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Newsletter Winter 2008

From the President

With the forwarding out to members of annual subscription notices, it was felt that this is also an ideal opportunity to include a member's newsletter, with up to date information about your club.

Subscription Costs

Playing members will notice that there has been only a slight increase in the 2008-2009 membership fees. The Board resolved to increase fees only in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the last 12 months.

I am sure members will agree that the \$25 membership increase is minimal, especially when compared to the rises that other clubs will apply for the next year. Given the fact that the club has absorbed almost daily price increases (particularly from the major breweries!) rather than pass them on to members, our memberships still represent extremely good value.

Social memberships will remain at \$30.

Sponsorship

Our club has moved to try increase the amount of sponsorship we receive from suitable businesses. An innovative sponsorship package has been devised by our General Manager, Jason Harwood. As a result, the club is now able to offer many different levels of sponsorship opportunities to businesses, with sponsorship options that can be tailored to the needs of the individual sponsor. Included in the package is the ability for businesses to obtain services from the club, in recognition of their support.

The package has been delivered to a considerable number of local businesses so far, with another 40 local businesses to be visited in the coming weeks by Directors of the Club.

We have some 40,000 rounds of golf played on the course each year, and a considerable number of extra visitors attend the clubhouse, or stay at Dormie House. As such, advertising and sponsorship at our club is an excellent way for businesses to gain wide exposure to large numbers of people in the local area.

Should members be involved in a business that is interested in sponsoring our club, or know of a business that would be interested in sponsoring us, please let us know. Businesses can be involved in anything from sponsoring a single day golf competition, to tee sponsorships, right through to level one sponsorship with its many benefits for those supporters.



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For any member of the MVGC or their family that do a HOME LOAN HEALTH CHECK or NEW LOAN with Phillip Jeffery at Mortgage Choice Southern Highlands until the 15th August 2008 will be entered in a draw (guessing competition) for a 7 nights stay in a 2 bed room unit in Ulladulla. The guessing competition question is "M_GC is over 100 years old"

Similarly, should a member be interested in advertising in these regular member newsletters, just get in contact with Jason Harwood.

Reciprocal Clubs

We are now a reciprocal club with Merewether in Newcastle. The club, from my recent visit there, is very pleasant, with a course that appears quite similar to ours at Moss Vale, it is also a very nice oasis in the Newcastle Suburbs.

We are also now pleased to advise the completion this week of our reciprocal agreement with Nelson Bay Golf Club. I had the opportunity to speak with their president when he stayed at Dormie House with a visiting golf group from the Hunter region. He was extremely impressed with our club, course, and Dormie House. So much so that he commenced work on a reciprocal agreement with us as soon as he returned to his home club.

To have well established and popular golf clubs such as these approaching us, and wishing to enter reciprocal agreements, shows just how highly our facilities are regarded by our visitors. These agreements also allow our members, when visiting these popular areas, to play golf on these courses at greatly reduced prices.

A Few Clubhouse issues

It is very pleasing to hear the regular positive comments from members on the improvements in the clubhouse. We are also currently getting great feedback on the quality of the meals that our chefs Johnathon and Mark are preparing.

The Thursday night 'Pasta Night' is proving very popular with 50-60 diners regularly enjoying the food and fun on the night. It's a great deal, \$10 for adults for the choice of a number of pastas and sauces, together with garlic bread, mini pizzas, and fresh salads.

The club has also reworked the wine list, and it is now stocked with a new wide range of reds and whites for members to enjoy. We also now have two 'Barons' beers on tap. 'Barons' is brewed at Camden by a company managed by one of our members, and both the 'Pale Ale' and the 'Lager' are proving very popular. Beer drinkers will also notice that the widely popular 'Pure Blonde' is now also available on tap in the clubhouse.

We have also finally received licensing approval to move the poker machine area from its current location. The machines will, in the next few months, move into a renovated area where the former club office now stands. It is hoped that this new location will prove more popular and convenient for our members. The current poker machine area will then be converted to a 'Sports Bar', with the installation of a flat screen television, sporting memorabilia, and new tables and seating.

Club Points

Members should keep in mind that the membership points on their cards will expire at 12 midnight on the 30 June 2008. Points can be exchanged for food and beverage within the clubhouse, however, not for takeaway alcohol.

Support Your Club

Your club has some of the best facilities around, including great prices and a wide range of products and services. Members have easy access to our facilities should it be for a round of golf, a quiet drink, a quick snack, or a restaurant quality meal. Add to

that our ability to host functions, provide accommodation, and organise golf and social groups, and you can see why your club is a leader in the Highlands.

We hope that the new and exciting improvements to the club make it a more appealing place for members to spend their leisure time, and a place that members will consider first for social and work functions.

Brian Daly - President

From the General Manager

Moss Vale Ladies Pro-Am – It's on again !!!

Put this date in your calendars to take a couple of days off and enjoy the event. We are pleased to announce that we have once again committed to a 2 day event to be held on the 4th & 5th December 2008. The ALPG is grateful for our support and have advised the event last year was one of the most enjoyable on their calendar. Hopefully this year will be no different and we encourage as many members as possible to participate in this fantastic event.

Club Outdoor Area

We are nearing completion on our outdoor area with tables, heating and surrounding glass to be completed in the next 14 days. This area is looking better by the day and I wish to thank and congratulate all those members who have invested an enormous amount of their time and expertise to this project. You have created a fantastic asset to be enjoyed by all members and their guests for many years to come.

