hope to do this again sometime. It is a good chance for a 9-hole practice round as well as comradeship and socialising. We also discuss rules, slow play and any other queries that may occur.

Membership is \$10 a year paid after three games and then \$8 to the pro shop and \$4 towards prizes and EOY Luncheon. Handicaps are also adjusted.

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So it is pleasing that these two groups are enabling our lady members to participate on a level that suits their needs. I also know that the Birdies group has on at least one occasion enjoyed a few days away having fun at other courses.

I have been privileged also to be invited to the Skinettes EOY luncheon and I even joined in on the game in 2020. Also it is so great that the new 'Bay Buddies' group is encouraging some of the participants to gain a handicap even during this lockdown.

So as we say goodbye to winter and hello spring I hope you all enjoy the return to competitions on our beautiful course which is looking splendid after the recent course renovations.

Kind regards

Pam

Members Newsletter

26th August, 2021

President Pete's Paragraph

We do not regularly report on the passing of members as most of us are in the age bracket where it happens too frequently. However, Foundation and Life Member Zelma Chalmers recently passed away and I believe she deserves a special mention.

Zelma and husband Lofty were part of the inaugural meeting for the formation of our Club. They never wavered in their support for the Club and served in various capacities over the decades. Zelma lost Lofty quite some time ago but continued playing and supporting the Club. Sunday golfers still play over the season for the L & Z Chalmers trophy which Zelma financed. Zelma was a friend to us all, a perfect gentlewoman and a great supporter of our Club.

Our sincerest condolences to the Chalmers family and friends. I believe Zelma advised her family she did not want a funeral.

Irrigation Update

I am pleased to report stage two of the main line for new irrigation system has been completed and has gone live and charged with water. This will now allow of the 4th, 5th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 22nd & 21st greens to be fitted with new irrigation lines and sprinkler heads.

Covid Restrictions

It is disappointing that the regional lockdown has been extended by two weeks, but as time progresses we should see some restrictions easing.

I would like to thank members for abiding by the Covid rules and supporting the Club where possible.

I am looking forward to participating in competition golf and seeing you on the course.

Peter Fagan

President

From the Captain

Competition golf will recommence from this coming Saturday, 28th August. To assist the Match Desk volunteers with managing the award of prizes and the closing of the competition, the Match Committee would appreciate the help and understanding of all competitors as follows:

1. All comp players must put their completed cards, cross-checked and signed, in two places into the correct basket on the table outside the Pro Shop.
2. Club staff will take these cards upstairs to the scanners in the members lounge, scan them and save the scores until 3:30pm.

3. Match Desk personnel will take over from 3:30pm with one person on the computer and one person scanning the remaining cards with PPE gloves on.
4. If the score on the card differs from the score on the computer, the lower Stableford score or the higher Stroke score will be recorded on the Prize Report. As per the current Local Rules.
5. If any part of the card has not been correctly completed and signed by the player in two places, the card will be discarded without a score being recorded. The Match Desk personnel will not correct incomplete cards anymore.
6. The prize winnings will be defined on the Prize Report as "Credits" which will automatically go to the Pro Shop. There will be no paper vouchers until normality is resumed.
7. The list of ball winners will also go to the Pro Shop for credits to be applied automatically.
8. All results will be sent to Golf Link providing internet connections allow.
9. All results will be visible on our club website but cannot be published in newspapers as there are no Reception staff working whilst the clubhouse is closed. Please note that until all results are to hand and the competition is closed, the "Results" online represent the current leaderboard, not the final result.

Your full cooperation, courtesy and attention to detail will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and happy golfing!

David Rann
Captain

Members update

August 23rd, 2021

Dear Members

We are aware that the twice a week on-line booking times has not been easy to access, so with Maurie's assistance we have decided that every day will be able to be booked 7 days ahead, as follows:

1. The opening time for each on-line time sheet will be at 7pm one week beforehand, from this Tuesday 24th August, as it is always Social Golf on Mondays. For example, the booking opening time this Wednesday 25th August will be for next Wednesday 1st September etc, etc.
2. Social golf on any day from 28th August onwards has to be booked via the Pro Shop only not on-line.

Good Golfing.

Regards

David Rann
Captain

Ladies Newsletter

August 23rd, 2021

Dear Ladies

Coming from a golfing family I had my first game in my teens but did not play on a regular basis until I became a member of Nelson Bay Golf Club around 2005 and then keenly gained a handicap. Back then we would often have around 140 + ladies playing in the competition on Tuesdays with smaller numbers on a Thursday. These days we are lucky to attract 80 ladies on a Tuesday with Thursday's numbers remaining quite stable.

Who knows the reason for this decline perhaps it is an ageing population or a financial / time issue and let's face it golf is renowned for being frustratingly difficult for beginners and many times this still applies even after you 'get hooked'.

