



**Newsletter "Riverside News"**

**8<sup>th</sup> June April 2013**

**Just a few notes this month - will have more serious golf news next newsletter in July**

Membership Manager, Rod Barfoot advises that there are currently 520 + financial members for 2012-2013. Membership renewals are due end Sept as usual but remember Club financial year ends 30<sup>th</sup> June from this year so your membership fees for next renewal will be adjusted to run for 9 months – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2013 to 30 June 2014. From then on, renewal will revert to a full 12 months, ending 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.

Golf season will not change - its only financial and management that will change earlier than previous years. The AGM will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Aug (unless advised otherwise) and this will allow new office bearers and committee members more time to take control of their responsibilities before the busy end of the year and in preparation for summer season.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME NEW BLOOD** – (and some old) within our member ranks for volunteers on the Committee of Management and the sub committees, to share the work load more evenly - away from a few individuals. The daily Club activities are growing each year and require all sub committees (10 sub committees x 3 persons) to be active in their areas of responsibility. If you look at page 1 & 3 of the fixture book you will see the COM positions and the various sub committees that operate within the club structure. It is up to the individual to allocate time and effort of a few hours here and there as they are able. Volunteer time, effort and expertise is what has made this Club so successful both financially and competitively in the past and to continue that success we need to maintain a sizeable volunteer force for: the Golf Shop (25+) – the Bar (30+) – Course Maintenance (25+) plus COM & sub committees. Its because we are all volunteers offering a few hours that there must be a large volunteer work force.

The Golf Shop urgently (right now) needs a few more volunteers to fill a few holes in their roster, both on some week days and on Saturdays. If you can help in this front line area, please let us know asap.

Leone Clay and her "Jazz Nite" team are pleased to announce that the Jazz Nite (22<sup>nd</sup> Jun) is SOLD OUT

No more tickets available – great job by the ladies.

Also Leone advises that they have sold 40 + Entertainment books thru the Club over the last few weeks and more are available if members still haven't picked up a copy of the latest edition. Club receives a commission for each book sold so once again thanks Leone and all those involved for this additional income stream.

The new "touch screen tills" are installed in the Bar & the Golf Shop. Bar till was activated in the past week and Golf Shop unit starts Monday coming. Volunteers will find the tills user friendly with easy to read screens so don't be afraid of the new technology. This equipment upgrade will make the Club more efficient in it's customer service and more easily accountable in it's financial recording and reporting. Anyone requiring training on this equipment please contact the undersigned and it will be arranged as soon as possible.

Internal painting of walls in Ladies toilets and room and mens toilets/shower areas has been completed and its good to see the old wall "yellow" disappearing, to be replaced by a nice neutral colour.

What a difference a few good falls of rain makes to the course – great start to winter and the course looks a treat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tee is progressing along nicely and should be up and running before too long.

The Water Management Committee. There have been a significant number of inspections by engineers, contractors, water specialists and then meetings with these water management advisers/specialists plus Geelong Council & Barwon Water. The information and data gathered from this research will be the foundation for the short – medium and long term Club Water Management recommendations. The current Irrigation Development Program is progressing - see update from Mark Watson below:

“Water Management Sub Committee has identified the 4th, 9th, and 10th greens as being the priority for the first phase of improving the irrigation efficiencies of the greens. This will incorporate the installation of part turn sprinklers and rearrangement of the existing full circle sprinklers. The part turn sprinklers will allow the option of just watering the greens and to more accurately sequence operation depending on wind conditions. This winter the control cables will be installed from the pump shed to the greens, existing full circle sprinklers repositioned and pipe work installed ready for the part turn sprinklers to be installed next year. Other short term projects identified are the supply and installation of flow metering devices (possible Barwon Water 50 50 funding for mains water data logging) and review of water quality monitoring from the pump pool. Also formalising the monitoring and actions for regulating the variations in actual soil moisture across greens is being investigated. Long term options are still being researched and will form part of the Club's Water Management Plan. Water costs this year \$23,000.”

#### Club electricity useage:

Currently having electrical audits of the entire Club carried out by various electrical contractors. They will report how we can save money on electricity in the future, the options required and the upgrade costs to achieve these savings.

