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

5th March, 2021

Hi members,

Following our recent holiday period where we had good numbers playing golf and enjoying the comfort and great service from our clubhouse staff, both for members and also visitors, all indicated they have had a wonderful experience at our club.

We have had an unusual wet period, with several days where it had been necessary to close the golf course to avoid damage to our lush and excellent fairways and playing surfaces, unfortunately the bunkers have not coped too well with the rain and I can confirm the board is aware of this and are to meet with Mark Russell to find a solution to improving our bunkers.

The course has held up exceptionally well considering the amount of rain we have experienced, Mark and his staff continue to do an outstanding job of providing us with possibly the best playing conditions on the mid north coast and wider areas.

The board of directors have recently met with the ladies club and vets ladies committees and also the men's vets committee to discuss the future of the club going forward, this was an interesting meeting and many issues were discussed and have been formulated to ensure that we continue on in the correct path.

Items from the meeting were in summary:-

- Improvements to the clubhouse to provide a larger floor area and increase the seating capacity to be able to hold larger functions ie. weddings etc.



- This will require preparation of plans & specifications, also engineering details to submit applications to local council, gain approval and apply for government grants to fund the improvements. Your board is committed and has undertaken the steps moving forward to have all necessary documentation in place to realise the best possible outcome.
- We intend to hold events to increase the revenue stream like the forthcoming Nine, Wine & Dine on 7th March.
- The golf course is in need of improvements to the bunkers, the fairway watering requires attention and the retaining wall on the 2nd/11th green needs additional support to the retaining wall on the waterside of this green.
- Cart Paths are another item that is in need of ongoing attention with eventual thoughts of providing concrete paved surfaces to avoid the weather deterioration.

Thank you to all members that have been responsible and shared carts to keep cart numbers to a minimum of 2 in a group to avoid unnecessary traffic on the course. We should be aware of this going forward and maintain this in the future.

Please note that rubbish bins are for the disposal of cans and bottles etc., it has been brought to our attention that weeds have been placed in bins, please refrain from this as volunteers empty these bins and collect bottles and cans for recycling as a fund raiser for improvements. Should you remove weeds please dispose of them in the bush.

Ladies pennants commences on 22nd March, two teams are entered, Dolphin Teams consists of: Colleen Moran, Jeannie McGhie, Carol Maggs, Maggie Stevens, Dawn Moylan and Di Lambourne. Pelican team is: Rhonda Longfield, Pam Sadler, Carolyn Hearn, Di Pasfield, Vicki Burke and Susan Griffiths, Good luck to all and play well.

Ladies Vet's championship was to commence on 1st March however has now been moved to 8th & 15th March.

Ladies Monthly Medal Winners were:-

January	A Grade:	Susan Griffiths
	B Grade:	Brenda Yeo
February	A Grade:	Belinda Baxter
	B Grade:	Caryl Jennens
March	A Grade:	Noeleen Hammond
	B Grade:	Fae Stevens

Recently the Senior Order of Merit was held yet again which is now a three day event along with Forster/Tuncurry and Tallwoods the scratch winner was Ken Brewer from Newcastle with a fine one under 71, runner up was John Osborne from Mudgee with 74.

As mentioned previously this is wonderful recognition from golf NSW that our course is recognised as a suitable venue to hold this prestigious event.



Mens Monthly Medal Winners were:-

January	A Grade:	Mark Griffiths
	B Grade:	Warren Low
	C Grade:	John Dykes
February	A Grade:	Bob Baxter
	B Grade:	Frog Tener
	C Grade:	Joe Campiao

Over the past three months husbands and wives have won monthly medals, starting with **December** Mal & Liz Feltham, **January** Susan & Mark Griffiths and **February** Bob & Belinda Baxter. Let's wait and see if this happens again in March – No pressure Eric and Scott .

The junior program organised by Captain Peter Budden has consistently had good numbers in attendance although have had some interruption due to wet weather, these are future stars of golf and it is just great to see the kids out there having fun.

The clubhouse air conditioning has now been completed providing a more comfortable venue particularly on the hotter days, the girls behind the bar and in the kitchen are now more comfortable not having to slave away in the heat, please do not touch the controls of the air condition unit, leave this to the staff and ensure that doors are kept closed while air con is operating.

Solar panel system will be installed in the coming weeks.

Could all players return their score cards to the box outside the golf shop and not leave them upstairs.

Members that have chosen to pay their annual membership in quarterly instalments, the fourth quarter will be deducted from your nominated cc on Thursday 1st April. Should you have renewed or received a new card since the beginning of the year please let the golf shop/office staff know asap.

IMPORTANT; Should you play a shot that goes out of bounds whether you believe it has impacted a property or not you as a member **MUST** notify the golf shop at the completion of your round, you are not held responsible or you do not suffer any consequences for this errant shot however the club needs this recorded and diarized to enable to claim the expenses from GOLF NSW as this is covered by all members affiliation fees otherwise **YOUR** club will incur the cost of repairs.

We should all as members appreciate the privilege we have to be a part of this wonderful club, bring your friends/neighbours or family along to enjoy the social experience that we all enjoy, coffee for morning tea, lunch or a couple of quite drinks, support your club and we all prosper.

Our club is open now 7days a week from 9:30am – 2:00pm come along and keep the doors open.

It has been brought to my attention that all are not receiving this newsletter, some have mentioned that they do not have email addresses, please talk to your fellow members and ask if they do not have this contact maybe print a copy and pass it on, others have said that their partner may have read this and deleted it, please pass your "PREFERRED LIES" on to those close to you to keep all informed.



COMING EVENTS:

- First week of Nine, Wine & Dine is scheduled for this coming Sunday 7th March, this is a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbours etc. as you don't need to be a member, so get your entry in and come along to the club to socialise and enjoy the wine and dine experience. This event is being generously sponsored by Ken and Ann Partridge, should you consider sponsoring a future day of this kind let the bar staff or golf shop know of your interest.
- Captain v's President Day has been postponed to a date to be determined in the near future.
- The VW Scramble event was postponed due to wet weather and will now be held on Sunday 18th April, if you had booked previously you will soon receive an email.
- The OBE over eighties national 3 day championship event is to be held on 27th-29th April.

Your new fixture books will soon be available for you to arrange your golf calendar for the coming year.

Until next newsletter

Happy Golfing and stay safe

Bob Baxter