With this in mind the ladies committee has been running the Bay Buddies program under the guidance of Ann Turner and with the assistance and appreciation of some dedicated lady members. Please see below information from Ann giving details of this project:

Since late June the Ladies' Committee has been running the Bay Buddies, a membership development program. The aim of the initiative is to educate potential club members in a friendly, non-threatening environment about etiquette and the process of competition play.

Socialisation is also an important focus, both during and following mentored games. In a nutshell, the initiative offers new players nine holes of golf in the company of an experienced golfer or "buddy", each Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Presented in conjunction with Warren Moses' golfing clinics, the Bay Buddies provides a relaxed opportunity for potential golfers to experience the game and, perhaps, take their involvement to the next level. The support of club members

as mentors, who volunteer their time most generously, has been integral to this success and in a very short time the “Bay Buddies” has proved most popular.

Presently, a number of participants have reached competition standard and are completing cards for handicap and the option of playing competition golf.

The viability of the Bay Buddies is dependent on a regular induction of new participants it is possible that you, our members, may be a valuable means to assist in this area. As a golfer, you may be aware of potential candidates for the Bay Buddies. If you do know of any prospective recruits, please offer them encouragement to join. A call to Ann Turner (0409 556 949) is all that is required to start the process.

Golf is a wonderful sport and so much more, let's share our passion! May I say here a big thank you to Ann.

We are also applying for a \$1000 grant being offered by the NHDLGA which will be used for incentive prize rewards and an end of year get together and presentation. The next step is to encourage more ladies to join the program which Ann touches on and so also attached is a flyer which we hope will encourage this process. It has been said that “there is no better advertising for a golf club than the kind that comes from current members”.

I would also like to mention here the dedication of two of our lady members who have been encouraging member participation. Namely Vicki Melrose who has for a long time run the ‘Birdies’ group of keen golfers (many of whom now regularly play in competitions) and Ina Bombardiere who began the ladies ‘Skinettes”. I plan to highlight their contributions over the next few weeks.

Meanwhile enjoy your golf which it seems is enjoying an upsurge in member participation being perfectly suited to social distancing and more fun than merely walking for exercise!

Kind regards

Pam

Members Newsletter

August 20th, 2021

President Pete's Paragraph

Your Board are following State directives on the Covid requirements on what seems an hourly basis.

Our intention is to maximize the number of members out on the course daily. To achieve our goal the tee intervals have been reduced to six minutes while time slots have been increased to reflect the increase in daylight hours. The two only members restriction in each time slot does mean we cannot have the number of players out there that we have in normal times. You are going to have problems finding a time slot on certain days which is unfortunate, but we do not have a better alternative.

The starting of regular competitions on the 28th August will introduce some normality to our golfing days.

Please do not congregate in and around the pro shop, around the tees or on the practice facilities before or after your round as it is Covid rule no1.

Look on the bright side, the weather is great, and we are the lucky ones having a sport we can enjoy during the Covid era.

Members are also reminded a collared shirt is required whether playing social or competition golf.

Irrigation Progress

Work continues on the new irrigation system with the second stage of the mainline due to be completed next week. Once tested, work will continue installing irrigation to greens from the 21st to the 13th plus the 4th & 5th while working on the final stage of the mainline. We continue to be impressed with the quality of work from Gosford Irrigation and the contractors are easy to work with even though they are Rooster supporters.

Stay safe.

Peter Fagan
President

From the Captain

Golf NSW has vetoed the recently revised “Roots” rule 9 on our new Mi Club cards (not yet in use) and also on display on our 3 Notice Boards, on the basis that Golf NSW “are not looking to effectively provide relief anywhere on the course”. So, we have decided to revert to the previous version which I took from the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf from the R&A 2 years ago. This can be seen below for your information.

Golf NSW suggested that we reduce the relief area width from 4 club lengths to 1 or 2 club lengths, but we believe that this would only cause confusion, so the Match Committee has decided to stay with the previous wording as per the R&A draft Local Rule. The new Local Rule 9 will be active from Wednesday 25th August and is as follows: -
“If a player’s ball is in the general area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less or within 4 club lengths of the edge of the ground cut to fairway height, the tree roots are treated as GUR and a player may take free relief under rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player’s stance.”

Our apologies for this enforced change but the Match Committee was trying to prevent injury from our numerous tree roots and our governing body disagreed with our approach.

Providing the Govt Health regulations allow it, we hope to have comp golf, albeit in pairs only, back at Nelson Bay from Saturday 28th August when the newly renovated greens should be good enough for comp golf. Please place your signed comp card in the appropriate basket outside the Pro Shop and the Match Committee will process it from there.

As you would be aware, the State Govt tends to make announcements at 11am on Thursdays which does not allow us very much time to make changes to our timesheets for the immediate weekend, so please bear with us as we are doing our best to maximise your exercise and enjoyment in difficult circumstances.

Please remember to fix your pitch marks on the greens even though they have been cored.

