

# Fore Magazine

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## Presidents Report

Our golf course came under professional scrutiny on Tuesday October 18th. It came in the form of one of our corporate members, 'Pro Turf' holding their golf day, with approximately 35 of the 50 players, course superintendents across NSW.

It is with great pride I can pass onto members that we only received compliments. The consistent message that was conveyed was that our course standards had dropped well below what would be expected of a 'class 1' course. But it has been restored in the past twelve months to the quality found on any 'class 1' course. One of the Pro Turf executives even going to the lengths of suggesting, 'the greens were now world class.' A comment made by a superintendent who inspected the course last year prior to interviewing for the position was, 'it was like chalk and cheese.'

The course is our product, we rely on it to draw visitors to leave their own course and join BGC. The other way we rely on the course is members 'selling' it to other golfers, when we get 'rave reviews' by experts it is not hard to speak with pride about our course and encourage people to join us in enjoying a quality course.

I am aware, at this time when the subscriptions are due that a handful of members complain expecting we provide a course in pristine condition but should not be asked to contribute to the expense of maintaining the course. We have kept our competition fees low to compensate for the increase in subscriptions and to attract those people from courses with lower subs but with comp fees 150% higher than BGC. We attracted 5 Class 1 members in October and many who have joined this year confirm this fees policy is what makes membership of our club attractive.

On a totally different note some members would be aware that John Lewins has passed away since our last newsletter. John has been our Returning Officer and also secretary for the Veterans committee. His service to our club and will be sadly missed.

Some others who serve members in our club are the Ladies Committee and they have recently held their elections. The new committee is, Penny Brewster, Kerry Searle, Barbara Williams, Janice Hickey, Patricia Addington, Louise Swanson, Ros Dickson, Christine Budge, Kerry Raper and Christine Boyd. I would like to thank them for taking on the responsibility of managing ladies golf in the club.

Our General Manager recently attended the bi-annual Australian GMs and apart from gaining a host of ideas that will help the club he was also in the successful NSW team that won the national title for the fourth consecutive year. Details are in the newsletter.

Michael Keeble



# CAPTAINS REPORT

How good is our course! If you're not enjoying the course you are very hard to please. Congratulations to Dave and all of his hard working staff.

I have been asked as to why we are still playing preferred lies. There are still areas on some fairways (e.g. 4th, 9th) that are not up to play as it lies. We have not had much warm weather at present and consequently these areas have not recovered. It won't be long and we will be back to play as it lies.

I am in the process of organising a "Daylight Saving Team Competition" for early next year – February and March. It will be a nine hole competition that can be played on any week day. Hopefully it will be well supported. I will keep you informed.

We are currently finalising next year's fixture book. The major changes are:

- A change to the format of our club championships. For some years now our club championships have not been well supported. The most common reason I get is that it is held over 7 weeks and it is a huge commitment. The other reason is that it is 4 rounds straight of stroke play which can become "punishing" especially if you throw a bad round in early. Next year the championships will have 2 qualifying rounds of stroke followed by the match play.
- As from next year you won't need a medical certificate to use a motorised cart in any event.
- There will be 2 eclectic events held next year- one in each half of the year.
- Each Medal round next year will have a 2 ball stroke competition attached to it to keep your interest going on a bad day. It is scored similar to a stableford 2BBB except the best net score between you and your partner counts e.g. partners scores are 7 net 6 and 4 net 4 – the 4 net 4 is the 2BBB score.

Congratulations to recent winners.

A Grade Champion:	Sam Costa	Runner Up: Sean Macdona
A Reserve Champion:	Peter Whalan	Runner Up: Ryan Nagle
B Grade Champion:	Tony Ruppas	
C Grade Champion:	John Devane	
Seniors Champion	Ian Cowper	
Juniors Champion:	Kevin Yuan	
Bankstown Cup:	Sam Costa	
Galbraith winner :	Greg Antonjuk	
Legacy Day :	BGC raised approximately \$1500	
Rum Cup:	Ozzie Barlow	
Presidents Cup:	L Killen, M Nagle, R Nagle, D Donohoo	
Brothers Cup:	Sean and Aiden Macdona	

Congratulations to Kevin and Celina Yuan who have been selected to represent Jack Newton Junior Golf in the Thailand World Junior Championships this year. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish them all the very best.

