



**President - Scott Campbell**

Thank you to all members who have made contributions to Council and to the Manly Daily. I'm sure that those of you who haven't will be doing so before the May 7 deadline.

The support and effort shown by members and non-members alike has been heartening.

Following the closure of the submission stage your Board will continue to pursue discussions with the future candidates for the upcoming Council elections. Hopefully through them we will receive a more even handed consideration than the blatantly biased discussion paper and survey put out by the Administrator and Council staff.

On a more pleasant note congratulations to our Major Pennant side who went within a whisker of promotion to Division 3 this year. Some great play and achievements by Mitch Patison & Sam Matheson to go through undefeated.

Also congratulations to the Mixed Pennant side who, whilst they didn't go well as the Majors, represented the Club well.

Finally commiserations again to the Captain who's team was once again runners up to the President's side the other week in the annual challenge. Keep working at it Iain I'm sure you'll come good one day.

Regards

Scott Campbell

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## GM - Stephen Steptoe

I hope everyone had a great Easter with their families, my Easter was spent breaking up a concrete slab with a sledge hammer and lifting pavers, I think they call it hard labour, however I have noticed that the kids are always busy or have other plans once they see the wheelbarrow!!!

Well the US Masters has been won by a Spaniard, Sergio Garcia who has been trying to win a major tournament for years.

It just goes to show you must never give up on that dream of winning.

The real Masters has been played and won, the Warringah Masters was won by our 11 year old junior member Chun Ta Wu who had 40 stableford points, and he was partnered with Brooks Koepka who also had a -3 final round giving him 39 stableford points.

The winning team score for the 2017 Warringah Masters was 79 points.

Thank you to all players involved, I hope you enjoyed the event and maybe next year your team may be lucky enough to win the Masters.

### **Upcoming events to put in your diary:**

Our first of the State of Origin night will be held on the 31st May.

We will do a bit of a change for the first night, we will have a Pizza and Hot Dogs night plus a drink ticket and Snacks all for \$15 great value and fun, so come along and support the Blues!!!

We have also just confirmed that we will be hosting another Dinner and Show Night at the club on the 29th July and this time we will be hosting the Beatnixs Beatles Show.

Should be a great night so book a table now as these nights fill up fast

The cost for the dinner and show is \$65

The cost for the show only is \$35.00



## Captain - Iain Gallacher

What a good season for the Major Pennant team. In the six sectional matches we were only defeated once at Bexley. Semi-Final at Glenmore against Palm Beach came down to the wire with a last match win for Palmy who went on to beat Asquith and win the Division 4 Pennant. Next years section is already in draft seeing us up against Marrickville, Roseville and Strathfieldville.

Well done to all the boys and special mention again to Mitch and Sam going through undefeated. Two years in a row for Mitch.

Masters Pennant is underway with two home matches completed against Pennant Hills (4 1/2 - 3 loss) and Monash (4 - 3 1/2 loss). Very close contests coming down to one match both weeks. We're off to Cromer in two weeks for our first away game.

The Autumn Cup has been decided with a very close final between Mark Stamopoulos and Craig Sweeting. Going all the way to 18 with Mark winning 1up.

This week I will be collating the scores for the first two months of the Captains Challenge Cup. Can anyone beat Dave Cripps this year?

Congratulations to Scott for another close win in Captain's vs President's day. 20 points was the difference so all we have to do is hole a few more putts next year or have someone shoot 50 points.

Iain



## Ladies - Barb Myers

March and April brought us a few fine Tuesdays (nice change!) and the ladies were out in numbers, we have had approximately seventy to eighty six ladies each week and have had all formats stroke/par and a 3 club and a putter day which was fun and challenging also our foursomes championships were run, so despite the average conditions our program is running to schedule!

The foursome champions for 2017 are: Division 1 – Kim English & Maree White, Division 2- Myra Newton & Sharyn Hudson, Division 3- Lydia Bryant & Lynne Jones. Congratulations ladies.

In May the ladies have our invitation visitors day and this day is appearing to be very popular with almost 100 names already on our sheet – so this should be a fantastic day. Ladies pennants are about to begin with Silver 11 starting May 5th followed by Bronze11 on May 12th Bronze Bowl and Bronze 111 on June 2nd and Bronze 1V on July 7th . Good luck to all teams representing Warringah it's a great way to experience match play on all different courses.

Reminder to our lady members who are interested in mixed foursomes – ask Greg for an introduction to a male member if you want to play but don't know the men – it's a fun event and plenty of good men out there – the event is held the last two Sundays in July...same offer to the men – if you want a lady partner – ask Greg for an introduction – it's not Tinder, it's our game, golf!

