

Fore Magazine

February 2012

Presidents Report

It seems appropriate that the opening "Fore" would be the vehicle to wish all members a happy 2012. This of course, means playing the golf we all aspire to achieve and thus lower our handicaps.

This time last year we reported the outcomes of an information night in relation to our practice fairway. The story of the past twelve months is that the council has altered the classification of our zoning three times. Firstly we were linked to the airport then aligned with our neighbouring suburbs and as recently as November the area has been 'spot rezoned.' This has allowed Alison McCabe from SJB Planning to lodge an application, on our behalf before council for a residential classification. Once we are in a position to provide further and or significant information which we hope will benefit the club an information meeting will be held.

Those members who 'find' the trees with wayward shots may have noticed that trees have been cleared on the edges of the ninth, eighth and tenth fairways. These trees' leaves were identified as the carrier of mites which have been attacking the root system of our fairway grass and preventing regeneration. The green staff became aware of a problem when growth was retarded in the spring of 2011. They conducted tests which found the problem and have initiated a number of strategies to enhance the growth of our fairways.

Kevin Yuan has done it again; he has won his age category in the Jack Newton Champions trophy in the 14 & 15 years, more details of his performance and other junior members is on page 6.

There are details about the introduction of TAB facilities in the newsletter. The Board made a decision to trial the TAB as a revenue raising strategy. We are aware there will be advantages and disadvantages. But in a time when, we like so many clubs, are finding costs increasing and patronage decreasing, even on golf days, it is worth trying to boost visitors to our clubhouse facilities. We will monitor the use of the TAB in the clubhouse and respond to identified needs.

Our golf course continues to receive compliments on its presentation, many saying that they cannot remember the course being so well presented at this time of year. The green-staff are to be commended on their efforts and the pride they have in preparing the course for us to enjoy. We continue to boost our membership numbers by people leaving their courses to join Bankstown because of the quality of the course.

Michael Keeble



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Coming soon

to BGC

More details on page 7



CAPTAINS REPORT

Welcome back. I hope the festive season was kind to you and the extra kilos are coming off.

How good is the course! Usually at this time of the year we look at brown, dry fairways and we are constantly check the level of water in the dams. The weather has been kind to us however the down side to all this rain for the greens staff is the constant pumping out of water from the bunkers and repairing of bunker walls. Spare a thought for the them and the magnificent work they have continued to do.

The new fixture book has been out for a while now. If you haven't picked up your copy pop into the office. At this stage the only major error we have found is the date for the final of the Cock o' the Walk has been omitted. The date of the final will be advertised when confirmed.

A new event has been introduced to Saturday medal competitions this year- a 2 ball stoke event. This was introduced to give members something ele to play for on Medal days when one or more bad holes gives you little hope in the stroke event. I hope you enjoy it. We are also holding 2 eclectic competitions this year. Scores from stableford events will only be used. Progress sheets will be displayed in the club throughout the competitions. The first eclectic competition starts on Saturday 11 February.

A new year and the events start straight away. Already Mixed Pennants has begun and Major Pennants will commence shortly. Good luck to all representative teams this year. Let's hope we can match or surpass last year's successes.

Two major events on the calendar happen within the next 2 months:

- Members Cup - February and March medals
- Cock o' the Walk - qualifying rounds Saturday 18 February and Sunday 19 February.

Bankstown Golf Club Easter Tournament will be held again this year - Sunday 8 and Sunday 9 April. It is a fantastic 2 day event and keep it free if you can.

Match and Play is considering running a Friday afternoon 9 hole competition to be held during the remainder of the daylight saving period. If you are interested keep your ears and eyes open as full details will be advertised shorly.

Just a friendly reminder for all that when practising on the course please:

- use only 2 golf balls, and
- tee off the blue markers wherever they are (not the plates).

These conditions are for all members and for the good of the course long term.

Gary Cornish
Club Captain

Members

All corporate days are advertised on the BGC website to inform members of course availability.

Simply click on the 'Communications' tab at the top of the page to see the current and next month's bookings.

PRO AM FEEDBACK

With the Pro Am being a great success, it is nice to receive positive feedback from people in the know. Below is a letter received regarding the Club that we thought members would appreciate.

Hi Derryn,

I would like to thank you and your staff for a fantastic day at your pro-am last Friday. I don't get to play too many events these days but I am glad I entered your event. It has been roughly 10 years since I last played at Bankstown Golf Club and the changes made since then are outstanding. If you could pass on my thanks to your ground staff for their presentation of your golf course.

