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# FORE!

*The newsletter of the  
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**AUGUST 2011 EDITION**

Welcome to the August 2011 edition of FORE!

**Firstly, a correction** – on p3 of the July edition, it was mentioned that 2012 coring would be taking place in the first weeks of April and September in 2012. April was incorrect – **it is the first week of March 2012.** Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

- Director's Meeting Snippets.

Your Directors met on Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> last, and I attach some extracts from those meetings.

- Finances.

It would be quite untrue to suggest that much has changed financially, we are still in quite serious trouble, and not trading anywhere near “break-even” budget forecasts, let alone profiting.

**It is the Board's intent to arrange for the poker machines to be returned to the club area proper, as soon as it can be arranged,** and while it is acknowledged that this is a decision that will obviously not please everyone, it is one that has been very carefully considered before being endorsed by Directors.

The club's management and staff will make every effort to minimise the inconvenience to patrons, however it needs to be recognised that in the absence of any other success from any other initiatives, and also our reliance on those machines for a large amount of our income, there were, and are very few options available – any more.

We intend to reduce the machine's noise as part of the initiative, and we are advised that the volume control associated with the machines can be adjusted ↓ as well. While restaurant traffic remains consistent, indeed heavy at times, this has yet to translate into increased bar-trading for the club, but it is hoped that that aspect may improve over time. Comments about the restaurant remain very positive, and Bob is in regular touch with the managers locally, as well as with Matt Cooper, the overall principal of the service.

We do seem to be “winning back” our reputation as one of the better function venues, as evidenced by our bookings both lately, and in advance.

The opportunity to host corporate functions remains a priority also.

- Amalgamation Discussions

On-going, and essential to the club's long-term survival, make no mistake. It is quite possible that amalgamation may well become the only option in terms of future viability.

It is not an overnight process, and there are a very large range of administrative hoops to jump through, most importantly a free and transparent consultation process with the clubs' members, the majority of whom must be aware of, and approve the arrangement, once it is all drafted.

- Reviving Reciprocal Visits

I have no further information around these matters at this point in time.

- New Club Database.

A relatively seamless transition has taken place, along some vigorous discussions around the mechanics of the new software at times! We are still exploring the full features of the system, but it is already quite clear that it will make a whole range of data input a lot easier once we are all somewhat more familiar. What is pretty apparent, though, is that we may need to re-visit our understanding some of golfing's terminology – the recent confusion around 2BBB and 4BBB being a classic case in point. The board also recently approved the acquisition of hardware to be installed in the Pro-Shop, which will include a linked computer, and a card-printer, so we are doing our best to keep moving the ball forward, as it were, in golf's interest.



facebook

GGC's experiment with this social networking site is to continue, at least in the short term.

- Automatic Teller Machine (ATM)

Directors have approved this installation, and based on the figures provided, it should make, rather than cost the club, money.

- Pokies, Pollies, and "Pre-Commitment"

I have now written to the Federal Minister for Sport (Senator Mark Arbib) outlining our club's perilous plight. Here's a little table, summarising my success so far:

SENT TO	No. LTRS TO	No. LTRS FROM	HELPFUL ?
Jenny Macklin	3	1	No
Bill Shorten	3	0	No replies received to date
Tony Abbott	2	0	No replies received to date
Sen Ursula Stephens	2	1	No
Alby Schultz	2	1	No
Sen Mark Arbib	1	0	No reply received to date

**Going well, isn't it?**

You can still have your say, though, at:

<http://www.its-unaustralian.com.au/>

*(Copy this in to your browser if you are reading this on-line, or just select Control and (L) Click your mouse)*

You can also sign the petition, which is still available at the bar.

- Course Improvements

At last the fruits of the various remediation labours are beginning to become apparent.

The service road off May Street has been sealed, as have the paths leading up to, and alongside the 15<sup>th</sup> Tee, and the mandatory concrete aprons have been installed around the fuelling area.

The practice nets are currently a work in progress, adjacent to the car park's southern edges, and work on the various new paths to go in around the course, courtesy of a Veolia Trust grant negotiated by the Ladies, should be more obvious during the first week in August.



*Renovated May Street Access Road*



*Improvements to Fuel Storage*



*The Practice Nets – a Work in Progress*

Mr Potter advises that there will also be some tee rehabilitation commencing once the conditions are a little more favourable.

The limb-trimming process has been completed as well.