Happy golfing!

David Rann
Captain

Covid-19 Update – Week 3

We can continue Golf however, for the Golf Course to remain open, we need to all abide by the following rules: -

- Members only, no visitors
- 2 people per booking – no exceptions
- Social Golf only until Competition golf from Saturday 28th August 2021
- All comp Golf bookings to be made ONLINE. Social bookings from 28th August to be made with the Pro Shop.
- One person per cart unless both are from the same household
- No co-mingling near the Pro Shop or on the Course. This includes no Car Park beers or chats. Please leave straight after your game has concluded. The 1.5 metre rule is back and being enforced
- Please adhere to all requests provided by the COVID Marshall on site
- Due to the limited numbers able to play, please choose Wednesday OR Saturday (not both) to enable others to play
- 10-minute restrictions apply to the putting green and practice tee
- We will continue to provide updates via Facebook, our website, our newsletter and app. Please follow these to receive these updates.

We hope this lockdown period passes soon and that all our members and guests stay safe and well.

Regards,

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

Important members update

August 17th, 2021

From the President

I have just come out of a finance meeting and if Covid restrictions continue the Club will loss \$100,000 per week while in lockdown through bar, gaming & golf income.

Management has significantly reduced costs through wages, cleaning, rubbish collection, but there are still many fixed costs. Some like electricity will reduce through reduced trading. All capital expenditure excluding the new irrigation system has been put on hold until further notice.

Another victim of Covid is Bluewater Grill who will cease operating after Sunday, 22nd August 2021 until further notice. They were due to close for two weeks for essential maintenance, but this has been brought forward by a week. Tanya & Will have agreed to continue to operate the halfway house on Wednesdays & Saturdays and we thank them for doing so. We wish Tanya, Will and staff the best and take this time to have a well deserved break at home.

I would like to thank Maurie, Maria, Warren and their staff for continuing to provide pro shop services to members over the past two weeks.

Stay safe.

Peter Fagan
President

From the Captain

In these uncertain times the following timesheets will go online for playing Members to book as follows:

- **For Monday 23rd August to Friday 27th inclusive**, there will be social play only as the greens will be too rough for comps following the renovations, please book online from 7pm on Wednesday 18th.

- **For Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th Aug** the booking sheets will be available online from 7pm on Friday 20th Aug. We hope to have comps over 18 holes, probably in pairs, providing the greens are good enough and the Govt Health Regs allow it, but this may have to change.
- **For Members with limited playing rights**, you must book via the Pro Shop only, from this Thursday morning (19th).
- **For Monday 30th Aug onwards**, our playing times and conditions will depend on what the Govt Health Regs allow at that time and we will keep you informed.

Keep active by playing golf!

Happy golfing!

David Rann
Captain

Covid-19 Update – Week 3

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- Please adhere to all requests provided by the COVID Marshall on site
- Due to the limited numbers able to play, please choose Wednesday OR Saturday (not both) to enable others to play
- 10-minute restrictions apply to the putting green and practice tee
- We will continue to provide updates via Facebook, our website, our newsletter and app. Please follow these to receive these updates.

We hope this lockdown period passes soon and that all our members and guests stay safe and well.

Regards,

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

Important Golf members update

August 15th 2021

Dear Members

After receiving the latest NSW Government and Golf NSW Covid updates and speaking with Steve Parrott (Club Solicitor) we can confirm members can play golf at Nelson Bay if they live in the Port Stephens LGA (the 5km restrictions does not apply) or if outside the PS LGA within 5 kilometres from home. The second clause does not apply to us because the golf course is further than 5 kms from the next LGA.

For the Golf Course to remain open, we need to all abide by the following rules:

- Members only, no visitors
- 2 people per booking – no exceptions
- Social Golf only
- All Golf bookings to be made ONLINE
- One person per cart unless both are from the same household
- No co-mingling near the Pro Shop or on the Course. This includes no Car Park beers or chats. Please leave straight after your game has concluded. The 1.5 metre rule is back and being enforced
- Please adhere to all requests provided by the COVID Marshall on site
- Due to the limited numbers able to play, please choose Wednesday OR Saturday (not both) to enable others to play
- 10-minute restrictions apply to the putting green and practice tee
- Limited Day & Social Playing Members playing restrictions still apply
- White tee markers for Men and Purple for Ladies
- All sheets to have Medley times at 7 min intervals for 18 holes
- 1-9 closed on Monday (Renovations)
- 10-18 closed on Tuesday (Renovations)
- 19-27 closed on Wednesday (Renovations)
- 9-hole course only available from Thursday
- “Fun” comps be set up because of the renovations so no reporting to Golfink until the greens are deemed to be good enough for serious comp golf

- Time sheets online will not be changed until week commencing Monday 23rd August
Stay safe.

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

Members Newsletter

August 12th, 2021

From the President

Just another quick catch up now the Covid lock down has been extended by 7 days.

