



PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Weather Impact on Golf: The unprecedented wet weather conditions that have lasted for over eight weeks severely impacted the operation of the golf course. The saturated ground conditions caused the postponement of a number of golf events, including The Vale Open, Ladies Goodwill Day, and some Monthly Medals.

The recent closure of the golf course has impacted on the operations of the Clubhouse and the financial returns for March and April. The **Golf Operations Committee** made the decision at its April meeting to reschedule the 2022 Club Championships to September, to allow the Ground staff time to get the golf course back into top condition.

The Club acknowledges the work of Craig and his team in managing the course during these trying weather conditions.

2022 Pennant Season:

Congratulations to The Vale 2 team on reaching the Final in the White Horse Cup Competition. Due to the recent weather conditions, the Final against Moss Vale, has been rescheduled to Sunday 10 July and will be played at the Links Shell Cove Golf Course. A reminder will be sent to members closer to the Final to rally supporters for the team on the day.

Unfortunately, the wet weather caused the cancellation of the Ladies Pennant season for 2022.

Changes to the Board of Directors: At the 21st April Board Meeting, Alison Crossley tendered her resignation from the Board. Alison is moving interstate next month. The Board acknowledges and thanks Alison and Paul English for the work they have done for the Club over the past few years, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

At the April Meeting the Board resolved to fill the casual Director vacancy caused by Alison Crossley's resignation and, in accordance with Clause 54 of the Articles of Association, appointed Paul Dwyer to the vacant Director position. I look forward to Paul's contribution to the Board and the operations of the Club.



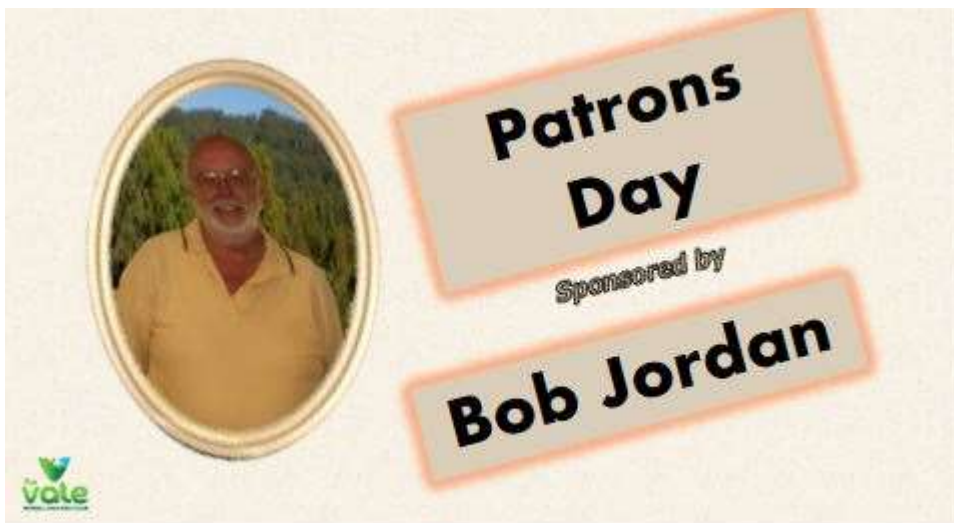
2022/23 Membership and Bar Credits:

At the 21st April Board Meeting, the Directors approved a small increase in membership fees for 2022/23, noting that the fees had not increased in three years. The Bar levy for 2022/23 would remain at \$70. The Board also approved a roll over on 1 July 2022 of any outstanding 2021/22 Bar Credits, given that members have been unable to access the Clubhouse during the past weeks due to the golf course closure.

Volunteers: It is pleasing to see a few more members involving themselves in volunteering. Our Wednesday Bushrangers team have a couple of new members, Dave and Paul have come on board and Denise has put her hand up to do some gardening. New faces are appearing at the bar with Frances, Brian and Harrison volunteering. If you are interested, speak to one of the Directors. Thanks to all our volunteers.

Phillip Peace
President

MEMBER NEWS



Golf returned on Saturday 23rd April in time for the Bob Jordan Patron's Trophy. Wet, soggy conditions persist, but this did not deter Jason Kennedy, who blew the field away with a massive 45 points to take home the Patron's Trophy.

A Grade: Kevin Pallier 37pts from Trent Cooksley 36pts
B Grade: Gregory Abood 39pts from Taylor Gosling 38pts
C Grade: Luke Jansen 36pts from Warwick Young and Glenn Hart 35pts
Best Gross: Trent Cooksley 35pts

Ladies: Jane Davey 35pts from Susy Middleton



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Club Championships

Following meetings with the Course Superintendent, the Golf Operations Committee has taken the decision to defer the **Club Championships** to September.

Photos below are proof of the difficulties experienced by course staff in maintaining the course.

