



# BOWRAL GOLF CLUB

Established 1901

## MEMBERS' BULLETIN AUGUST 2013

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year our club has been successful in promoting itself as a venue for functions. Many visitors to the club have provided encouraging reviews following an event. Functions, together with increased patronage from members, have resulted in increased turnover in the clubhouse. The improved results together with the agreeable atmosphere in the club bodes well for our future. Every effort is being made and will continue to be made for improvements for the members and in our financial results.

At the July Board meeting a number of motions were passed. These steps are part of long-term plans to stabilise the financials and continue to improve the club.

- Change of the subscription year to July 1 to June 30. This year's membership invoices will be for nine months to achieve this change.
- Small increase in fees, amounting to an increase of \$1.62 per week for a full playing member, \$1.36 day for 6 day members and much smaller amounts for non golfing members.
- Introduction of a new member promotion. Introduce a new member and receive a rebate on your fees. Read the full report for the details.
- Our competition fees are to rise on October 1 2013 to \$15 and that brings us more into line with the other clubs in the area as well as contributing to our finances.
- Changes to the Pro pin competition. Winners of the Wednesday and Saturday competition will receive a prize of \$100 with entry residual monies used to fund a specific course development. The first project will be extending the watering on the 5th back towards the tee.

The response by members to changes seen in our club has been very encouraging.

Regards

**Ian McKenzie**

### The Keigwin Cup

*The President's Trophy was presented by T.H. Keigwin Esq. who was the first President of the club. It is a handicap stroke event. Last year's winner was David Burgess and this year's winner was Bruce Windybank with a net score of 67. It is the club's oldest trophy.*



### TREASURER'S REPORT

As at June 30th 2013

June saw a long stretch of wet weather that severely hampered our revenue. It was down \$11k at \$55k, compared to \$66k last year. The YTD trading is \$431k compared to \$365k last year. Year to Date gross profit is \$288k compared to \$266k last year and expenses were \$536k compared to \$528k last year. Our operating loss is \$248k compared to \$263k last year. The cash position at 3th June was \$69k, compared to \$9k last year.

Regards

**Warren Ryan - Treasurer**

### CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Challenging weather conditions have kept Damian and his team busy coping with excessive water and managing the golf course. We now look forward to more amenable weather conditions as we progress through the winter months.

Plantings of the claret ashes is complete. Donations to 'the camellia fund' stand at \$3,280, purchases \$1,918 with plantings 135 plants.

The President's Trophy, the Keigwin Cup was held on Saturday 15th June with a field of 64 players. Congratulations to Bruce Windybank with net 67,

runner up was Fred Sewell. The event was followed by a very well patronised dinner prepared by chef, Rob Tracz.

Congratulations to John Mulholland and Keith Markwell who recently won monthly medal events, Keith at Moss Vale and John at Mt Broughton.

Dad's Army, a group of volunteer men members has been ably led by Hamish Macfarlan for the past four years. Command has now passed to Peter Hannaford who organised a lunch where Hamish was presented with a set of crystal glasses (*below*) as thanks for his valued contribution.



Best wishes to Graham Gates for his run in the City to Surf in August!

The structure of the Telstra tower has been completed, and will soon be commissioned.

Most of my news is included in the Six Monthly Review. It has been a busy, challenging, but productive time as the club moves forward. As Captain I appreciate your support, President, Board Members and Members.

Good golfing everybody,

**Kevin Burke**

#### **FROM THE SECRETARY MANAGER**

The Club has been very busy, more golfing visitors, more activities in the Clubhouse, more private functions, so it keeps me and the staff running.

Firstly to the Pro-Shop. Mischa Aksenoff has resigned, he has decided not to pursue a traineeship and will now focus on a full time world-wide golfing career. We wish him every success. Darryl Purchase will be back in the Pro-Shop early August and will

be available for lessons. Darryl just missed out on qualifying for the Senior British Open. Have you seen the brightly coloured golf shirts with logo in the Pro-Shop? Make a statement, be visible and stand out from the crowd with a new golf shirt!

Welcome to Kylie Bisby who joins our valued food and beverage team. Kylie is a highly trained barista so call by with your friends soon for a coffee by the fire or lunch!

Accolades keep rolling in for Rob Tracz and Nedene's food - 'that Canadian guy'. Recent successes have been The President's Dinner and Bastille Night. The First Friday Dinners are particularly popular with the 3rd Sunday Lunch gathering momentum. Your guests are very welcome as are any private functions, meeting, get-togethers, celebrations and parties.

Rob also has take-home food available, ask at the bar for details. The menu changes so you can be assured that it is freshly cooked.