Things will remain the same for next week, but we have brought forward the greens renovation by a week. David will mention more below in his column.

The halfway house will remain open on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the lockdown.

Bluewater Grill continue their takeaway service from Bluewater Grill for lunch 7 days a week or dinner Tuesday – Saturday. Coffee, cakes and snacks are available for 10am from the function room servery on the western side of the clubhouse. Follow the signs. Please support them when you can.

Clubhouse Staff

All full time and permanent part time bar and admin staff have been placed on minimum hours during lockdown. Staff will be present each day around the club house and following up phone messages, membership and cleaning duties. All casual staff have been stood down.

We have taken the opportunity to spring clean the clubhouse including carpet and furniture cleaning.

Irrigation Project

We continue moving forward with the new irrigation system with sprinklers now installed on the 3rd, 6th, 7th greens and surrounds. Currently Gosford Irrigation are working on the 23rd green. When completed this will link stage 1 and 2 of the main lines and then continue with greens and surrounds. If all goes well all greens and surrounds will be completed before summer, which will make Greg “Jaffa” Stynes our Course Super a very happy man.

The boys from Gosford Irrigations would like to thank the lady who gave them a packet of snakes in appreciation of their good work. Speaking of snakes our first red belly black snake of the season was spotted on the course today.



Sprinklers operating on the 7th green



Completed work on the 3rd green



Finishing the 6th green

Stay safe.

Peter Fagan
President

From the Captain

With Covid restrictions continuing for another 7 days we have brought the greens renovations forward one week with favorable weather conditions ahead. I can already see the change in the course condition with the warmer weather.

Covid-19 Update – Week 2

We can continue Golf however, for the Golf Course to remain open, we need to all abide by the following rules:

- Members only, no visitors
- 2 people per booking – no exceptions
- Social Golf only
- All Golf bookings to be made ONLINE
- One person per cart unless both are from the same household

- No co-mingling near the Pro Shop or on the Course. This includes no Car Park beers or chats. Please leave straight after your game has concluded. The 1.5 metre rule is back and being enforced
- Please adhere to all requests provided by the COVID Marshall on site
- Due to the limited numbers able to play, please choose Wednesday OR Saturday (not both) to enable others to play
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- “Fun” comps be set up because of the renovations so no reporting to Golfink until the greens are deemed to be good enough for serious comp golf
- Time sheets online will not be changed until week commencing Monday 23rd August

Happy golfing!

David Rann
Captain

Bluewater Grill are subject to the same lockdown rules however will continue to provide their full lunch and dinner menu as a takeaway option. Opening hours will be Lunch 7 days, Dinner Tuesday - Saturday. Pickup will be available from the Function Terrace window, which is situated to the left of the Club entrance.

Further details will be available through the Bluewater Grill Facebook and website [here](#)

A limited bar take-away menu will also be available. We will continue to provide updates via Facebook, our website, our newsletter and app. Please follow these to receive these updates.

We hope this lockdown period passes soon and that all our members and guests stay safe and well.

Regards,

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

Important Club update

August 5th, 2021

With the latest COVID-19 news today from NSW Health regarding the Port Stephens lockdown, the Clubhouse will be closed from 5pm today until lockdown concludes.

We are able to continue Golf however, for the Golf Course to remain open, we need to all abide by the following rules: -

- Members only, no visitors
- 2 people per booking
- Social Golf only
- All Golf bookings to be made ONLINE
- One person per cart unless both are from the same household
- No co-mingling near the Pro Shop or on the Course. This includes no Car Park beers or chats. Please leave straight after your game has concluded.
- The 1.5 metre rule is back and being enforced
- Please adhere to all requests provided by the COVID Marshall on site
- Due to the limited numbers able to play, please choose Wednesday OR Saturday (not both) to enable others to play
- Halfway Close will be closed through Lockdown

Bluewater Grill are subject to the same lockdown rules however will continue to provide their full lunch and dinner menu as a takeaway option from 12pm tomorrow (Friday). Opening hours will be Lunch 7 days, Dinner Tuesday - Saturday. Pickup will be available from the Function Terrace window, which is situated to the left of the Club entrance.

Further details will be available through the Bluewater Grill facebook and website [here](#)

A limited bar take-away menu will also be available.

We will continue to provide updates via facebook, our website, our newsletter and app. Please follow these to receive these updates.

We hope this lockdown period passes soon and that all our members and guests stay safe and well.

Regards,

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

Members Newsletter

July 16th, 2021

Covid-19 Update

With a further 2 week lock down announced yesterday in Greater Sydney which includes the Blue Mountains, Shellharbour, Central Coast and Wollongong the restrictions below remain at the Club.