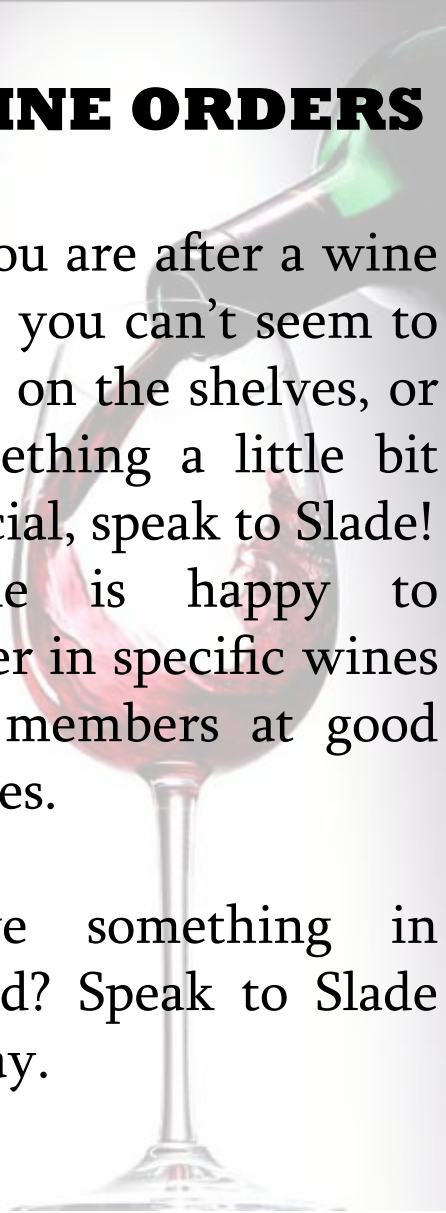
I look forward to coming back for another round in the near future and will definitely recommend your course as a great golfing experience.

Regards

Glen Dick

Head Professional, Bonnie Doon Golf Club

WINE ORDERS



If you are after a wine that you can't seem to find on the shelves, or something a little bit special, speak to Slade! Slade is happy to order in specific wines for members at good prices.

Have something in mind? Speak to Slade today.

BGC Annual Motorised Golf Cart Hire

**Unlimited use of a motorised golf cart
7 days per week**

**ONLY 2
PACKAGES
LEFT**

**LESS
THAN \$35
PER WEEK**

Be quick!

Contact the General Manager for details



Corporate Members

We have a great selection of Corporate members who support the Club each year. Members are encouraged to keep these companies in mind whenever looking for any of these services in your personal or professional life in order to give back to the companies that support our Club.

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| Bulldogs RLFC | www.bulldogs.com.au |
| Proturf machinery | www.proturfmachinery.com.au |
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| Star Guillotining | Ian- 9605 4671 |
| Club Clean Commercial Cleaning | Peter- 0409 316 426 |
| Bugstop Industrial Extermination | www.bugstop.com.au |
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| Zurich General Insurance | www.zurich.com.au |
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| Veolia Environmental Services | www.veoliaes.com.au |
| Luxbet.com | www.luxbet.com |
| Chess Industries | www.chessindustries.com.au |
| Excel Logistics | www.excellogistics.com.au |



NSW Runners Up in School Teams Championships

The NSW team of De La Salle College Revesby were runners up by one stroke from being 8 behind after the first round at the Australian Secondary Schools Teams Championships. The Championships was held at the Peninsula Country Golf Club from 4 - 6 December 2011.

The winning team was St Michaels College from Adelaide, South Australia. St Michaels' James Miller took out the individual award with a total of 66 points.

The NSW Team comprised of Luis Killen, Aiden Macdona & Nick Nicolitsis from De La Salle College Revesby and all from Bankstown Golf Club.



PRESENTATION NIGHT

**Friday the 17th of
February 2012**

Winners, please confirm your attendance with the office asap.

BGC Memorabilia

We have recently received some BGC badges and medals dating back to the 1950s. These were passed on to the Club by Paula Brown, daughter of Joyce Brown and daughter in law of Len Brown.

We have also received a score card from the 1957 BGC Pro Am from Jan Heys. What a great piece of history!

The badges and score card have been placed in the Club foyer display cabinet which contains other pieces of BGC history.

Bankstown Golf Club 2012 Easter Tournament

Sunday the 8th &
Monday the 9th of
April

More details to follow

THE JACK NEWTON WEEK OF GOLF

The Jack Newton week of golf was held at Killara, Avondale, Ashlar and Pennant Hills Golf Club

Junior division 15yrs-17yrs

Mitchell Venables (Bankstown GC) fired a great final round of 4 under to finish 6th overall in the boys championship.

Esther Yoon (Bankstown GC) was able to hold onto her overnight lead and take out the girls championship with 16 over and not far behind were Michaela Scheetz (NSW GC) and Tahnia Ravnjak (The Australian GC) who finished with 18 over

Sub - Junior Division under 14yrs

Kevin Yuan (Bankstown) fired a fantastic final round of -2 (70) to break away from 54 hole leader Tony Jung (Strathfield), and ended up winning by 5 shots.

Shelly Shin (Concord) was also able to slowly wear down overnight leader Celina Yuan (Bankstown) and managed to open up a 4 shot lead, but Celina kept fighting, and pushed Shelley all the way to the wire. Shelley hung on in the end, to win by 2 shots.