The Golf Operations Committee have a huge job rearranging the multitude of events which have been postponed. For regular updates on fixtures, [Events - Russell Vale Golf Club](#)



Annual Membership Invoices

Annual membership invoice renewals will be emailed in June this year, for payment by 31st July. In order to facilitate this, members are asked to ensure their email address is in our database. Emailing will save many hours of printing, enveloping and postage for this once a year task. If you know someone who has not received our newsletters, please tell them to register their email address with the Office.

Website News

As we try to navigate through the unseasonable weather conditions, it has become more and more necessary for members to get the latest on the course conditions. For that reason, we are trying to maintain up to date messages on the "News" page of the website: [News - Russell Vale Golf Club](#)

Veterans News

Persistent rain continues to impact both the course and being able to play golf. Many events have needed to be cancelled or rescheduled.

The March Veterans monthly medal was finally played and won by Frazer Davey with a net 55. It seems appropriate to me that Parsons Funerals are the sponsors of this event as I think that there was a lot of balls buried out there on the course.

Hopefully, we can look forward to better course conditions and back to playing golf soon. The Greenkeeping staff under Craig should be congratulated on trying to maintain the course playable under extreme conditions.

Previously I have mentioned that we need Veteran players to play an occasional game in the **Trevor Bell Shield**. As The Vale is part of the Illawarra Veterans Golfing Association (IVGA), we should be supporting that association by fielding a team in competitions. The NSW Veterans Golfing Association (NSWVGA) provide all Veteran clubs in NSW with sponsorship to conduct these competitions. I would be reluctant to withdraw from any competition. In my time here The Vale has always been a Club that contributes to promoting and playing in Illawarra Golf competitions. Due to various reasons, it is sometimes difficult get 8 players. The more names on our list makes it easier for Steve Watson to select a team. Steve Watson and I can be contacted if you wish to put your name forward.

I also represent the Club on the Illawarra Veterans Golfing Association (IVGA) Committee and would like to see if anybody is interested in being on this committee as a backup. The committee has a meeting about every 2 months. All the Illawarra clubs have either one or two representatives that meet at different golf clubs usually on a Friday and start at 9.30am. The meetings last about 2 hours. It is not rocket scientist agendas and is a great opportunity to learn about the IVGA and the NSWVGA on what they do for all the Illawarra clubs. The Club has been associated with the IVGA for a very long time and we need members to have continued association with Golf in the Illawarra.

Please see me if interested.

Les Beauchamp

Ladies News

No golf for the last month!!! This is an unprecedented situation at Russell Vale Golf Club and due to these circumstances, we have been forced to make some changes to our Program of Events.

A "Thank you" was omitted from the previous newsletter for the following ladies who stepped up and helped with catering for the 100 + Illawarra ladies that played 9 holes followed by lunch in March. A big thank you to Cheryl, Judy S, Carolyn, Trish, Janis and Patti. The day was a tremendous success and could not have been so successful without these ladies.

There are forms for all competitions in the club house. If you wish to go in the Putting Competitions, NSW Medal or WGI Trophy you will need to complete the form and give it to Julie along with your payment or leave it in an envelope in the office clearly marked what it is for.

The Birdie and Gobbler books have also started so don't forget to record your birdies and gobblers for both Tuesday and Saturday competitions – there is no entry fee for these competitions.

Ladies Championships

The Single Match Play has commenced with games for Rounds 1 & 2 played on Tuesday 22nd February. All dates for the subsequent rounds will be adjusted once we can commence playing again. I will amend the draw which is on the notice board when this has been decided.

The Pairs Matchplay has been postponed to a date yet to be determined. the Single Matchplay is so far behind schedule, it is not feasible to try to start another Championship event at this time. All members will be advised when a new date has been set.

Our Club Championships which were to be held in May have been postponed until September - the dates allocated are: Tuesday 6th, Thursday 8th, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th September 2022.

The Goodwill Day was to be played on Tuesday, 1st March – washed out, then Tuesday 29th March – washed out. After contact with our sponsor Errol Hansell, it was decided that this event will not be held until carts are allowed on the course – and who knows when that will be??? This is to give all our members the opportunity to participate in this event. When a new date is determined, a notice will be posted, and members notified.

Pennants

Unfortunately, due to wet weather, the 2022 season for Gold division has been cancelled.

In accordance with the WGI Term #27, "A WGI Pennant will only be awarded when at least 50% of the number of rounds, as listed in the draw, is completed." As there has only be 1 out of 5 games played so far, the remaining 2 rounds will not be played. Thank you to the ladies who put their name for to participate in this competition. Hopefully we will be able to field more than the one division next year.

Further updates will be included in the Club Newsletter.

Julie Neal



Jane & Frazer Davey

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