Golf news: Club championships to be played this month 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> and final round 29<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all players. Geelong & District Vets visit 17<sup>th</sup> June – course closed on that day.

#### Juniors report from Von Barfoot and the Team

1. Ocean Grove Golf Club Junior Pelicans - Activity day and 6 hole competition.

When: 10 am - 2 pm. Wednesday, 3rd. July - Eats = BBQ lunch

COST : \$5 Members, \$10 Non members

Please reply by: **Thursday 27th. June**

TO: Veronica 52555248 / Pam Gibbs 52563213 / Ann Bibby 5256 3916 or Sally Schaller

2. Par 3 - 9 Hole Competition at Barwon Heads Sunday 23rd. June - 12 :00 SHARP \$5 (\$10).

This event is a Stuart Appleby Rookie Event. Eats & presentations will follow at Ocean Grove Golf Club.

This is open to Junior members and suitable non members who are able to complete 9 holes (par 3s)

**Names and payment by Thursday 20th.** See notices and list on the Junior Notice Board at the Club.

3. We are building a great team of volunteers for the junior coaching – will be looking for more as we expand the activities and also to fill in when people are not available. If you can assist on a Thu 4 – 5.30pm please record your name on the roster sheet located on the juniors notice board in the muster room.

4. Call for unwanted golf clubs for junior golf – 7, 8, 9, pitch, sand, woods. Donated clubs are shortened to suit the budding young golfers who turn up full of enthusiasm each week each week to hone their skills.

**Ladies news** from Leone Clay - Lady President - all under control – will catch up next newsletter.

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

What a magnificent way to start a day of golf. Breakfast with the ladies. Bacon and egg roll with juice, tea or coffee. The day was enjoyed by all. Well done Ladies.

St.Leonards \return to our course was a good day. Weather not the best but everyone had a good time.

The outsiders found our course a bit hard - with so much grass??.

The final of the Singles Knockout is between Tony Jarvis and Ranko Bohnke, good luck to both the boys, the results in next issue.

The Bill Vickers 2 Ball Ambrose was played and won by Cyril Walsh and Geoff Kiddle, congratulations to the both of them.

Only a couple of week to the Aussies versus the Rest of the World, Hope all the Aussies are practicing. Results will be in the next issue.

On Mon 17th June the District Veterans will be gracing our course in their numbers, many helper needed to make the day a great success.

**Sponsorship Report update** from Elaine Elliott The sponsorship team still have had the pedal to the metal and have the book reasonably full of willing sponsors except for one major sponsor for the open. \$2000 sponsor or maybe 2 x \$1000 share this spot - any thoughts come to mind please contact Elaine.

### **General News Items**

RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) training course conducted at the Club recently and was well attended on the night – a big thank you to those who attended and to Betty G for organizing the activity. The presenter was an ex liquor inspector, really knew his stuff and made the evening interesting and very informative. The certificates of those who attended and participated are available from the bar.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> green is taking shape, the grass is growing (rain is helping). The course curators and volunteers should be really proud of their achievements with this project. More up to date information (estimated date of opening, etc) will be advised soon.

Club BBQ has been serviced and repaired and is safe to use. Ongoing checks will be carried out quarterly to ensure ongoing safety. **Please turn off the gas at the bottle each time - after use.**

The buggy storage and extension of the Golf Shop project is approved. We are just awaiting new drawings and final quote adjustments. Work will be under way very soon.

Bar prices are currently being “marginally” adjusted upwards for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since Sept 2011. These price rises will come into force from Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July. List of new pricing available at the bar, for perusal by members.

New greens mower (replacement) arriving in the next few weeks.

A **big thank you** to Tony Franken for his ongoing volunteer effort at the shed utilizing his mechanical expertise to service and repair the Club machinery and equipment. Once again volunteer service by a skilled member for the benefit of the Club.

### **Crazy things to ponder!!**

Why do dawdling drivers speed up when they get to an overtaking lane?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee for “insufficient funds” when they “know” there is not enough in the account?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in telescopes to see things on the ground?

Did you ever notice that if you blow in a dogs face they get mad at you but when you take them on a car ride they stick their head out the window to catch the breeze?

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

Regards

Warren Gibbs



President, Ocean Grove Golf Club