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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

The Board, at the October 2019 Meeting, approved for **construction work to commence on the Golf Kart/Equipment Shed**. This project will be funded from capital reserves. The Club will continue to seek government grant funding for work on the deck extension project; an application for funding under the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Program was submitted last month.

In late September, the Club Executive met with Wollongong City Council senior staff to continue discussions on the short and longer-term strategic directions for the golf course.

During November, we look forward to the **Ladies Russell Vale Cup** to be played on 11 November. This event is sponsored by Anthony Edmonds and Cadifern Civil. The **SunSafe Stableford** event is on Saturday 9 November, sponsored by a valued club member. The **Len Hughes Memorial Trophy** (a par event) is on Saturday 16 November.

The inaugural **Vet's Super Open Day, sponsored by Molenaar + McNeice**, will be played on Tuesday 19 November 2019. We encourage veteran members from *The Vale* and other clubs to play in this event.

Don't forget the **Annual Members Survey 2019**, which seeks feedback for members on the operation of the Club and to provide comments to Council on the golf course. Press on [this hyperlink](#) to complete the survey, which closes on 15 November 2019.

Phillip Peace
President



MEMBER BADGE DRAW

This Friday, 8 November, will be the **last Members Badge Draw under the current licence. The kitty (\$450) must be won on Friday**, so if there is no winner on the first draw at 5:30pm, then a second draw will be held at 6:30pm and continue until there is a winner. **Be there on Friday or miss out on the \$450 prize!**

CAPTAIN'S UPDATE

We are close to finalising all of our championships for 2019. Outstanding events are Men's 4B Matchplay, Cock Of The Vale, Single Matchplay and the Junior Matchplay. Contestants are reminded to check the play-by dates on the noticeboard and adhere to these dates so we can conclude the events in time for posting on the honour boards and include in next years events book.

Join us for the "Sun Safety" Stableford this Saturday, a timely reminder as summer approaches to ensure you are doing your utmost to prevent the dreaded skin cancers.

The C Grade Pennant Team is short of players for 2020. If you have a G.A handicap of 12.5 or more and would like to play in the Club's team please contact the captain NOW!

Alan Sellers

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to the Golf Illawarra team of [Danny Nesbitt](#), [Thomas Holz](#), [Paul Fairall](#), [Anthony Brunero](#), Mark Johnston and Colin Mitchell who have taken out the Team title at the **NSW Country Championships**. The team came from 6 behind after round 1 and after some solid scoring in round 2 prevailed by 3 over the Central Western DGA.



Saturday 14th December, these four young men will tee off at dawn challenging themselves to complete 72 holes of golf before dusk, as part of the Cancer Council's awareness initiative.

Byron Copeland, Isaac Smith, Alex Montgomery and Jarrod Egbers all began golfing through the juniors at Russell Vale. Isaac, Jarrod and Alex are now formidable members of our pennant teams, holding handicaps between 2 and 8. Byron is a member at Port Kembla, but frequently joins the others in competitions at The Vale.

The event has a far greater challenge for one of its members, Isaac. In July this year, Isaac, at the age of just 27, was diagnosed with cancer. He has undergone more than one bout of surgery, weeks of chemotherapy, and always, before you know it, he is back on the course with his mates, challenging the

game as well as showing enormous determination to beat his cancer. Isaac is supported by his partner Jeanie, lots of family and friends, and a trusted employer. Our club has thrown its full support behind Isaac through this challenging time and hope to cheer the group on as they pass through the field on Saturday 14th December.

