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PRESIDENT'S NEWS



Congratulations to the Ladies Gold Pennant Team on winning the 2019 Gold Pennant. Our Ladies Pennant Teams (Gold, Silver & Bronze) had one of their best seasons, but it's the first time The Vale has won the Gold Pennant. Time for the men to step up in 2020.

The **Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM)** has been brought forward this year and will be held on **Sunday 29 September 2019 @ 11:30am** in the Clubhouse. Further notices will be provided to members as, at this AGM, there will be an election of Directors.

Members Badge Draw: Please note there has been a change in the times for the Friday night Badge Draw, which will now occur **at 5:30pm & 6:30pm**.

My Community Project: The Club has a project included in the State Government's My Community Project program, where our **Deck Extension project** has been listed for funding approval – but funding is dependent on people in the Keira electorate voting for the project through the website:

mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au More information on this will come out next week in an e-mail and on our Facebook page.

Special thanks must go out to a **few of our members who have volunteered their time at a couple of functions** held over the last few months that raised valuable revenue for our Club...those persons will know who we are taking about...thanks again...the Board and the Club appreciates your support.

Congratulations **Barry Swan** on his Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) award.

Phillip Peace

Don't forget - Membership due for payment by 31st July. To be eligible to play in competitions, payment must be made by that date.

Previous years have had a 60 day period of grace from June 30, but this has been changed to July 31st.

Important Notice: If paying your membership invoice using EFT, please ensure you correctly identify yourself ie Name & Membership number.

Sitting unidentified in our accounts is "Peter" Ref 128594????? for \$360. Please assist by contacting the club

CAPTAIN'S UPDATE

Entries for the Men's Single Matchplay Championship are building, with just four more required to complete a full field of 32.

Men's Fourball Matchplay Championship is closed with a full 16 Man draw.

Great news to see so many of the men wanting to participate in the Club's Championships this year, both draws with dates for completion of rounds will be posted by July 30.

Members are reminded that if you have a query with any of the rules during your game, don't just post your score, bring your card into the office before entering it and the Committee will determine the correct outcome.

Out of Bounds Amendment

Following a review of course O.O.B's by the Match Committee, there is now no O.O.B.'s on 13th and 14th hole, see amended sketch.

Alan Sellers



MEMBER NEWS



Barry Swan awarded Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division, for service to the Mining sector.

Barry's career started at an early age at the local South Bulli Mine. He progressed through the Union movement to become the National Secretary of the Miners Federation.

Barry then took a position as Board Member at the Joint Coal Board and Chaired the Standing Dust Committee for over 10 years.
Barry assisted with the research in the naming of all of the 18 holes at The Vale after local Coal Mines.

We congratulate you on your Award and look forward to seeing the signature on your card as:
Barry Swan OAM.



RAFFLE - Win a set of the New 2020 Titleist Irons fitted by a Titleist Representative *PLUS* a Titleist Golf Bag.

Ticket \$5 - Drawn at RVGC 7/9/19 at 5pm
A group of members have banded together to organize a fund raiser to help one of our young members over what is the medical challenge of his life.

The club has given approval for the members to run a raffle using the clubhouse, with proceeds to assist Isaac Smith with his treatment and beyond. Isaac is just 27 years old. Tickets will be sold at the clubhouse and the pro shop, so please dig deep.

Isaac joined the club as a junior in 2006 and has been part of the clubs pennant teams over the years.



2019 Golf Rules Review

(Video: 2m 20sec in length)

SPONSOR NEWS

Winners of the July Monthly Medal sponsored by Murray Dribbus Lawyers were;

"A" Greg Murphy
"B" Tom Eagleton
"C" Heath Wheeler

Thanks for your sponsorship Murray, and your ongoing support.

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Vandenbergh Trophy

The Annual Vandenbergh Trophy day is on Saturday 27th July. Be sure to try your luck on this important day in our calendar.

Thanks to Barry and his family for their support.

JUNIORS

2019 Winter School Holiday Junior Clinics:

Junior Golf Clinics were held on 10 & 11 July 2019 with 20 children attending each day. Thanks to Alan, Patti, Mark, Dennis, Dave, Greg, Robyn, & Josh Hayes for assisting with coaching.

2019 Junior Matchplay Championship

Reminder that the 1st round of the Junior Matchplay Championship will be held on 21 September 2019 – nominations still open, see sheet on Juniors Noticeboard.

2020 Encourage Shield

Great news that Cassidy Graham (former Junior Champion) has volunteered to coach/mentor the Junior Encourage Shield team in 2020 (Feb/Mar). Cassidy's assistance will certainly boost the team's chances to take out the Shield next year.

