



## Welcome to the August 2021 issue of The Vale Newsletter.

**COVID-19 Restrictions:** Last week the NSW Government announced that the current COVID-19 restrictions will continue through to the end of September 2021. During this time the Clubhouse will remain closed, but competition golf continues under the special COVID Safety Plan.

Earlier this month the Club, through submissions to Wollongong City Council, was able to get additional tee times for the Tuesday and Thursday competitions, with the last tee time now @ 12 mid-day.

Also, online tee bookings have now reverted back to opening @ 7:00pm on the day a week before the competition day.

**2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Re-scheduled:** Following the NSW Government announcement that the current COVID-19 restrictions will continue to the end of September 2021, the Board has resolved that the 2021 AGM will be re-scheduled to Sunday 21 November @ 11:30am. The revised Notice of the meeting will be issued next week and posted on the website.

**Clubhouse Refurbishment:** While awaiting the outcome of the Club's application for funding under the NSW Government's 2021 Clubgrants – Infrastructure Grants Program, earlier this month the Board resolved to proceed with some works around the Clubhouse. The men's toilets in the Sports Bar have been re-painted and new flooring installed. Quotes are being obtained for the Sports Bar roof replacement and plans are underway to improve the front entrance to the Clubhouse.

So, continue to remain COVID-19 aware, enjoy your outdoor exercise on the golf course and stay safe during this COVID-19 restrictions period.

**Phillip Peace**  
President

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## Presentation/Volunteers Day

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

## 2021/22 Membership Renewal Notices

Members are reminded that renewals must be paid by Tuesday 31st August to enable participation in competitions. If you register to play in the week leading to 31st August, but remain unfinancial when turning up to play on Thursday 2nd September, you will not be able to play.

For those paying by EFT, don't forget to include your name / member number when making the payment. We currently have a couple of "unidentified" payments sitting in our accounts

Members can phone the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to make a payment. Payment at the office is not recommended as the office is COVID-19 closed!

Please disregard your reminder invoice if you have paid since Monday 23rd.

If your intention is not to renew, could you please reply to [accounts@rvgc.com.au](mailto:accounts@rvgc.com.au). A reason for not rejoining would be helpful.

## Celebrate "Spring into Spring" with Food / Drinks

A proposal has been considered and commencing Saturday 4th September, restricted food and drinks will be sold at the clubhouse. There will be no entry into the clubhouse, drinks and food will be served across a table at the main entrance.

Food will be pies and sausage rolls and some more basic sandwiches eg corned beef and pickles, ham and cheese etc.

## \$2.00 Schooners or \$7.00 Schooner + Sandwich

With the club being closed, we have draft beer that will expire in a few weeks. The Board have decided to sell the beer for \$2.00, served in disposable plastic schooner cups similar to those used at sporting events. The drinks will be for sale when members are passing through the 11th hole or on completion of their game.

The drinks **must not be** consumed in the car park chatting to other members, but must be treated the same as when buying a takeaway coffee in shopping centres.

To facilitate keeping the field moving, we are requesting members phone the club from the 10th tee and order their food / drink. **Payment is by EFTPOS only.**

## Email Address

Never has there been a time when our database needs members to provide an email address. **It is impossible to communicate COVID-19 changes any other way.**

A reminder to all members, three consecutive games is unacceptable. In these tough times, it is the only way we can try and assure members that as many members as possible secure a game. Additionally, it is time consuming to keep check on this, **therefore we are relying on our members to honour this request.**

## Ladies & Members' News

As you would all know by now Pink Day is cancelled for the second year in a row, it was first started in 2006 and Glen and Terry Jones were the first sponsors. Carolyn Woods and I are working on some novelty ways that the Club can still do some kind of fundraiser.

The Ladies AGM is postponed until the Clubhouse is re-opened.

WGI Information: The tournament to be held in October at Wollongong is going ahead but if they have to cancel, WGI will still organise a Finals' Day for WGI Trophy and NSW Medal winners. Golf NSW has already cancelled the finals in Sydney, but anyone that wins at their local District will be invited to play in 2022 Medal. So, if the following ladies can let me know if they wish to play in our WGI final (whenever that might be), no money has to be paid at this point but if you can just put a note in the box where you put your cards I will look after it: NSW Medal winners are Alison Crossley, Trish Whant, Lyn White and Judy Smith; Trophy winners: Trish Whant, Julie Neal, Maree Welding.

Sight for sore eyes last Thursday was seeing Marie Pickthall enjoying 9 holes of golf with Coby, she is playing once a week which I am sure you will all be pleased to hear. Another well-known local Ian Sartori has recently had some health issues and I'm sure we all wish him a speedy recovery. Connie Gumley celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday earlier this month and has paid her membership for next year and is looking forward to getting back on the course.

I have received some donated books so I will put these on the table outside the office so when you drop your scorecard in, please help yourself. Stay safe.

**Pattie Moore, Ladies Captain**



There are lots of sponsorship events which have been deferred. The Match & Handicap Committee will reschedule these later in the year, or alternatively add to the 2022 fixtures.

## VETERANS NEWS

Great result in the August Veterans Medal Day with a nett 57 being scored by Brian McFarlane. The ladies were well represented by Lynette Garforth with a nett 58. Scores were generally very good considering the early windy conditions.

Veterans Open Day was won by Peter Gatwood with 39 Stableford points. Ladies winner was Michelle Coll who also scored 39 points. With the increase in tee times, 108 players took the field.

An incident occurred recently when one of our Veterans was struck in the head with a ball. Just a reminder to members to hit with safety and be in a position to ensure you can warn people of any wayward shots. Fortunately, the Member did not require medical attention.

NSWVGA has cancelled the 2021 Gold Medal Event at Nambucca Heads due to the uncertainty of current COVID conditions. This includes the playoffs that were going to be held at Port Kembla. Also, it appears the Illawarra Week of Golf to be held in February 2022 will be cancelled.

Another casualty of COVID is the Trevor Bell Shield. It also has been cancelled for 2021.

***Les Beauchamp***