

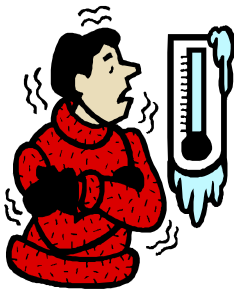


The Tee Times

MONA VALE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

Message from the President

Winter



June/July 2010

Volume 3

What's on in
June/July

FINAL MATCH-PLAY Club Championships, A Reserve, B & C Grades	Sat June 19
FINAL Ladies Singles Knockout	Thurs June 24
FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS First Round Qualifier	Sat July 10
MIXED FOURSOMES Qualifier	Sun July 11
FINAL ROUND CLUB, B & C GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Sat July 17
FINAL ROUND MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP	Sun July 18
LADIES FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS Qualifier	Thurs July 22

Club Championships

By the time you read this edition of The Tee Times, the winners of the Club Championships may be known. If, because of continuing wet weather, the finals are still in progress, may I wish all remaining competitors good luck.

New Club Caterer

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the new caterers to Mona Vale Golf Club.

After an exhaustive search for a suitable firm to provide services to all aspects of the Club's catering needs, we have appointed North Shore Catering to the role.



North Shore Catering has a long involvement in the industry and are caterers to a number of golf clubs in NSW, namely Mollymook and Wollongong in the south of the state and Everglades on the Central Coast. In the short time with us, Bernie, their appointed Hospitality Manager, has been active in determining the members' preferences for snacks at the Bunker Bar and after golf upstairs.

To further demonstrate the firm's commitment, they held a complimentary and very successful dinner for all the brides and grooms who booked the many weddings over the next year where Flare was to be the ca-

terer. In doing that, the couples were able to sample the quality of their offerings. I am pleased to report that all the bookings have been confirmed.

Bernie is keen to get a daily lunch programme running at the Club. So, with the fire being lit each day in the members' bar during winter, I'd like to recommend that members and their friends drop in for a cosy lunch while taking in the beautiful views from the clubhouse.

Extraordinary General Meeting

A very well attended gathering of members at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 30th May approved, by a large majority, the resolution to amend the criteria for Junior Membership, and the creation of a new category of Intermediate Membership. The effect of this approval will provide the Club with much more scope to attract and hold younger golfers. I thank members attending for their wholehearted support.

Annual Subscriptions

The invoices for subscription renewal will be in the mail shortly. The annual fee has been increased by five percent.

Following the requests voiced at the past couple of Annual General Meetings that all members should contribute to the food and drink services of the Club, the Board has reintroduced a House Levy of \$200.00.

The Board has also considered the request to have the path levy converted from the basis of two dollars per competition round to

an annual equivalent. There are reasonable cases to be made for either alternative, but on balance the Board has decided to retain the current arrangement.

Reciprocal Clubs

Under the direction of Nigel Westgarth, aided by the diligent efforts of Geoff Chapman, a major review of our reciprocal arrangements with other golf clubs was conducted over the past couple of months.

Approaches were then made to a small number of high-quality clubs to become reciprocal with Mona Vale. It is very pleasing to let you know that three new clubs have been added to our current list. They are **Federal Golf Club** in the ACT, **Mount Broughton** in the Southern Highlands and **Long Island Country Club** in Victoria. The complete list of reciprocal clubs can be found on our website.

Members wishing to take up the opportunity to visit and play, with all the rights of a member, should first make contact with Tim or Lisa for a letter of introduction.

Badge Draw

The current badge draw held each Tuesday and Friday night is nearing its \$3,000.00 limit. Unless there is a winner before we reach this limit, we will announce the night on which there will be a continuous succession of draws made until the number of a member present at the draw comes up. Members should keep in touch with the status of the badge draw.

Jim O'Ryan

Captain's Report

Club Championships

The finals of the Club Championships will be held June 19th. There have been many closely contested matches leading to the finals, with none more so than the B-Grade semi-finals where both went to the 22nd hole!

