



## Welcome to the September 2021 issue of The Vale Newsletter

**Easing of COVID Restrictions:** Following the NSW Government announcement of the easing of some COVID restrictions to allow outdoor gatherings/exercise for five fully vaccinated adults; from 2 October 2021 the Club's golf competitions will include groups of four players who are fully vaccinated and groups of two for other members not fully vaccinated, under a revised COVID Safety Plan. Members have been requested to provide proof of their double vaccinations and that information is entered on the membership database and treated as confidential.

It is anticipated that the Clubhouse will re-open in the week beginning 11 October, when it is expected that 70% of the eligible NSW population will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. In this initial stage, in accordance with NSW Government directives, the Clubhouse re-opening will be for members and guests who are fully vaccinated only. There will be a one person to four square metres spacing rule, masks will have to be worn indoors except while eating and drinking, and staff will be required to wear masks while serving indoors and outdoors. A revised COVID Safety Plan will be in place for the Clubhouse re-opening.

**Clubhouse Refurbishment Works:** The Club is proceeding with works to replace the Sports Bar roof and the adjoining veranda. Also, improvements to the front entry to the Clubhouse will include a new ramp placed closer to the building and an extension to the deck to incorporate a larger stepped entry to the main doors. The Ladies Toilet off the Sports Bar will also be re-painted and a new floorcovering installed.

**Welcome Back:** It is pleasing that the COVID restrictions are finally starting to ease and that the Clubhouse will be able to re-open in October, albeit under some conditions. Also, in October, we will be able to welcome back members from outside of the Wollongong LGA to be able to play golf on the course and enjoy refreshments in the re-opened Clubhouse. In the meantime, as we have mentioned before, remain COVID-19 aware, stay safe and continue to enjoy your outdoor exercise on the golf course.

**Phillip Peace**  
President

# LATEST COVID-19 RULES & RESTRICTIONS



- Competition golf can be played in groups of 4, from 2 October, for persons fully vaccinated. All other golfers must play in groups of 2.
- At this stage, only persons from the Wollongong LGA can play golf at Russell Vale Golf Course.
- You must wear a mask at all times, except when playing golf.
- The Clubhouse remains closed until NSW achieves the 70% vaccination level for the eligible population.
- Please do not congregate in the car park before or after golf.

## MEMBER NEWS

### **COVID-19 digital certificate**

As with most organisations, proof of double vaccination will be an imperative for playing golf and entering the clubhouse. This will be detailed in the President's report above. The office has commenced recording this information which remains confidential. Email a copy of your certificate to [accounts@rvgc.com.au](mailto:accounts@rvgc.com.au) or present your details to a director at the club.

### **Presentation/Volunteers Day**

Reserve Sunday 14th November for what we hope will be an outside gathering when the Directors will treat all volunteers to a BBQ lunch. Winners of Major Events will also be invited and presented with their awards.

## **Email Address**

We need to re-emphasize the importance of an email address for members. Some members updated their records following the last newsletter, but we still have many members who have not provided an address.

**It is impossible to communicate COVID-19 changes any other way, and unfortunately COVID will remain with us for some time.**

**Junior Member Marcus Liackman** has been accepted into the **Illawarra Academy of Sport**. The program provides coaching, training and competition to improve athlete development over a 12 month period. Congratulations Marcus!

## **Contact Number for Bar during the Saturday Competitions**

If you need to order food for half way or completion of your game, please phone 0423 574 782

## **News from the Ladies**

For those of our members who may not be aware, our Ladies Captain, Pattie Moore is presently unwell – NOT COVID-19 related. I'm sure I represent all our members in wishing Pattie a speedy and complete recovery. To lessen the burden on the family, we ask that any inquiries regarding her progress go through our Club Captain Alan Sellers or myself.

**WGI** – We have received notification from WGI that the 2021 Tournament which was scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 has been cancelled due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 health order restrictions. We will be notified if a new date and venue is re-scheduled.

