



Hi *[FNAME]*,

With so much happening in the first quarter of 2019, we have issued our second newsletter for the month.

PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Pennants:

There was a great turnout for the Men's Pennants and Juniors Encourage Shield shirts presentation on 18 January...best of luck to all the Men's Pennants and Juniors Encourage Shield teams as they start their competitions on 3 February 2019.

Important News:

Commencing 1 February 2019, there will be no Friday night meal arrangement organised by the Club. Over the years this task has been borne by particular members and it was always going to prove impossible to continue without additional volunteer commitment. Members are invited to bring along their own nibbles or food hamper to share at their table on Friday nights.

New Members:

A warm welcome to the following new members: Daryl Bassan, Josh Ryan, Matthew Russell, Dale Canvin, Mark West, Stephen Raile and Martin Loxton.

Phillip Peace (President)

CAPTAIN'S UPDATE

2018 Men's FB Match Play

Congratulations Greg Murphy, winner of the 2018 Men's Single Match play, sponsored by **Hello World Travel, Corrimal**. To secure the win, Greg managed to birdie the 18th in a great display of golf played in tremendous spirit against David Biddulph. Well done....

New Rules

There are new rules for playing in matchplay events - for details contact me.

Eclectic

The 2019 eclectic competition forms are now available in the clubhouse. Please complete the form supplied and leave with the office together with \$10 entry fee.

Thomas Heaton

He may have moved on but Thomas Heaton's golf began at Russell Vale and his progress is closely followed by us all.

He showed his immense potential when he threatened to pull off a stunning boilover at the NSW Amateur match play event recently.

Thomas was two-up through 12 holes against Canadian Joey Savoie, who is the 34th ranked amateur in the world.

However, Savoie stormed back to win two-up in the first round match at Terrey Hills, following a morning delay when lightning storms circled the area.

Alan Sellers (Captain)



Our new Course Record Holder - Jason Cavanaugh, 53 off the stick on 19th January. Congratulations Jason, tremendous effort.

COURSE NEWS

A big thank you goes out to Graham Jones and Denis Milan who answered the call for volunteers to assist with the mowing at the front of the club. Many thanks guys.

MEMBER NEWS



NEW MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION - NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Commencing 1st March we are introducing a **part year** membership for the first time. Join after March 1, and be eligible to membership to June 30 this year, when membership for existing members falls due.

New 4 month Member Subscriptions will be:

Full Member	\$170 (including \$30 Bar Credit - to be redeemed by 30/6/19)
Pensioner	\$145 (including \$30 Bar Credit - to be redeemed by 30/6/19)

Others classifications (available on request)

Application forms will be made available at the office or on website.

Vale Harry Welsh

Harry Welsh, father of Mick, grandfather of Jason, great grandfather of Mitchell and Cameron, passed away on Wednesday 23 January.

Harry, along with Mick were foundation members of Russell Vale, with their involvement commencing in 1986.

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At the recent GI 2019 Touchdown Helicopters 36 junior tournament, the Vale was well represented by Sarah Eagleton, Jack Pritchard and Tom Eagleton. All played some great golf with Tom Eagleton taking out the Stableford event over 36 holes – well done Tom.

The Encourage Shield team starts their competition on 3 February at Kiama. The team includes: Tom Eagleton (c), Jack Pritchard, Heath Wheeler, Max Stewart, Sarah Eagleton, Bryn Newton & Kaydn Fleuren...all the best for the team in the 2019 competition.

PENNANT NEWS



Our "A" Pennant team is set for a huge year, hopefully bringing home the flag. Good luck and many thanks to all pennant teams participating. The 2019 challenge begins on Sunday (3rd Feb) at Russell Vale against local combatants Wollongong. Come along as spectators and witness what is sure to be some great golf.

LADIES UPDATE

Lady Captain News

Book now for the Presentation Night on Saturday 9th February.

Alan has prepared the eclectic form which you will find beside the kiosk computer, this \$10 entry goes either to Alan or Pattie. Competition commences February. Birdie and Gobbler competition commence at the same time.

Patti Moore

Dear Members

You will be aware of the Lady Captains Annual Report where Patti stated her position as Captain of the lady golfers of this club. The Lady Captains job descriptions is to effectively cover all areas relating to golfie competitions, WGI & WGA competitions, junior clinics.

As Director (and outside lady captains' role), Patti is required to perform lock up duty as per the roster.

Over the years, Patti has overseen tasks outside the Captains role.

For many years I, the undersigned, has predicted that the time would come when resources would be stretched for matters involving food preparation and clubhouse tasks, outside normal competitions.

Unfortunately, the golf club will never be able to hire paid personnel to cover catering and bar staff under the current arrangement. The clubhouse position relative to the course, prevents reasonable financial benefit making this impossible.

As a Director of the club, I am writing this editorial to seek urgent assistance from the following;

Lady Members, Men Members, Spouse of Lady and Men Members, Parents of Intermediate, Junior and Cadet members.

As an example, from the time of distributing this newsletter until 23rd March 2019, the golf department have commitments 5 days a week, with one week, six days, plus throw in the Annual Presentation. All these days involve food preparation, clubhouse tasks etc. Without more help, this will be almost unachievable, but with additional help, we can allocate limited time to more volunteers.

I am requesting a flood of replies to this request, so we can plan the weeks/year ahead – accounts@rvgc.com.au.

Joy Nelson

Assistant Treasurer/Membership Manager

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ENTERTAINMENT



RSVP: Friday 1st February
PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE SHEET PROVIDED OUTSIDE
THE KITCHEN/BAR AREA
AND PAY YOUR MONEY AT THE OFFICE

Presentation night is close, bookings close Friday.


Come along and congratulate your peers on their golfing success for 2018

Menu for presentation night:

Choice of 2 entrees, main course choice of 3 meats plus assorted salads, followed by assorted deserts.

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