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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

All our major singles 2019 Championships were completed in May. A big thank you to Alan Sellers, Patti Moore and the golf operations team; and Craig and the greens staff for a successful and well-run singles Championships.

The Board has completed its review of the Club's strategic directions, taking into consideration the feedback from the Members' Survey late last year and input from the two new Directors. The Strategic Plan 2022 will be posted on the website by the end of this month.

Phillip Peace

CAPTAIN'S UPDATE

Club Championships:

Paul Fairall has taken out his sixth successive and seventh overall **Russell Vale Club Championship**. Paul's 124 after 36 holes saw him lead by one from Steven Townsend. A third round even par 59 saw him extend the lead to six and a 62 in the final round for a 72 hole total of 245 saw him win by 13 from Steve.

Paul Dwyer claimed **B Grade** with his 298 total enough to hold off up and coming junior Thomas Eagleton by three shots.

C Grade was keenly contested with four players separated by one shot. Samuel Dwyer finished with a total of 333 to edge out Arnold Remiendo, Ray Lewis and Romel Cortiana who all

finished on 334.

Thomas Eagleton is the **Junior Champion** after rounds of 71 and 73 were good enough to keep Josh Hayes at bay whose rounds of 75 and 71 saw him two back from Thomas.

The draw for Men's Foursomes, Mixed Foursomes and Mixed 4BB Match Play has been posted to the Website - Golf/Events.

Well done to our representatives [Paul Fairall](#) and [Jarrod Woolmer](#) who represented Golf Illawarra against Central Coast in the annual David Wood Shield at Port Kembla Golf Course. Paul and Jarrod won their matches and helped Illawarra maintain the Shield.

Alan Sellers



MEMBER NEWS



Tom does it again. Tom has taken out the Jack Newton Macarthur Junior Masters at Camden and Campbelltown Golf Clubs over the long weekend. Tom, who plays out of The Australian Golf Club, commenced his career at The Vale, trailed the leaders by one after his first round of one under 70, but came home with a blistering second round four under 66 at Campbelltown to take out the title by four.

I spoke to Tom recently and found this young 17-year-old displays an amazing persona and a vision for his future in the game. We can only wish Tom every success as he heads off to the UK for six weeks in July.

Final Reminder - Club Credits

Please ensure that you have used your Club Credits by the 29/06/19. On 30/06/19 any outstanding Credits will be reset to zero.

Club Credits or Vouchers to be used as a Club Credit will be withheld until the 1st July 2019.

For example, if you win a Club Credit on Thursday the 20th June 2019 it will not be put onto your account until Monday the 1st of July 2019.

Membership Payment Note:

Membership Renewal invoices will be available in the clubhouse from Saturday 22nd June and those not collected will be mailed on Monday 24th June.

As well as BPay, this years invoice will have EFT option. Please ensure you enter your surname and membership number as your reference.

Grace Period:

Subscriptions will be due within 31 days from 30 June.....

ENTRIES CLOSING SOON



Entries close on these dates:

Mixed Foursomes Championship - 18/06/19

Mens Fourball Matchplay - 18/07/19

Nomination forms on the Notice Board
inside the Clubhouse

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New Sponsor:

Our July Monthly Medal now has a new sponsor in Murray Dribbus Lawyers. Murray's parents Sam and Beryl were foundation members and he joined Russell Vale in April 1986, age 14, at a cost of \$20, and has continued his membership over the ensuing 33 years but only returned to competition playing 2 years ago. Murray tees off early on a Saturday and then off to cricket with Thirroul Butchers Gold in summer.

If you require any legal work, give Murray a call and tell him you are from "The Vale"

JUNIORS

The **2019 Junior Boys and Girls Club Championships** were held over two rounds on 18 & 25 May 2019. The Junior Boys Champion was Tom Eagleton, runner up was Josh Hayes. The Junior Girls Champion was Sarah Eagleton.

