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## Newsletter "Riverside News"

20<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Membership Manager, Rod Barfoot advises that there are currently 506 financial members for 2012-2013.

We have 8 new junior members since the Junior Pelicans re-commenced 4 weeks ago – GOOD JOB. A reminder for our Golf Shop Volunteers, Proposers and Seconders of new member Applications - could you please remind applicants that membership fees have to be paid when submitting their application.

### Captains report from Cyril Walsh

**Junior Pennant** has had HUGE wins recently. Tyrone Cover, Toby Walker, Riley Sekita, Spencer Davies and Lachlan Smith played at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach to win the Western Shield. On the same afternoon they played Barwon Valley to win the Ford Cup. Alex Smith and Connor Schmidtke were also members of the team and helped in getting the team to the finals. **AMAZING VICTORIES AND JOB WELL DONE** by all concerned.

Victory celebrations will be held at the Club on 26<sup>th</sup> April for Players, Managers and Caddies.

**Senior Pennant** have had mixed results and are hanging in there. The Club has a team in Division 2 (Captain Andrew Clancy) and Division 3 (Captain Steve Vicary).

1<sup>st</sup> week: Division 2 lost 5 / 2. Division 3 won 7 / 0. 2<sup>nd</sup> week: Division 2 was the same result as week 1. Division 3 did not win.

### Juniors report from Von and Rod Barfoot

Junior Pelicans Golf Program for Term 1 started March 14<sup>th</sup> with a great roll up. Term 2 commenced April 18<sup>th</sup>, also a great roll up and thank you to the willing volunteers who assisted on the day. We need a few more volunteers to assist with this vital program on Thursdays between 4pm and 5.30pm. Just an occasional attendance makes a huge difference. Contact Von for more details. The roster for Term 2 is on the Juniors Notice Board (in the passage way).

### **Events held to date:**

Stuart Appleby Vic U14 final in February was held at our Club.

Vic Primary School Championships Round 1 - there were 53 girls and boys from 4 local schools. Two of our club members qualified for the finals – Jed Modini (7 years old) overall boy's winner and Seb Sbissa. Our many club members from OG Primary School will compete in Round 2 in August at Clifton Springs. School holiday clinic was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, professional Vicki Thomas attended and assisted. The 26 juniors (including 11 girls) enjoyed tuition in many aspects of golf, BBQ, Video, a 6 hole competition and NTP prizes. A BIG thank you to all the people who assisted (including some of the winning Junior Pennant Team – Tyrone, Alex and Lachlan) and made the day a resounding success. Junior girls Golf Clinic (SWDLGA) was held at the Barwon Heads Par 3 Course on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Von and 3 girls braved the wet and cold conditions - Amber Brenan, Maggie Schaller and Ainsley Walker.

### Ladies news from Leone Clay - Lady President

Club championships have concluded. Good numbers participated in the event this year.

Chris Jolley is our Champion and overall 54 hole Champion.

Di Clifton is the B Grade Champion. Cynthia Berry is the C Grade Champion.

Faye Laver is the A Grade Nett winner. Liz Gamby is the B Grade Nett winner.

Joyce Dow is the C Grade Nett winner. Congratulations to all these ladies.

Our Otway Pennant team finished equal 4<sup>th</sup> which was an admirable effort considering that most of the team were first time pennant players. However, we hosted the Otway Pennant Shield day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. There were 54 starters and the Ocean Grove girls took out the Shield for the best scores of the day. CONGRATULATIONS to those girls.

Singles match play knockout is about to begin. Entries need to be in by 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Division 5 Pennant begins on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Division 7 Pennant begins on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Good luck to all our pennant players.

Don't forget! Golf is still on for Anzac day. It is 12 holes of Stableford starting at 1pm.

We are in the planning stage for our Roaring 20's Jazz Night on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Keep the night free and start to organize a table or be part of one. It promises to be a great night. See the posters around the clubhouse soon for details.

**The Club is now selling the new edition of the Entertainment book** at a cost of \$55. The Club receives \$11 per book which is a great fund raiser for little effort. Please see Cynthia Berry or Leone Clay and tell your friends!!

### Veterans report from Faye Laver - Veterans Co-ordinator

Veterans are going great guns with an average of 50 to 60 playing each Friday. We finish no later than 1pm at the latest and sometimes earlier. We all enjoy our monthly luncheons which are catered for by the Veteran Ladies.

Singles knockout is on with some good results so far.

16 Veterans ventured over to St. Leonards Golf Club for a day of golf which we all enjoyed immensely. They will be returning the visit to us on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Chairman, Peter Brown, was runner-up in the men's division and Thelma Bartlett was runner-up in the ladies. I have never seen such long par 3's, you needed your driver and you still didn't get on. Not a very good golf score by Bill Laver but he won the meat tray. Thelma Bartlett went back to St. Leonards on Good Friday to play in their Good Friday Appeal. Thelma won the competition that day. GREAT JOB THELMA.

One of our Lady Veterans, Gwen James, had her hair cut on a No.1 for leukemia and raised a lot of money. We are looking forward to seeing the photos.

Peter Williams is no longer Chairman but we allow him to tell a couple of jokes each fortnight to keep his hand in.

Thank you to all the Veterans who volunteer around the course and in the clubhouse.

### Water Management Report

In March 2013 a Water Sub Committee was formed to investigate all aspects of current club water facilities, equipment and practices to research all options and develop plan/s for effective water management for the golf course in the future.

The Sub Committee is chaired by Cyril Walsh (Captain) and includes Mark Watson, Nev Carracher, Lee Brasier and Brendon Daniel.

Various independent engineers, water specialists and contractors have inspected the dams, the current course watering facilities and the surrounding storm water catchment areas. A recommendation will be formulated when all reports and findings are received by the Club.

