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**Harrington Waters Golf Club Inc.
“NEWSLETTER”**

1st December, 2020

Hi members,

As we progress into the warmer summer months and to the Christmas/New Year holiday period we can look forward to relieved Covid Conditions however we should remain vigilant and responsible by continuing to social distance and comply with all requests given by our staff.

During our forthcoming holiday season our course will experience and increase in social play, this will be a busy time for our club so please be patient, we intend to have Marshalls at times on course to assist in speed of play. Make sure you book carts during this period as supply will be limited.

Golf shop staff have requested that should you intend to play a social round that you contact the golf shop regardless of your membership category so your attendance can be recorded.

A reminder that should you play a shot that goes out of bounds towards private property that you must report the time and location of your shot, this is important, you will not be held responsible however we need these details to reclaim any possible damage.

A further request from the golf shop that should you see any inappropriate act on the course that you contact the club not to take it on yourself, then the staff will contact a Marshall to deal with the situation appropriately.

Please check your garage or garden shed at home for our sand buckets, again many have gone missing, it is easy to accidentally take them home, please return any club buckets as we are low on numbers.

On this note please ensure that you fill your divots and at times others that have been overlooked.



We are still seeing way too many cigarette butts on our course and around the clubhouse, please dispose of these in the appropriate manner.

With the easing of conditions we now can remove flagsticks from the hole or leave them in when putting should you prefer under the conditions of Rule 13.2.

Rakes have been replaced in the bunkers, there appears that some members have become too familiar with recent conditions of not raking bunkers, you now have to play the ball as it lies (no preferred lies in bunkers) unless local rules apply and you are to rake all yours and at times other footprints, be mindful of other members following your group.

We have had several incidents recently, one of a unnecessary manner, where members that take their golf carts home and are driving on the public thoroughfares are not respecting neighbouring residents, please take it slow and be mindful of particularly the elderly that maybe less mobile that you realise and give way to all pedestrians.

Congratulations must go to Rhonda Longfield and Mal Feltham for winning their regional qualifying round of the Keno Challenge at Pacific Dunes Golf Club on Sunday 18th October in the mixed category. Rhonda and Mal have now progressed to the state final to be held at the magnificent Bonville Golf Resort next week, we all wish you both the best of luck in this event.

Monday 30th November was the annual Ladies Top 10 Shootout, this was an excellent event with a high standard of golf displayed by the ten competitors, the format is challenging with ten ladies all hitting off together on the first hole, with one player eliminated on each hole, a putt off of three ladies on the first was needed and then progressed through to the final hole with Fae Stevens and Pam Sadler playing down the ninth hole, Pam played an excellent third shot to almost tap in length for par just edging out Fae, the quality of golf displayed by all ladies was of a high standard. Congratulations Pam on your win.

Recently long time treasurer of Harrington Waters Vets Trevor Payne, decided to call it a day on his position to free up his time, a huge thank you to Trevor from all the Vets for an outstanding contribution to the organisation.

The board of your club has recently received the good news that we were successful in receiving a state government grant to the value of \$15,000 to go towards the installation of a Solar System, this will reduce our power costs significantly. We sourced three quotations for this improvement and are pleased to inform you that the installation will be done early in the New Year.

Also the board approved the installation of air conditioning this will be well received comfort to all when installed, at present we are finalising quotations to confirm a successful tenderer.

We are pleased to have had a maintenance plumber complete the necessary repairs to the Ladies and Gents washrooms, all toilets and urinals have been repaired and single non-return fittings have been installed to floor wastes.



I would like to raise an issue of concern and to use this platform to address what I have never experienced in all my many years of serving as President and on the Board of Directors of at least seven other organisations including two other golf clubs prior to settling in Harrington, what I have witnessed is of great concern and I must say I am appalled at the suggestions and innuendos I have heard from members within this club in recent times.

Should any member have concerns regarding the running of the club or the financial situation, you are invited to make an appointment to meet with the executive directors to have your concerns discussed and addressed as total transparency is important to all concerned.

The end of year Club Presentation is to be held Sunday 6th December at 2:00pm at the Clubhouse. The cost is \$15.00 per head, Canapes will be served. If you would like to attend could you please **RSVP by Wednesday 2nd December to Kath Budden** hwgolfclubinc@gmail.com.

Belinda and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, one and all the very best wishes for Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Until next newsletter

Happy Golfing and stay safe

Bob Baxter