

COLAC GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017

This month's news from around the Club:

JANELLE- HOLIDAYS:

Our key Pro-Shop staff member **Janelle** will be taking a well-deserved holiday break over the school holiday period. Her hours will be covered by **Deb Noonan** and junior staff member **Tara Morrissy**.

MONTHLY MEDAL HAPPY HOUR POTS:

We have tried over the last few monthly medal events to entice more players/members to stay on for presentations by introducing \$3 Pots. Perhaps it has been the wrong time of year to do this, but we feel it hasn't really worked as we have identified no increase in the numbers at presentations. At this stage Committee has decided not to continue with happy hour pots after monthly medal events, however this may be reconsidered in daylight saving times, along with other initiatives to improve numbers in the clubhouse after golf

On Monthly Medal days we will still be offering nibbles for players along with normal member bar prices.

SATURDAY BAR DUTY:

Our Saturday Bar Duty volunteers do a great job meeting the needs of players on Saturday evenings after the PM golf session. However we do remind all volunteers of the need to check that all doors and windows are locked upon leaving the building, and that the alarm system is set to Arm.

TEAM APP:

Just another mention on the Colac Golf Club [app](#).....

Team App allows for news items and approaching events to be put up as a push notification on your smartphone, in much the same way that you would receive notification of a text message. *Team App* allows for not only News and Events to be quickly and easily accessible, but also results, our golfing syllabus, Newsletters, a link to check your handicap, and links to social media such as our Facebook page, and to a gallery.

Feedback so far has been quite positive about the Colac Golf Club app, so if you haven't yet, feel free to download *Team App* from either the Play Store (Android phones) or Apple's App Store (iPhones). Once installed, then search for and join **Colac Golf Club**. At this point in time we have 42 members on Team App.

Many sports clubs are using *Team App* (such as GWS Giants) to make instant links to members. We would love more members to download our app, so give it a go and give us some feedback.

*****Team App* does require users to have an email address and smartphone.**

STOLEN FIREWOOD:

As mentioned in a separate email to members, we are extremely disappointed to report the theft of firewood from on the course. Recently, one or more culprits with knowledge of the location of recently felled firewood have greedily taken advantage of the hard work done by our volunteers. We ask that if

any member has any knowledge of such offending then please let us know. The club utilises all firewood that falls within our boundary, which is cut up by volunteers and stacked for relocation back at the clubhouse.

The Club will now take action to upgrade security around the course and buildings.

ROLLER DOOR ON CART SHED:

We thank member **Ian Foley** for his great work in re-locating a disused roller door to the cart shed, where the damaged wooden doors were barely attached. Ian has also completed repair works on a door lock and fixed a window. Great work Ian!

EARLY NOTICE >>> 2017 AGM:

We again advise members of this year's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** which is to be held on **Friday 25th August 2017** starting at **7:00pm**. Members thinking of nominating for committee or positions on executive should now be considering this opportunity as there are some current Committee members who will not be seeking re-nomination. Nomination forms will be available soon, and further notices will be posted in the next Newsletter and by separate email.

Like last year the AGM will also incorporate our annual **Presentation Night**. Watch this space for more information, or look for info on **Team App**.

Mark it in your calendar!

PAYMENT METHODS FOR MEMBERSHIPS:

In the 2017-18 golfing membership year, we will be asking ALL members to make payments of their memberships using one of the 4 different options available- Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS or Direct Debit. It has been brought to our attention that some members have paid their memberships on a haphazard basis. We believe the option to choose from one of the methods described above is sufficient. Direct Debit payments are spread over the first 9 months of the golf membership year. Furthermore, using the Direct Debit facility does mean a commitment to make all 9 payments regardless of any change in circumstances.

ON THE COURSE:

Members will have noticed some course works happening in various parts of the course over the last couple of weeks.

Some large pine trees along the right-hand side of the 2nd fairway have been removed. These old trees have been deemed to be unsafe. Another 3 will be removed in the near future. Many thanks here to **Peter Lucas** for his work alongside our Course curator **Mark Lockhart** along with the regular Dad's Army boys who continue to do invaluable work for us all around the course..

Major drainage works are underway across the 10th and 18th fairways. Old, broken earthenware pipes have been removed and replaced with new 300mm ribbed plastic pipe. Mark is allowing a little bit of settling time before rolling out the turf over the affected areas. The club is most grateful to Mark who was ably assisted by **Brian Belsar**, **Ron McCann**, **Murray McCoombe**, **Allan Halliwell**, **James Lockhart**, **Wayne O'Dowd**, **Peter Devine** and **David Robinson**.

The 3rd tee area is also undergoing some widening works, which will be completed soon.

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