



MOSS VALE  
GOLF CLUB

# Newsletter May 2010

Welcome to another newsletter, letting you know what is happening at your club.

What a great time to live in the Highlands and play golf at Moss Vale ... perfect sunny days for golf in magnificent surroundings and cool nights for good sleeping. Adam and the team have done a great job on the course after the stress it suffered from a soaking followed by a baking in the summer and it's getting back to its best.

The Club's financial position is looking brighter too; it looks like 2009/10 will see us achieve an overall profit result some \$90,000 up on the previous year, which is a great result in difficult trading times. Nonetheless, we need to ensure that we continue to manage the Club's finances very closely if we are to be in a position to make improvements to both Dormie House and the course in the coming years, and to the Clubhouse further down the track. Jason and his team have done an outstanding job in managing costs in a tough trading environment, but this is not a viable way to operate indefinitely and we now face the challenge of generating trading growth if we are to keep the financials moving in the right direction.

We are delighted that our sponsorship of the Moss Vale Soccer Club has got off to a great start and seems to be working well for all involved. We hope this is the beginning of a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

The recruitment process for our new Golf Pro, to be known as "Director of Golf", is under way. The PGA has been engaged to help us with the search and PGA representatives believe we should attract a very strong field of candidates. Advertising has commenced and we aim to have someone on board several weeks before Robert finishes in late August to enable a smooth transition.

On the golfing front a couple of issues bear mentioning. Firstly, slow play has been a feature lately and ALL members are asked to play their part in speeding things up. If you read the notes in the Fixture Book on how to avoid slow I bet there are things you can do to speed up without adversely affecting your game. And remember it's up to the low marker in each group to keep the rest of the group moving. Every group should aim to complete their round in no more than 4 Hours and 20 minutes, which equates to a generous 14 minutes per hole.

Secondly, the double curses of the unrepaired pitch marks on the greens and unfilled divots on the fairways continue. Please respect the golf course and the great work the Greens staff do and make sure you repair not only any pitch marks and divots you MAKE but also any you SEE.

From the President — Andrew Everett

## Club update from Jason

### Bistro Waratah

We would like to thank those members supporting our Bistro Friday through Sunday. If you have not experienced it yet come along for a quality value for money meal in a nice relaxed environment.

### Members 10% benefit Card

A reminder to all members to use your member cards to enjoy the exclusive Food & Beverage discounts available only to members of Moss Vale Golf Club. Don't forget, the 10% benefit applies to all food and beverage purchases at both the Club and Dormie House whenever you use your membership card when you pay.

**" The only Golf Club in the Highlands with a Food & Beverage Membership reward system "**

### Members Draw — \$1,500 at 28th May

Please come along to the Club on Friday evenings for a chance to win.

### Sporting Club Partnerships

I am pleased to report that the partnerships formed in the past 12 months with both the Moss Vale Dragons Rugby League and more recently the Moss Vale Soccer Club is proving mutually beneficial with both Clubs using the Food & Beverage facilities of the club midweek as well as weekends after games. Additionally the recent FA Cup Final between Chelsea & Portsmouth shown at the Club and attended by the Soccer Club was a great night.

### Finance Update

We are pleased to report a 2% growth in the Dormie House Cash Operating profit through 10 months of the Financial year at \$247,041 which is up on the same period last year of \$242,215.

The Golf Club is also reporting improved results with a 65% reduction in the Operating loss through to the end of April 2010. Our Operating loss is now \$88,527 which is a saving of \$57,264 on the 2008/2009 loss of \$145,791 through 10 months trading.

### Beverage Increase

Once again our suppliers have not missed us with the next wave of price increases. This regular beverage increase from our suppliers was received early in April and will result in an upward trend in our pricing structure from June similar to increases at all other registered clubs and Pubs in the local area. As we mentioned last October when this last occurred please use your membership card



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### Subscription Renewals

It is that time of year again with 2010/2011 Subscription renewals enclosed. This years fee structure has a small increase in the Full Playing membership and the Restricted Category (6 day membership) reflecting 6/7th of the Full Playing category.