More importantly, donate if you can to Team "Flushers"

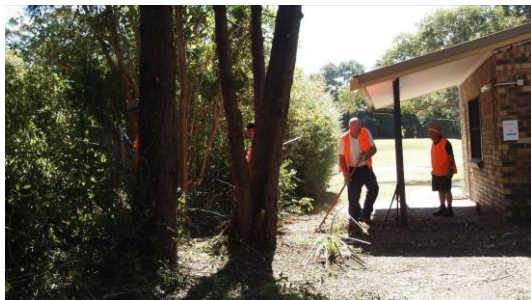
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OPEN DAY RESULTS

Former Juniors and a current Junior from The Vale had great results at the Callala Open on Sunday 13th October...Jarrod Woolmer tied 3rd A grade Gross, James Podmore 2nd B Grade Nett and Tom Eagleton 1st A Grade Nett and tied 3rd A Grade Gross. Great result for our Vale representatives at this Open event.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

This is how the garden surrounding the club looked in 2013 when the Bushrangers were formed. The amazing transformation was only made possible by precious hours from a handful of members. Numbers have now decreased, however the workload continues, therefore this is plea to come on board for a couple of hours a week to help.

Lyn and Jim White have been carrying out work on a regular basis, but they are having to wind back their time.

It has been suggested that we implement a system similar to other clubs in our region which works well for them. That is have an "Adopt A Garden" plan. Gardens like 11th tee, front of deck, garden adjacent to pro-shop, plus the inspiring area adjacent to the clubhouse could be yours - we could even acknowledge the garden with your own name plaque!

Once these gardens are brought into line, they would be much easier to maintain.

Join us on Wednesday mornings between 10am and midday, followed by a chat and a drink.

If Wednesdays do not suit, talk to one of the directors and discuss your availability.

Help is needed, want to know more, please reply to accounts@rvgc.com.au or speak to any of the directors.

16 NOVEMBER 2019

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Tuesday 19th November is our inaugural Veterans Super Open Day. Molenaar + McNeice have sponsored this event, so book early to avoid disappointment. Sponsors have reserved a time, so come along and meet them.

A field of 152 players contested the **Alan Peace Memorial Day** on 26th October with Michael Nelson taking out the men's trophy with 41 stableford points and Rita Beauchamp the ladies, 39 stableford points. Congratulations to all other winners and thanks to Phillip, Mark and Greg for sponsoring this event in honour of their father Alan.



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Club Member Earle Canvin

Early rain resulted in a smaller field for the **Allotrac Monthly Medal**. Medal winners were Jeff Kennedy "A", Ben Grief "B", Heath Wheeler "C", Best Junior Heath Wheeler. Congratulations to the winners and thank you Earl Canvin for sponsoring this event.


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Threatening rain reduced the field to 124 starters for our **Annual Glennos Spring Bowl**. Congratulations Peter Lott, this years winner. Thanks to Glennos for sponsoring this event.

JUNIORS

One of our promising juniors, **Tom Eagleton**, will play in Golf Illawarra's **Champion of Champions** event to be held next month. Also, the Club has entered Tom in the **2019 NSW Open Junior Pro-Am** at Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club, to be played on 27 November 2019. We wish Tom the best of luck in both events.

Encourage Shield Squad 2020: Training afternoons during Term 4 continue (4:00pm-5:15pm) for the Juniors Encourage Shield Squad. The sessions are being held under the tutelage of Cassidy Graham and Tyson Beswick.

2019 Junior Matchplay Championship
A number of matches have been played to date; the Championships are moving into the semi-final stage.

Phillip Peace, JPO

VETERANS

AGU Vets Medals



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A field of 78 players contested the October Veterans Medal. Congratulation to Warren Weston, winner of the October **Harold Parsons Funeral Directors** sponsored medal.



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Vets Open day on the 15th of October had player's from Port Kembla, The Grange, Wollongong and The Ridge participating. With the increase in prize money from Better Business Accounting it is hoped that members will spread the word when they are playing at other courses.

Only one more game for our Trevor Bell Shield team to be played at The Links in November. Unfortunately the team is not in a position to contest the finals. Anyone interested in running the TBS next year please contact Lou Whant.

Remember for the Club to prosper we need volunteers so that we can continue to field teams in the Illawarra District competitions.

PENNANT NEWS



35 players enjoyed glorious conditions for the annual pennant challenge, with a BBQ that followed. Winning team on the day was a combined "A" - "B" team.

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