



## **MEMBERS UPDATE MAY 2023**

### **IMPROVEMENTS**

As previously reported work will commence on 15<sup>th</sup> May to repair the bridge into the car park. This is expected to put the bridge out of commission for 3 or 4 days and access to the club will be by foot traffic only. This will be available by walking down the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and across the foot bridge adjacent to the 18<sup>th</sup> green.

During this period new carpet will be laid in the club house and the club will be closed for normal trade during this period. We anticipate meals being available on Friday at the earliest.

Some replacement of kitchen equipment has necessitated modifications to the operating layout. A new dishwasher and salamander have been purchased to replace the existing equipment which is now unserviceable.

The ongoing saga of the acoustic folding door, between the bar and the annex, is finally drawing to a conclusion and we hope to have this in place following the laying of the carpet.

### **THE COURSE**

Most members would now be aware of the changes to the 1<sup>st</sup> hole. Greg has cored and seeded the area and it will be out of play for several weeks. You would also be aware that the first hole is now a par three and the slope rating of the course has also been amended. Watch out for your handicap changes!!

Greg is still very short staffed, and we are still searching for further ground staff. To date we have not had much success. Our apprentice, Angus, has taken a big step up and is assisting Greg with duties well beyond those expected. Peter Miller is doing great work on the rough mower and the volunteers who regularly lend a hand are doing a mighty job for Greg at present. Well done to all. As we all probably know relocating to the Nambucca Valley is difficult right now as housing availability is at a minimum. Should any member be aware of any vacant properties we would be keen to hear from you as this seems to be the major deterrent for prospective staff.

## **BRIAN BURNS DAY**

It was noted that the Brian Burns day was cancelled due to a lack of participants from our club. (Macksville filled their paying numbers easily). This was disappointing indeed and it is hopefully being rescheduled. We would ask all members to give consideration to participating in this day as it held in recognition of one of our great past club champions and it is an opportunity to create goodwill between our clubs.

## **FINANCIAL**

Again, as previously reported the club has traded strongly year to date and we are in a sound position. We are mindful of the financial pressures that are currently predicted across the economy and we accept that a decline in disposable income could have an effect on turnover at our club. Over the past two months we have noted a slight decline in competition numbers and also in poker machine revenue. We are monitoring these trends closely.

## **BOWLING CLUB**

Following recent discussions between the Boards of both the Golf Club and the Bowling Club I am able to report that the current labor hire agreement has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup>. May 2023. The re structure of staffing arrangements at the Bowling Club has taken longer than expected but it is anticipated that all such issues will be concluded by this date.

It is now clear that sharing administrative resources has provided a significant benefit to both clubs. It has also demonstrated that further financial benefits are available including, but not limited to, purchasing discounts. In addition, this working arrangement has created co-operation and harmony between the boards and staff at both venues and we believe that this is a good outcome for the community generally.

Notwithstanding the above it is agreed that both entities are best placed to continue to control their own assets and identities and to operate under individual board structures. To that end both boards are keen to explore opportunities to continue this working model. Such discussions are continuing and further information regarding this will be provided to members immediately it is available.

## **SUMMARY**

We ask all golfers to observe the signage on the first fairway and have patience as the grass becomes established. Greg is very optimistic that we will only need the current restrictions for a short time. As stated above our course is looking great again and it is a pleasure to play on and is something to be proud of. Our congratulations go to Greg and his team of helpers who are understaffed but continue to turn out this great product for us.

As you are aware there is continual improvement happening around our club and whilst there is always much to do, we are happy to be making continual progress. The support of all members makes our task as a board enjoyable, and we thank you all for constructive views and comments. We hope you will continue to enjoy your golf.

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