The 2011/12 representative season has commenced. Good luck to all or teams and we hope we can emulate last year's effort – Major and Masters Pennant winners.

Good golfing everyone.

Gary Cornish  
Club Captain

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# Ladies Report

The Ladies 2011 AGM was held at the Club on 13th October. Five of the present Committee stepped down and they are:

Monica Fiatarone, after 8 years 5 of which were as President.

Margaret Smyth, 5 years as Treasurer.

Pat Grzetic, 3 years – 2 on Match and Play and 1 as Vice President.

Christine Harrison, 2 years as Handicap Secretar

Pam Barton, after 10 years – 6 years as Captain.

A very big thank you to all of them.

The Ladies Committee for 2012 is as follows:

President: Penny Brewster

Vice President: Kerry Searle

Captain: Barbara Williams

Vice Captain: Janice Hickey

Secretary: Trish Addington

Treasurer: Roslyn Dickson

Handicap Sec: Louise Swanson

General Committee: Christine Boyd, Kerrie Raper, Christine Budge.

We wish the Committee a very happy and successful year.

At the AGM the date for future AGMs was changed by Special Resolution to November each year with the annual accounts up to 31st October in each year. It was voted also to increase the competition fees in 2012 to \$7.00, and reduce weekly prizes by \$5.00. As you are all aware our numbers have dropped over the past few years, therefore reducing our income. It was also voted that in future Championship events players may only win one major trophy.

Congratulations to Tracey Wood and Sue Fairhurst on winning the Foursomes Championships, Tracey and Sue also won the nett event. Janice Hickey and Rosemary Candy were runners-up on a countback. Div. 11 Champions were Wendy Bateman and Carmen Platt and once again Wendy and Carmen won the nett. The runners-up were Marie Edmonds and Helen Elvidge. In Div. 111 the Champions were Mary Butcher and Sandra Beves, runners-up Jill Campbell and Elaine Dawson with Barbara Williams and Pam Barton winning the nett.

Christine Budge was successful in the three-way play off for the Gold Medal with a nett 72. Well done Christine.

Congratulations to Lyn Manning, Lidya Miller and Linda Quattromani on winning the Metro Club Qualifying round of the Women's Team Classic. The team won in a four way countback with +12. Very well done ladies and our thanks to Jan Heys and Christine Harrison for acting as markers. Good luck to the team at Cypress Lakes.

Our annual dinner and presentation night will take place on Friday 25th November commencing with cocktails at 6.30 p.m. Please help make the night successful by attending. A sign up sheet has been placed on the Ladies Notice Board detailing cost etc.

This will be my last Fore Magazine report as your Captain and I sincerely thank all the ladies for the great support I have received and the wonderful friendships I have been lucky enough to make.

Happy golfing.

PAM BARTON, LADY CAPTAIN

# 2012 FIXTURE BOOKS

THE 2012 FIXTURE BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER. BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE OFFICE.



## VICTORY FOR THE NSW GENERAL MANAGERS STATE GOLF TEAM

The NSW General Managers state golf team were successful in defending the National interstate golf series trophy and by doing created history by winning their 4th consecutive national conference title. The national championships were held at Kingston Heath Golf Club, Melbourne Victoria.



Jason Seagg (GM Roseville GC), Daniel Constable (GM Ryde-Parramatta GC), David Burton (GM NSW GC), Brendan Ellam (GM North Ryde GC)

Cameron Harvey (GM Pennant Hills GC), Brendan Kop (GM Penrith GC), Derryn Weigand (GM Bankstown GC), Paul Foulcher (GM Newcastle GC), Trevor Harrison (GMA NSW Executive Officer)

## **The Veterans Report**

The number of competitors for the Monday competition is increasing and I thank the Veterans for supporting the competition and hope they continue to do so.

The Board has assisted and encouraged the Veteran Groups and for this support, I say thank you.

The greens, well nourished with more rain this year and together with care from the ground staff the course looks superb.

The office staff and proshop always give assistance to the Veterans and help make Monday one of the best days of the week.

On behalf of the Bankstown Veterans I wish the Board, staff and members a merry and safe festive season.

Bob Wallace  
President  
Veterans Committee

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