The link [here](#) from the NSW Government explains all restrictions for Stay at Home Orders including Regional NSW rules and guidelines. In a nutshell:

- If you have been in Greater Sydney which includes the Blue Mountains, Shellharbour, Central Coast and Wollongong on or after Monday, 21st June 2021 you need to follow the stay-at-home order for 14 days after you left the above areas.
- You must wear a face mask and check in when you visit a business including clubs. At NBGC this includes the Pro Shop and Clubhouse, but can be removed when eating and drinking.
- Two players who do not live in the same house must wear face masks when sharing a golf cart.
- You must follow the instructions of the duty Covid-19 host (wearing hi-vis vest) and reception staff when visiting the Club.
- You must remain seated at all times when at the Club except when ordering food & drink.
- Furniture is not to be moved or closed tables used under any circumstance.
- You must produce your NSW Services Covid-19 check in and membership card when entering the Clubhouse & Pro Shop. We have reintroduced member & visitor check out when leaving the Club to control the number of people in the Club at any one time.
- Visitors must produce a current drivers licence or ID card with their current residential address. No ID, no entry. All members & guests must now sign in using an electronic QR code. See reception staff for assistance.
- Visitors from Greater Sydney which includes the Blue Mountains, Shellharbour, Central Coast and Wollongong will not be permitted to enter the Club until further notice.
- Wash your hands regularly as per the posters in each bathroom.
- Cover your mouth & nose when coughing & sneezing
- Please see your GP and get vaccinated.

Our number one priority is the safety of our members, staff, contractors and local community and to keep the course and clubhouse open. Your assistance is appreciated. Stay safe.

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

President Pete's Paragraph

FREE – Pitch mark repairers

We have cornered the market on fork repairers and your free one is waiting for you in the Pro shop. With the fork you will receive a notice which includes an instructional link on how to properly repair not only your mark, but ones others may have missed. A one week campaign to set the standard.

Course

Many thanks: With the continual wet weather the Green Staff are still able to present our Course to an excellent standard for our enjoyment. However cart owners please take note of where carts are allowed on restricted days and use common sense when driving around the course

Slow play

With our full fields and limited daylight at this time of the year every player should make every effort to stay up with the group in front. Please think of your fellow players who are finishing in the dark.

I had an embarrassing moment during our last monthly medal when I spent a few hours as a course marshal. One group had lost a ball in the rough and I stopped to help, to my embarrassment we found the subject ball under my cart. My apologies to that group.

Irrigation

Our contractor, GIWS is doing a sterling effort with the roll out and are on both program and budget. Our golf has only been limited to the loss of one hole each Wednesday and you get the full 18 holes on the weekend. I enjoyed walking the 12th the other day and picking up two points.

Over the past week Gosford Irrigation have set up our sand filter and pump and all new mainlines have been flushed out and the system is now under pressure (full of water). This means they can commence installing tee & green sprinkler heads.

We have also received a positive Mahoney Toad report for Dr Clulow which has been forwarded to Council for DA approval. This will allow us to build the new pump shed.



New irrigation filter



Mainline being flushed

Car Parking

Why is it members cannot see the white lines in our carparks? The lines are there to indicate positions to park safely. Your vehicle is not so wide it needs to straddle two parks or find an unmarked area to reside while you are on the course. Again consider your fellow members when carparks are at a premium.

Cart Paths

Our volunteers are progressing well with the laying of the new gravel paths. Please stay on them particularly in the present wet conditions. Our Course Volunteers lead by the Ian Pfennigwerth & David Flatt have completed the path from the 6th green to the 7th tee. The next area the Geohex path will be applied is next to the 23rd tee.



Bill Heapy, Dave Flatt, Graeme Brown & Ian Pfennigwerth working on the 6th – 7th Geohex path

Parts of the above are not compiled as a whinge, but are meant to highlight a few simple areas where we can make our golf more enjoyable for all.

See you out there.

Peter Fagan
President

From the Captain

In order to give the blue tees a rest, the Course and Match Committees have agreed to not use the blue tees for Men on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. White tees will be used by the Men on those days, with playing handicaps adjusted accordingly. Hopefully it will be drier this week.

Good luck to both the B and C grade pennant teams who start their season this week, Covid 19 permitting! Come along and support C grade at home on **1st August** and at Horizons this **Sunday 18th July** at least. B grade get a bye when the comp is at Nelson Bay but at Horizons on 1st August.

Happy golfing!

