



Welcome to the June 2021 issue of The Vale Newsletter.

New Tee Marker Arrangements and Golf Competition Set-Ups: The Match & Handicap Committee, in consultation with the Russell Vale Golf Course Superintendent, and with the endorsement of the Board, introduced a new tee marker arrangement and course rating this month.

With the changes to the golf course layout, including the new bunkers on the 1st, 2nd and 15th holes, and the new teeing areas on the 14th and 16th holes; the Match & Handicap Committee evaluated the stroke index data for all competition rounds over the past 12 months and reviewed the par, scratch and slope ratings for the course with Golf NSW.

From that review, the new arrangements that commenced in June are:

- There are no longer men's (blue colour) tee markers and women's (red colour) tee makers for golf competitions – **there is one set of tee makers (black colour) on each teeing area for both men and women.**
- There are three course set-ups for Russell Vale Golf Club competitions: Turpentine Course, Red Ash Course & Cedar Course. These three courses have been revised for Length, Par, Scratch & Slope.

Handicap indexes have also been revised, based on competition golf rounds played over the past 12 months. These changes are now reflected in the scorecards that are printed and distributed on each competition day.

Recent Problems with Printing Scorecards: The Club has experienced some recent problems in printing scorecards in the temporary Pro Shop. This has been caused by the construction of Council's new Pro Shop, which has interrupted the data signal between the Club's office and the temporary Pro Shop building. A work-around is in place and a longer-term solution will be implemented when the new Pro Shop is opened.

Proposed Clubhouse Renovations - Update: The Project Manager has completed detailed design drawings of the concept plan and is reviewing the cost estimates received from the quantity surveyor. It is anticipated the cost estimates and plans will be provided to the Board within the next week, following that the Board will assess the next steps in the project.

COVID-19 Safety Plan: A reminder to all members and their guests, that as part of the Clubhouse Conditions of Entry under the COVID-19 Safety Plan, when entering the Clubhouse, **you must continue to check-in using the QR code or the computer at the check-in counter.**

Mixed 4 Ball Match Play

Congratulations to Paul English and Alison Crossley who were successful in the final of the 4B Match Play, defeating Mal and Judy Smith 3/2. Nice to see new (and old) faces taking home the prizes!

Presentation/Volunteers Day

Reserve Sunday 14th November when the Directors treat all volunteers to BBQ lunch on the deck. Winners of Major Events will also be introduced and presented with their awards.

Foursomes Championships

Following 1st Round completion of the Foursomes, leaders are Paul Fairall and Steve Townsend with gross score of 66, followed closely by Greg Murphy and Peter Gatwood. Nett leaders are Greg Murphy and Peter Gatwood (59 1/2) followed by Jason Coram and Melvyn Johnson (61).

Membership News

2021/22 Membership Renewal Notices: A reminder that the 2021/22 membership renewal invoices that are now being distributed **must be paid by 31 July 2021**, otherwise from 1 August 2021 an unfinancial member will be unable to book into the Club's competitions until they become financial.

In regard to membership fees, earlier this year, the Board had approved of the following:

- Membership fees for 2021/22 will revert back to the fee structure for 2019/20;
- For this calendar year, any member's outstanding bar credit at the end of June 2021 will roll over into the new financial year, starting 1 July 2021;
- Commencing in the 2021/22 membership year, there will be no separate Veterans Fee on the membership renewal invoice, as this fee has been rolled into the overall membership fee structure.



Lunch was held for Betty Suann (life member) and husband Keith for the incredible contribution made to our club over many years. Such valuable members who have our utmost gratitude 🍷🍷





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VETERANS NEWS

On a cool and rainy day 72 players competed for the June Veterans Medal Day. Wayne Hamilton was the best male with a nett score of 58. Jane Davey had a nett 69. Well done to both.

Our Sponsors are vital to the Club's growth and H Parsons Funeral Directors have sponsored the Veterans Medal event for several years, we are thankful for their support.

The Trevor Bell Shield team had a mixed day at Port Kembla however, we have still maintained our 6th spot. The next game is at home, so we may be able to advance our position.

The June Veterans Open Day was contested by 105 players and a Jamberoo visitor. John Szczur found the course to his liking winning with 41 points, while Susy Middleton, playing some consistent golf scored 37 points on a count back.

To ensure correct Veteran status is recorded on your file, members are asked to advise the office that they wish to **remain or become** a Veteran. The Club pays affiliation fees to several bodies. We currently have in total 331 members who have Veteran status.

The club is required to pay Vets fee for these 331 players, therefore it is important to clarify your position so that we do not pay unnecessary fees.

Les Beauchamp

JUNIORS

The **2021 Junior Matchplay Championship (sponsored by Lauren North)** is underway, with the first round scheduled to be played by the end of June. The draw is on the Juniors Noticeboard. Best of luck to all the players.