### Contributing sponsors

We are very pleased to acknowledge the following new sponsors who have come on board over the past few months :

Bodyguard Gym	-	Chocolate Wheel
Enretech	-	Tee Sponsor
Moss Vale Motor Group	-	Tee Sign
SodaBlast	-	Clubhouse Coasters
Deborah Buchanan	-	Monthly Junior trophies
Paul De Leeuw—Southern Colliery	-	Junior equipment
Harry Hedley	-	Junior equipment

### Course Update from Adam

Growth of the greens has reduced due to the drop in temperature which has also increased green speed. Regular spiking and dethatching will continue during the next couple of months.

Work is continuing on fairways with seeding and oversowing of bare areas. All fairways have been treated twice for broadleaf weeds and the results have been acceptable. Some tree limbs are down around the course and these have been attended to in the last couple of weeks.

More sand has been added to the twelfth bunker to improve its playability.

A concept drawing for the new first green has been passed by the Board of Directors. Work is scheduled to begin on 2nd August 2010.

Dads Army have removed more wattles to the right hand side of the fourth tee and will be doing some more work to the garden of the eleventh tee. Some work is scheduled for the right hand side of the tenth green to remove trees and redo retaining wall for soil bays.

Renovation dates are 20th September 2010 and 14th March 2011.

### From the Women's Committee

The Moss Vale women's golfing year has had a very successful start with large fields, no doubt thanks to the fine, warm weather we have been enjoying. The annual Highvale Challenge was held at Highlands on 30 March, with Moss Vale winning for the second year in succession, scoring 10 points to 2. Our Guest Day on 6 April was very well attended with a field of 60 players, and the visitors very much enjoyed playing the Moss Vale course.

Pennants are well underway with some mixed results: at the time of writing the Bruce Cup team had scored 1 win/2 losses; the CSGA Plate team 3 wins/1 loss and the Bronze Shield team 1 win/3 losses. In the 'Nail the Male' competition on Sunday 18 April, we were of course delighted to win a decisive 7/2 victory over our male opponents, with a total competition tally of 4/2 in our favour. We are looking forward to our next 'Nail the Male' challenge in August.

The Women's Committee is currently planning for the annual MVGC Waratah Tournament on 27, 28 and 29 June. The cost is \$45 for the three days or \$18 per day. This is always a very popular event for both women members and visitors and we are currently looking to expand our sponsorship list for the tournament, as well as encouraging women from around the state to attend. We would welcome additional sponsors, so if you are able to help, please contact a member of the committee.

Sue Flaxman

Women's Committee President

### Junior Development

We had an enthusiastic turnout for the Mothers day weekend Sunday competition and the results are detailed below. There were some very good results and the prizes will be handed out the following Sunday so please arrive at 1.45pm for the presentation.

We have reserved tee off times for the juniors at 2pm to play 9 holes

Moss Vale Golf Club Cadets & Junior Competition Scores					
Players Name	Age	2/5	9/5	16/5	May Pts
Tom Mooney	13	55 . 9	54 . 9	53 . 9	12
Ben Mercieca	14	55 . 9	NS		4
Hugh Chivers	14	58 . 9	NS		2
Oliver Cheatle	13	60 . 9	68 - 9		3
Lachlan Quar- termaine	12	62 . 8	72 - 9	70 . 8	9
Bradley Johnson	11	60 . 8	NS	72 . 8	7
James Kelly	11	54 . 8	NS		4
Ethan De Leeuw	9	65 . 8	67 - 9	64 . 8	8
Tom Ewan	11	68 . 8	NS		4
Dylan Palmer - Quigg	11	69 . 8	NS		3
Josh Economos	11	73 . 8	NS		2
Jacob White	12	33 . 4	NS	31 . 4	8
Charles Miller	12	36 . 4	NS		3
Maddie Miller	12	40 . 4	NS		2
Sienna Harvey	11	38 . 3	16 . 2		4
Jamie Thomp- son	10	31 . 3	21 . 2		4
Michaela Thompson	11	24 . 3	14 . 2		8
Amira Harvey	7	NS	17 . 2		1
Hayden Kerr	13	NS	55 - 9	56 . 9	6
Jack Moran	13	NS	80 - 9	67 . 9	3
Clayton De Leeuw	7	27 . 3	39 . 3	41 . 4	7
Connor Rennie	7	29 . 3	40 . 3	37 . 4	7
Brendon Garsite	12	NS	NS	78 . 9	1
Joshua Dick	12	NS	NS	72 . 8	2
Toby Fisher	12	NS	NS	32 . 4	3