In the A Grade Championship Michael Raseta will play Justin Hurst over 36 holes, **A-Reserve** sees Steve McNamara vs Robert Paton, **B-Grade** is Richard Tebutt vs Peter Andrews and **C-Grade** is Harvey Dolman against Jim O'Ryan. Congratulations to all players who made



Gerry's Golf

Hi everyone

Movie Star

So, it's not every day you can make the first 5 minutes of the Channel 9 News without well, let's say, doing something very bad, but a couple of weeks ago yours truly had his head up on the screen for his 10 seconds of fame. Let me tell you how this unfolded...

With ALL the rain we received over the past 3 weeks one of our Members, Sean Mulcahy, who works as a camera man all around the world, gave me a call because 9 News wanted to do a piece on sporting events that have been affected by the weather. Sean called and asked if they could come down and

House

Winter has descended upon Mona Vale Golf club and although the playing days are shortened and the course is damp, comfort can be gained and fun still had in the club house.

New caterers are in place and have been quite inventive with their approach to club servicing. Both Miles and Bernie (Site Manager) and new staff are keen to impress. A barista is on site now and the club house is open for lunches and dinners on selected dates.

The pizza/pasta Sunday evenings

it through to the match play rounds and good luck to those in the finals.

Seniors News

Stefan Albinski continues his outstanding form on the Senior Amateur circuit adding to his already imposing resume with recent victories in the 2010 Australian Senior Amateur Championship and the Northern Territory Seniors Championship. In the Australian Championship, Stefan managed to hold off a fast finishing American to win by one stroke whilst in the NT Championship he dominated the field to be victorious by 7 strokes. Well

take a few shots of the 11th green (which we know wasn't caused by the weather but hey, never let the truth get in the way of a good story!). So we went down to the green, Sean did his thing and on the way back he suggested a 5 minute interview, to which I said NO WAY!!!! He eventually bribed me and off I went! So there you have it.

I would love to thank all the members for their generous comments like, "Gee, you have a great head for Radio!" or, "Where was the Make-up Artist?" your support is truly appreciated.

US Open

The US Open gets under way this week at Pebble

are a great success with the music provided in late May be the Bowman Sisters. Entertainment for June will be Shine.

These functions, as you may be aware, are on every month, they are regularly advertised and will be continued.

A Bridal Tasting held to show off the new Caterers' wares was extremely successful.

Major upcoming events are:

Monthly Birthday Dinners (Thursday night)

Be sure to make the most of these celebratory dinners

done Stefan!

The Master Pennants team is dominating their division this year, currently undefeated and looking safe to secure a spot in the play-offs for the title. The team consists of Greg Stanford (C), Stefan Albinski, Mike Radford, Scott Beverley, Phil Jones, Trevor Beale, Nigel Westgarth, Rod Dick, Eric Nelson and Geoff Lange. The final round is scheduled for 20th June where we play Manly away.

Surf & Turf Classic

It's Mona Vale's turn to claim the Interclub Classic with Long Reef this year after the

Beach with a host of Aussies in the field ready to take on the likes of Tiger and Phil. Traditionally Pebble Beach has always been set up to be very difficult and this year will be no exception!!! If you think the rough has been long at Mona Vale the past couple of weeks wait until you see this stuff! BRUTAL!

There will be high scoring this year especially if the wind gets up. I think my dark horse for the week would have to be Dustin Johnson who has been in good form of late, but I'm still hoping one of the Aussies can get up???

With the bad weather hopefully behind us the course has bounced back very well and Club Championships move into the

narrow defeat (19:10!) that we suffered in the inaugural challenge held in 2009. It's our turn to host the event this time so let's see how those Long Reef boys struggle to play on a course that has trees in the way!

The field is limited to 60 players maximum from each club and will be held on **Friday 16th July** for an 8:00am shotgun start followed by a luncheon. Format of the day is Four-Ball Match play and cost is just \$70 per player which includes breakfast golf and lunch. Register your team of 2 at reception.

Tim Parker
(Brian is on holiday overseas)

Finals next weekend. Good luck to the players who make the final.

