

Fore Magazine

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Presidents Report

It is pleasant to be able to commence this newsletter reporting on the success of the Christmas in July dinner. We had just over 100 in attendance, a DJ who played music that was 'contemporary' for those present and at a volume that allowed both dancing and conversation. Wallace and his team, provided a vast array of foods with ample quantity and quality. Slade's wine selection and 'sampling' proved to be a hit with those who purchased the wine buffet. It is to be hoped that the success of this night might encourage even more patronage for our Christmas Cocktail Party.

The board is aware the recent return to weekly booking for Saturdays has caused angst for some of the morning players. We are also aware that it means for members to secure 'their' preferred tee time the need to share an early rise is essential. We are trying to find the best possible method for Saturday bookings which benefit all members and meet with the 21st century technology.

Compliments continue to be passed on by visitors to our golf course. The most recent from the NSW golf squad who practised on the course recently because of its similarity to the course in Perth at which they will compete in the national championships.

At our June board meeting our General Manager reported that we have attracted 64 new members this year, 38 of those being class 1, also we secured an additional 6 corporate members. He has received expressions of interest from a possible 9 new members for July. Many of these new members have joined after playing the course and favourably comparing it to their present course. The other information Derryn provided about these people is the diverse geographic base of our membership. There are now more people residing outside our local post codes than in the history of the club. Whilst it is encouraging that we are attracting people from the eastern suburbs and inner city it also sends a clear message that their intention is to play golf not to 'come for a drink after work.'

Michael Keeble

For more details about the Christmas In July dinner, please turn to page 2

Congratulations to the Master Pennants team for defeating Castle Hill 4-3 to take out the title.

BGC has now won its 5th final, sharing the record with St Michaels for winning the most Master Pennants finals.

Christmas In July

What a great night!!

A big thank you to all of the members that attended Christmas In July. It was a great night and the Club appreciates your support.

We have been bombarded with positive feedback and according to the members, it was one of the best nights BGC has held.

Rave reviews about the food and the wine buffet!



You are invited to the BGC
Dinner Dance

2nd September 2011

7:00pm-11:00pm

Live Music by Bob Brown

\$55 per person

Wine buffet

\$20 p/p

Menu

Soup of the day

Caesar Salad

Moroccan Cous Cous

Massaman Beef Curry

Steamed fish with ginger, shallots
and soy

Penne Arrabiata

Chicken Cacciatore

Garlic Bread

A selection of cakes

Sticky date pudding



Please RSVP to the Club by Monday the 29th August

Test your knowledge with this scoring exercise!

Hole 18: 370 meters Par 4

1. John hooked his tee shot into a lateral water hazard and his ball came to rest in a shallow pool of water. He decided to play the ball as it lay, but failed to extricate it from the hazard. He then dropped the ball within two club lengths of where his tee shot last crossed the margin of the hazard, not nearer the hole.
2. The ball, when dropped, rolled back towards the hazard, coming to rest almost in the hazard, but not more than two club lengths from where it first struck a part of the course and not nearer the hole than where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard. As he would have to stand in the hazard to play the ball, John lifted the ball and re-dropped it. The ball when re-dropped rolled less than one club length from where it first struck a part of the course and not nearer the hole.
3. John played his next stroke which flew towards some trees. After searching for two minutes, John had not found his ball so he returned to where he last played and dropped a ball at that spot. Prior to making a stroke with the dropped ball, and four minutes since the original search had commenced David advised John that he found John's ball. John decided to continue play with the dropped ball and played a wedge missing the green to the right.
4. John found his ball under a long blade of grass so he moved the blade of grass to determine if it was loose. He discovers that the grass is not loose so he returns the grass back to its original position. He then chipped on to the putting green.
5. While lining up his putt, John realized he was carrying his half full bottle of water so he placed it on the green a considerable distance away from his line of putt.
6. There was a raised tuft of grass just in front of John's ball. John marked the position of his ball by placing a coin in front of the ball and, in doing so, pressed down the tuft of grass. He cleaned the ball, replaced it and hit a god putt which finished overhanging the lip of the hole.
7. John walked to the hole quickly and, having reached the hole, waited 15 seconds and the ball fell into the hole.

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SYSTEM UPGRADE

On Monday the 22nd of August, the golf club's computer system is being upgraded. This means that members will not be able to access the time sheets and the Club's email will also be offline.

As such, the time sheet for the 29th of August will be released on the 15th of August to allow members to register in the competition 2 weeks prior.

Ladies Report

Our Grade and B11 Pennant teams have now finished the 2011 competition. Congratulations to our Grade team on finishing equal first with Concord unfortunately Concord beat us by two games and they will be the team going up to Grade 1 in 2012. Many thanks to the Grade players and to the ladies who caddied for them. Our B11 team finished in 3rd position and once again many thanks to all who made themselves available to play in the team.

