

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

GENERAL UPDATES

Easter Bonnet Parade/Mother's Day Morning Tea

Despite the weather, our Easter Bonnet parade and lunch went ahead with lots of members, great food and a few laughs. A big thank you to Marlene for all her hard work in decorating the clubhouse and inadvertently providing some prizes, thank you Marlene!

The Mother's Day morning tea was amazing – 40 or more members attending with lots of cupcakes, slices, scones etc., Thank you to everyone for supporting this.

Signing In

It has been noticed that members still aren't signing in. Can we please ask that you do this on arrival at the Club.

Volunteers

WE NEED YOU! Without volunteers our Club would not function. Presently we need members to put up their hand to help with housekeeping, catering, gardening and the grounds committee. If you can help and would like a bit more information, please contact either Cali Craig or Penny Paterson.

Club Equipment

As we are all aware, prices in "everything" have risen. Taking this into account, we have just ordered new clips for competition play. These are now \$90.00 a set!. We therefore ask that you ensure that all clips are returned at the end of any game. Many of last lot ordered appear to have "disappeared". It's easy to find one in our pocket when we get home but if players can be aware, it would be appreciated.

Membership list

An updated contact list of members is now available on the website.

Lawns 1 and 2 boundary issues

In the April newsletter, we advised that:

- The landscape contractor had removed the privet hedge on the three sides of Lawn 1 and installed metal edging for the new garden beds, which were then filled with planting mixture.

- For the grant already received for the Lawn 1 project, the grants body had approved an extension of time past 31 March and the revised scope of works as previously advised.
- Council had approved the revised project for both Lawns 1 and 2.
- Temporary safety fencing had been installed on those three sides of Lawn 1.
- Part of the master plan is to push the lawn 0.5M south, with a corresponding shift of the southern shelter shed, to provide better mallet backswing area at the northern end. That part has been deferred until financial resources are available.
- The grant for Lawn 2 of \$30k has been received and the Lawn 2 project will be undertaken later in the calendar year.

Further immediate steps for Lawn 1(subject to weather):

- On 9 May, the temporary safety fencing will be taken down and stored awaiting similar use for the Lawn 2 project later in the year. For safety reasons, Lawn 1 will be closed at that point until completion of the fence installation.
- The existing timber edging on the three sides of Lawn 1 serves to stabilise the ground and to act as a ball barrier. Some of the existing wooden pegs against the outside of that edging (installed about 16 years ago) have deteriorated. On 10 May, the landscape contractor will install treated wooden pegs, encased below ground level in concrete, against the outside of the existing timber edging, so as to lengthen the life of that edging.
- In the week commencing 16 May, the fencing contractor will install the new aluminium, black satin, safety fence, just outside the existing timber edge boards, on the three sides of Lawn 1. The exact commencement date will depend on the fencing supplier's delivery schedule. The fencer estimates that installation will take a week. On installation completion, Lawn 1 will open for play.
- At an early point thereafter, the landscape contractor will plant suitable plants in the garden beds on those three sides. That will not require lawn closure.

CPR AND AED REFRESHER DEMONSTRATION

A team from Surf Life Saving is coming to the Club to give a CPR update on Friday June 17 at 10.30 am.

This will include a demonstration of basic CPR and the use of AED together with an explanation of the AED.

These basic skills should be known to us all, and refresher courses are most important.

TIME 60 minutes.
Cost \$20
Strictly limited numbers.

Please register your interest now with Michael Chambers <emailthedoc@yahoo.com>
0488187328

MARTYN PRINS TROPHY

The Martin Prins Trophy is taking place on Sunday 22 May, 2022 from 9.00 am – 4.30 pm. This is our annual GC Handicap Doubles event. Registrations close on 14 May, 2022. You can register either on the website or in the GC register in the Clubhouse. For those who are new to competitions, this is a way to become familiar as to how tournaments are run.

COACHING NEWS

Since our last newsletters we have had 3 sessions, catering for members of all levels.

Our last session which was “Skills and Drills” had one-sixth of the Membership register! There were five “stations”, and the support and encouragement from Mary Gibson, Denis Edelston, Rob Elliott and Les Jackson was greatly appreciated.

There was a suggestion that we restart the basic drills sessions for 20 minutes before Wednesday doubles starts, for those keen to arrive early. If you are interested, please email Michael Chambers <emailthedoc@yahoo.com>

“Brush up your basics” session” is taking place on Monday May 16. This session is being aimed at the newer members of the Club.

Whilst the club is busy with events, we shall have a few months break from our regular Monday sessions.

