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The Newsletter of the

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RE-OPENING OF THE CLUB

Gradually, as we are permitted, we are re-opening the Club's facilities.

Carol and her small team have done a marvellous job in complying with the quite onerous regulations not only for their health and safety but the health and safety of Club Members and patrons. A critical thing to do but somewhat tedious.

In any event, great news as we see our golfing world and Club life gradually return to normal.

ROSS COPLAND FILLS CASUAL BOARD VACANCY

I am pleased to report that the Board has accepted Ross Copland's Application to fill the casual vacancy as a Director on the Board. Welcome Ross, and thank you for

giving up your time to assist in the Management of the Club.

COURSE

David Laurie and a team of volunteers are doing an absolutely marvellous job on the course.

Reports that I have received are that the course condition is absolutely superb. One person reported that it was like we had a large team of professionals employed at the Club working intensively.

The truth is, of course, that it is David Laurie together with Scott Newman and a huge band of volunteers that have been working with DL to achieve this result.

I hope that I am not missing anyone out (my apologies if I do) but the list includes Warren Mitchell, Rod Cranston, Peter Tozer, Jeff Croker, Tony Bodell, Michael Deegan, Matt Casey, Paul Croker, Chris Hobbs, Ann Ridley, Kelly Weir, Helen Crisp, Luke Humphries, Dominic Falk and Andrew Grove.

Thank you so much to each and every one of you for doing whatever you have been doing around the course, keeping it in such good condition for all of the golfers.

Capeweed on the Course – Whilst acknowledging members, it is timely to also acknowledge the very

generous donation of Michael Crisp in providing the Club with a donation of \$500 specifically to assist in the costs of eradicating/controlling this weed. Thank you, Michael.

One Other Big Thank You goes to Dawn Bodel in the cleaning of the toilets in the Club.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership Renewals will be going out shortly. I ask that everyone that can pay yearly in advance do so and, if you can, immediately, as we need it for cashflow.

Of course, anyone that is on the monthly payment scheme please continue with that. It is also wonderful for cashflow.

Above all, do please re-join.

We need you.

The good news is that the membership fees for next year are not being increased. They will remain as they were last year.

In addition, any credit that is on your Club card will not be lost as, at 30 June 2020 (as is in previous years) and will carry forward into the 2020/2021 year. Put simply, because we have not been able to use that credit in the lockdown period.

Club Membership fees have been revised and categories rationalised. Details of the Categories of Membership will be on our website soon. The most significant changes are to do with Juniors and Mates Rates.

CATERER

Great to see Karen Scarfi has taken on the role of our caterer at the Club.

I would like to think that **we will all support Karen** in her new venture and look forward to a long and prosperous working relationship with Karen.

Be assured the Club needs a caterer and we need to support the caterer. **We need functions back as soon as we can get them back.**

COMPETITION FEES

Now increased to \$15.00 and no bar levy component.

SOLAR PUMP AND SECURITY AT GREENKEEPER'S SHEDS

The Board and Management continue to aim to provide our members with improved facilities and services both on the course and in the clubhouse. This year initiatives/improvements have included:

- A successful application for a NSW Government grant to install a Solar pump. Special thanks to Tony Morrison, Daryl Marr and the 'Fairway Watering Committee' for their work here. Especially **Charlie McDonald of Irrigear** for his company's generous support of this project. Also, Daryl Marr in managing the project to ensure compliance with grant conditions.

See below early pictures of Irrigear workers hard at work.



- Installation and upgrade from copper to fibre-optic cabling

to the greenkeeper's shed enabling a new security system and WiFi access in this area. A big thanks to **Paul Falk of Boomerang Communications** for his efforts in securing the insurance claim and the ongoing effort in completing this essential work.

- Decision to outsource the bistro to a Contract Caterer. With the closure of the bistro, the Board made the decision to advertise for a **contract caterer** who has now been appointed being **Karen Scarfi**.

FACEBOOK

Whilst I have been suggesting for some time now that we use Facebook to promote our Club as much as possible, please think carefully before posting. Especially anything that could have been raised directly with the Club and which may only harm the reputation of the Club.

We all have and are entitled to our opinions and we definitely do not all agree. How boring would that be!

Please do not use Facebook in a derogatory way as it does harm the reputation of the Club and I

am sure that this would not be the intention.

We all have a vital interest in ensuring our Club thrives.

Morris Owen

President

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

TOP GUN IS COMING

Top Gun will be run over three months in conjunction with our normal rounds.

The best 19 qualifiers will play off in one group. The player with the lowest Stableford points drops out after each hole with 2 players left on 18.

This event will be promoted by Barry McEntee with all rules very shortly. We hope to start July 1.

Calendar Changes

JULY

Mixed Foursomes: 11/12

AUGUST

Pennants: 2,9,16 - Sundays

Senior Pennants -13 Thursday

Men's Foursomes: 29/30

SEPTEMBER

Men v Ladies: 20

Goulburn Cup 26/27

OCTOBER

Men's Championships: 10,24,31,

November 7

Greg Croker

Club Captain

MATCH COMMITTEE

PACE PLAY

REMEMBER, YOUR PACE OF PLAY AFFECTS HOW LONG IT TAKES OTHERS TO PLAY.

GROOVER'S GRATITUDE

I want to thank members, guests and all who have supported me and the proshop during the coronavirus period. While it's been unpredictable, the experience has been exciting, to say the least.

We look forward to post-virus. We hope those who have played, used the range etc. will continue to enjoy the course, the game of golf and the Goulburn Golf Club.

Andrew

GGC PROFESSIONAL

EDITORIAL

As you will have noticed, your regular monthly FORE has been anything but regular. But these times have been anything but regular. As Charles Dickens said,

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair... (“A Tale of Two Cities” – written in 1859 about life in London and Paris almost a century before.) It seems to fit in our world in 2020.

For many of our community’s families, it seems the worst of times; for others, times haven’t been too bad. Our club has seen both. The golf has been pretty good; the club has suffered significantly. The Board, staff, the proshop, volunteers, members (sorry if I’ve omitted people) have worked hard in uncharted territory and, I’d have to say, I think our prognosis is positive.

As President Morris said in his report, players will have seen the installation of the solar pump

between the 9th green and the Mulwaree Ponds. Thanks to Irrigear, David Laurie, our Fairway Watering and Grants Committee and the NSW Government (which provided the \$20,000 grant) we have achieved the first stage of our efforts to get water to those areas of the course which so desperately need it. We now look forward to working with the Goulburn Mulwaree Council to get a share of the recycled water which it is to get from the grant it has won to “green” Goulburn parks and gardens.

Please support our efforts if/when asked.

NOTE:

Currently, we are unable to provide hard-copies of the FORE.

This is in line with Covid-19 restrictions.