The cadets will have 1 hour of coaching for basic skills commencing at 2pm and then play several holes on the course from 3 pm.

The pick up time for parents will be 4.45pm

Prizes are awarded for the days event and results will qualify for a 3 month competition. Monthly score updates and awards for the best scores of the month will be made. Parents are welcome to come and play separately or follow their children around the course and watch the fun.

Please provide your children with sun protection lotion, broad brim hat, water bottle and a healthy snack. Parents are welcome to walk the course but cannot coach.

A Fee of \$2.00 per player is applicable with bookings to be made at the Pro shop - call 4868 1503 or just front up on the day, all are welcome and bring a friend .

The Bistro is open from 6 – 8pm for dinner with a free drink is available upon presentation of a voucher ( available from the pro shop for players and their family)

Please provide the pro shop or the club with your email address so we can mail to you communication of upcoming events , competition results , prizes and newsletters .

The Club has also confirmed that 30% entry fee sponsorship is available to each Junior who manages to get their golf game to a standard whereby they enter one of the nominated Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation competitions each calendar year effective from 1st July 2010

**Richard Lord - Junior Co-ordinator**

**Send us your Email address and you could Win!**

Moss Vale Golf Club wants your current email address! If we don't already have it we would like your email address so that we can send you a Newsletter every two months and a brief "what's on" email each week.

So...on 1 July 2010 we shall conduct a membership draw. We shall be sending emails to the first three financial members whose email addresses we have to advise them that they have a discount of 50% on their 2010/2011 membership fees if they reply by email. All you have to do is send your email address by email to [info@mossvalegolfclub.com.au](mailto:info@mossvalegolfclub.com.au) before 31 June 2010. If we already have your current email address you do not need to send it again...you will automatically be included in the draw.

**Golf Update**

**The Jordan Cup** – Round 1 is now completed with the winning pairs to play their second round by 26th June

**Whitley Cup** – is getting to the pointy end of Competition with Phil Jeffery already into the Final to play David Tyler

**Whyte Knockout** – Round 1 is now completed with Round 2 to be played by the 19<sup>th</sup> June

**The Match Play Championships** are also underway with the draw for each grade now on the Communications Board within the Club. Please take note of this if you are involved and organize your 1<sup>st</sup> Round match before the 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**Men's Pennant News**

Results – 2/5/2010

Masters – Moss Vale 7.5 St Georges Basin 0

23/5/2010

Masters - Moss Vale 5 1/2 Nowra 2 1/2

**Women's Foursomes Championship Result**

**Scratch Winners**

Robyn John & Jocelyn Mackay 172

**Runners Up**

Lyn King & Eddy Jeffery 179

**Nett Winners**

Kay Dymond & Shirley Perkins 146

**Runners Up**

Elizabeth hall & Margaret Henderson 147

**Mens Foursomes Championship Results**

**A GRADE**

Phil Jeffery & Peter Richards 152

Ron Aldham & Phil Roots 155

Warren Hayes & Michael Bale 158

**B GRADE**

Alan Bradley & Andrew McFadden 170

Shirhan Ho & Chris Wykes 175

Alan Hollis & Owen Saunders 178

**C GRADE**

Graham Ryan & John Bowen 192

Paul Sullivan & Paul Wright 194

Robert Darke & Robert Lees 194