David Rann
Captain

Important Members Update

Thursday July 1st, 2021

From the Captain

We have received advice from Golf NSW that will affect the way we manage our golf until the Health Regs revert to normal again. **The new Temporary Local Rules, effective from tomorrow, Friday 2nd July**, have been displayed on our 3 formal notice boards but the main points are as follows:-

- Social Distancing is still mandatory. So do not just turn up, wait and play. Green fees and carts are to be paid for in the Pro Shop, Card preferred.
- Carts may only be shared by people who wear masks or co-habit.
- Rakes have been removed. All bunkers are back in play but with free relief within the bunker. Free relief may be taken by marking the ball position, then placing it, not dropping it, inside the bunker within one club length no closer to the hole or, for a 1 shot penalty, relief outside the bunker can be taken, in accordance with Rule 16.1c. Please repair the sand as best you can by using your own club or foot after playing your shot.
- Flagsticks are not to be touched or removed and noodles have been placed in the holes to facilitate easy removal of balls. For a ball to be holed, the ball must have come to rest in the hole at least partially below the level of the adjacent green. There will be no NTPs whilst this rule is in place.
- Each player will be given his/her own card and **MUST** enter his/her own score upstairs on one of the existing scanners after verbal verification with the playing partner whose signature is not required. Just mark the partner's signature space with a big tick, otherwise the scanner may reject it. **DO NOT SWAP CARDS.**
- The use of coloured ink, other than dark blue or black, on cards leads to scanner errors so please do not do this. If the written total score does not match the scanned score, the lower Stableford score will count.
- Follow the Government guidelines on hand washing and personal hygiene. This should include using paper towels for opening restroom doors and operating taps.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Anyone who does not enter their score card will not have it saved by the Match Desk. We must minimise our risk of exposure by wearing gloves and minimise touching the cards and scanners.

The new ballot system on Tuesdays and Thursdays remains in place ie: 4-5pm for morning players and 5-6pm for afternoon players. Members must not congregate around the computers, so names will only be called out when a computer is available.

Only one member at a time is allowed on each computer. Assistance will be provided by the ballot caller not by others in the same group. Last Tuesday I had all 4 people from one group at the computer at one time. This is now strictly forbidden.

Thank you to those members who paid their renewals on time. The draw for a membership to be refunded will be held at 5pm today.

**David Rann
Captain**

Important Members Update

June 28th, 2021

Covid-19 Update

"The COVID restrictions imposed over the weekend on communities and businesses outside of the Greater Sydney region took many by surprise. Whilst our region has again dodged the hotspot bullet and currently has no locally identified cases, there has been a huge ripple effect on local businesses particularly in the sectors still recovering from impacts of previous lockdowns." Bob Hawes, CEO, Business Hunter

Nelson Bay Golf Club is no different to any other business and **our number one priority is the safety of our members, staff, contractors and local community.** The link [here](#) from the NSW Government explains all restrictions for Stay at Home Orders including Regional NSW rules and guidelines:

In a nutshell: -

1. If you have been in Greater Sydney which includes the Blue Mountains, Shellharbour, Central Coast and Wollongong on or after Monday, 21st June 2022 you need to follow the stay-at-home order for 14 days after you left the above areas.
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4. You must remain seated at all times when at the Club except when ordering food & drink.
5. Furniture is not to be moved or closed tables used under any circumstance.
6. You must produce your NSW Services Covid-19 check in and membership card when entering the Clubhouse & Pro Shop.
7. We have reintroduced member & visitor check out when leaving the Club to control the number of people in the Club at any one time.
8. Visitors must produce a current drivers licence or ID card with their current residential address. **No ID, no entry, no exceptions.**

9. Visitors from Greater Sydney which includes the Blue Mountains, Shellharbour, Central Coast and Wollongong will not be permitted to enter the Club until further notice.
10. Wash your hands regularly as per the posters in each bathroom.
11. Cover your mouth & nose when coughing & sneezing.
12. Please see your GP and get vaccinated.

Tuesday Trivia will not be held until further notice.

Golf & Golf Ballots In Regional NSW

The actual playing of golf is not further affected by the recent changes. Ballots on Tuesdays and Thursdays for golf on both Wednesdays and Saturdays, respectively, will be modified as follows to match the attendance restrictions on the club capacity:

- The ballot for the morning players will commence at 4pm and the ballot for the afternoon players will commence at 5pm for both courses and for both Wednesday 7th July and Saturday 10th July.
- This strategy may be extended to the following week depending on Health Regulations.
- Online booking will not be changed.
- With tee times currently at a premium on both those days, attendance at the ballots is still the fairest way to get a tee time.
- Members who work or cannot get to a ballot should get someone in their group to attend the ballot as most spaces are being taken up by the ballot attendees.

2021/22 Subscriptions

Members are reminded your 2021/22 subscriptions are due and **payable by next Wednesday, 30th June 2021**. If possible pay online, but if paying in person it would be better sooner rather than later to avoid queuing in our current Covid-19 climate.

The Refund of Annual Subscriptions to one lucky member will be drawn at 5pm on Thursday, 1st July 2021 for all members who have paid their annual subscription by 5pm on Wednesday, 30th June 2021.

Entrance Fees

At the Board meeting held last Thursday the Directors agreed to pause entrance fee payments until January 1st, 2022. After consulting with the ladies committee the pause in entrance fee will assist the ladies who are currently recruiting new members through clinics, member and partner introductions.

