



CHARLESTOWN  
**GOLF**  
CLUB

# Fairway News

A NEWSLETTER OF CHARLESTOWN GOLF CLUB  
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Readers will notice that an advertisement for our major sponsor, The Greater Building Society, appears with this newsletter. The Greater is the major sponsor for the Charlestown Cup and we all thank them for their support of the Club and our events.

## From the President ...

The Charlestown Cup conducted on Saturday 13th March went off well. Had comments made about how "tough" the course was. Many favourable comments made on the course presentation. Thanks to Tony & his staff. The course is certainly in tip top shape. The work on the course will ease off, so that other work can be undertaken.

We are still looking for participants for the Junior Development Group, particularly on Saturday afternoons. Please check with Proshop if you have anyone who can attend.

All our competitions are continuing to draw satisfactory fields, although recently there has been a drop off in social players. The Club continues to trade at a satisfactory level.

I would request that all members endeavour to support Club House trading. This is provided for the convenience of members, and we all benefit with this support.

## From the Manager...

Thanks to the Greater Building Society for the Major Sponsorship of The Charlestown Cup. New Hole Sponsors are "Spot on Glass" on the 4th and "Good Guys" have just come on board. Club Vouchers are now redeemable at the Good Guys on Hillsborough Rd

## Results of The Greater Building Society Charlestown Cup...

Winner Warren Vial (Charlestown)

Div 1 Gross

1st G. Mc Millan

2nd J. Santi

3rd M. Ellison

Div 1 Nett

1st K. Ward

2nd N. Westwood

3rd D. Donnelly

Div 2 Gross

1st S. O'Brien

2nd D. Hartney

3rd G. Pyne

Div 2 Nett

1st H. Humphris

2nd B. Smith

3rd A. Browning

NTP on 2nd

Div 1 T. Khaira

Div 2 D. Hartney

NTP on 16th

Div 1 R. Oliver

Div 2 R. Williams

Eagle 4th B. Meek

## From the Vets...

A reminder to all Vets about our annual Charlestown Vets Cup scheduled for the 12th August. This will be a medley stableford event with several divisions. More details regarding entries, trophies, etc will be published at a later date.

Our inaugural 4BBBB Championship scheduled for the 18th & 25th March may pose a problem for some members on the day. Under Golf NSW rules "swingers" are not permitted. This means that players can only have one partner. This rule however will only apply to Championship events.

Members interested in participating in the Oaks Veterans Golf Classic commencing 22nd March or the Grafton Veteran Wintergolf festival commencing on 31st May will find details of these events on the notice board.

Congratulations to the following monthly mug winners for February:

Men "A"	A. Browning	42 points
"B"	K. Rossington (33)	40 points
"C"	T. Godfrey	43 points
Ladies	B. Kuegler	38 points

## From the Match Committee...

The Pennant season is now upon us and our Senior team got off to a flying start defeating Toronto (last years finalist) in the first game but have lost a bit of form in recent weeks and need a turn around in form to avoid relegation. One bright point in the team is the form of 15 year old Braydon Petersen. After a nervous start in his first match and going 4 down early he knuckled down and was eventually defeated on the 17th green and has since not been defeated.

Our Super Senior Team are also well into their series and are making it tough going for all their opposition.

### **From the Ladies...**

The Pennant season is underway with 2 teams competing in Weekend Pennants. Our Division One team commenced their season on Monday 8th March in wonderful fashion, squaring the match against Nelson Bay, 3.5 all. Good luck to all the girls.

Maggie O'Donnell has recently been elected in the newly created position of 2nd Councillor for Newcastle Hunter District on the WGNSW. Congratulations to Maggie, we look forward to close liaison with Women's Golf NSW.

Our Annual charity Day is on April 21st. Sponsors are being sought.

### **From the Greens Staff...**

Over the next few weeks the Staff will be attacking the weeds on the greens. A new path will be constructed on the left hand side of the 6th Green. This is a safety measure as too many people are slicing their balls off the 5th Tee and the path will hopefully take players away from danger. Some amateur greenkeepers have been criticising the number of times the Greens have been cored. This is done so the chemicals used can get down to the nematodes. I am sure we would all prefer a little inconvenience of coring rather than lose the Greens.

### **From the Pro Team...**

The free Wednesday Junior Clinic is going well and expanding. Jake Higginbottom is in good form and is

preparing to go to New Zealand with the Australian Junior Team. We all wish him well. The Club has taken possession of 25 new Club Carts. These are a new type of cart and should give good service. The Pro Team are offering a same day service on club grips. A full selection of Golf Pride grips are available. A new Loft-Lie machine is available and measures the lie angles for accurately fitting clubs to members.

### **Mark's Golf Tip of the Month**

B and C Graders should plan to achieve Par for their handicap rather than Par for the hole when they line up on the tee. Your results will be better as you will be playing within your ability. It will lead to better course management and better scores.

### **A Golf Story...**

A Brain Surgeon became the Captain of a golf club. He was continually telling the Greenkeeper how to do his job and continually criticising his work. One day the Brain Surgeon was operating and into the operating theatre came the Greenkeeper. The Greenkeeper began to tell the Brain Surgeon how to do his operation. The Brain Surgeon became quite agitated and said to the Greenkeeper "What do you know about brain surgery? The Greenkeeper replied, "About as much as you know about greenkeeping".

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