On Tuesday August 20 Rob presents his first Cooking Class, 'Pasta and Sauces Inspired by Italy'. Bookings at the bar.

The Holden Scramble is on August 11. We need more teams! Twelve teams of four are required for a team to be represented at the State final. Remember that each participant receives 6 Callaway golf balls, first scores a Callaway Golf Bag, second a Callaway locker bag and third a Callaway day bag. Time to organise your extraordinary four.



*Our members, if paying with their club card, receive a 'Member Reward' for each \$50.00 spent. These can be redeemed for a house wine, coffee or a middy or schooner of draught beer. It is worthwhile to use one's club card when purchasing over the bar, be it for functions, lunch, coffee or drinks. Benefits accrued to members this year total over \$5,200.*



**Bastille Night** - Ian McKenzie, Don Barker & Pam Barker

We would like to thank the Members who have given positive feedback following the Mid Year Report.

Regards

**Kevin Kenny**

### **LADY PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Since the last news letter we have had some sad news. Our previous President, Bernadette Brown died on 26/6/13 after a courageous fight against her illness. She was a wonderful person and we all miss her greatly.

It was with sincere regret that I had to accept our Captain Wendy Ruttan's resignation on 7/6/13 due to health reasons. We all send Wendy our best wishes for her operation next week.

In the meantime, until October, Pam Barker has resumed the position as Lady Captain and we thank her again for her terrific efforts.

Over the past months a number of perpetual trophies were played. The Jubilee Foursomes was won by Pam Tallents and Barbara Westwood from Sue Olsen and Barbara Clayton. The Marjorie Walker Rose Bowl was won by Jan Lane. Other major events are still being decided.

On May 30 we hosted the Ladies Open Championships. Forty four ladies played and there were visitors from Moss Vale, Yowani, Federal and Goulburn.

Division 1 winner Jocelyn Mackay

Division 2 winner Anne Keys

Division 3 winner Margaret Dawkins

The Charity Day was held on July 25 in aid of the Southern Highlands Branch of the Special Olympics. This is a world wide organization which gives intellectually handicapped people a chance to play sport and compete in local, state and eventually international events.

After a coolish start the sun shone and then it got even better. Golfers from local and Sydney Clubs joined to make it a splendid day of golf/lunch/tombola/raffles. Everyone enjoyed another excellent performance from auctioneer Jeff Spender.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and to the tireless efforts of the Lady Members who made it happen.

We had a capacity crowd for lunch and the bottom line was around \$8,000 raised for such a worthy cause. Maybe golf will be on their agenda in the near future. A great day!

**Anne Keys**



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## REGULAR EVENTS

### Men's Bridge

Every Friday 9am - New players welcome.

Pip Smith 4861 3644

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### Croquet

Every Tuesday - Meet at midday during winter for lunch followed by croquet

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### Book Club

2nd Tuesday 3pm

Beverley Kemp-Clayton 4885 1382

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### Dinner & Bridge

3rd Tuesday 4.45pm Richard Cant 4861 3137

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### Social Duplicate Bridge

4th Wednesday 10am Di Edwards 4868 1460

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

### First Friday Dinner

A la carte style dining, with a menu styled by Chef, Rob Tracz. Your choice of two courses, 2 courses \$35, 3 courses \$45. Book early as these dinners are hugely popular.

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### Sunday Lunch

3rd Sunday

\$30 for 2 courses. July's lunch was themed Christmas-in-July. Ham, turkey with a delicious pistachio stuffing, roast vegetables and plum pudding, of course. Delicious!

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### Captain's Trophy & Dinner

September 14th

One of two formal dinners on the BGC calendar. An event not to be missed!

For all dining functions members are requested to book and prepay at the bar

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## WELCOME TO BOWRAL GOLF CLUB

The following new members have joined the club during June and July.

Colin McLennan

Tony O'Sullivan

Andrew Shortle

Roy Howard

Do you know any potential members?

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### Interested in cooking?

*'that Canadian guy presents our first*

*Cooking Class for 2013'*

### Pasta and sauce inspired by Italy

Tuesday August 20 3.30pm cost \$50 pp

*"This is a class where you can do, watch, sweat, curse, hurry, ask, mix, blend, chop, laugh and have fun. Come and join us. We'd love to have you in our kitchen".*

Make a booking at the bar or go to Dining on the website for full details.



**Winners of the Charity Day Golf held on July 25 in aid of the Southern Highlands Branch of the Special Olympics.**

*Pictured L to R: Reg Gilbert, Anne Keys, Irene Gilbert, Jan Ferguson and Peter Dunn.*

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