End-of-Financial-Year Stock Take Sale is now on.

Come in and check out all the reduced stock in store

Good Golfing

Gerard & the Pro-Shop Team

Annual Charity Sportsman's Lunch

The Annual Charity Sportsman's Lunch supporting the Steve Waugh Foundation will again be held this year on the 13th August. Our confirmed guest speaker is Jack Newton, golf legend and commentator, and well worth the price of admission.

The committee and new caterers would like to see you use the facilities of the golf club so please come and enjoy over the winter season.

Cheers

Graeme MacDougal

Green's Report

General

Whilst the state of the course over the last few weeks would have been disappointing for members, spare a thought for the greens staff who strive to maintain the course to a high standard. Of late they have seen their repeated efforts to bring the course back up to its high standard cancelled out by the excessive rain and flooding.

Weather

The constant rain over the period 16th May to 5th June played havoc and resulted in the course being flooded twice. Over that period the course received 319 mm of rain (just over 12.5 inches on the old scale).

The above rainfall coupled with the inflow from the large off course surrounding catchment area put considerable strain on the drainage through the course.

Throughout that wet period the course remained open and even though it was under water at 5:00pm on Friday 4th June it was open for play the following day.

The fairway drainage installed in long-time trouble spots in April

worked extremely well with the water draining away quickly once the levels in the ponds dropped.

An overview of stormwater drainage both through and on the course, prepared by member Owen Holden, is on the website under the section headed *News, Course Conditions, Course News* and is well worth reading to obtain an understanding of the overall stormwater drainage system.

Cart Paths

The concrete path at the 6th tee and the extension of the path at the 10th tee have been completed.

Due to the state of the ground caused by the excessive rain the path at the 11th green and 12th tee, which was the next to be constructed, has been put back as movement of concrete trucks into the centre of the course at this time would cause untold damage.

Now under consideration as next to be constructed (in July) is the path from the men's 5th tee down to the ladies 5th tee, subject to suitable access and

ground conditions.

It would be appreciated if all cart users would use the cart paths where available particularly when the ground is soft from the rain. Cart users are also requested to comply with the Conditions of Hire stated on the back of the Hire Agreement and outlined on the decals fixed to the cart windscreen.

Fairways and Rough

The previously damaged areas of the fairway following the big wet in February which were over-sown with rye and sanded recovered well and were available for play after around 6 weeks.

Mowing of the fairways and rough has not been possible for the last 2 weeks due to the ground conditions.

The sanding of the drainage trenches by the volunteers continues.

Greens

The washout of the front right-hand corner of the 11th green was as a consequence of water build-up in the sub-base of the green. This was caused by

tree roots blocking the drainage line that links the aggregate drains (under the green) to the main drainage system. A new drainage line will be installed and the green restored as soon as ground conditions permit.

The increased speed of the greens before the recent wet weather seemed to test all players, with no complaints being received about slow greens.

Patching of the damaged areas on the 8th green is to be undertaken.

Kikuyu eradication in the collars has commenced with spraying to be undertaken where appropriate.

Programmed Works

- Restore the course to its normal high standard of presentation
- Make good the front corner of the 11th green
- Verti-draining of the 9th tee
- Ongoing drainage of localised problem areas
- Complete kikuyu eradication from collars
- Restore bunkers

Alan Thompson

Finance

Trading for 9 months ended 30/4/10 resulted in a gross profit before charges of \$396,705 – which was slightly less than last year, but some \$20,000 better than budgeted.

Within this period, the current quarter (1st Feb to 30th Apr) showed a substantial drop in profit versus the same quarter last year. An unfortunate series

of badly timed wet weather (including the loss of some trade days) affected our income.

All major areas of income and expenditure are being well maintained, and are generally better than budget. However any unexpected loss of proceeds, and/or unplanned expense from now to the end of our financial year will have a strong adverse impact on our overall figures.

