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The Newsletter of the

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the November edition of the FORE. This is my first report as President of Goulburn Golf Club. I would remind members that this newsletter aims at keeping you informed about what is happening in your club and to provide you with information and advice. Again, I must thank Daryl Marr for his dedication in preparing the FORE.

The AGM was held on Tuesday 13 October with 40 voting members in attendance. It was confirmed at the meeting that the 6 members who nominated for positions as directors be the new Board. Beside myself, there are Matt Pace (Vice President), Vicki Scarfi and Ross Copland. We welcome two new members to the Management Committee – Marilyn Manfred and Gerard Serret. Also, congratulations to Mrs Pam Morris on being nominated and accepting the position as club Patron for 2020/21. Farewell to the outgoing

Board members of Morris Owen (President), Greg Croker (Captain), Daryl Marr, Steve Polosak and Andrew Nesbitt. On behalf of club members, we thank them for their many years of dedicated service, contributions and commitment to Goulburn Golf Club.

By now, most members will know that the Board has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Dave Laurie. After 7 years' service, the last four as Head Greenkeeper, Dave has decided to move his life in a different direction. Despite the constant setbacks that beset country courses, especially dry times and floods, Dave has put his 'heart and soul' into ensuring that members and visitors have an enjoyable experience on a beautifully presented golf course. We wish Dave all the very best and again say thanks for his outstanding service and support. At this stage, Dave is planning to have a game on Thursday 12th. You are welcome to drop into the club, personally thank him and wish him well.

Regretfully, and with deep sadness, we wish to advise of the recent passing of two long time members in Debbie Collins and Bob Morgan. On behalf of all our members we extend our deepest sympathies to the respective families and friends of Debbie and Bob.

Our Secretary/Manager, Carol Cabot, continues to toil long and hard in ensuring our club stays open for the enjoyment of our members and visitors. Carol and her team have been responsible for the drafting and execution of our COVID Safety Plan, which is required by all businesses that are continuing to operate in these times. We have had a good trading year as indicated in the audited accounts and annual reports, but with the ongoing uncertainty for the next year the Board is cautiously planning the club's future.

Finally, a reminder to members about the Special General Meeting to be held at the club on 24 November at 6pm to discuss proposed changes to the Constitution. This meeting is crucial for the future directions of the club and an opportunity for all members to have a voice!

VALE DEBBIE COLLINS

The GGC ladies have suffered a real loss with the passing of Debbie Collins due to Motor Neurone Disease on October 27.

Debbie came to us from Tully Park where she had learnt to play golf and was a valued committee member. She joined the Goulburn Golf Club in 2009 and immediately cemented her place in our pennant teams, playing in both the midweek and weekend

matches. An accomplished golfer, she relished interclub matches and made many friends from other clubs through these games.

She was always keen to play on other courses and was treasured company on our many golfing trips. Besides our local district clubs, Debbie enjoyed the travel to New Zealand, Fiji, Queensland, the Western District, South Coast, the Murray and the many clubs in between.

Debbie was a worker and was soon on the ladies' committee. She involved herself with the Friday Volunteer Group assisting in course maintenance. She assisted and starred in our end-of-year entertainment and at our last tournament her effort in photographing every one of our 135 players on course so that we could have a slide show at our presentation was a triumph.

She served a 3year term as Captain and in this role she was willing, dedicated and enthusiastic. She was an accomplished speaker and we admired her professionalism. She was elected to the GGC Board of Directors in 2018 and also became President of the ladies' committee.

While at Tully Park, Debbie instigated a charity golf day in aid of Motor Neurone Disease and this day

alternated yearly between Tully and GGC until it became an annual event on our GGC ladies' calendar. She organised sponsorship and sold MND merchandise to increase the donation we were able to give the foundation.

Our MND day this year was scheduled for Nov 4 and, even as Debbie's health failed, she stayed abreast with the planning, taking upon herself to order the merchandise. Her goal was always to maximise our fund-raising. As a testament to Deb's popularity with other clubs and the sympathy with which the MND cause is held, 110 nominations were quickly received. She would be especially pleased to know this year 12 players are travelling from her hometown of Young.

The GGC ladies will continue to hold MND days and will honour our good friend Debbie with a perpetual trophy to be contested in her annual event.



Debbie Collins

Captain

GROOVE GOSS

We're hoping to be back downstairs by Friday 6 November. What with the rains, continued difficulty getting stock (Covid-related) etc. it's been a bit of a challenge. Thanks for your patience.

Christmas stock is starting to arrive and will continue arriving right up till Christmas. As you no doubt understand, we continue to experience supply problems (again due to Covid) but do ask us. We'll do our best. Best to get in early! Of course, the Gift Cards are always available.

This month we welcome 150 juniors for the Brett Ogle – 21st & 22nd. This will be a one-tee start (Covid!) and members will only be able to hit-off between 6.30 and 9 o'clock. Alternatively, members looking for a game can play at Crookwell GC.

The Mayoral Charity Golf Day is scheduled for Friday 27th.

Andrew

LADIES' GOLF REPORT

The winner of the Gold Cup (medal winners) was Heather Buchanan.

Wendy Stewart and Gail Moroney contested the regional finals of the Keno 2 person Ambrose at Queanbeyan but could not match the winning score of 61 nett.

Congratulations to our Club Champion for 2020, Chris Hobbs. Division 2 winner was Maria Croker and Division 3 Kim Stamatellis.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 11 November at 8.30. Hope to have as many ladies there as possible.

Thanks to the ladies who bought a slat, which enabled us to give the Men's Shed a donation to sand and repaint two of the seats on the course.

We have had an offer from Albert Gilmore and Alan Poulter to restore the other three seats.

Greatly appreciated!

October has brought smiles to faces on the course. Cast an eye over some happy pic's. Many many thanks to those who turned up for (unpaid) work on Friday 23.10.2020. Some can be seen in the pic's but there were many more who remain anonymous and are happy to be. Please feel welcome to turn up on those days which Carol notified via email.



Grace Prigg – Hole-in-One on 8th



l to r: Foursomes Champions Alison Croker & Kelly Weir, Kim Stamatellis Div 3, Chris Hobbs Club Champion & Maria Croker Div 2



Rejuvenated seat near 15th tee

The PAR 3 CHALLENGE will not be played this year because we cannot have a shotgun start and it would take 3 hours to tee off one tee.

Ann & Steve Ridley



*Volunteer workers on the job Friday
23 October*

NOTE:

Currently, we are not permitted to provide hardcopies of the FORE. This is in line with Covid-19 restrictions.



*Helen McAleer & Margaret Antony
under the wisteria over the rotunda*