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# MerimbulaGolf

## newsletter

September 2014

### From The President

#### PMGC 50th Anniversary

Members will be aware that the Club will next year celebrate its 50th anniversary. Fifty years is a significant milestone for any club and the planning and preparations necessary for such an event are significant.



To oversee the celebrations the Board has formed an Anniversary Committee to recommend and plan a programme of events to suitably recognise the Club achieving 50 years service to members. Members of the committee are Lee Beatty, Maureen McArdle, Jenny Robbins, Bruce Walker, Harold Patterson and Peter McMullen.

As part of the process the committee is looking for any items of historical value, photographs, newspaper articles, memorabilia which can assist with the development of the Club's written history. Any articles provided will be copied and returned.

**Sapphire Coast Week of Golf Course Early Morning Volunteers - Our** course Superintendent Pat Wilson is looking for any members prepared to give their time during the Week of Golf to assist with preparation of the course first thing every morning. Tasks will be light i.e. bunker raking, blowing paths, filling sand bins, etc. It is hoped that we can get together enough volunteers so that a roster can be drawn up. Please contact either Bruce Morley or Bruce Walker If you can assist.

### Fathers Day Sunday 7th September

### Congratulations Club Championships

Bothamley who worked extremely hard to get 4 grades. Well done Ladies

Unfortunately, fields for Men's championships were down this year and it is hoped that this trend does not continue. It is also disappointing to report that the Men's section was unable to conduct Singles Match Play due to lack of numbers. On the upside the number of competition games played in July was up 230 on last year and this is reflected in competition fee income, we hope

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#### For Your Diary

Friday 5 September \$4400  
Members Draw

Sunday 7 September Fathers  
Day lunch

19 & 20 September  
Oktoberfest

27 September Bondi Rescue  
and Zoo magazine model  
Ashlee

#### Golf Reminders

Tuesday 2 September  
Ladies Golf AGM

Fridays 9 hole medley  
comp

Sunday 28 September  
Pick-up sticks

Sapphire Coast Week of  
Golf starts 18 October

Looking for something to do Fathers Day? Make it simple and bring dad along for Lunch at the Golf Club. After Lunch go out for a hit with Dad! We offer a Sunday Family Deal only \$15 for a Father and child (U18). Yes we hire clubs too! Book into Lunch on 6495 6154 and Golf 6495 6280.



Our 2014 Club Champions are;

**Ladies** A Grade and Champion Carlene Ramsay, B Grade Jo Hunt, C Grade Betty McPhail, D Grade Sheila Fraser, Veteran Carlene Ramsay.

Congratulations to the Ladies, especially Captain Lynne



**Men's** A Grade and Champion Nick Crundall, B Grade Neville Bridge, C Grade David Swan, D Grade Lachlan Considine, Veteran Steve Cann, Junior Mitch Venables

Congratulations to Nick Crundall who set a new course record for 1-18 of 65, 6 under Par. Great golf Nick.



this trend continues.

## GOLF

There is some confusion about swiping/presenting your **Membership card** at the Pro Shop whenever you play golf. For all competition and social rounds of golf, please always present your Membership card to the Pro Shop; this will give us better golf course usage data. We thank members for their co-operation even if it does slow things down a little when booking in.

There's a 9 Hole medley competition on **Fridays** in our fixture book which has not been operating due to lack of participation. We hope to resurrect this event which is 9 holes starting in the morning with the last cards to the Pro



### SPECIALS

#### Wednesday Schnitzel and Parma Night

hand cut and freshly crumbed with a range of toppings

#### Sunday STEAK n ROAST Night

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY WINTER WARMERS

Wednesday Win Your Meal back Promo from 6pm

Wednesday Night Cash Raffles from 6.30pm

Wednesday Night Pokie Promo from 7.30pm

#### PANTHERS JOKER DRAW

Shop by 4pm. Winners will be declared the following Saturday and prizes will be subject to the entry pool. Please enter at Pro Shop.

**Sails Golden Shot** - There is some confusion about where the Sails Golden Shot voucher can be used; either have it credited to your membership card for use during the year or use it at the Bar, Bottle Shop or Pro Shop.

**Sponsorship** - If you would like to sponsor the overall daily winner for a Men's Saturday, Sunday Mixed or a Men's Wednesday competition, at a cost of \$33 (incl. GST) please let Bruce Morley or Bruce Walker know. We appreciate the generous support of our members.

**Sapphire Coast Week of Golf** - Entries are coming in and fields are filling up, so if you have a preferred time please enter ASAP; entry forms are available at the Office or from the Match Desk. We are preparing rosters for the week so if you can help in any capacity please let Bruce Morley or Bruce Walker know and be assured that your assistance will be appreciated.

## In the Clubhouse in September

The Friday night Members Draw is up to **\$4400** for Friday 5th Sept.

**Wednesday Winter Warmers** - Our Winter promotions on Wednesdays are becoming popular, as is the new Parma Menu. Win your meal back raffle... poker machine promotions... and the cash prize raffle. See the What's On page on the web.

**Friday Nights Live Music is Back** - Every 1st and 3rd Friday the Terrace Lounge will be grovin some tunes along with live music. This week we have Donny Ryan, Friday 19th is Oktoberfest with DJ German and pub music and on Friday 3rd October Struth are playing. So come along and enjoy the BEST club food in town, and relax your Friday night away.

**Coffee Shop** - During Winter, members and guests will note that on the quieter days between 3pm and 5pm, coffee and cakes will be served from the Bar rather than the kitchen. We still use the same fresh coffee and have access to all the sweet treats that you like, so please ask the staff if there is something in particular that you would like.