- GGC 'A' Pennant's Team's Good Form Continues

The winning form displayed by the Men's A Pennants squad has taken them to victory at the next level.

On Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, the team just swamped Port Kembla 5/1 in Round One of the Inter-District Pennants Final played at GGC.

The winning team on the day was:

Luke Bartlett (7/5), Jono Gann (1/2), Michael Gerstenberg (4/2), Luke Humphries (5/4), Col Lamb (5/4), Dave Laurie (1 up) and Stu Weatherstone (□).

A great effort, to say the least.

Now the side journeys to Pt Kembla for the return match, however only needing two wins to win the shield.

Congratulations and thanks go to these guys, and also to family and friends who came along and supported the team on-course on the day.

Thanks also to Terry Taylor, who did a final cut of the greens on the morning of the event.

- Ladies News

Two of our female members have had holes-in-one in the past month - Chris Hobbs on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and junior golfer Hope Cohen on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jean Dooley, Ann Ridley and Veronica Williams have made the No 1 CSGA team to play Nepean-Illawarra, and Debie Collins (this month's Wednesday Medallist), is in the No 2 team.

The ladies were all very excited by their selections. Congratulations, well done, and good luck to all competitors.

- Novelty Par Three Event

This fun day was held on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, last, and was a very well-attended success. Thanks must go to Ann Ridley in particular for arranging the event, and her work in designing the course with Mr D C Potter.

- Power Play, and Sevens Golf

These options were referred by the Board to the Golfing Committee, which has recommended no further action at this stage.

- 2012 Golfing Calendar

As mentioned last month, next year's calendar is already being prepared by Bill Hughes and the Golfing Committee.

If you have any suggestions around events, what you might like to see more (or less) of, in fact anything at all about how the program might be compiled or constructed, please let any Director or Staff member know. Be aware, though, that time is running out.

- The Mick Williams Knockout

The names of the players in the sixteen groups to progress to R2 of this event are on the notice-boards – R2 needs to have been played (or forfeited) by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**Please do not be offended if you are refused, or denied access to the course after 31 JULY 11, if you are unfinancial, or have not made arrangements to pay your 11-12 membership fees.**

**NOT to PAY is NOT to PLAY.**

- Monthly Medallists for August

August Ladies (Wed): **Debbie Collins (N67)**

August Ladies (Sat): **Mandy McColl (N71)**

August Gents: **Dean Gray (J) (N63)**

*Congratulations to the medal-winners*

- Just a reminder that it is now mandatory to carry a sand-bucket, as well as repair divot and plug-marks on the course – and not just yours, either – it would assist.

### **LADIES CALENDAR, AUGUST 2011**

DAY	DATE	EVENT
WED	03AUG	R7 CLUB MEDALS
SAT	06AUG	R7 CLUB MEDALS
<b>SUN</b>	<b>07AUG</b>	<b>HOLDEN SCRAMBLE</b>
WED	10AUG	PAIRS S'FORD MULTI
SAT	13AUG	STROKE
WED	17AUG	STROKE
SAT	20AUG	SING STABLEFORD
<b>SUN</b>	<b>21AUG</b>	<b><u>HOPE'S JUN CLASSIC - COURSE CLOSED</u></b>
WED	24AUG	CAP v PRES – AGG S/F
SAT	27AUG	MIXED FOURSOMES
SUN	28AUG	MIXED FOURSOMES
WED	31AUG	SINGLE STABLEFORD
SAT	03SEP	SINGLE STABLEFORD

### **GENTS CALENDAR, AUGUST 2011**

DAY	DATE	EVENT
SAT	06AUG	Monthly Medal (Stroke)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>07AUG</b>	<b>HOLDEN SCRAMBLE</b>
THU	11AUG	SING STABLEFORD
SAT	13AUG	TWO-PERSON AMB
THU	18AUG	SING STABLEFORD
SAT	20AUG	SING STABLEFORD
<b>SUN</b>	<b>21AUG</b>	<b><u>HOPE'S JUN CLASSIC - COURSE CLOSED</u></b>
THU	25AUG	SING STAB + <b>2BBB</b>
SAT	27AUG	MIXED FOURS + S/STAB
SUN	28AUG	MIXED FOURSOMES
THU	01SEP	SING STABLEFORD
SAT	03SEP	Monthly Medal (Stroke)

*That's about it for another month -  
All the best, Michael Deegan, Editor*