If you know a lady who may be interested in joining the golf club please contact Pam Townsend, Peri Kennedy, Ann Turner or membership details are available from reception.

Stay safe.

Trevor Harrison
General Manager

Members Newsletter

June 23rd, 2021

President Pete's Paragraph

2021/22 Subscriptions

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Car Parking

Over the past 2 weeks there have been several near misses in the car parks due to members & guests not parking between the white lines. A designated car park has a white line each side of it. The car park has been designed to allow delivery trucks to enter & exit safely and car park breaches do not help the flow and may cause damage to your vehicle. An additional 20 car parks are now available in the lower car park.

Blue Water Grill

Next month Tanya & Will Semmens celebrate 10 years as club's contract caterers. A lot has happened in those 10 years, but they have stood by us through thick and thin. In the past 4 years since the new clubhouse opened, we have hosted many functions from the members' clubhouse opening dinner with 210 members & guests in attendance, weddings, special occasions through to a 4 person conference in the board room. All have been treated the same with Tanya's loving flare and care.

Some interesting facts over the years: -

- BWG commenced with 20 staff in 2011 in the then new dining room with a 100 seat capacity
- Over those years BWG have employed over 200 locals and currently have over 30 staff
- BWG purchase all their produce from local and Newcastle businesses
- In the past year they have served:
 - 23,000 cups of coffee
 - 9,000 sandwiches
 - 11,000 pies & sausage rolls
 - 4,500 bowls of chips
 - 6,000 kids meals

- 10,000 entrees
- 21,000 lunches
- 30,000 main courses
- 9,000 desserts
- Plus 1,000's of function meals

Well done Tanya, Will and staff as we move into another year of your delicious catering.



Tanya and Will Semmens

The Irrigation Project

The irrigation project is still progressing well with only half a day lost to rain. The contractors have now commenced the second stage of the irrigation main line that covers the south eastern section of the course.

Next month the new mainlines will be charged with water and back washed to clear any loose impediments before Gosford Irrigation commence installing sprinkler lines, sprinkler heads to tees & greens.

Don't forget to look at the irrigation noticeboards for hole and course changes.

Big Brother is Watching

Did you know there are numerous safety and surveillance cameras in and around the Clubhouse?

Last week we had reason to call on them when a member reported his sunglasses had gone missing from the cart storage area downstairs. Fearing we had a thief amongst us I, with Terry's (Ops) help, rolled the recorded film where we thought the incident had taken place. Sure enough at 11.03am we saw the member tie a bag to the rack above a vacant cart space. Then at 3.35 we witnessed the cart returned to the space and the driver inspect the bag and place it the basket of his cart.

Thinking this is easy I went downstairs and found the subject cart not in its space. After ascertaining who was the other owner of the cart and that she was out on the course Trevor (GM) and I gave chase. However again not easy, but we eventually found the cart broken down on the sixth fairway. The bag and sunglasses were still in the cart.

Anyway along comes the original cart owner with the intention of towing the cart back to the clubhouse. Yes, he says, I found the bag and thinking my cart partner left them hanging on our rack I placed them in the cart All very innocent as it turns out. Long winded, but an interesting couple of hours.

See you out there!

Peter Fagan
President

From the Captain

Masters Pennants

On Sunday 20th June we hosted Maitland GC for the final matches of the season. Despite the very wet weather overnight our splendid course was very playable, other local courses being closed. Beating the eventual Section 3 winners by 7 matches to 1 was a great way for the squad to finish the season. On checking the other results, we failed to get to the semi-finals by just half a match in that if just one drawn game had been won, we would have qualified for the semis because we easily had the best for and against record in the Section.

My sincere thanks goes out to all the players in the squad being Cliff Fallan, Rowdy Barker, Scott Quinn, Craig MacKenzie, Dave Hogan, Stu Phegan, Rob Fitzgerald, Mick Sproule, Vito Massaioli and Tony Short.

Special thanks also goes to that true club legend, Max Pride, for managing the team so well. Hopefully, we will go that one extra win better next year. Please click [here](#) the following link for all the details.

Handiskins

Last Saturday was also the 3rd Round of the Handiskins. The winner on the day was Nick Aubrey with 37 pts. For all the results and current table click [here](#)

Care of the Course

I have recently seen carts being driven far too near our greens. Around the RHS of the 19th today, for example, and then the same player driving up next to the 24th green after being asked by me to stay well clear of the greens. Last week someone else was parked on the RHS of the

11th green whilst he putted. Both these examples were players in their own private carts.

There is a growing argument that we should only have Club owned carts which can be remotely controlled away from such areas. For those players who do these things it is quite contrary to golfing etiquette to abuse our course like this and thereby cause other players poor lies. Please don't do it!

