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FROM THE PRESIDENT...*Don Johnson*

It is now six months that course staff have been using the **Procore and Air2G2 machines** on greens. I am sure that you will agree with me that there has been a considerable improvement in the surface of the greens. During this same period, if we had used the full renovation method, the greens would have been cored twice and we would have been putting through sand for about eight weeks. A comprehensive report from Rob Millington is on the notice board and is worth reading.

The course committee have been reviewing the scarifying program for our fairways. The current process is very slow and as a result only one fairway was completed this season. The Course Committee are investigating options to make the process more efficient and have less impact on the playing surface.

Our **membership numbers** are continuing to increase and have now reached 798 as at the 12th of May. Since the 1st October last year we have had 82 new members join the Club in all categories. This has been achieved without having to heavily discount subscriptions for new members.

The **Pennant Season** has started. It is important that members attend and give their support to the members who are representing the Club in the various teams. A schedule of the events has been placed on MiClub and is printed in the Members Handbook, available from the office.

Members have been asking about the **renovations to the interior of the Club House**. Final quotes are being obtained currently and details will be advised when investigations have been completed. Finally I can say we have finished the **painting of the Club House** at no cost to the Club thanks to the Work for the Dole program. The shipping container that we have used as a store room will shortly be moved to a position near the greenkeepers shed and used for storage of machinery.

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A WORD FROM THE GIRLS... *from Jan Shaw (Vice President, Women's Golf)*

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has nominated to play in our representative teams in 2017. We are fielding 5 teams this year in A1 and A4 Pennant, Cleek, Hickory and Nomads competitions.

The A4 team won their first game against Highercombe at Stirling 3.5 to 1.5 last week. However Hickory lost to Grange at West Lakes 1.5 to 3.5. We are looking for more players to play in the Cleek, Hickory and Nomads teams so if you would like to know more please contact Karen Parsons on 0499976192

Our Club Championships were held in late April. I'd like to congratulate the winners: A Grade **Caitlin Peirce**: B Grade **Deb Dudson**: C Grade **Linda Pearce**: Qualifiers Plate **Caroline Salisbury**: and 9 holers **Rhonda Marshall**.

The weather was challenging on the second qualifying day with the greens becoming unplayable. However the weather improved during the second week and it was great to see the number of spectators who came out to watch on the final day.

A later tee time start for the winter season will commence on 23rd May from 7.45am to 8.45am on both the first and tenth tees. Women only wanting to play nine holes are encouraged to play with the 18 hole players if they want to play early in the day. However for 9 holers who would prefer to play later so that they can join in the presentations at 1.30pm the tee times will be after 10.45am on both the first and tenth tees. With the increasing number of 9 hole players and the likelihood that new players will be joining shortly from the Give Golf A Go Clinic we are keen to trial the two groups of 9 holers hitting off the first and tenth tees each week.

The committee is keen to provide options for the varying experience and needs of 9 hole players. The plan is to review the new arrangement in four weeks time.



A4 ladies looking great in their green shirts and black vests (*best viewed on our web-site*)



Caroline Salisbury & Joan Coles



Deb Dudson & Leonie Lindsay



Mary MacNab & Rhonda Marshall



Caitlin Peirce & Cathy Hayward



Linda Pearce & Vicky Flodin

BONNAR CUP RESULTS played on Sunday 14th May at The Vines

The Vines versus Flagstaff Hill

Result:

Brendan Fisher won 2 up, Rex Williamson won 1 up, Paul Gregory won 2 up, Chad Chewter lost 1 down, Jordan Percey won 2 & 1, Darren Jochinke lost 1 down, Alan Fulton won 7 & 5.

The Vines won 5 matches to 2.

FROM COURSE SUB COMMITTEE...*from Peter Shaw (Vice President, Course)*

18th Carry Project

As you would have noticed the 18th carry project is progressing well. Over a hundred man hours have been spent on the project this month with major works including:

- Tree root pruning.
- 250 Metres of irrigation trenching.
- 100 Tonnes of soil transported by trailer to site for mounding.
- Drain replacement and sumps installed.
- Shaping contours, mounds and drainage areas.

The irrigation work consisting of pipes and sprinkler heads will soon be completed. This will be followed by installation of a new path using a new product "bitumate". We are keen to monitor the performance of this new product to determine its suitability for path replacement in heavy erosions areas around the course. The planting of Santa Ana will have to be postponed until the next growing season, so seed will be planted as a temporary ground cover. It is also intended to add a third tier to the 18th tee block at some time in the future.

Tree Trimming – Cherry Picker

You would have also noticed the 10.2m high cherry picker on course for the last week. This was hired to trim trees that have limbs encroaching into areas in play that were not accessible from the ground. Staff have been maximising the use of the machine all week, including competition days, to complete the planned trimming program.

The foliage and debris produced has mostly been moved (with the assistance of volunteers) out of play, and will be chipped. Any debris remaining on site, mainly logs, will be noted as GUR and removed as soon as possible.

The work was undertaken at this time to minimise damage to the course from movement of machinery and dropping of limbs.

Adopt a Hole...*from Rob Millington (Golf Course Superintendent)*

We are looking for volunteers to help control Parramatta Grass on the golf course. Geoff Downey has been working feverishly over the summer months and has reduced the weed population to a manageable level.

Many hands make light work, so if we are able to get 18 volunteers who can each adopt a hole on the course, from tee to green, then the workload for each person would be minimal.