Congratulations to Margaret White and Rhonda Lawrie on winning the "Chick of the Walk", defeating Christine Harrison and Heather McClelland 3/1. Well done to both teams.

Due to wet weather the Thursday round for the General Manager's Trophy had to be postponed and will now be played on the 25th August.

We will hold the Jeans for Genes Day on the 4th August and the Open Day on 18th August will be for Breast Cancer. Both events are gold coin donations and we hope all ladies will give generously.

Just a reminder that the Ladies 2 Ball Ambrose scheduled for SUNDAY 28th August clashes with a Golf NSW Ladies 2 day weekend event, so it has been brought forward to SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST. We hope all ladies who play on a Sunday will participate in the event and make it very successful.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on 13th October and ladies are invited to nominate for the Committee. Nomination forms will be available from the Secretary, Patricia Addington, in September.

A further reminder that the date for our Presentation Dinner has been changed to Friday 25th November.

Happy Golfing.

Pam Barton, Lady Captain.

Meat Raffles

Every Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday.
Raffle drawn in the
afternoon.

Purchase your tickets from
the bar from 8:00am

Captains Presidents Dinner & Calcutta

Due to diminishing numbers, the Captains V Presidents dinner and Calcutta will not be held this year. The Captains V Presidents competition will still be held on Saturday the 13th of August.

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Scoring Exercise Answers

Steps	Strokes	Penalty Strokes	Rule	Decision
1	2	1	26-2	
2		2	18-2	
3	2	1	27-1	27-1/2
4	1	0	13-2	13-2/26
5		0	14-3	14-3/12.5
6	1	2	20-1	20-1/19
7		1	16-2	
	Total Strokes = 6	Total Penalty Strokes = 7	Score for hole	= 13

GOLF CART POLICY

For the safety of all golfers and to minimise damage to the course, the Club expects:

- Motorised Carts are kept away from greens, tees, bunkers and waterways
- Cart paths are to be used when available



NEW MEMBER GUEST GREEN FEE RATES

Trial Period 3 Months (July 11–Sept 11)

The board has decided to trial reducing the Member's Guest green fees/competition fee as a result of recent requests from members. It is hoped this will create more revenue for the club. This is an opportunity for all the members who have made such requests to invite your guests at a new reduced rate.

The board will evaluate the data after the trial period to see if such a restructure was successful in increasing revenue. The new fees structure will begin as of Sunday 3rd July 2011.

The Visitor fees for all Open Competitions (Mon/Wed/Sun) are:

Members Guest rate \$40.00

Visitor rate (non-invitation) \$45.00

Conditions of Members/Guests:

- Only 3 guests permitted to be invited per member
- Members must book all guests in on the nominated time sheet
- Members must play in the same group with each invited guests

Visitor social fees

Member Guests Social Play (18 holes) \$35.00

Member Guests Social Play (9 holes) \$25.00

Normal green fee rates apply for non invited visiting guests.

For all social group bookings please liaise with the General Manager for an alternative negotiated price.

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BEGINNING MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2011 ALL (NORMAL WEEKLY) MEMBERS COMPETITION FEES WILL BE \$ 6.00

The board have recently decided to raise all members competition fees to \$ 6.00. This includes (Monday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday competitions).

Members will receive the following benefits:

- All weekly competitions will be \$ 6.00 throughout the year, this includes all board events such as Club Championships, Captains Presidents, Presidents Cup, Brothers Cup, Mixed Foursomes, Men's Foursomes and Gretna Green etc. This will enable members who may not have previously entered such events the opportunity to win a major club prize.
- No additional monies will be required to be paid on the annual competition ham days
- Members will no longer be required to pay any extra fees to participate in any club qualifying events such as Cock o' the walk, Galbraith or eclectic competitions. (Although members participating in these events will still need to follow the conditions of eligibility as per the fixture book and mark their cards with either a "C" or a "G")
- All individual competition prize vouchers across all (normal weekly) competition days including the Monday Vet's competition will increase by \$ 5.00 per prize. An increase of (12-15%)
- Members will not be required to pay any additional competition fees when Course marshals or starters are employed to help with competition pace of play
- Sunday competition players have been paying \$ 6.00 for over 12 months, no additional costs will be applicable for Sunday competitions moving forward.

The fixture book currently states that members are required to pay additional competition fees to participate in certain events. As of Monday 8th August this will no longer be required.

SPRING COURSE RENOVATIONS

The course will be closed on:
Monday 22nd August
Tuesday 23rd August

Although the fixture book states that the course will be open on Monday 22nd August until 1:00pm, to ensure the green staff have adequate time to complete the renovation process adequately, it has been decided to close the course for the entirety of the two days.

The above notice is also subject to weather conditions.