

## MATCH COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL

**Please remember we are still under Covid restrictions and it is a pandemic. Remember your social distancing, hand sanitisers, wash your hands and bumping elbows etc.**

Since the newsletter in January, here's an update,

Our competition numbers are building up again since members have had their Christmas holidays. The Red and white index has been changed; players are finding it hasn't really changed their scores, but it is important to make sure each hole is ranked correctly to keep it fair for all, these will be reviewed again towards the end of the year. The Orange and Blue index have been changed as well, as we don't play these courses as often it will take longer to get these indices correct. Each time we play them a review will be made and the index adjusted accordingly. The Orange index will be tested by the seniors the next time they play the short course. Orange tee markers for the short course have arrived and will be in place the next time we play the course.

The ratings of all tees for the men and the ladies (red, white, blue, black, yellow) is underway.

Changing some of the course boundary markers will happen soon, at present we just have a bit of a shortage of red (penalty) and black (Out of Bounds) stakes, some painting will be necessary before we go any further.

The fundraising day on the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb raised approximately \$1850 to go towards the golf tracker.

The Race to Wararba is underway and the buy in for prizes ends on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April so far numbers are a little down, remember \$10 or 1000 points is all it costs for the chance to win when the race is over.

All the Eclectics have started.

The greens were scarified, they are coming back beautifully. The 2 days in which this was done it was very hot and sticky so thank you to the staff and all our volunteers for a job well done.

And now,

March is almost over and we are well underway with our year of golf at the club, but it just wouldn't be March if it wasn't raining and things needed postponing and rescheduling, this is probably a good time to remind all members that the fixtures are not set in stone (it would be great if they were) and to always check the booking sheet, the booking reminders and the web.

We have had a lot of rain in the last few weeks and a big thanks to all the members who showed common sense in the wet conditions, particularly when it came to the use of motorised carts, the course is drying out nicely and the mowers have been running constantly. Please be patient with the bunkers over the next few weeks they will be repaired. The following changes have been made to the fixtures,

- The Ladies Open Day has been rescheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- The Mixed Foursomes have been rescheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> June (Sunday) tee times from 9am.
- Men's and Ladies Foursomes Championships 21<sup>st</sup> August.

One Honour Board event did however get completed and that was the Ladies Single Matchplay which was won in a spectacular manor by Mikayla Dyal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Runner up was Melinda.

The Men's Patrons Shield was won by Martin Carpenter who has had an amazing journey to his victory which included a Hole in One, thankfully he paid his \$6 pinshot money that day. And congratulations to Mark Kalms for all his efforts in coming runner up in this event. To everyone who qualified and competed well done.

The men now have a commemorative ball marker for anyone who wins their grade in the Monthly Medals. These will be given to members who have won (1<sup>st</sup> place) a Medal from this January (2021). The names listed below can pick up their marker from the Proshop:

Benjamin Horner, Geoff Drummond, Wayne Sellwood, Kyle Brown, Mike Leahy, and Peter Lawson.

Some may have read that we now have a policy on scorecard submissions in wet weather, a suspension of play policy and a heat policy. If you have not read the details of these policies, please go to Members Home page, and become familiar with them.

Slow play seems to be an ongoing issue. A game of golf should take no longer than approximately 4 hours 15 minutes quicker than this and you've had a great day. Some members are of the opinion that all games should be less than 4 hours and during the week this is sometimes possible. Most Saturdays this is not possible. Please apply the simple things to your game and remember the rules of golf:

- 3 minutes to find your ball. Hit a provisional if you think you need to.
- If you are playing a stableford and you have reached the stage you cannot score, pick up your ball.
- Be ready to have your shot, this includes putting – don't just stand in a group on the green, be ready.
- Hit off at the next tee then fill in your scorecard or app. Keep moving.

It is possible to have your game, your social outing, your bet, and your drinks and keep moving in the field.

All competition cards MUST be submitted by 5:30pm on the day of play.

Covid has made it that we are not travelling as much so when the bookings open for the Easter Cup why not put your name down for both rounds. The Easter Cup this year it will be changed to an Honour Board event and change to an all in Nett event for the Men and the Ladies so any member can win. After talking to previous captains, I have discovered this is not the first time this competition has been nett based, the winner's boards just do not show which years were gross based and which were nett based, I suppose that is something for the people putting together the club history to work out. The Easter Cup played over 2 rounds of stroke play on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April (NOT Maximum score stroke round).

The final Kenny Pamplung Day is coming up on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, this Memorial Day has had 4 years of success and this year all funds raised will go towards our golf tracker. Kenny was much loved, and it would be wonderful to see a big turn out to play a 2 person Ambrose on the short course, see you there.

The ladies have started their pennant season and have a division 2 and 3 team representing our club, Joan Fellowes and Gail Murrhy are the playing captains of the lady's teams and are doing an admirable job. Over the next few months, the call will be put out for the Men's Pennant teams, the divisions this year for the men are A Grade, B Grade and Master's and they will start their season in June. Mark Kalms is the captain of the men's pennants teams this year and I would like to thank him for doing this. Overseeing these teams is a big job and sometimes a thankless job. We are all here to help, whatever you need. The junior pennant will also start their season in May.

The Wednesday Challenge is a stroke play competition that is played on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. It is open to any player who has a Golf Australia Handicap. Qualifying is from July to June the following year, with the final for anyone who qualifies held in conjunction with the July game. Any member or visitor can win this event. Throughout the season the players who come 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in nett in their division and the best gross in their division qualify for the final. The overall winner is the best Nett in the final. There is a board of winners for this event however this is not an Honour Board event. If you know of anyone from another club who may want to play in it, they can book through the proshop.

FYI: All major competitions and honour board events have very detailed 'Conditions of Play'. These are the rules that are specifically designed for the competition you are about to play. Some of you may have noticed they are sometimes attached to the Proshop doors and you might have even wondered what they are. They tell you the what, where, how, why, and when of the event in a way that sets out the guidelines of what is expected of every player who plays the competition. These Conditions of Play are reviewed by the Match Committee before the competition and after the competition and changed accordingly. Please read them.

Lastly, I would like to say to all members if you have a problem, see a problem, or have a complaint in general please put it in writing and it will be read and responded to. Please don't gossip or take matters into your own hands. It is never OK to 'confront' a staff member, volunteers, or another member at our club, any issue can be dealt with in a reasonable way.

We have an exceptional club and course which we are all proud of.

Don't forget Ladies who are full members the Ladies Championship starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

Match Director – Melinda.

27<sup>th</sup> March 2021.