Mark has created interest in the project from the City of Greater Geelong and also Barwon Water. A meeting was held with Council representatives on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

This water storage project is a top priority for the Club and the Committee of Management is determined to get the right water management solution before we spend any money.

### **Sponsorship Report from Elaine Elliott**

The sponsorship team have had the pedal to the metal all this golf season and are pleased to report resounding success in confirmed General Sponsorship including the Open Tournament. We now have great new informative brochures to work with (thanks to resident member and graphic artist, Corrie Butcher. We are looking outside the box for new ideas to promote the Club i.e. an Accommodation/Golf package with local Motel/accommodation providers for possibly some Sunday and/or Monday packages. The Tournament Committee is canvassing input **from sponsors** regarding the format of "Sponsors Day". It may be better to give them what they want instead of what we think they need!!

### **General News Items**

The Club has installed a new Printer/Copier/Fax machine in the Club office to replace the old one which died on us last Thursday. To save the usual confusion and aggravation with "new and different" machines there are BOLD typed instructions for using this machine in a folder tagged (Office Equipment and Data info). This folder is on the bench/desk near the printer. Please be gentle with Club equipment and keep in mind that it is for Club use only.

The new digital tills are expected to be in place for the Golf Shop and Bar within the next 3 weeks. Training will be arranged for the volunteers who work in those 2 areas. Don't be concerned about learning how to use these touch screens as they are much friendlier than the cash tills currently in use.

We will have confirmation in the next couple of days as to when the RSA course will take place **at our Club**. It is likely to be an early in the week evening session of no more than 2 hours and we ask that those who wish to attend please contact Betty Glasgow or Ralph Allen ASAP so that we can confirm numbers. We need 20 attendees to get facilitators to come to the Club. The Club will pay the course cost for each member attending. Certification lasts for 3 years.

IT Volunteer, Stuart McEwan, will be checking out the Clubs IT equipment and programs in the coming 2 weeks and will be our supervisor (and volunteer contact) for general IT problems/training/supervision of the Club IT, including the website which will be a key project so that we can get up to date up with the news, events, photos etc and stay that way.

The New Constitution has been resubmitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria for final acceptance. Once we are notified of acceptance, we can activate the updated version to replace the current document.

There are still some minor breaches at times with the Club Dress Code by visitors and some members. The dress code is a very minimum and reasonable requirement and non compliance is not acceptable. All members are urged to abide by this Club requirement for the Course and the Clubhouse and to assist in the enforcement of this Club rule at all times. Enforcement is the responsibility of all members not just the COM.

Damage to practice chipping and putting greens is still occurring. Some holes are being poked into the greens with sticks and flag pole spikes and divots are not being repaired with sand in the chipping area. We are not sure who is damaging the greens. If you become aware of any person interfering with the Course, please bring it to the urgent attention of Lee Brasier or any member of the COM.

Approval has been granted by the COM for new practice nets to be installed in the existing area, but turned around, so openings will be on the practice area side and not in the back yard. This work is scheduled to take place over the next 3-4 months.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> green is taking shape, the grass is growing (rain would help). More up to date information (estimated date of opening, etc) will be in the May newsletter.

We are looking at an upgrade of the Club BBQ. It needs some urgent attention to ensure safe use.

Don't forget the financial and administrative years for our Club now ends on 30<sup>th</sup> June so we need **YOU** to start thinking about "who does what" during 2013 – 2014 season. Let's start the planning process for Office Bearers, COM and Sub Committees early, so we can be in front of the game when AGM time comes around. Membership season 2012-13 still runs to 30<sup>th</sup> September, so there is no change this year for the membership renewal date.

The secure buggy storage and extension of the Golf Shop project is still well and truly on the menu. Final quotes will be in by the end April and will go before the COM at May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Bar and Golf Shop both reported busy times for the 1<sup>st</sup> three months of 2013. There have been bucket loads of volunteer hours in these 2 key areas and we look forward to more people putting their hand up to help and give some of the regulars a well deserved break in the off season.

Rob Byrne has resigned from the COM. We thank Rob for his volunteer efforts and wish him well.

Andy Franks is assisting Ralph in the bar activities and we are very grateful for his efforts and expertise. Betty Glasgow is assisting with coordinating bar rosters at the moment and is contacting all current bar volunteers to confirm availabilities and preferences. **We are putting out an urgent call for a member to take over coordinating of the bar volunteer rosters. We need a person with time and the inclination to manage this key activity. Plenty of support from myself, Ralph and Andy will be provided as and when required.**

Bar prices are currently being "marginally" adjusted upwards for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in (a long time) due to regular previous excise and product price increases. These prices will be introduced when new Tills are installed (couple of weeks away) and members can check intended prices, on hard copy, available at the bar, from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

"Keep Area Clear" signage has been placed on the front of the bar upstand to enable patrons to more readily have access to order and collect drinks more easily, especially during busy times. Your co-operation to keep these areas clear would be appreciated as the signage is there to increase the efficiency of service from the bar.

Club Members are able to arrange individual or group golf coaching services from two local sources:

- Mal Humphries 0414 884 935
- Vicki and David Thomas 0417 408 898

The (\$2 a cup) coffee machine has been very popular and financially successful. We encourage members to try a selection from the machine some time, if they haven't already done so.

Golf Australia is conducting a 1 day "2013 Community Golf Coaching Course" (Level 1) at the Bannockburn Golf Club on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm. If you are interested in attending, contact Von Barfoot for a copy of the application form.

More news in a few weeks – good golfing – hope your footy team wins this weekend.

Regards

Warren Gibbs

President, Ocean Grove Golf Club

