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MerimbulaGolf

newsletter

PMGC April 2014

From The President

DISABLED PARKING

With increasing pressure on the limited number of disabled parking spaces available adjacent to the entrance to the Club, the Directors have agreed to make their designated parking area available on normal Friday evenings to those members who hold a council disabled parking permit, should the need arise.

Members parking in the Director's area must display their permit on the dashboard of their car in accordance with the normal conditions of the permit.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

The March Membership Madness Promotion has been extremely successful. A radio advertising campaign supported by a letter drop in Merimbula, Pambula, Pambula Beach and Pambula South has resulted in 97 new members being accepted into the Club at the March Board Meeting, with the final figure expected to top 100.

While the majority were Social Members there were 20+ golfing members across all categories included in the total.

It is planned to carry out similar promotional campaigns on a regular basis in the future.

ADVISORY GROUP (AG)

The Advisory Group, which was established in January to look at the future prospects of the Club and the development of both current and new income streams, has submitted its findings to the Board.

The report, which was tabled at the March Board Meeting, contains a number of proposals, which will now be assessed by the Board for possible future implementation.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to the members of the AG (Robert Pritchard, Robyn Bain, John Balfour, Peter White, Tony Freeman and Les Carnegie) for their efforts over the last 2/3 months in producing such a comprehensive and detailed report.

Because of the level of detail the assessment process is expected to take some time and a number of dedicated meetings have been set aside to fully examine the proposals.

Members will be kept informed of progress.

Sponsorships Available

The Club still has a number of events that do not have sponsorship. Costs are reasonable at only \$33 for an individual and \$55 for a business. Please

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SPECIALS

Wednesday PARMA Night

3 types served with chips & salad @ \$14

Sunday STEAK n ROAST Night

250gm Sirloin Steak served with chips & salad @ \$14

Roast of the Day served with vegetables, roast potato & jus

see the dates available below. If you would like to sponsor one of these events, please contact the Office.

MIXED

Sunday 8th June 4BBB Stableford
 Sunday 22nd June Holden Scramble
 Sunday 20th July Foursomes Championship
 Sunday 28th September Medley Individual Stableford
 Sunday 12th October Medley 4BBB Stableford
 Sunday 21st December Medley 4BBB Par
 Sunday 28th December Medley 4BBB Stableford
 Sunday 4th January Medley 4BBB Stroke
 Sunday 11th January Medley 4BBB Stableford
 Sunday 18th January Medley Stableford
 Sunday 25th January Medley Stroke

MENS EVENTS

Saturday May 3rd May Monthly Medal Stroke
 Saturday 31st May Stableford
 Saturday 14th June Stableford
 Saturday 21st June Stableford
 Saturday 5th July Stableford
 Saturday 19th July 4BBB Stableford
 Saturday 6th September Stableford
 Saturday 4th October Stableford
 Saturday 8th November Stableford
 Saturday 6th December 2 Ball Ambrose
 Saturday 13th December Stableford
 Saturday 20th December Par
 Saturday 27th December Stableford
 Saturday 3rd January Stableford
 Saturday 17th January Stableford
 Saturday 31st January Par

On The Course

It is very disappointing to see the increase in unrepaired pitch marks on our greens.

The Course staff make every attempt to present our greens in the best possible condition week in week out only to be let down by members not repairing the damage caused by balls striking



the green surface. When this is raised members say "It's not me, I repair mine" but clearly this is not the case and I now ask all members to take more care when on the Green and to repair any damage they may have made or even repair another pitch that was not repaired.

I have attached a link to the Video, produced by Pat and Glenn, on the best

@ \$13

Ph: 02 6495 6454

What's On?

FRIDAY RAFFLES

7:30-8:00 pm

MEMBERS' JACKPOT DRAW

Fridays @ 7 - 8 - 9pm

FREE BINGO

Wednesdays from 10am

PANTHERS JOKER DRAW & RAFFLES

Saturdays from 6pm

Free Entertainment

Friday 11th April 2014 8pm till late, Jack Biilmann live and solo at the Pambula Merimbula Golf Club. Jack recently played at the Brumbies v Waratahs Rugby Union game in Canberra. Come along and join us

Full TAB & KENO facilities

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Child Minding

Fridays from 6pm

Check with the Club for School Holiday Times.

Phone: 02 6495 6154

Shuttle Bus

Wed - Sun Evening from 5:30pm

GOLF GROUPS

way to fix the damage and I hope members find this helpful. There are also posters in locker rooms and in the Golf Information Centre which demonstrates the process to repair the damage.

We do have a large number of visitors and some of the damage can be attributed to them but on Wednesday in particular, when I played, it was obvious that the damage was from members given the damage was clearly done on the Day.

