

# FORE!

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**JULY 2011 EDITION**



View across to 14<sup>th</sup> Green from 5<sup>th</sup> Tee

Welcome to the July edition of FORE!

- Director's Meeting Snippets.

Your Directors met on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> June last, and I attach for your information, some insights from that meeting.

- Finances.

This club continues to trade somewhat less than favourably (and at less than break-even), and it remains a struggle for everyone, members, staff and Directors.

We are noticing however, some improved custom courtesy of the restaurant traffic, and comments have been quite favourable in terms of the menu and the service.

The benefit of the increase in restaurant traffic to the club comes directly from increased bar-trading, which, while an obvious plus, is yet to be reflected in our numbers.

- Amalgamation Discussions

These talks with other clubs remain a consideration, and will continue to be conducted. Please do not be alarmed, nor read anything in to this – it is simply for your information, and discussions will remain on-going.

- Course Improvements

The repair-work from the December flooding continues as quickly as the grounds staff can manage it, and it should be mentioned that 'Pottsy' and the team have a program of course-work planned, which is hoped will include the rehabilitation of several tees around the course.

The team have also commenced the construction of new practice-nets this month, and have been busy as well with some judicious pruning of many of the trees lining the fairways, removing what was a bit of a (head-high) safety hazard for golfers, as well as improving the access to my favourite playing surface, the pine needles!!

Tree-mendous! (Sorry!)



facebook

GGC now has a facebook page – after some consideration by the Directors, and a bit of a quiet trial, it was decided to continue with the application on the basis of zero cost, and an opportunity to promote the club's events and activities into the future. Director James Groves has carriage of this facility.

- Reviving Reciprocal Visits

The possibility of reciprocal visits was flagged last month – since then, correspondence has revealed a willingness on the part of Royal Canberra GC to re-establish these visits (playing for the Waterloo Cup, believed to be the oldest inter-club trophy in NSW, dating back to 1930) Meanwhile, Federal GC is still in the midst of their election of (male) office-bearers – their response is expected soon.

Ann Ridley reported to the last Golfing Committee Meeting that the Federal GC ladies were keen to re-establish inter-club visits later this year as well, perhaps in November.

- New Club Database.

The switch-over to the new club management database (“Slice”) became effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Club staff and volunteers have received some orientation and “hands-on” with the new software, and apart from the usual teething problems you would associate with a new baby, it seems to be running reasonably effectively to date.

As discussed last month, membership renewals were distributed, and so far are being returned.....slowly.

It will assist the club greatly if you can return all the information requested as soon as you are able.

Remember too, that this system will (still) run in parallel with **GOLFLink™**, and should not affect your access to, or information from, that site.

- Pokies, Pollies, and “Pre-Commitment”

I shall only touch briefly on this matter this month, given the full-page rave about it a month ago.

Suffice it to say that I wrote again to the people concerned (that’s three times now), for very little response.

I would invite you to continue the campaign, and express your disappointment via the following website:

<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 available at the bar.

- Pro’s Op

Our GGC Pro, Graeme Bugden underwent surgery in Canberra on Thursday (July 7<sup>th</sup>), and we hope to see him back on deck shortly.

- Adjustment to Men’s Program

Please note that Round One of the annual Mick Williams sponsored 4BBB (or as it is soon to be known 2BBB) will be played on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The Annual Holden Scramble** event will take place on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Forms available in the Pro-Shop.

- Novelty Par Three Event

An 18-hole Par 54 event (i.e. all holes will be Par Threes) will be played on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

This was a lot of fun when played last year, and should prove likewise this year. Ann Ridley will be the “course designer”, with Mr Potter.

- Double Aces!

No doubt Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> last will live long in the memories of Tom Day and Scott Gooch, after their holes-in-one at the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> respectively. Not since December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1997, when John Falchi holed out at 15, then Bill Hughes, playing in the group behind did exactly likewise, has there been two aces in the one day. A rare feat indeed, and well worthy of a mention here. It's every golfer's dream, I guess, and part of what keeps driving us all. *Fantastic!* One day.....

- The Mick Williams Knockout

This popular event is held annually, thanks to the ongoing sponsorship of GGC stalwart and snooker-playing tragic, Mick Williams.

In 2011, Round One will take place on Saturday next, July 16<sup>th</sup>, with the top sixteen pairs advancing to Round Two (Date TBA).

