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GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE



After a very dour Winter and unpredictable Spring, we have been blessed by a Summer that has been kind to us. We have had many visitors to our Club, with comments on our offering being very favourable. It is disappointing however, that we still have members who do not appreciate the contribution that visitors to our Club make to our overall operation. In one recent example, a visitor was treated poorly which resulted in the cancellation of a round of golf that the visitor had booked the next day, as well as cancelling a large dinner booking that they had made. The worst part of this scenario, is that we probably won't see them back at the Club and all the other people that they tell of their experience, may not return to the Club but instead take their business elsewhere. If you have an issue with players on the course, please report it to the Golf Shop.

Our entertainment offering is now in full swing with the last of our 'OASIS' Sundays being this Sunday 29th January with local band 'Don't Ask' and Chef Marcus is doing an Aussie BBQ to accompany the great live music. Our 'Queen' tribute band night in March is selling fast with only a few tickets left. We have also locked in an intimate night with Ross Wilson in May of this year. Limited tickets will be available for what we expect to be an unforgettable night with an Australian music legend.

Our next big Member promotion is our Easter 'Eggfest' giveaway. Watch this space!!!!

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE - GREG NUGENT CONTINUED/....

Ladies Club Championships are underway and almost complete, with Men's Championships starting soon. Good luck to all those participating.

At the recent Board Meeting, the Board resolved to remove the Rotunda that has been in the same location for many years. Unfortunately, the Rotunda has outlived it's life span and is now starting to show signs of it's age. A new space for completion of golf cards will be made available, while the space that was occupied by the Rotunda will be converted to a parking area for carts.

Our 'Member Jackpot' is climbing which should provide a great incentive to get down to the Club on a Friday night. We also have raffles, give-aways and the Community Cash Cow. If you know of any Community Group that is keen to be involved in a great way to raise funds for their organisation, please put them in touch with me. I am only too happy to explain how the 'Cash Cow' works.

Thank you.

GREG NUGENT

GENERAL MANAGER



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TOM SWAN



As January ends and the holidays on the whole are over, we can sit back and reflect on an extremely busy month with large numbers of people playing on our wonderful course. A big 'THANK YOU' to Tony and his crew for keeping the course in such a magnificent condition.

I am now about three weeks into being the Club Captain and it has been a real 'baptism of fire', with a large number of events in catch up mode due to the inclement weather during the Winter and Spring. The Ladies Club Championships will finish next week, congratulations to all the ladies competing. Thursday 2nd of February sees the completion of the Men's Premier League with the presentation dinner to follow. The J D Neely and J Nolan Trophy events have started and will be completed by the end of February.

The Club Championships start on Thursday 9th of February. Entries are still open and I would ask Members to enter the event. Remember, it's "your Club" and these are "your Championships". The entry sheet is on the Notice Board outside the Pro Shop.

Congratulations to our Pennant Team who competed in the NEDGA Summer Pennant Competition, the team finished a respectable third but unfortunately didn't quite make it to the finals.

Our weekly competitions have been wonderfully supported with large numbers competing in most of the events with some outstanding results. A couple of special mentions, Mark Jones has been consistently playing sub par rounds and also Malcolm Edwards, who got a 'hole in one' on Australia Day.

In conclusion, could I ask all Members to be patient and understand that during the holiday periods, we do have a large number of visitors wanting to play golf on one of the best courses in the North-East. There will be times when a round will take longer than normal, but these green fee paying guests are essential to the well-being of the club.

Cheers.

TOM SWAN
CLUB CAPTAIN



LADIES CAPTAIN NEWSLETTER REPORT - SHERYL SARGENT



"Happy New Year" to everyone.

The twice postponed Ladies Club Championships have commenced with thirty four entrants. After two hotly contested rounds, the current leaders are:

A Grade - Andrea Marsden 180, Sam Bailey 183, Donna Sedgman 184

B Grade - Kylie Egan 188, Patsy Smiles 194, Linda Brook 198

C Grade - Shelly Comerford 191, Marion Mitchell 201, Shirley Nolan 205

D Grade - Pam Abbott 242, Lorraine Wilson 244, Susan Kinloch 247

With one more round to play, as we know with golf, anything can happen so I am very eager to see the results.

Also, the final of the Mansfield Ladies Golf League (previously Premier League), which had been postponed numerous times last year due to the rain, was finally decided. The semi-finals were very close encounters with the match between Happy Hookers and Wedgies going down to the wire with the outcome decided on a countback, Happy Hookers the victors. KLS Sloggers narrowly defeated Nug Nugs in the other semi. Then came the much anticipated final. With the first two players of each team in and the scores were once again deadlocked, it came down to the last player to finish. Thanks to a great score from Marion Mitchell, her team members Andrea Marsden and Sheryl Sargent were ecstatic (Happy Hookers) to be victorious.

It is great to see so many ladies playing in the competitions and enjoying their golf.

Regards Sheryl



TUFF AS TURF TALK - TONY COOKSEY

Well, some lovely hot weather has kicked in and some magnificent storms have followed. The seasons are a couple of months behind, but it is great to see a mixture of heat, rain then cooler weather just to keep us all guessing. We are currently in Club Championship mode for the Ladies and Men's are about to start shortly. The course is in great condition and the greens are running so well.



We are still having rather large Gum tree limbs fall on a regular basis and this is all due to the wet winter we had. In February I have an arborist coming in to prune back quite a lot of trees. I'm sure you have all noticed how much the trees are now encroaching on several fairways, so for all you guys that fade (slice) and draw (hook), you will now be able to have room to do that.

One thing you can always guarantee when the temperatures are pushing high 30's, is there will be a water leak. Well, we got really lucky - we have two of them!! It's the joy of irrigation and I am so grateful that we have water and plenty of it. These will be fixed soon and as I need to shut the water off for twenty-four hours for the glue to cure, I will be picking a cool spell in the weather to complete these works.

It was great to see so many visitors come to play golf on our course and enjoy what we get to enjoy all year round. It is so pleasing in my role when visitors make a real effort to come over to you and tell you how good the place is. We really do have a beautiful slice of heaven here and that's the course and the town.



COOKSEY



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR/GUEST SERVICES - JAN SHELLEY



Geez the days are absolutely flying by and I can't believe it is already nearly the end of January and I am compiling the February 2023 issue!

I must apologise that this Newsletter will be a slightly shorter one, but I am going on a couple of weeks R and R as of tomorrow and unfortunately a few sections will be missing for this issue only. I thought it better to get out what I had on hand.

Just to let you know that I am starting to send out email reminders to those Social Club Members whose memberships have expired. If you have one of the old Green Social Club Cards then your membership is definitely due for renewal and this can be done by calling the Guest Services staff on 03 5775 2628 or just popping to the Club. It is only \$5.00 to renew for the year and you get all the discount benefits that come with being a member.

Don't forget to get in early if you would like to book for dinner on a Friday night as it is always a very popular time owing to our Members Draw and Raffles. The courtesy bus is available from 5.00pm and 4.00pm on a Friday but bookings are essential. We would hate to disappoint anyone.

If you have any suggestions for the Newsletter or things you would like to see happen at the Club, please do not hesitate to email me with your suggestions - hello@mansfieldgolfclub.com.au (mark for attention Jan Newsletter).

See you next month.

JAN