**Blinds Raffle** - Please support this worthwhile cause and have the chance to win a Laser Range Finder or \$300 Cash in lieu. Tickets on sale golf days and Friday and Wednesday nights.

## On the Course

members to repair plugmarks/divots on greens; if you attend to your own plug mark and fix at least 3 others on every green, we will eliminate this problem and make playing golf more enjoyable. Please also repair divot damage done by your shots on the fairways and in the rough by filling the divot with sand rather than replaced sod and sand.

**Bunkers** - We are concerned that Members are not adhering to Course Superintendent Pat's original advice, which is to enter and leave the bunker at the lowest point. To assist, we have placed blue blocks at the entry/exit point.

## & RAFFLES

Saturdays from 6pm

Sunday 7th Father Day -  
Special Lunch Menu

Friday 19th Oktoberfest from  
6pm and Power FM Live Feed  
12-3pm

Saturday 20th Oktoberfest  
from Midday till late

Saturday 27th Bondi Rescue  
Jesse and Maxi and DJ's

## Full TAB & KENO facilities

### 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

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

**Ph: 02 6495 6154**

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.

Members will have seen work being done around the course by our volunteer groups. I would like to thank them all for their hard work. If you would like to assist please contact Coordinator Rod Smith; we are grateful for your help.

**Greens/Fairways** - The usual issues are becoming evident again and it is timely to remind



Using these marked points helps protect bunker faces and minimises balls plugging in the face. We recognise that kangaroos do some damage and balls will still plug on occasion, but work such as watering bunkers and working the faces will minimise this.

**Pick-up sticks** is going ahead as scheduled on 28 September, so please note your diary and give us a hand on the day

The Board has recently approved the purchase of a new Tractor and a new Spray unit, the tractor is replacing a very old unit which had become very costly to maintain and was constantly breaking down. The new tractor will eliminate this down-time, increasing productivity. The spray unit is also replacing a unit that was a very old farming sprayer modified for golf course use, and constantly under repair; the new unit will be more efficient and also will increase productivity and reduce chemical waste/overuse.

Pat is about to make some changes around the 3rd and 17th tees involving heavy excavation work; the garden bed and ivy-covered tree will be removed from the 3rd and the area redesigned to include a cart turnaround area. The Lomandras on the right hand side of the 17th will be thinned out and used elsewhere. We also intend to remove some palm trees from around the course; if anyone would like to purchase them or know of anyone interested in doing so, please let me know. Good Golfing.

Bruce Morley Club Captain

## Oktoberfest

Beer Hall Style, German and Pub Music and Club Envy late. More information on the Oktoberfest Page. This event is for EVERYONE!! Come along and enjoy the beer, the food and the mateship!

## Bondi Rescue Boys and Zoo Magazine Ashlee

### From the GM - Meet our Sponsors

**Laurie O'Shea - Discovery Park Pambula**

How long have you been operating your business?



Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September - Oktoberfest is back with FREE ENTRY.

Friday 12-3pm Power FM radio will be broadcasting live from the Clubhouse. 6pm til late Oktoberfest Begins! German Beer on Tap, Schnapps and German Music with the Clubhouse set up as a German Beer Hall! Mr and Miss Oktoberfest - have a talent, you can enter the competition.

Saturday 20th from midday til late the party continues with

Popular television show Bondi Rescue will be coming to the Pambula Merimbula Golf Club Saturday 27th September from 8pm along with Zoo Magazine Model Ashlee Adams. All presented by Megabeetz Club Envy with pub music and DJ's.

Under 18 only meet and greet event in the PMGC Garden Room at 2pm.

Both events \$10 entry



*have been here for 15 years & know the park intimately.*

What is your philosophy of business, or what do you do that is different?  
*We ensure our guests have a great holiday experience which is empowered by the team. From check in, during their stay & at check out we continue to offer a high level of customer service which is demonstrated by the positive customer feedback we receive. We have a number of guests that have been coming for many years with quite a few in the 40-50 year timeframe.*

What specialties do you offer and have you won any awards?  
*Having 500 metres of pristine beach frontage is a huge plus where guests can walk straight onto the beach & enjoy Pambula Beach for a swim, surf or walk. We have a large range of kids's club activities & facilities including our new water park, the Sapphire Soaker. These keep the kids active ensuring parents have a break too, relaxing, catching up some holiday reading & socialising with fellow guests. Not recently but have been winners & finalists in the NSW Tourism Awards, Sapphire Coast Awards & Industry Awards.*

How many staff do you have?

*Staff numbers alter with seasons: 20 to 35*

*Were you born and bred in the local area or did you grow up elsewhere?*

*Born in Adelaide where I spent my younger years, most of my time was in Melbourne & prior to Pambula Beach a few years in Port Lincoln, SA & Mackay, QLD. The Sapphire Coast is the place for me.*

*So how did you end up here?*

*I experienced itchy feet after Port Lincoln & Mackay. Wanted to move back south & got as far as Pambula Beach where I secured a position at Holiday Hub Beach Resort now Discovery Holiday Parks.*

*What are the best things about living here?*

*The Sapphire Coast is "like no other place on earth". It's a great area with numerous National Parks, host of activities, gourmet rich, steeped in history & the weather tends to be mild all year round without the extremes of other places, perfect! Living on the park & meeting a variety people all year.*

*What do you do in your down time?*

*I'm a bit of a workaholic but I do enjoy travelling, reading on holidays, listening to music. I love going back to Melbourne to catch up with my daughter & grand-daughter plus going to see a few Hawks games.*

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