



Hi *|FNAME|*,

PRESIDENT'S NEWS

There was an increased attendance at the **Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM)** held on Sunday 29 September 2019. Thanks to all the members that attended and heard that the Club remains in a strong financial position with membership numbers steady but a slight drop in competition rounds in 2018/19 compared with the prior year. **Copies of the Annual Report** were made available at the AGM; and will be posted on the website. Any member wishing to have a hard copy, please enquire at the office.

The **ballot for the nine Director positions for the period 2019-2021** was closely contested with the results of the ballot announced at the AGM; the following members were **elected Directors: Trevor Johnston, Phillip Peace, Barry Johnston, Alison Crossley, John Szczur, Joy Nelson, Alan Sellers, Les Beauchamp & Frazer Davey.**

After the AGM, the newly elected Board voted on the appointment of the Executive, which is:

President: Phillip Peace

Vice-President: Alan Sellers

Treasurer: Frazer Davey

The Board also appointed/endorsed the following members to the Golf Operations positions:

Club Captain: Alan Sellers

Club Vice-Captain: Mark Peace

Ladies Captain: Patti Moore

Ladies Vice-Captain: Jane Davey

Annual Members Survey 2019: In the next few weeks, members will be sent the annual survey to seek feedback from members on the operation of the Club and to provide comments to Council on the golf course.

PS: On a personal note, don't forget the Peace Family sponsored **Alan Peace Memorial Trophy** event on **Saturday 26 October 2019:** Mens and Ladies Stableford events, open to

visitors and Juniors encouraged to play.



CAPTAIN'S UPDATE

The revamped tees will be back in play in the next few weeks with a possible delay on the 13th. Thanks to Craig and his staff for all the work over the winter period.

There was good feedback following the Canadian foursome event on 28th September and the good news is Bronco Bruce has committed to a repeat next September and the match Committee looking for the same game early in next years program.

Pennant team prospects should by now have their names on the board or with the team captains as we will be shortly finalising teams and ordering the 2020 pennant team Polos.

Busy month ahead with the Allotracc and M.P. Footwear medals, Glennos Spring Bowl, Pennant Team Challenge, Alan Peace Trophy, and early in November The Ladies Cup and SunSafe Stableford.

Enjoy the Spring events.

Alan Sellers

MEMBER NEWS

PROPOSED KART SHED

The club is preparing a feasibility study on the erection of a Kart shed adjacent to the clubhouse. There will be limited rental spaces available for members who own carts, and we are seeking expressions of interest. If the numbers of interested members exceed spaces available and the shed goes ahead, a ballot will be held.

FREE

Moonlight Movies

MOVIES COMMENCE AT SUNSET* GATES OPEN AT 6PM

SCREENING 1:
Secret Life of Pets
Saturday 16 November 2019
The Vale Golf Course, Russell Vale
Sponsored by The Vale Golf Course



Footgolf & Free Movie Night

On Saturday 16 November, The Vale will be hosting a **FREE** moonlight movie night, showing 'Secret Life of Pets'. **FREE** FootGolf will be available from 4 to 6pm, bookings through the Pro Shop are essential (p. 4283 5322). Bring along the kids and grandkids, gates will open at 6pm and food and refreshments will be sold at the Golf Club.

THE LONGEST DAY

72 holes of golf in one day





<https://www.longestday.org.au/>

Introducing these four young legends (**Team Name: Flusher's Club**) who will be testing their skill, strength and stamina playing 72 holes at The Vale from dawn to dusk on Saturday 14th December, raising money for the Cancer Council's research, prevention and support services.

For those unfamiliar with their names; Byron Copeland, Isaac Smith, Alex Montgomery and Jarrod Egbers.

Lets provide a party atmosphere on this our **Christmas Hams Day**, and encourage them on their journey. They will be teeing off at dawn, therefore It will be necessary to allow the four to play through the field in order to complete their 72 holes.

Members are invited to click on the link above and donate to this extremely important cause.

PLAY NINE-HOLE GOLF 25TH October

Golf Australia will again stage a celebration of nine-hole golf during the 2019 Men's Australian Open.

Four players from NSW/ACT will have the chance to join representatives from other states and territories to play in a nine-hole event on the Saturday evening of the Open.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Participants must be members and hold an AGU/WGA handicap.

All eligible nine hole competitions must have their scores processed into Golf Link. There is no need to register your Club for the program – Golf NSW will access Golf Link data to draw the winners.