The Golfing Committee wishes to acknowledge Mick's contribution to this event, and is grateful for his continued support.

- State of Origin - Game Three

The brainchild of member Michael Hando and Director Ben Holgate, this promotion took place on the night of the monumental third and deciding game of the 2011 series. Two special deal meals were on offer from the folks from Cooper's Brasserie, and the event was attended by around 20 Blues supporters. Couldn't get the result we all wanted, Q'land just too good!

Suggestions for other theme nights would be welcomed by the Social Committee, who would be more than pleased to arrange them (with a little help, of course) provided of course, that they were supported by members and guests.

(Now where'd I put that old Hawaiian shirt and my old ukulele?!?!?!)

- Power Play, and Sevens Golf

These variations on a theme seem to be gaining momentum, and have been brought to the attention of both Directors and the Golfing Committee. More research is indicated, and it has been agreed to conduct more inquiries around these variations on the game before taking any further action. Those of you with computers might like to explore these concepts a little more – **we would certainly be interested in your feedback** – just go to [www.sevensgolf.com.au](http://www.sevensgolf.com.au) or [www.powerplay-golf.com](http://www.powerplay-golf.com) and take a look at the concepts – let us know what you think it might mean to give it a go at your club.

- 2012 Golfing Calendar

Next year's calendar is already being prepared by Bill Hughes and the Golfing Committee.

**I can tell you that coring is already pencilled-in for the first week(s) in March and September of 2012, so now you know.**

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.

- Ladies News

A very busy group, the ladies. Recently they conducted the CSGA Veteran's Event here, for which they received high praise for what was a very smoothly-run event. Not only that, Margaret Webb was able to carry off one of the major awards on the day.

A well attended Invitation Day saw seventy-two ladies attending, and with Michael Gerstenberg and Luke Humphries "assisting" with drives off the first and the tenth for a gold coin donation, almost \$350 was raised for the Junior Girl District Fund.

The "Post" reported on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> on the annual 'Evening Post Shield' event, won this year by GGC over Tully Park Ladies, 406 points to 361.

This event is now some 45 years old, and there is no more room on the shield, so it seems another one will have to be created.

The Ladies are also planning what might be described as a "come and try day", where players invite friends and non-golfers over to the club for perhaps a lesson, morning tea, and nine holes of golf. The intent, of course, is to introduce new ladies to the game and the club, and hopefully it will be successful.

Watch this space!

The locker room is starting to return to something like it was, through generous donations of time, money and items of furniture and so forth. More recently, some left over carpet from the Soldiers' Club has been installed. Thanks for your help.

- Monthly Medallists for July

July Ladies (Wed):      **Ann Ridley**  
July Ladies (Sat):      **Dawn Bodel**  
July Gents:              **Geoff Rath**

Congratulations to the medal-winners

- Don't forget there's a nine-hole comp on, on Friday afternoons - \$5 members, \$10 Social.
- Please keep in mind that it is 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.
- We're always looking for **vollies** - see Bob Kirk, or Dave Potter.

**LADIES CALENDAR, JULY 2011**

DAY	DATE	EVENT
WED	06JUL	R6 ClubsNSW + Club Medals
SAT	09JUL	STR – R2 Cumstock
WED	13 JUL	Las Vegas Ambrose
SAT	16JUL	Pairs S'ford Multiplier
WED	20JUL	Gross & Nett - Diabetes
SAT	23 JUL	Single Stableford
<b>SUN</b>	<b>24 JUL</b>	<b>Novelty Par 3 Event</b>
WED	27JUL	Single Stableford
SAT	30JUL	Medley Event
WED	03AUG	R7 ClubsNSW + Club Medals

**GENTS CALENDAR, JULY 2011**

DAY	DATE	EVENT
THU	07JUL	Single Stableford
SAT	09JUL	Single Stableford
THU	14JUL	Single Stableford
SAT	16JUL	R1 M WILLIAMS K O
THU	21JUL	Single Stableford
SAT	23JUL	Single Stableford
<b>SUN</b>	<b>24 JUL</b>	<b>Novelty Par 3 Event</b>
THU	28JUL	Single Stableford + 2BBB
SAT	30JUL	Medley Event
THU	04AUG	Single Stableford
SAT	06AUG	Monthly Medal (Stroke)

*Michael Deegan, Editor.*