GC UPDATE

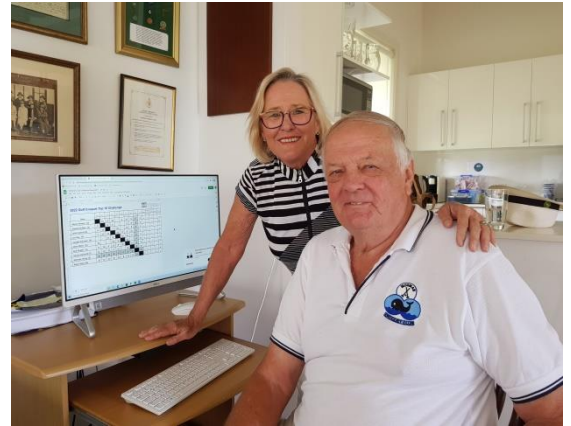
Torbreck Top 10 Challenge

We know the year is moving along when we’ve completed the first of our GC competitions. Congratulations to everyone who played in this year’s Torbreck Top 10 and were able to complete on time.

Our special congratulations go to our winner Robin Boyer!

Rob won seven of the eight possible games and with three of those being big wins he amassed a net 24 hoops. Another two hoops in his only losing game (against Steve) and he would have had that rare clean sweep. But our **runner-up Steve Miles** is a tough competitor who fought well and didn't allow it. In fact, his six wins could also have been eight as his only two losses were both by just one point each. Steve also finished with a high net hoop score (16).

Competitiveness seems to have been a theme for many of our players again this year with about half the games won or lost by just one or two hoops. These 18 and 19 hoop games challenged everyone to concentrate on all shots over long periods of time. A classic example was the 2 hours and 10 minutes battle between David and Vaughn to get their 10-9 result. Another example was Rob Boyer's cool under pressure at the end of his game against De Howarth. De had both balls lined up in front of hoop 18 but, from a point to the right of hoop 17 Rob played a very calm and smooth 15 yard shot to get the win and both smiled.



Gibson Trophy

Our GC club handicap competition is creeping slowly forward and while some of the blocks will produce winners and runners up for the finals, we need to move quickly to get all games finished by the end of May. We still have 86 of the expected 112 games to play.

One practical solution under our rules is for players to withdraw if they don't expect to complete. This works well if they have played just a few games and don't have a major impact on other players' results. Hopefully this approach will give us our competitors for the finals tournament on 19th June.

At this stage, Block A is the most advanced and our two leaders are Patricia Petterson and Lindsay Wood. Patricia, in particular, is looking very consistent and her only two losses have each been by just one hoop.

GC Pennants

Our two **Division 3** teams are playing in the Metro South zone along with five other clubs from across the harbour. Joanne and the Blue team are going well but Heather's White team is currently leading the zone just ahead of Strathfield. Both teams have two more tests to play, including their Blue v White. All Division 3 zone tests finish on 16th May and the finals will then be played at Jamberoo on 22nd and 23rd May.

Following the withdrawal of two clubs **Division 2** is a much smaller zone this year. Our two Mosman teams are playing against Cheltenham, Chatswood and the new Elanora club created by Michael Chambers and a group of fellow golfers. We are meeting some strong opposition but are looking to improve. Division 2 finishes on 31st May with the finals at EDSACC on 6th to 8th June.

AC UPDATE

On 22 April Mosman welcomed players to its 10th annual Mosman Bash open singles AC handicap tournament. 24 players in four blocks seeded by similar handicaps battled for the substantial prizes for each block. Generous sponsorship from **Mercedes Benz North Shore** enabled winners to walk away with \$150 while the runners-up got \$50. All enjoyed the great inclusive meals and refreshments during the tournament.

Block Winners

In the Blue Block Ted Woodley from Chatswood was a clear winner winning all five games. Michael Strickland from Cammeray, who came second on net points over Steve Miles from Cammeray, missed out on his 5th block win in the Bash. He was a block winner back in the inaugural event in 2012.

The Red Block was a closely fought contest. In the final round both Margaret O'Brien from Cammeray and Rob Wright from Mosman had a chance to overtake the overnight leader, Ron Humpherson from Mosman, if they could win by sufficient margin. Margaret made a valiant effort with a big win over Ron and Rob also won his match with Chris Smith. Unfortunately, neither quite got there, so Ron was the winner. Rob Wright was runner up.

The Green Block was reduced to 5 players because of a late withdrawal. However, there was no doubt about the winner as Fidy Westgarth from Mosman won all her matches. David Gibson from Manly was runner up.

Mosman was again successful in the Yellow Block as David McGrane won four matches. There were three players with 3 wins and only 3 points between them. Gerard Barry from Chatswood was the runner up.



The winners: Ted woodley, Ron Humpherson, David Gibson, David McGrane.from Mercedes Benz Noth Shore, Fidy Westgarth, Gerard Barry, Rob Wright, Michael Strickland

For a more detailed report together with lots of photographs, please see the attached Report from Ron Humpherson.