

## Club Newsletter December 2011

Board Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011.

### Items of Interest

We were very pleased recently to engage the services of Matt Falkner on a Permanent Part Time basis of employment. He'll be covering both the busier days in the Pro Shop along with bar services from time to time, sharing the workload with Warrick. Matt is qualified to give and is available for golf lessons or clinics by private arrangement and is more than keen to follow your golf, give advice and guide you along the way. For the information of our more recent members Matt was employed as a golf apprentice with Robert Taylor approximately 6 years ago and many longer term members know him well. He'll be a great asset on Staff and for our Club generally I'm sure you'll agree.

In the coming weeks, members will see the Pro shop stocked with a range of quality golf equipment. As the Club is now the beneficiary of this operation, members will be able to purchase clothing and golf equipment at prices not previously available. All stocked shoes and clothing will be subject to a 15% member's discount.

If there are any Members who still have outstanding credit with Steve Bishop you'll need to contact him through the Driving Range to redeem as he has received the total value of the vouchers from the Club over the time.

Unfortunately, as in the past, there is a small enclave of members who take it upon themselves to oppose change and deride those who instigate it. This minority group make erroneous comments without having all the facts, a behaviour which has a negative impact on what we have always valued **"The Friendly Club"**. For those that harbour concerns on any issue please feel free to approach Shane or a Board Member, who will be more than happy to discuss them with you.

On a lighter note, as we all know, the club has been subject to some extreme wet weather conditions over the past three years, so much so that we have been successful in securing a \$130K in Disaster Relief Funding from the Rural Assistance Authority. This funding is interest free for the first 2 years and 2.7% for the next 6 years which will go a long way towards securing our future. It is a 'loan' not a 'grant' and it will have to be paid back in 8 years but in saying so, it will be a great 'buffer' and save the Club a considerable amount in annual interest charges.

Members Christmas Party and Annual Presentation of Champions is just around the corner on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> commencing directly after the Sunday Competition. Come along and 'toast' your 2011 Champions and enjoy some camaraderie with fellow members.

Membership fees are now due and payable for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 to 30th June 2012. Vouchers won can be paid off fees or spent at the Club if you wish or redeemed at selected local businesses listed.

### Greens

After discussions with The Course Superintendent, the Ladies decided to utilise the monies saved for drainage to be spent on the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway instead the 5<sup>th</sup>. It's an area that affects a lot of golfers but more particularly the Ladies, hence their decision. The works are almost complete and along with the removal of three trees between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fairways, this area should see great drainage improvement in the future. On seeing something for their money the Ladies have decided to utilise part of the proceeds of their weekly raffles for the time being towards another drainage project.

With the warmer weather recently, it's definitely growing season so the green staff will be spending the majority of their days keeping the fairways and roughs under control. They plan to continue the redevelopment of the 15<sup>th</sup> bunker and also continue their work repairing some low bare areas on the 13<sup>th</sup> fairways when time permits.

## House

A great month for functions:

### Coming Events:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Probus dinner – 80                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – 3D paints – Golf & lunch – 30    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec - William Bayldon Staff – Dinner – 50      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday – 50   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Builders Golf Day                        | 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Sawtell PS Staff –Dinner - 40    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec – CH Motorcycle Club – Presentation – 200 | 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Annual Pres/Members Xmas Party  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Monday Vets Xmas Party                  | 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Orara HS Staff Xmas Party – 40  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Busways Xmas Party – 40                 | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Speedi Lube – Golf & Lunch – 20 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Sawtell Cinema Xmas Party – 25          | 22 <sup>st</sup> Dec - Carols by Candlelight           |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – 21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Party – 70    | 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Seaside Open                    |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Wedding - 50                            |  |

## Juniors

The junior championships have been completed; the winners will be announced at our annual junior break-up and presentation on Sunday 18th December. This day will be for both juniors and their parents/guardians, who will play an Ambrose commencing at 8:30 am.

Congratulations to Zach Ion who has been selected in the North Coast Academy Sport Golf Talent program. He will be able to benefit from the following:

- Individualised coaching & training program
- Assessment using technology such as K-Vest and Puttlab
- Sports science support from qualified professionals in disciplines such as biomechanics, sports psychology, sports physiology, nutrition, and strength & conditioning (including core strength)
- Other career development opportunities such as media training & financial advice
- Undergo JNIG Golf curriculum & skill modules
- Opportunities to compete against the NSW's best golfers at Academy only Golf events

**(submitted by) Junior Committee**

### Please welcome our New Members:

Jean Beby (Monday Vets) Paul Beby (Monday Vets) Nicholas Bostock – Ling (Full 'C') Trent Brooks (Social) Dave Brown (Full 'C') Bailey Watt (Junior) Jim Murdoch (Full 'C') Jodi Murdoch (Full 'C') Cameron Murdoch (AMF) Matilda Murdoch (Junior) Grace Murdoch (Junior) Mechelle Hastings (Full 'C') Anthony Rhodes (Full 'C') Brooke Conroy (Junior) Gavin Yates (Social) and Cameron Arnold (Full 'C')

***On behalf of Club Management, Staff and the Board of Directors, we wish you all a Merry Christmas, safe holidays and Happy New Year.***

**Glenys Davidson**  
**Vice President**