PLEASE FIX PITCH MARKS AND DIVOTS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnBqoMVNeRI>

VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for more volunteers to help around the course once a month for about 4 hours. In particular we need additional support for the Thursday crew. If you would like to help please let me know (Bruce Morley) and I will place you on the roster and provide you with a roster for the next 12 months.

ROOT PRUNER

The root pruner which was purchased jointly with 4 other clubs is being used by Pat and his team. The work is well under way and causes minimal damage, however, I will put up a local rule to cover the situation in which a players ball may be affected by this; the work can be treated as GUR and relief may be taken if required.

TRADIES DAY

Friday the 21st was our last Tradies for this daylight saving period and I would like to thank all those who assisted with this monthly event. We will be conducting the event again when daylight saving returns. In particular a special thanks to Pat, Glenn, Rod, Carl, and Bruce Walker for their assistance at each event. Thank you to the office staff for producing the advertising material etc. We look forward to a bigger and better event next season.

FIXTURE CHANGES/AMENDMENTS

1. Men's 1st Round Fourball Match Play will move from 7th June to 31st May. The event scheduled for 31st May will be changed from Stroke to Stableford.
2. The Anniversary Mixed - The Club will provide scones, jam and cream on this day.
3. The Mothers Day event 11th May - Lunch will be optional and details will be available closer to the event.
4. The Mixed Foursomes Championships 27 holes will now be held on Sunday the 20th July not the 13th, and the Medley scheduled for the 20th July will now be held on the 13th July.
5. The Medley 3 Ball event scheduled for 27th April. The conditions of play area as follows;

A team consists of 3 players (Mixed, Men and Ladies)

- Each player's tee shot must be used 6 TIMES.
- Each player tees off and one tee shot is then selected from where all 3 players play their second shot within one club length of where the selected tee shot finished.(except on the green where putts are played within six

Contact the Club to organise a pick-up with our Shuttle and trailer.

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Shuttle goes to Merimbula, Pambula, South Pambula and Pambula Beach. If you have a full bus [10] from Tura Beach, please contact the Club early to organise a group pick-up.

inches or 15cm from the selected tee shot).

- All 3 players then play out the hole with their own ball and continue to play it from where ever it finishes after each shot.
- There is a maximum handicap of 36 for men and 45 for ladies.
- The rest of the game is played as per the rules of golf.

Full details of scoring and playing conditions will be available on the day.

Bega Cheese Staff Day

The Bega Cheese Staff Day the "Visy Ambrose Golf Day " was held in early March on a fantastic day that was perfect weather for golf. Bega Cheese staff from around the country were flown into town and bussed to PMGC with an early start and a hearty breakfast to get them ready for a



big day. The course was in fantastic condition, thanks to the green staff under Superintendent Pat Wilson, and the golfers had everything they could possibly need. The players had a great day playing a Drop Out Ambrose event, along with nearest the pins and longest drives.



Above: From left: Matt Fanning (Bega Cheese), David Huey (Atradius Credit Insurance), Josef Radinja (Willis Australia), Peter Lavery (Lavery Management)

Below: Looking the part
Damien Beggs (Bega Cheese)



Golf Australia Accredited Coaching Course

The Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation, along with Golf NSW and Golf Australia, have a Community Golf Coaches Course

being run here at PMGC on
Sunday 27th April 2014 from
10am

[Informaton Sheet and Application
Forms can be found on the
PMGC Website Click HERE.](#)

Reciprocal Clubs

We have been looking at
expanding upon Reciprocal
Clubs and have a few new Clubs
to add to our list:

[Port Macquarie Golf Club, NSW](#)
(reinstated)

[St Michael's Golf Club, Sydney
NSW](#)

[Kogarah Golf Club, Sydney NSW](#)



(Photo Above: St Michaels GC Little Bay... just next to NSW Golf Club)

We are awaiting to hear back from other Sydney and Melbourne Clubs that we have been in communication with and hope to provide members with more details in future Newsletters. We are sure members will enjoy these new courses, and encourage members to visit them. Should you wish to know a little about the courses (especially the Sydney ones) please feel free to General Manager Michelle Vernon.

Fine Wine Raffle

PMGC have three exceptional
bottles of wine to raffle. Tickets
only \$20 each, and there are only
110 tickets to be sold.

First Prize: Penfolds Grange
2001 Bin 95 # 61058 (valued
around \$750-\$850)

Second Prize: St Henri Shiraz
1999 (valued around \$90-\$110)

Third Prize: St Hugo Cab Sav
2010 (valued around \$35-\$50)

All wines have been cellared
correctly. The raffle will be
drawn once all 110 tickets are
sold, at the following Friday Night
Raffles. Tickets available from



the bar.

Proceeds of the raffle to go
towards purchasing blinds in the
far end of the dining room and
towards the Terrace Lounge.

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