



Muree Golf Club Newsletter

MUREE NEWS

The autumn weather has finally arrived bringing much needed respite to the heat the course experienced this summer. Action can now be undertaken on the weed infestations in the greens. Coring of the greens has occurred and it was pleasing to see the large number of volunteers assist with this onerous task, many hands make light work has never had a truer meaning. I take this opportunity to thank those that gave up their time to assist the course staff and Club with the coring and we have experienced very good rain since the coring was completed that will assist the greens to recover quickly.

In our January Newsletter I advised members about the Monthly Medal Stableford event and the need to complete your card as a Stableford event. The Board made this decision last year after receiving a number of written submissions by members. More recently though, the Board has rescinded the decision and returned the monthly medal to a stroke event. It has resulted in a reduction of players in the competition, but I advise we are looking to make things a little easier for our older, high makers participating in this event. This may mean that the tee markers on the 5th and 13th are not set back to the full limit of the course as well as other avenues that are presently being explored.

As advised in the last newsletter, the Board made the decision to cease the practice of using accumulated points to pay for annual subscription fees. I remind members that points accumulated in the past 12 months must be used before 01 July 2019. Any points accumulated from 01 April this year will be carried over, as has been the case since this was invoked. Vince has plenty of options for golfing equipment available to members in the pro shop and includes the use of points for on-line buying to pay purchases. Points can also be used at the bar and bistro.

A rules evening was held at Muree last month to assist members with understanding the rules modernization that commenced at the start of this year. My thanks to John Waanders and AJ Quinn for organising and presenting this to the members, it was well attended and the feedback has been positive.

One of our members, Ian Kidd is cycling with Ross Hayter from Adelaide to Raymond Terrace to raise awareness of Mental Health and the charity Beyond Blue. Ian will set out from Adelaide on Saturday 13th April arriving in Raymond Terrace on ANZAC Day, a total of 13 days in the saddle. The Club will be supporting Ian on this 1,700 kilometre venture and there will be a number of collections undertaken to support Beyond Blue and Ian, so look out for an opportunity to assist and support this most-worthy cause.



The Board has approved an increase in the Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday competition fee from \$18 to \$20. This increase will see all players automatically entered into the Pro Pin on the 16th hole and the removal of the 'nearest-the-pin' (NTP) for male players. The Ladies will still have their NTP on the 16th hole and will also be competing for the Pro Pin. This will commence from 01 May this year.

Earlier in the year, the Board approved a trial of live music at Muree on the last Saturday of the month. The first of these occurred last month and was well attended and the feedback from those that did attend was very positive. The bistro also put on a seafood 'all-you-can-eat' for the same cost as the usual Saturday 'all-you-can-eat'. This trial will run for three months and there is no cost for entry, so if you like live music and you enjoy good food, please support this opportunity the Club has put on for members.

Next year's membership fees will not be increased from the previous year, however, there will be a \$50.00 house credit applied to all membership (the only exclusion is juniors), which means that you will pay \$50.00 more, but the house credit is yours to spend over the bar at any time the Clubhouse is open. This has been done to encourage our members to make use of Club facilities. While the Board acknowledges that we are all increasingly becoming time poor, making time to enjoy the companionship of your playing group and other members of the Club is something we must all take time for.

Membership renewal is now open and there are two membership deals for new members. They are 'invite a mate', which introduces a new member to Muree and the cost will be \$350.00 for the new member, or you can share the cost of both memberships which would mean that both would pay \$500.00. The second commenced from 01 April and that was for 15 months membership for new members at the same price as membership renewal.

Lastly, on the development front, progress has been slow with considerable work being done on the contractual documentation. This exacting element of the development must be completed with agreement for both Lincoln Place and the Club and our legal advisor is acutely focused on ensuring we are well protected and the outcomes are fair and equitable.

As you would appreciate, the Board is working hard to ensure that this venture is a profitable outcome for the Club, but patience is the key at this point in time.

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