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## Presidents Newsletter March 2014

Hi Members

This is my second Newsletter, although I wanted to do one at Xmas there was just too much on with the Club and my private life.

The Xmas period was very productive and looked like out-doing last year by a long way until those five consecutive hot days over 40 degrees that stopped any green fee players playing, even affecting the bar takings. But all in all, we were still up on last year.

The Club is in good shape financially and we are able to commit to projects to improve the Club and the course. The Committee would like to thank the volunteers for getting the Club through this busy period, the Course Volunteers and the volunteers behind the Bar and in the Golf Shop. There was many a hectic night behind the bar, and to those who worked late at night we thank you- this is the period that finances the club throughout the year; without this busy period we would not survive as the Club we know.

If you think you can assist as a volunteer please make yourself known, we can find something for you that suits you and the time available to you.

It was great to see our Volunteers in their new shirts and now we have them in the Golf Shop, I think it helps to show the public about our unique special Volunteer Golf Club.

I was also happy to see the Member Discount system up and running. After a few weeks we all managed to get used to it - it may not mean that much now, but in the future we will be able to increase the base rate for non-members thereby giving you, the member, a greater benefit.

We have entered into an agreement with the NAB; basically if any member or relative or friend of a member mentions the Ocean Grove Golf Club when taking on a loan with the NAB that matches or is better than any of their competitors, the Ocean Grove Club will get valuable income from the NAB's Community Support Fund. It is not in any way from that loan, so if you or a friend or relative are interested in a loan please don't forget to mention us. NAB is also sponsoring a Men's and Women's golf day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, hope you can be part of it. Make your entries on-line.

I would like to voice my disappointment about comments I hear around the club about what Volunteers and Committee members do or don't within the club, especially speaking of time put into running the club by these volunteers. A lot of work is done after hours that most members will not even see, working late to 11 pm at night and later, starting at 7am in the morning and much more work done from home - all for the benefit of all members. This club cannot run without volunteers and these volunteers have kindly donated their time. They cannot be treated like general employees - they do not have to do it, they do it for love of the Club. If they are upset by what is said, they just stop helping us.

So please treat these volunteers and committee members with respect.

Having said that we are desperate for more volunteers, please consider helping the Club.

Colin Stephens  
President OGGC Inc.