2019 Junior Matchplay Championship

The first round of the Junior Matchplay Championship will be held on 21 September 2019. The nominations received to date are the largest for a number of years...nominations are still open, names to be entered on the sheet on the Juniors Noticeboard.

2019 Winter School Holiday Junior Clinics:

Junior Clinics will run on Wednesday 10 July and Thursday 11 July 2019 from 11:00am to 1:00pm each day. The clinics are free and children participating are welcome to bring their own golf clubs, but all equipment is provided. Registrations are required see the [Juniors page on the Club's website](#).

VETERANS

The usual group of Vale members played in the Port Kembla Veterans day Thursday 6th June, with notable scores from Dennis Moore (39 points) and Pam Sherlock (40 points).

Veterans are welcomed at Port Kembla on the 1st Thursday and 3rd Thursday of the month. A list of other Veterans days in the Illawarra are listed on our website under Golf/Veterans. ***The Vale Veterans Open Day is held on the 3rd Tuesday each month.***

The Vale will host a round of the Trevor Bell Shield on Monday 17th June. 56 Veteran players from the Illawarra Clubs will contest the 3rd round.

PENNANT NEWS

Womens Pennant Update

Our Gold team recorded another win this week, with a 3.5/1.5 win over Port Kembla. They are presently placed 3rd on the ladder with 3 games to go.

Silver team in 3rd place on 4 points and up against extremely strong competition with one team having a player on +2.

Bronze sitting 3rd on the table, 1 point behind.

CRAIG'S CORNER

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

After a week of heavy rain followed by strong winds the boys have been out and about on the course removing fallen trees, branches and cleaning up debris. The course is now looking fantastic once again!

The levelling of tees is set to continue from 2 years ago and we're hoping to laser level the 1st, 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th with a full rebuild of the 14th tee.

Over the coming weeks work will commence on a few older paths such as the 17th and including the front of the Pro Shop. We'll be using *Geohex* which is the same product that's been successfully trialled around some of our other tees.

LADIES UPDATE

Foursomes

The sheet is out for the foursomes to be played over 36 holes on Tuesday 23rd July. So, organise your partner and put your names down. Anyone that played in this event last year thoroughly enjoyed it. You will be able to order your lunch early in the morning and it will be delivered out on the course to you along with the drinks cart.

WGI

Women's Golf Illawarra are having a team challenge at Highlands golf club on Monday 26th August. This is to replace the NSW 2BBB Par event which is no longer being played. It is teams of four \$20 per player. Russell Vale ladies usually support all WGI tournaments so organize a team and let me know asap. Closing date is the 31st July.

Motor Neurone Day

A big thank you to all who supported Motor Neurone Day played on the 28th May, a cheque for approximately \$2750.00 will be going to the support group at Port Kembla Hospital. This was our best effort for at least 3 years.

Saturday 36 Hole Major Event

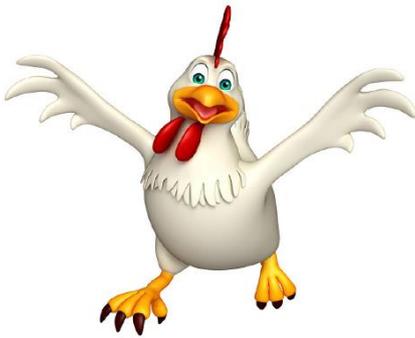
The annual Ladies Saturday Major Event and Junior Girls Championship were both played over 36 holes.

Cassidy Graham was the winner with rounds of 67 and 80 from Jane Davey.

Sarah Eagleton is the Junior Girls champion.

The Putting competition held in conjunction was won by Trish Whant.

ENTERTAINMENT



Friday 9 Hole Stableford

This Event is growing in numbers month by month, so come along and enjoy 9 Holes of Golf at the end of the working week. There has been some fantastic golf on display.

Friday 14/06/19, Paul Fairall shot 4 under Par.

"Happy Hour" prices in the Clubhouse are 5pm to 7.30pm which makes for a great social afternoon.

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