Sub Juniors Results

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| Boys - Kevin Yuan | 1st | -3 | 75, 65, 71, 70 | 281 |
| Girls - Celina Yuan | 2nd | +2 | 76, 67, 77, 76 | 296 |

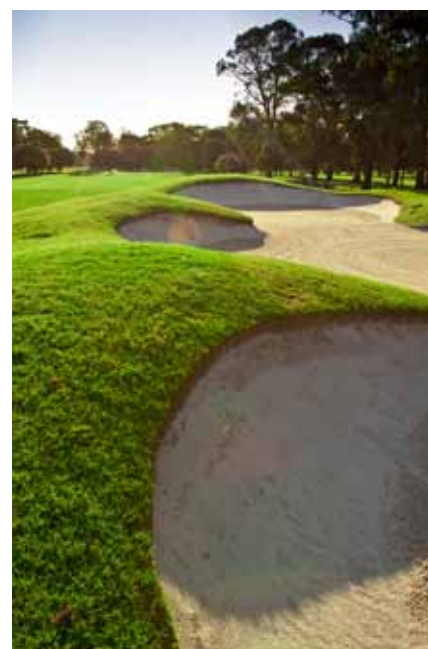
Juniors

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| Boys - Mitchell Venables | 8th | +10 | 75, 76, 76, 69 | 296 |
| Jack Carmichael | 33rd | +22 | 81, 78, 76, 73 | 308 |
| Jordan Colella | 99th | +56 | 81, 87, 85, 89 | 342 |
| Aidan MacDona | 108th | +63 | 84, 90, 91, 84 | 349 |

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| Girls- Esther Yoon | 1st | +16 | 79, 72, 77, 80 | 308 |
| Lisa-Marie Jorgensen | 4th | +20 | 78, 80, 77, 77 | 312 |

Lisa was also the overall nett winner with:

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| 1st | -8 | 71, 73, 70, 70 | 296 |
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Ladies Report

Welcome back after the Christmas/New Year break, I hope everyone had a great holiday season and that 2012 will be a happy, healthy and prosperous one for all.

During January there were a few major events held and members of our club competed valiantly. The "2012 Harvey Norman Week of Golf" Esther Yoon won the girls Championship by two shots and Celina Yuan who also competed in the Sub-Junior division; Celina pushed her opponent to the wire only to be beaten by 2 shots. Congratulations to you both. The Coast Golf Club hosted the "2012 NSW Women's Summer Foursomes" this event was held on the 9th and 10th January and saw a few of our ladies compete, congratulations to all who took part in this event. The "NSW Women's Open" will be hosted by Oatlands Golf Club between the 27th and 29th January, Celina Yuan is competing in this event and I am sure I speak for all our members in wishing her good luck.

Thursday competitions start in earnest on Thursday 2nd February, the committee looks forward to seeing you all back after the break, hopefully the weather will be a little kinder to us this year and the rain stays away on Thursday's.

One of my favourite golf quotes and I think never a truer word has been spoken - "My favourite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered" -- Lord Robertson.

Here's to a great 2012.

Barbara Williams
Lady Captain



BGC is getting a TAB!

TabSportsbet are installing a kiosk at the Club for members and patrons to enjoy.

We anticipate the kiosk will be up and running by Mid March.

The Sky Channel, which was given a test run for a few weeks, will be fully installed in Mid March to coincide with the Tab kiosk installation.

Happy Hour

3:00pm-5:00pm

Every Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday



\$3.70
Schooners

The 76th Governor's Legacy Golf Trophy.

Members of Bankstown Golf Club, Peter Hall and Steve Walls, joined players from across Sydney and regional areas for the 76th Governor's Legacy Golf Trophy, played at The Royal Sydney Golf Club at Rose Bay on November 21, 2011. Luck was with the players as the day was cool but with no rain in a week that was more than damp.

The event was followed by a dinner which was attended by the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AO CVO who presented the cup to overall winner Barry Phillis from The Australian Golf Club. Steve was the C Grade winner so was presented with an award from Her Excellency as well.

Mrs Bree Till, the wife of Sgt Brett Till who was killed by a bomb blast in Afghanistan in March 2009, spoke of the loss and challenges faced by children and partners of veterans. Her speech was very moving – many tears were seen in the eyes of even the hardiest of golfers.

The Governor's Legacy Golf Trophy is an important event on the Legacy calendar as it recognises the fund raising efforts of golfers throughout the year.

Sydney Legacy is extremely grateful for the continuing assistance of so many clubs and appreciates the chance to thank at least some of the players by giving them the opportunity to play at one of Australia's most prestigious courses.

Sydney Legacy thanks all those who contributed as the money raised allows us to continue our work in supporting the families of incapacitated and deceased veterans.



2012 FIXTURE BOOKS & BAG TAGS

THE 2012 FIXTURE BOOKS AND
BLUE BAG TAGS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR COLLECTION FROM THE OF-
FICE.

THE NEW RULES OF GOLF BOOKS ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.

**FREE
ROOM
HIRE
FOR ALL
MEMBERS**

**CONDITIONS
APPLY**

WINE SALE

Star Bay Sauvignon Blanc \$15.00
Marlborough region New Zealand

Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc \$20.00
Marlborough region New Zealand

Star Bay Cabernet Sauvignon \$15.00
Pemberton region Western Australia

Penfolds Bin 28 Shiraz \$32.50
Kalimna Vineyard, Barossa Valley