

# FORE

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The Newsletter of the

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## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

### **Need for us all to support the Club**

As Members would realise, small Clubs like Golf Clubs and Bowling Clubs struggle to survive in country towns. We are no different. The real reason is that it costs an enormous amount of money to just maintain the course. Our bigger Clubs do not have any of that responsibility. We are struggling and keeping our head above water but we cannot expect to make money sufficient to be able to improve the course further or to renovate and improve the Clubhouse unless we support our Club in every way possible.

Remember we all pay a Club levy which we have as a credit on our card and you can use at both the bistro and at the bar.

Think about using the Club for any function that you might be considering, be it just a family dinner,

a Sunday roast or any other type of function. Our Manager Robert Kennedy and Chef Aaron (Kiwi) are more than willing to offer what you need.

### **Fairway Watering and Grants**

Tony Morrison, working with Daryl Marr, Ann Ridley and some other members, has been working tirelessly on behalf of all of us to try and get a grant for the cost of irrigating the course. They are also looking at any other grants that can be obtained.

They have had a number of meetings with the Local State Member, Wendy Tuckerman and a meeting with our Federal Member, Angus Taylor. They have also had a number of meetings with Council Officers and also our Mayor and General Manager. Thank you all for your tireless energy in working on this project which I think is essential for the future of the Club in attracting tourist type golfers particularly for Sundays and midweek.

We have a quote for installing an irrigation system throughout the whole of the course which is \$1.5 million. A big ask! We need that money to do it all at once, if possible.

We have the Council support and their guarantee that the water will be available to the Club when we are ready with our irrigation system.

Thank you again to Tony Morrison for driving this Committee.

### **Groove Golf**

Andrew and Rebecca are registered with “Active Kids” and accordingly they are encouraging many young people and their parents to use their facilities and learn golf. Andrew is running a number of Golf Schools and he is involving local Schools. This is critical for the Club as each of these new young people is a potential future member.

Andrew has also worked with Daryl Marr and put in an Application for a *Community Grant* which might see the driving range facility improved with a roof and lights and sound so that it will be more attractive for a longer period of a day. If we get through the first round of that application then we may be asked to support the Grant. Daryl will keep us informed.

### **Veolia Trust, Lady Members and Volunteers**

As can be seen, from my report above, the role that volunteers play is critical. We do not have the funds to employ professional people or people on staff to do these jobs and we need these volunteers. Thank you all.

“The Trust” (as it has always been known to me) has a new name, “Land

Managers”. Member Gail Moroney has obtained another grant from the Veolia Trust to do some further cement paths around the course. Thank you Gail and the Trust. I also would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of members, to pass on my best wishes to Peter Nightingale (Trust Chairperson) for a speedy recovery.

Add to this the generous donation from the Lady Members (out of their raffle money) of \$1000 to the construction of those paths to get the job done.

### **9 Hole Competition**

We are going to promote a 9 Hole Competition for the men. The ladies already run a 9 Hole Competition.

9 Hole competitions are seen as a way of retaining members who, for a variety of reasons, would prefer to play 9 holes. Initially, it will be on a Thursday but will extend to Saturday if it works out. There is a technical difficulty when you book in electronically in indicating that you want to play 9 holes. For the time being, you will need to tell Andrew that you want to play 9 holes. Watch this space!

Morris Owen, President

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



Play in one of the qualifying events  
for the **2019 NSW OPEN  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. The player with the **BEST SCRATCH SCORE** at each event will earn a spot in the 2019 NSW Open Championship

2. The top 2 players **OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE WITH THE BEST SCRATCH SCORES** at each event will both earn a spot in the 2019 NSW Senior Open Championship

And there will be **LOTS** of other great SCRATCH and NET prizes including spots in the 2019 NSW Open Pro-Am, and passes to the VIP Lounge!

Enter one, or more of the four events below for your chance to win.

**RICH RIVER GOLF CLUB**  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2019



**GOULBURN GOLF CLUB**  
SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



**THE LINKS SHELL COVE**  
SUNDAY & MONDAY  
OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019





Greg Croker, Captain

### LADIES CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We have had a quiet month with fields averaging around 34.

Our medal winners for June are:

Division 1 - Kelly Weir

Division 2 – Chris Besley

Division 3 - Annette Smith and Saturday - Toni Mitchell.

The winners of the NSW Golf 2 Person Ambrose were Jean Dooley and Lyn Lissa. They now compete in the regional finals at Queanbeyan in October.

The mixed foursomes are on the last weekend in June and we are hoping they are well supported and good luck to all.

Ann Ridley, Ladies Captain

### CALENDAR – APRIL 2019

*If you are reading this as an email, please refer to GGC website.*

### MANAGER'S COLUMN

#### Membership 2019/2020

Looking to save some money on your membership? The 'Bring a Mate and Save' program will help you with this while helping the club to recruit new members. If an existing member renews with someone, who hasn't been a member in the last 12 months, you pay just \$1030 for both Full Memberships. That is an incredible saving of \$380. Sign up 2 new members when you renew and pay just \$1340 (save \$730)! Even better if you can bring along 3 new members when you renew it's just \$1650. That is 4 full memberships with access to all the clubs facilities and competitions for just \$412.50 each.

That is a \$1,110 saving! (Excluding members levy.)

For our members who own businesses, what about our incredible business membership offer? Goulburn Golf Club is offering business owners, one Full Membership, advertising for your business on our in-house television screens and a \$550 Club voucher that will be available to be used at the bar and Bistro, all for just \$1120. We have also introduced the Ultimate Business Membership for \$3500. This will entitle you to one Full Membership, advertising for your business on our in-house television screens and a \$2950 Club voucher that will be available to be used at the bar and Bistro. What a deal! You can play golf, advertise your business plus have a nice voucher to kick start your Christmas party or entertain your clients.

**Robert Kennedy**

**Manager GGC**

### **GROOVER'S GREETINGS**

Starting in July there will be an extra

9 hole comp on Thursdays.

The cost will be \$10.

The comp will be a single stableford and you will get handicapped.

The last tee will be 3pm during the winter time and it's up to you to get around before it gets dark.

To book for the 9 hole comp you will need to call the pro shop on the day.

Andrew Grove

GGC Professional