The ladies are trying to do a rule a week and there is a great website I have suggested

is <http://www.barryrhodes.com/> well worth a look!

I have no problems hitting the woods – the problem is getting out of the woods.

Cheers

Barb Myers – ladies captain 2017.

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## Chairman of Green

Members – the inclement weather over the last few months has really kept our green staff busy. During the month of March 2017, we received 246.4mm of rain with the green staff spending 128 hours on bunker repair management. The heavy rain also had a strong impact on our course condition and we are just starting to get back on our feet. It is worth noting that some of the other courses on the Northern beaches have had some serious bunker damage as well.

Over the last month, I have spoken to many members, social groups and ladies regarding our course. Some positive and constructive feedback was received with the following areas now addressed:

- We have extended the safety net at the back of 8th green. Several members raised safety concerns that golf balls were coming off the 7th tee through the unprotected area (right hand side of green).
- A seat has been established at the 7th tee for ladies and social players.
- An additional seat has been established for members and social players at the

- Repaired the bridge damage near the 7th practice area.
- A new sign has been established at 11th creek bridge regarding cart path to follow.
- Clean up of the practice areas – new sand bucket bins established with a continued focus on keeping these areas well maintained.

As highlighted in the last Newsletter, we will continue to work and focus on our agreed strategic goals:

- Consistency with speed of greens – green speed has improved and we have good green coverage at present. There are still a few greens that are taking a little longer to come back and we are monitoring them accordingly.
- Focus on improving tee areas – work has commenced on the tees. The 9th tee needs major work and Brett is formulating some proposed solutions to help rectify this area.
- Bunkers and surrounding areas – I mentioned the amount of work carried out on our bunkers. We will continue with the bunker repair management program and hope we don't get excessive rain for a while. In regard to the surrounds, regular audits and safety checks are being conducted to ensure trip hazards are marked and garden beds kept tidy. The Creek Care team have been working on the tee surrounding areas and doing a great job.

and filling in pitch marks and divots. It is imperative we all continue with this trend.

I would also like to welcome our new trainees – Jack Bell & Charlie Warren who commenced 27 March.

Finally, our “Men of League” golf day being held on 26 May, 2017 has been fully booked. We are expecting between 130 -138 players including 150 attending the lunch. We also have 12 ladies attending on this great day.

As always,Happy Golfing and see you out on the Course!

Steve Springall  
Chairman of Green



## **Pro Shop - Rob Richards**

Julia Camarsh, our 3rd year PGA trainee enjoyed some successes in recent tournaments with a 3rd place at Glenmore Heritage and tied 5th in a strong field, played over 36 holes at Moruya Golf Club. Cash collected in abundance, however no signs of sharing!!!!

Our Ladies Sunrise group continues to tee off every Sunday morning at 7 am with around 16 players. A “new to golf” group given domestic handicaps in a relaxed 9 hole comp offers an encouraging atmosphere. We grant a free start up clinic to each

coordination.

Let's send a young pro to Q school-

You will notice an opportunity to enter the raffle fundraiser located in the Pro shop & clubhouse. Our past elite player Andrew Campbell is off to the world stage, hoping to progress through an exhausting qualifying process to continue in his quest as a PGA tournament player. Any help would be appreciated. Raffle drawn 30 June

Our long history of characters in the club continues with a mighty funny presentation at the annual Captains versus Presidents event by our Captain Iain Gallacher. After his side got walloped by all the president's men, he offered his roasting to prominent members of the club and eventually found time to give out some trophies.

The comedy channel has asked for a translated copy of the event

Just when you thought the greens couldn't get faster, the old Stimpmeter puts out continuous 10.0 readings giving us a good fast Autumn pace. The only way to combat that lightning speed is with a Odyssey white hot putter which fortunately is on a 20 % special from the pro shop.

Our "tradies' Friday shotgun was a hoot in daylight savings and we will host a few monthly events. Mostly 25 to 35 year olds as this age demographic has taken a shine to the game, particularly as they are over football, soccer etc and this is now their preferred passion. So look out for our 3pm shotgun in Spring and join if you're working in the' trades.

## Off The Shelf



- M2 series by TAYLORMADE.  
The new 2017 range has taken the market by storm with the distinctive white and black KEVLAR head.

- So Sergio wins the MASTERS with the Spider Putter that is also used by Jason Day and Dustin Johnson. It must mean something!?



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