David Rann
Captain

Members Newsletter

Wednesday June 9th, 2021

President Pete's Paragraph

Club Donations

Over the past month we have hosted two major fundraisers for the **Port Stephens Men of League** and the **Port Stephens Koala Hospital**, with the Club on behalf of members making a donation to both these worthwhile causes. This was the 11th Men of League Weekend which included a fundraising dinner on the Saturday night followed by 164 golfers playing on the Sunday.

The Port Stephens Koala Hospital Dinner was attended by 150 Nelson Bay locals with \$12,330 being raised on the night which was a great effort for their first event.

The Club received a wonderful thank you letter for Peter Arnold (OAM) President, Port Stephens Men of League stating "Over many years the Nelson Bay Golf Club has a proven track record in assisting local charities and long may it continue. Thank you again for your support."



Club Captain David Rann presenting donation to Chris Kelly from Men of League

Volunteers

As you know the Club has many groups of volunteers on the course, around the clubhouse, the match desk plus all committees including the Board are volunteers and make a great contribution to our wonderful Club. Recently we have added Marshall (Marshy) Monin whose family have been long time supporters of the Club. Marshy is volunteering two half days a week assisting the green staff by filling tee divots, course set up and other general duties. Say hello to Marshy if you see him during your round.

The Irrigation Project

The irrigation project has been progressing well with only half a day lost to rain. The contractors have all but completed the first stage of the irrigation main line and have commenced work on the second stage that covers the south eastern section of the course.

Gosford Irrigation are doing a great job back filling trenches and have been excellent to work with. Don't forget to look at the irrigation noticeboards for hole and course changes.

See you out there!

**Peter Fagan
President**

From the Captain

The Masters Pennants

Having lost to Gosford GC last week (4 ½ to 3 ½) our local heroes thrashed the same opposition 8 nil at home on Sunday. An excellent result from all.

The scores were:-

No 1: Scott Quinn won last hole for 1 up win

No.2: Rod Barker 2/1 (never behind)

No.3; Cliff Fallan 5/4 (always in control)

No 4: Stuart Phegan 4/3

No.5: David Hogan 6/5 (always in control)

No.6: Craig MacKenzie 1up

No.7: Tony Short 4/3 (always in control)

No. 8: Mick Sproule won on forfeit

Manager Max Pride was obviously delighted with the results and is looking forward to the last 2 matches of the season, away then home to Maitland over the next 2 Sundays. This could be the decider for this division.

Men's Monthly Medal for June

James Marshall had a stellar day last Saturday by not only winning A grade with an excellent 74 off the stick, which was the best scratch score, he also won the best nett score of 68 and so won the Monthly mug, sponsored by Brad MacKay. Steve Fogwill won the B grade medal with an excellent nett 69 and Frank Fey won the C grade medal with a good nett 71.

I would also like to thank Brad McKay for his very generous and long term sponsorship of this premier monthly event and it was good to see that he had a fine nett 73 as well.

Course maintenance

The contractor for the new irrigation scheme is going well and on program.

I often hear reports of some other local courses having almost perfect surfaces to play on. Horizons, Hawks Nest, Pacific Dunes etc. We, the members, own Nelson Bay Golf Club, and have a wonderful group of volunteers doing some excellent work alongside the professional crew under Greg Stynes.

I understand that many of our members are simply unable to volunteer their time to help but one thing every player can do is to repair pitch marks on the greens

and divots on the fairways. I don't know how many rounds the other local courses have but we host over 75,000 rounds a year. This is good income for the club but has a terrible toll on the condition of the course.

Once we get the new irrigation scheme up and working, along with the Nanobubble system which will provide the much needed oxygen to our grass and will also attack other bugs like the nematodes, our course conditions will improve but we will still need all players to repair both the pitch marks and the divots.

Please take some pride in your course by doing these simple repairs. If you are doing this already, I thank you.

Match Committee

This coming weekend, being the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday, we host the **2 day Water Wonderland tournament** for both members and visitors which is why the usual members' comp has less spots than usual.

There are still tee times available on both Sunday and Monday for those who can play then.

Due to the shortage of daylight hours in June, July and August, there will not be any stroke rounds, other than the Monthly Medals, until September, at the earliest.

Don't forget that both the Ladies' and the Men's Club Championships will take place in October this year. Please see the online calendar for the dates. The new roots rule is being introduced immediately as the new Mi Club cards cannot be used yet.

The new Rule will be initially issued as a Temporary Local Rule as follows:

Free relief may be obtained in the general area when your ball position is too close to a tree root to play the shot safely. To obtain relief the ball must not be within one club length of a tree trunk. The nearest point of relief must be within one club length of the marked original position. The ball may then be dropped within one club length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. Relief to improve your stance is not allowed.

Match Desk Volunteers

Extra Match Desk volunteers are still required as the current workload is quite significant on the current helpers. If you are interested in helping the Match Committee on any day of the week for couple of hours, except Monday's, please contact me via Reception.

Happy golfing!

David Rann
Captain