They have also advised that the WGI finals, i.e. WGI Trophy and Champion of Champions, will be played at the tournament in 2022 along with all the Finals Events for that year.

**Ladies AGM** – At this point in time we have not set a date for the 2021 AGM as we are still unsure of when we will be able to gather in groups of more than 5. All things going well, we should be in a position to address this in the near future. All members will be advised when a date has been set and will be given the opportunity to submit any matters that they wish to have addressed.

**2022 Pennants** – WGI have sent us the Nomination Form for Pennants for 2022 which we need to return to them by 11<sup>th</sup> October indicating the number of teams we wish to enter. Whilst it might seem some time away, we need to let them know our intentions to enable them to start planning for this competition. In Pattie's absence, and due to the current COVID-19 restrictions in place regarding access to our club, I would ask that anyone who is interested in representing your club in this competition, please email me so that we can also start organising our teams.

([julieneal55@gmail.com](mailto:julieneal55@gmail.com))

**Julie Neal**

**Ladies Chairperson**

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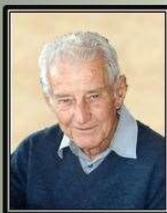
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## **October Sponsored Events**

Saturday 2nd October Men's and Saturday Ladies Monthly Medal (**Thirroul Medical Practice & MP Footwear**)

Saturday 16th October Spring Bowl (**Fairy Meadow Plumbing**)

Tuesday 12th October Tuesday Ladies Monthly Medal (**Thirroul Medical Practice**)

Saturday 23rd October **Alan Peace Memorial Trophy**

## VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU

Your Club needs you to step up and help out from time to time.

Can we count on YOU?



We need volunteers

for:

Bar Service

Bush Rangers

Repairs &

Maintenance

If you can give some time, we'd love you to fill in the form we'll be sending you. It's a great way to get to know your fellow members and help support your Club.



We are currently conducting a volunteer drive. Flyers are being handed out to our members with a brief outline of what we are seeking.

We require volunteers for Bar Service, Bushrangers, Building Repairs & Maintenance, BBQ, COVID-19 Clubhouse Marshal, Painters etc.

We will provide you with a form to complete, sharing with us your field of expertise.

## HOLE IN ONE REWARDS

We are pleased to have St Hallett's Wines as our "Hole in One" sponsor.

In recognition of your "Hole in One" St Hallett's offer;

- An exclusive St Hallett Hole in One Club cap
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We thank St Hallett for their participation in this outstanding program.

# VETERANS NEWS

With tee times increased by 1 hour, this has allowed more members to play in both Tuesday and Thursday competitions. The September Men's Veterans medal day had 114 members play in fine conditions. The medal was taken out by Greg Ruskin with a net score of 53. The women's winner with a brilliant score of 60 was Rita Beauchamp.

Veterans Open day attracted 113 players in fine and windy conditions. Dennis Moore took out the men's prize with 41 points, while Judy Smith was the women's winner with an excellent 43 points.

Just a reminder for those Veteran members that the Wollongong area is experiencing increased Covid-19 cases. Although you may be fully vaccinated, members should comply with the current restrictions, particularly the wearing of masks and social distancing. Masks are required to be worn in all areas of the golf course except when you are actually playing golf. This includes the car park, pro shop area, putting green and the clubhouse area. Failure to comply with these directives could make the Club vulnerable to Wollongong City Council withdrawing the right to play. It is up to you to ensure we keep playing.

## ***Les Beauchamp***



Do you have an interesting story to share? A great achievement, an incredible volunteer, a new initiative? We'd love to hear from you! We are always on the lookout for stories for our newsletter. Just e-mail your details, story, and accompanying images to [accounts@rvgc.com.au](mailto:accounts@rvgc.com.au)

*Rumour has circulated of an incident involving a smiling local business member who tested the degree of difficulty by choosing a different path playing the 13th hole. After hitting a tree with his tee shot he located his ball near the ground staff sheds. Took a penalty and finished with a great five!!!  
You don't have to draw a picture Gav!*