

## **PREFERRED LIES:**



**Harrington Waters Golf Club Inc.  
"NEWSLETTER"**

23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019

Hi to all members.

We are fast approaching yet another outstanding event held each year at our club. The "Over Bloody Eighties" National Championship, thanks to the ongoing excellent efforts of Bruce and Joan Fleming and the OBE Committee. The tournament will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Those who have not experienced this event I would encourage you to come along as spectators, as these men and ladies from local and visiting clubs are truly inspirational. This year we have nearly eighty participants including at least two golfers in the 90 year old category. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the successful running of the event over the 3 days, also to help competitors. We request any members that may not be using their carts and are prepared to loan/donate them for the event, to add their name to the list on the notice board or advise Bruce or Joan.

Another event being held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April is the annual "Lazzarini Larrikins" day. This event is a 9 hole 2 person Ambrose and is open to all members, men and ladies. You can be assured of a fun filled day thanks to the efforts of Frog and others that assist with the running of this event each year.

There will be a 10:00 am shotgun start and you can book on line on the club website. Normal 9 hole competition fees will apply. Lunch will be available at a cost of \$15. There is also a "nearest the pin shootout" for men and ladies and a monster raffle will improve your chances of taking home some goodies.

Another date to include in your calendar/diary is "Mothers Day" on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May starting at 12 noon. Bookings can be arranged at the club.



Our new fleet of twelve (12) Club Car golf carts arrive next Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a small price increase for 18 hole hire from \$25 to \$30 and for visitors an increase to \$40 for 18 holes will apply.

Our successful Twilight Monday afternoon Ambrose competition has been well received by all those participating including non-members. A big thank you to Rob and Carol Hussey for their organisation. Unfortunately due to the OBE event and the end of daylight saving approaching this Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March will be the final event until later in the year.

A suggestion has been raised that due to the lack of members in our Monthly Medal events on the first Saturday of each month due to many members avoiding these days as they are "stroke events", that the medal days be played as a Stableford event, your feedback would be appreciated.

Men's Monthly Medal winners for March were:-

A grade	Roy Hofmeier
B grade	Daryl Pasfield
C grade	Barry Tyas

Ladies Monthly Medal winner for March was Maggie Stevens.

Ladies Vet's have completed their championships and the winners were:-

Div 1	Cecilee Tapp	Pam Sadler (nett)
Div 2	Joan Fleming	Diane Pasfield (nett)
Div 3	Leonie Singh	Bev Davis (nett)

Due to the recent resignation of the Men's Club Captain (Ken Partridge), Vice-Captain Mark Wieckhorst is now the Club Captain and John Rigg is the Vice-Captain. As a position on the Board became vacant due to the Captains resignation, the Board at their recent meeting decided to appoint the ladies representative to the board, Ladies President Dianne Lamborne, as a permanent Board member. Congratulations Di on your appointment.

We should all be proud of the condition of our excellent golf course, thanks to the great efforts of Mark Russell, Greg and Paul and to the contributions of all our volunteers that do a tremendous job on and around the course.

We have received recognition by the district as our course has been selected to host the Division 1 and Division 2 Pennant finals. These will be held at Harrington Waters on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 8:00 am. I would encourage members should they like to witness some excellent golf come along and follow these groups as some of the best golfers in our area will be playing on this day. We would also like to invite members who would like to volunteer on this day to come along as spotters to assist in the success of the day.

Shot of the year must go to Ian Frost last Wednesday when playing his drive from the 8<sup>th</sup> tee. He then had to play his second shot from 25 metres short of the 7<sup>th</sup> green. Unfortunately Frosty hit the ladies tee marker (red ball) in front of the men's tee and the ball ricocheted back over his head to finish in front of the 7<sup>th</sup> green. Ian went on to have 36 points on the day, well done Frosty.

There seems to be a shortage of sand buckets yet again. If you have accidentally taken a bucket or two home please return to the club. These buckets are an important item for players to repair their divots and maintain the great condition of our course.



An increase has been noticed in the number of cigarette butts on and around the golf course and club house. Would smokers please be mindful to avoid this happening and dispose of butts in an appropriate manner.

In the coming weeks a gate will be installed on the bridge to the first hole, as there have been several golfers choosing to play outside normal trading hours and some not paying to use the course (mostly non-members). This gate will be opened most mornings by green staff or pro-shop staff. Should you choose to use the course when the gate is closed you will need a key to gain access. If you are not a Gold Member you are obliged to pay the applicable fee for use of our course.

All members should be aware of speed of play. It is your responsibility to keep up with the group in front and play "Ready Golf".

New rules allow only three (3) minutes to search for your ball. Please be aware of this time limit and should you play a shot that requires you to possibly play a provisional ball, do so, as not finding a lost ball and needing to return to where your last shot was played certainly slows play.

Avoid hitting up on players in front of your group. Make sure they are out of your range before playing and wait for players in front to fully clear the green before playing, particularly on the 6/15<sup>th</sup> and 9/18<sup>th</sup>.

Until next newsletter

HAPPY GOLFING.

*Rob Baxter*

**Late Breaking News:**

Men's Pennant Results today 24 March

Division 3 halved three matches all with Kew, but won 13 to 8 on holes won. A birdie tells me they're in the semis?

Division 4 lost 3 ½ to 2 ½

Well done fellows.