VETERANS

Trevor Bell Shield

The Vale hosted the third round of the Trevor Bell Shield on Monday 17th June. Our 183 points placed us fourth on the day. We have four more rounds to challenge for the shield.

For The Vale to continue participating in the Trevor Bell Shield in 2020, the club is seeking a volunteer to manage the team. It is important for the club to maintain involvement in the Shield along with the other Illawarra clubs. Anybody interested should contact Lou Whant who can help you over the next four games to show you the ropes.

NSWVGA Medal

Three men, Bradley Martin, Victor Huzlyiak, Tony McDevitt and three women, Jane Davey, Julie Neal, Dianne McKellar have been selected as representatives of the Vale to play in a qualifying round at Port Kembla that may enable them to progress to the NSWVGA medal at Port Macquarie later in the year.

Vets Open Day at The Vale

A relatively small field of Ladies and Men's Veterans played in the Vets Open Day on Tuesday 18th June. Members should note that the club is hoping to secure a sponsor for this event, which would result in an increase in prize money. Make sure you set aside the third Tuesday of the month to get among the winnings.

Worrigee Veterans Day

A group of Veterans from The Vale recently visited Worrigee Golf course and took away a bulk of the prizes. Worrigee welcomed our members and it was suggested that we may arrange a inter club event between the clubs. Something to consider in the future.

PENNANT NEWS

Pennant Victory

Congratulations to our "Gold" Ladies Pennant team who came from behind to take out this years Illawarra Gold Pennant.

The team consisted of Patti Moore, Cassidy Graham, Alison Crossley, Jane Davey, Susy Middleton, Frances Mewett and Julie Neal.

This is a major milestone for Russell Vale, not having taken out the top division before.

A short synopsis of pennant participation at Russell Vale has been provided by Life Member Maureen Polley.

Matchplay was not played at Russell Vale until the Directors approved a proposal from the ladies in February 1991. Russell Vale was considered among the golfing fraternity as that little par 3 council course of no significance.

The first pennant game was played in March 1992. They played with big hearts (this has not changed) and got wiped off the course. However they continued to turn up again and again, and although points were few and far between, they never thought of quitting.

Russell Vale hosted their first pennant day in May 1992.

Introduction of the slope system in recent years has seen the gradual emergence of Russell Vale. It proved, in spite of the resistance of other clubs, that Russell Vale had been severely inconvenienced using the old system of handicapping.

Our Silver team won in 2014 and 2018 & Bronze in 2016 but this year history has been made, with a win for Gold.

Going into the last round played at home, Russell Vale was running second and had to rely on a win against Port Kembla and Wollongong to defeat leaders Jamberoo to take out the pennant.

Presentation of the Pennant was made by representatives of Womens Golf Illawarra, and special mention was made to Team Captain Jane Davey who went through undefeated.

A debt of gratitude is owed to every member who has ever played pennants for Russell Vale, they have proved that whenever you feel like giving up just remind yourself why you started to pursue it in the first place.

CRAIG'S CORNER



Here's what's happening around the greens this month!

Most importantly, a big congratulations goes to Kurt Foulger, our Sports Turf Management Apprentice, who's been awarded the Southern NSW Apprentice of the year. Kurt now competes against the West, Central and Northern regions of the state to hopefully take out the State title. Over the last few weeks you may have noticed that work has commenced around the Pro Shop and cart storage area. These areas have been dug out and replaced with new turf in preparation for the Geohex to be laid.

The new Geohex pathway at the 17th tee is close to completion, so to help establish the area we ask you to keep all carts on the pathway. As Spring approaches we'll begin planting out this area.

In the coming weeks we'd appreciate your patience as we plant 100 plus trees.

LADIES UPDATE



Ladies 36 Hole Foursomes

Thanks to Julie Norris - Better Business Accounting Woonona for sponsoring our annual ladies foursomes and to Anthony Edmonds, sponsor of the 1st 18 and 2nd 18 hole event on the day. This 36 hole event will be held on Tuesday 23rd July.

ENTERTAINMENT

HOT AUGUST NIGHT

THE VALE GOLF CLUB

Live Music

Friday 23rd August, 2019

6:30pm

AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT - BOOK EARLY

Merrill

Friday Night Special
\$10.00

Choice of Curries
(Mild / Medium / Hot)

Served with rice

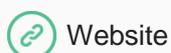
Sweets






Friday Chicken Run continues to grow. Be sure to end the working week with 9 holes followed by "Happy Hour" bar prices from 5pm to 7.30pm and Lucky Member Draw 5.30pm and 6.30pm commencing 18th July.

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