At the end of October, Clubs that ran nine hole competitions during the specified period will be placed into a draw.

One regional club and one metropolitan club will be drawn at random. Once the two Clubs have been drawn, two players from each Club will be drawn at random – everyone who played in a nine hole competition has a chance to win, not just those who played well on a particular day.

WINNER ON THE DAY WILL RECEIVE THIS XXXX GOLD ESKY



CAPTAIN ALAN SELLERS has successfully passed a Level 2 Examination of the Rules of Golf at a R&A Rules Workshop conducted by Golf Australia at Taree.
Congratulations Alan

CRAIG'S CORNER

Our hard work over the winter months is now benefitting from the warm weather as everything begins to grow. With the change of season I've lost my helpers Mitch, Kurt, Brandon, Owen, Lionel and John who are Council wicket greenkeepers. Our regular staff are busy ensuring the golf course is maintained to its usual high standard as we head towards summer.

The last of the GeoHex will soon go down on the 14th tee and finishing touches will be made to the other tees, so it won't be long before they're all back in play. Our Greens have been verti-drained, aerated, top-dressed and fertilised all ready for the season ahead. Thanks for your patience, along with a big thank you to the boys for all their hard work!

SPONSOR NEWS

"Sunsafe Stableford".

One of our members will be sponsoring an event scheduled for Saturday 9th November titled *Sunsafe Stableford*. Being **SunSafe** is a simple and effective way to reduce your risk of developing skin cancer. This event is timed perfectly to herald in the summer, reminding members of the awareness of the need to protect yourself from the sun whilst playing golf.

Bronco Bruce's Canadian Foursomes



Sponsored by
'Bronco' Bruce Etheredge
and
Peter Reilly
(Cadifern Civil)

Congratulations to the winners of the inaugural Bronco Bruce Canadian Foursomes. Was nice to have Life Member Bruce present the trophies. Many thanks to Bruce and Peter for their generous sponsorship.

JUNIORS

2019 Spring School Holiday Junior Clinics:

Reminder that Junior Golf Clinics are scheduled during the second week of the school holidays:
Wednesday 9 October and Thursday 10 October 2019 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The clinics are free, please register using the form in the [Junior's section of the Club's website](#).

2019 Junior Matchplay Championship

A number of matches have been played to date, results to be posted on the draw on the noticeboard.

Phillip Peace, JPO

VETERANS

The September Vets Medal day had a small field, however the hole on the 11th was big enough for Ron Sakoff to score a hole in one. Congratulations to him. Hopefully with the warmer weather around the corner the Vets numbers will start to increase.

The September Veterans Open Day was cancelled due to the rain.

The Trevor Bell Shield was held at The Grange on Monday 9th September. Congratulations to Paul Grey for his hole in one on the 10th. There are two more rounds to complete this year's shield. Unfortunately The Vale is not in a position to contest the final. Next game is at Kiama on Monday the 14th October.

An upcoming event that is worth a mention, is the Seaside & Valley Veterans Tournament held at Kiama & Jamberoo Golf Clubs. Dates are from the 25th November to the 29th November 2019.

You can play in all events or choose which ones to play. Entry form for the event can be downloaded from the NSWVGA website. Forms are also on the Veterans Notice Board. Put this on your calendar as it is a wonderful event and it supports our local clubs.

Maurice Duroux and Jane Davey competed in the NSW Veterans tournament at Port Macquarie last week. Both played well and figured among prize winners.

PENNANT NEWS

Men's Pennant team nominations are now wanted urgently. Please register your name on the list in the clubhouse or contact the team captains;
Paul Fairall - Illawarra Pennants, Greg Murphy - B Grade, Les Beauchamp - C Grade and Brad Martin - White Horse Cup.

LADIES UPDATE

Ladies, after our AGM there are no changes to any of the positions. It was however, disappointing that only 17 ladies attended.

There are sheets out now for Tuesday and Saturday lunch rosters, also nominations for Pennants. Ladies if you are thinking of playing pennants but have not played before that is not a problem, I am sure you would thoroughly enjoy playing different courses and meeting new people.

"The Vale" Ladies Cup is on Monday 11th November. There is a sheet in the club house for our members to put their names down. The cost is \$25 includes golf and lunch which must be paid at least 1 week before the event to secure your time.

Good golfing
Pattie

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