The work would involve either spraying mature plants, or cutting out the smaller young plants. No heavy lifting is required. We would train each person to identify the weeds and also in how to treat them.



mature Parramatta Grass plant in couch turf



seed head of the Parramatta Grass plant

(NOTE: perhaps a better illustration can be seen on our web-site)

If you would like to be involved please contact Matt Chesterman (Manager), Peter Shaw (Vice President Course) or Rob Millington (Course Superintendent) or email info@vinesgolfclub.com.au

The Course Sub-Committee is always looking for your feedback on any issue any time that relates to the Course. Have a question, a suggestion or criticism, please write to feedback@vinesgolfclub.com.au. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.



RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

LOOK OUT FOR THE WASPS

Lew and Dowski were playing the 18th hole. Lew had just creamed his drive long and right off the tee. Then Dowski, not being able to hit as far as Lew, had to settle for a shorter drive just short of the corner but in the middle of the fairway.

Dowski played his usual 3 wood to just short of the green.

Then the drama started.

Lew's ball was found in the dip adjacent to the recently trimmed poplar. There were European wasps in a hollow of the tree.

"What do I do" asked Lew, "with these wasps buzzing around the tree?"

Dowski, who knew the rule (in equity), told Lew that as it was considered to be a **"dangerous situation"** it was unreasonable to expect him to play his ball from such a dangerous position, and that he could, *without penalty*, drop a ball within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest spot not nearer the hole that is not dangerous, and then play his next shot.

Lew was quite happy to continue and play out the 18th hole.

Lew then asked, "what if I found myself standing on an **ant's nest**; can I apply the same rule?"

"Yes", the same rule applies as that situation is also considered to be a "dangerous situation". All players should be aware of the dangerous situation ruling.

From Wayne Lines...



(doesn't look like Wayne)

FROM THE CAPTAIN...*Paul Sutcliffe*

Well I'm back from my trip to New Zealand where I participated in the **World Masters Games** in Auckland. There were 28,000 "Athletes" who competed in the two weeks off competition in numerous team sports with Golf being one of the individual events. Played in age groups, four golf courses were involved, three (Akarana, Pakuranga and Rumera) being reasonably close to Auckland City Centre whilst the fourth one (a beachside links course of Muriwai) some 60 km away. Shotgun starts, 7:30/12:30 am were used.

The first 18 players (plus ties) after three rounds qualified in age groups to play in two divisions, handicap and off-the-stick. With 8 Nations represented in the field **The Vines had 3 players participating, Ian Delbridge, Graeme Rowlands and myself.**

Graeme played very well and came 10th in the Handicap and was the leading Australian. I finished 14th in the gross being the second Australian in the field of 104 in our age group most ably supported by Ian, who being a true Vines team player, caddied for me

The organisation of the Games was excellent. The New Zealand people were great, they all seem to know the value of Tourist Dollar to their country.

The Courses were interesting. Would our Club, the Vines, measure up to the courses played in a World Event? It definitely would even when measured against the top course Remura, acknowledged as one of the four top courses in Auckland. I believe the Vines is equal to their layout and condition.

It is good to be back in home territory.

Congratulations to the Women's Champions who have earned their place on the Honour Board; **Caitlin Peirce ('A' Grade), Deb Dudson ('B" Grade), Linda Pearce ('C' Grade) together with Rhonda Marshall and Carolyn Salisbury in the 9 Hole Cup and Handicap Match Play respectively.**

Some other very notable achievements.....

Kim Keane, a hole in one on the 3rd (13/05/17). His first in 50+ years of golfing experience.

Paul Smith (handicap 11) on a Sunday comp and **Steve Todd** (handicap 14) +8 also in a comp on Sunday. (It seems Sunday is the "Moving Day" at the Vines)

N.B. The Short Course for Sunday Family Competition to be played on the front 9 holes, after 2 pm, will soon commence. Contact Steve in the Pro Shop for information and direction on this exciting innovation.

Steve Krause...*Club Professional*



Your Golf Pro
STEVE KRAUSE
THE VINES GOLF CLUB OF REYNELLA



Juniors...from Wayne Corbett

The 2017 Junior Pennant season has arrived and our Club has entered two Junior teams into this year's competition.

One team will play in the Sharp Cup (off-the-stick) match play whilst the second team will play in the Division 2 level which is handicap match play.

The first round of this year's competition was played at the West Lakes course on Sunday 14th May and our Division 2 team played their first game against The Grange.

Representing our Club were Lachlan Eckermann, Alex Manton (Captain), Zoe Manton, Charlie Nobbs and Lachlan Sharp and their Team Manager is Neil Sharp.

In perfect golfing conditions, our team started well from the first tee and each individual match was close all day.

Finals results were: Alex lost 3/1, Charlie won 5 /4, Lachlan Sharp won 1 up, Zoe lost 3/2 and Lachlan Eckermann lost 1 down after a very close match.

The final result was a win to The Grange team, 3 and 2.

Next week our Division 2 team travels to Willunga to play West Lakes.

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Beautiful English

I called an old school friend and asked what he was doing.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed.

On further inquiring,

I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water ...*under his wife's supervision.*

From John Ford...

An elderly, but hardy cattleman from Texas once told a young female neighbour that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning.

She did this religiously and lived to the ripe old age of 103.

She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren ***and a 40 foot hole where the crematorium used to be.***



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