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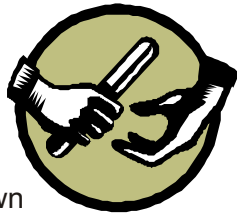
From the President...

Just a short note on a few matters. I am sure you are all aware that Greens Superintendent, Tony Rowland resigned and Matthew Fealey has been appointed in his place. Matt will do a good job in maintaining what we have.

Unfortunately the rain has upset our golfing calendar, and our income is down. Hopefully it will fine up, particularly for our week of Golf commencing with the Holden Scramble on 7th August. The Pro Am is on Monday the 9th, Lake Macquarie VETS on Tuesday 10th, Ladies Big Charity day on Wednesday 11th, VET's tournament on Thursday 12th, and the Bowl on Saturday 14th.

Change of Greens Staff ...

Last month our Greenkeeper, Tony Rowland, left to pursue other challenges. During the 20 years that Tony was at Charlestown he advanced the course greatly and I am sure that all the members appreciate the work and forethought that Tony gave during his time here.



Our new Greenkeeper is Mathew Fealy. Mathew began his apprenticeship here 10 years ago and has been Deputy Greenkeeper for the past 3 years. Mathew is a golfer and plays off a handicap of 8 so he understands golf and golf courses. I am sure that we all wish Mathew well in his new role and know that the members will give him every support.

From the Manager...



Charlestown's Big Week of Golf begins on the 7th August with the Holden Scramble and with the Pro-Am on the Monday. There are still some vacancies for both events so see the Pro Shop for details. The week continues with Ladies and Vet events and the Charlestown Bowl on Saturday 14th.

We have a new hole sponsor in Boyd's Joinery Works on the 8th. All members appreciate the commitment that sponsors make to the Club.

We welcome a new staff member in Emma McLean to the Club and welcome back Ashley. We hope both enjoy working here.

The membership draw is now up to \$2100 so why not come along on a Friday night and have a good meal and try your luck. The Club is available for functions, corporate days etc so if any member needs this service or knows of someone who does then please contact the Office. Readers are reminded that anyone who has not paid fees is no longer eligible to enter the Club except as a visitor.



From the Vets...

Entry forms, together with organizational details and conditions of entry, for our annual Charlestown Vets Cup are now available from the office or in the foyer. Note that all competitors must be affiliated members of a Veteran Golfers Association. Charlestown Golf Club members must be members of Charlestown Vets.



Congratulations to Warren Thompson for his eagle and the following monthly mug winners for May and June:

May	Men "A"	John Mason
	"B"	Peter Papst
	"C"	David Lennox
	Ladies	Carmel Tearle
June	Men "A"	John Cooper
	"B"	Barry Moyle
	"C"	Ian Smith
	Ladies	Ros Brown

Many members probably do not realise the extent of the contribution the Charlestown Vets make, both as an organization and as individuals, to the Charlestown Golf Club.

Our financial contributions through not only green fees and our patronage of the bistro and bar but also sponsorship of the 16th hole and donations to charity events such as the Ladies Charity Golf Day.

Visitors are encouraged to the Club through our affiliation with the NSW Veteran Golfers Association and the organisation of the annual Vets Cup.

Vets members such as Wayne Hohol, Ray Hinton, John Dykes, Peter Wilkinson and Tony Meredith are active members of Dad's Army, who volunteer their labour each Wednesday to improve and beautify our golf course.

From the Match Committee...

Members will notice that we now have blue, white and red Tee markers. The course will have two slope ratings one measured from the blue tee blocks and a second from the white.

The white course will possibly only be used on Vets, Sundays and Tuesdays' competitions. The reason for blue and white teeing areas, is under the new slope system you can only move the teeing areas +or- 20 meters from the blocks from which that course is measured so to use all the teeing area on the course we will have two courses to share the wear.

With technically two courses our handicaps will be based on the Blue course and if the White course has an easier slope rating you may play off a lower handicap on that course.

The committee at this stage are not sure whether this handicap adjustment will be done by our Pulse system or by a manual adjustment by reading off a chart on the notice board in the Pro Shop in a similar vein as when you visit another course.

Vale... Noela Yazbeck

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of our loved and respected member Noela Yazbeck on 30th June 2010.

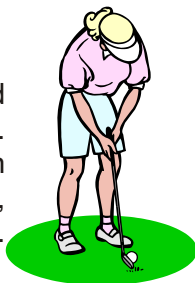


Noela was always involved at her beloved Charlestown Golf Club serving on various committees both Ladies and Vets since 1990. Her golf was always steady and competitive, a real team player and a delight to play with. Noela's greatest golfing feats were winning the Division 3 Club Championship in 2007 and the ultimate achievement a Hole in One on the 16th in 2008.

We will all miss Noela, but we have many happy memories to continue to share. It was a privilege to have known her as a friend.

From the Ladies...

The Ladies Championships was played through all the rain of May and June. Our Champion is Jill Blenkey. Division 2, Del Tisdell, Division 3, Pam Lamont, Division 4, Sandra Whyte. Congratulations to all the winners.



The Grade Pennant season has commenced and we have 2 teams this year. Both teams have started well with 2 wins to date.

The Charlestown Golf Academy Knock Out was completed this week. Division 1 winner is Marlene Graham and Division 2 winner, Debbie Gron. Congratulations to these Ladies and all the players for managing to play their matches despite the adverse weather.

During Charlestown's Week of Golf, the Ladies are hosting our Annual Gala Day. This is a team's event which will be fun with lots of novelty prizes.

We are currently planning for the Breast Cancer/Prostate Cancer Day in November. Last year's event was very successful and once again we are asking for donations of prizes for both the raffle and the Tombola.

From the Greens Staff...

All of the wet weather that we have had lately has placed a great strain on the course.



Members are asked to please observe the ropes and signs that the staff have placed around the course. They have been placed there to protect the course, so this means that only FOOT TRAFFIC should be within the roped off area (this means no buggies). The sand in some of the bunkers has become quite hard and will be replaced. New sand will be placed in bunkers on 4th, 5th, 8th and 16th. The tees will be sprayed for winter grass soon so expect some brown patches.

From the Pro Team...

The Club is still promoting Junior Golf and has spoken to PGA Australia about being involved with Pump Golf which is a structured programme for Juniors. Successes from our Junior programme are Jake Higginbottom who won the Victorian Junior Golf title and Brayden Petersen who won the CHS Schoolboys Championship. Congratulations to both. Members are reminded that entries for the Charlestown Week of Golf are now available.

Mark's Golf Tip of the Month...

During the backswing aim to keep the shaft pointing to the sky. This will help to prevent overswinging and aids balance.

Barry Ableson
Editor