Golf Net – New Golf Booking, Handicap & Results System

We are pleased to announce the Club has agreed to replace Compman with a new system by the name of Golf Net. Installation is expected by the end of July this year and we are looking forward to the benefits this system will bring to the Club.

The 2 major changes you will notice from the current system is the Leaderboard which we will display on a large Plasma Screen within the Club. This will provide real time individual and team results in all grades plus the overall winner of the day's competition. Secondly the new system requires you to enter gross stroke scores for each hole. The system will then automatically calculate all stableford, par and team events including countbacks.

We will provide assistance and instructions to everyone in entering the scores for the first couple of weeks as well as having adequate printed instructions available after this initial period next to each Computer terminal in the Club.

We will have two terminals available for entering results due to the hole by hole entry requirement. This process will obviously take a little longer however the addition of a 2nd terminal will assist in fast tracking this process.

Internal Club Advertising including Members Draw & Raffle

On the same terminal as the Leaderboard described above we will have continuous rolling advertising highlighting upcoming events and functions within the club, Food & Beverage specials available through the café and restaurant, forthcoming golf competitions and supporting sponsors of the club. This program which is integrated with our Accounting and membership software will then be used to draw our weekly Thursday and Friday night raffles and Members

draw. The Members draw of a Friday Night will then display the member number with the members name on the plasma screen providing and much more presentable and professional outcome.

Directional Signage and Upcoming Events Board in Entry Foyer

Ceiling signage has been erected within the Clubhouse to assist visitors and guests with directional assistance around our club and a Welcome sign and upcoming events Board will soon be completed in the Entry Foyer to notify all members and guests of what's happening within the club.

New Golf Club Website

Please take the time to have a look at the new Golf Club website. Along with information on the club for visitors and prospective members we have now loaded Golf Results, new membership application forms, upcoming events calendar, hole by hole tour of the course, Golf and equipment hire pricing, reciprocal club listings and the most recent newsletter will also appear.

Subscription Payments

The Ezi debit system is working well with a large number of members taking up this offer for payment of their membership this year. This system enables you to pay your fees monthly by direct debit from your bank account or by credit card. Please consider this option when looking to renew for the 2008/09 year. Forms can be collected from the office and these need to be completed by 18/7/2008.

Subscriptions can be paid at any time to the office or over the bar in which a written receipt will be issued. Membership Cards however will only be issued from the Administration office during normal Monday to Friday business hours.

Credit Card - If you wish to pay by credit card, an authority has been printed on the reverse of you renewal invoice. Please complete and return to the club for processing.

Direct Debit – Our account details are as follows

Account Name - Moss Vale Golf Club Ltd
BSB – 032723
Account No. – 640366
Reference – Your membership number & surname

Ezi Debit – Monthly debits from your bank account or credit card on the 21st of each month. This incurs an administration charge of \$25. The house card needs to be paid in full plus one month's fee in advance. The form needs to be completed and returned to the club office by 18th July 2008 for processing.

Half Yearly – This incurs an administration charge of \$25. The house card needs to be paid in full at time of renewal.

Christmas in July

The 19th July will be our Themed Christmas in July dinner with a 2 Course meal and Live band entertaining you for the evening. \$25.00 per person with bookings essential at the Club

Dad's Army

I'd like to pass on my sincere thanks to all those involved with Dad's Army for the mountain of work they get through each month out on the Course. Anyone who is interested in helping out please see the club as all those currently involved would appreciate the extra help.

Dormie House

Great news from Dormie House this week with confirmation we will be entering the NSW Tourism Awards for Excellence this year. Tourism Southern Highlands has strongly supported this submission for our unique accommodation offering, the significant improvement in trading results and the improved profile within the Southern Highlands over the past year.

Remember June and July at Dormie House is Christmas in July. Why not get a group of friends and enjoy the home cooked meals and decorations at Dormie. 10% discount always applies.

Social Membership

Why not entice your friends and family to join as a social member at only \$30 per year. This entitles them to 10% from everything they purchase to be added to the rewards system and birthday meals at both Dormie and the Club.

Golf

Congratulations to the Ladies pennants team who as we write are competing in the Pennants Final. Good luck to the following ladies involved and we will update everybody on our website in the golf results page.

Patricia Smith	Meg Grady
Barbara Zordgrager	Margaret Henderson
Magaret Butcher	Ineke Kelson

Congratulations also to the Foursomes Championship Winners last weekend.

A Grade	Playoff Required D Newman / R Wade v P Roots / J Sheridan
B Grade	D Dobb / A Bradley
C Grade	J Raynor / F Tozer

Upcoming Golf Events

7 th June	-	SEG Browne Trophy
8 th June	-	Golf in Australia Cup
21 st June	-	Gale Cup
24 th June	-	Moss Vale Ladies Charity Day – Sponsored by L'oreal
5 th July	-	Jim Corbett Memorial Trophy
26 th June	-	Ladies Holden Scramble

Important Dates

13 th June	-	Bookings for Ladies Holden Scramble
29 th June	-	Jordan Cup next Round to be completed
29 th June	-	Whyte Knockout next Round to be completed
6 th July	-	Whitely Cup 1 st Round to be completed
27 th July	-	1st Round match deadline - Match Play Championships

Upcoming Club Events

4 th June	-	Trivia Night - Held fortnightly
5 th June	-	Pasta Night every Thursday night
6 th June	-	Willows Restaurant every Friday night
11 th June	-	State of Origin in the clubhouse
2 nd July	-	State of Origin in the clubhouse
5 th July	-	Medal Round Carvery with live music
19 th July	-	Xmas in July - please book early

Jason Harwood—General Manager