House Levy

Members present at the last few AGMs have shown a sustained demand for some form of levy. In response to this, the Board has decided that a \$200 House Levy will be re-introduced. Advice on this will be included in the 2010/11 Annual Subscription Notice.

The \$200 will be credited to your

Membership Card on payment of subscription, and as from 1st August will be available for purchasing of drinks and food at both bars.

This is seen as being the fairest and most equitable way in which to apportion running costs between all members and users of Club facilities.

Tony Sedgwick

NEW at Mona Vale Golf Club - North Shore Caterers

Your first stop for Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, Birthdays and Weddings!

Contact: Kate in Reception or by phone on 9999 4266

Come and enjoy LUNCH DAILY in the Members Lounge between 11.30am-3:00pm. Bring your family and friends! Book a table near the open fire so you're warm and cosy during these cold winter days, The view's spectacular and you may even see some great golf shots!!

BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED - AT RECEPTION - ASK FOR KATE (9999 4266)

News for the Ladies ...

Kathryn Baldwin, Women's President

Mona Vale's Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you again for your wonderful support and generosity for this event.



We raised \$1,633.50 for the Cancer Council which is an outstanding effort. Your donations of cakes, slices etc were greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Robyn Harding and Pat Willoughby for organising the day in my absence.

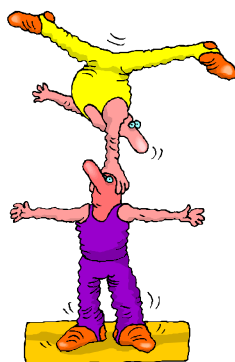
Also, thanks to Ann Catlin and Suzanne Clements for their help on the day and to Mandy Marsh and Liz Vincent who generously donated prizes for our raffle.

Pennant Dinner

The dinner this year for our Pennant Team players and caddies who represented our Club during the season, will be held on Friday 6th August. Your team Manager will give you more information about this soon.

Annual Revue

It's time to start planning for our Revue.



If you would like to participate please see Robyn Harding. Robyn has asked that you keep a look out for any new and brilliant ideas for the show.

Now over to Trudy,
Regards

Kathryn

Trudy Vander Reyden, Women's Captain

In spite of the weather we've been having a very busy time...

4-Ball Knockout

The final was played on 25th March. The winners were Kay Hwang and Gabriella Choi 5/4 beating Trudy VanderReyden and Robyn Harding.

Club Championships

Our Championships were played April/May over 4 Stroke rounds.

Our Club Champion is Kay Hwang; Runner up Jenny Roberts.

B-Grade was won by Beryl

Sinigoy; Runner up Jan Stokes. C-Grade winner Betty Campbell; Runner up Michelle Lovett (they had to play an extra 4 holes to decide the winner!).

Singles Knockout

The Singles Knockout is in progress with players having to endure some heavy conditions and rain. The Final is scheduled for 25th June.

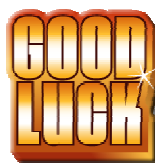
Grade & Pennants

Our Grade Team have had a win, a loss, and a washout. Silver Shield has finished all their matches. Bronze Plaque - 2 wins and 1 loss; Bronze 11 - 2 wins, 1 loss, and a washout; Bronze 111

have had a bye with our host day ending with a flooded course and the last matches having to be abandoned!

So to all teams -

for the remaining matches. Let's hope the rain stops for a while so we can all enjoy our golf.



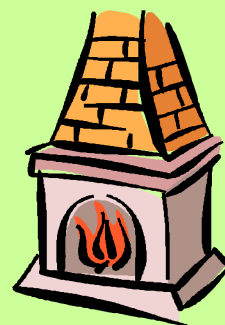
That's all for now ...

Trudy

Dine-in on
Thursday, June 24

Enjoy fine food,
warm and cosy by
the fire

BOOKINGS
at reception or
PH: 9999 4266



FREE
Live entertainment
by SHINE



Sunday, June 27

Playing in the Mem-
bers' Bar from
4:00pm

Gourmet Pizzas and
Pasta available from
4:00pm

NO BOOKINGS
REQUIRED

Just for fun ...

