



Captain's Newsletter May 2009

Everyone will now be aware of the Special General Meeting to be held at SS&A Wodonga on Sunday 24 May 2009 at 9AM. Those who have been a member of the club for a while will realise that this is the most appropriate day and time to hold a large meeting due to the constraints put on us by the operating hours of the club. This meeting is probably our most important since the merger and I strongly encourage members to attend. Please don't leave it up to the minority to attend and vote as this meeting is simply too important for the survival of the club as we currently know it. I cannot emphasize enough the significance of this meeting due to the major changes that are planned for the future. At this stage ALL members are entitled to vote so again please make the effort.

The CEO of SS&A, Andrew Terry has released a statement detailing the changes the club needs to make and the reasons behind those changes for us to move forward. His statement has been posted throughout the club and pro-shop and I encourage all members to read it to ensure they have a better understanding of why the changes are needed prior to attending the Special Meeting.

Whilst the Golf Committee has been fully briefed on the changes it is not our responsibility to convey them to you via a newsletter. I am aware of some rumours going around and I can assure you that what I have heard is simply not true. If you have any queries about the changes then I strongly suggest that you approach any committee member who will be more than happy to bring you up to date rather than you simply surmise. Having said that Andrew Terry will brief everyone prior to the Special General Meeting commencing. I ask everyone to listen to what Andrew has to say and take into consideration the future of the club over your own individual preferences.

Now that our notice boards have been upgraded (thanks to the very kind voluntary efforts of Mr Jan Liepkalns) the Golf Club Rules (formally constitution) and our By-laws will be posted on the Men's Notice Board. I will also post a separate copy of the Rules highlighting in **RED** the proposed changes to be voted on at the Special Meeting. Also all previous and future minutes of committee meetings will also be displayed to ensure everyone is well aware of what your committee is doing.

Our Pennant Teams have done extremely well and I am happy to announce that our Division One Pennant Team is in the final to be played at Jubilee (Wangaratta) on Sunday 17 May commencing at 10:30am. A 22-seater bus has been made available for players and anyone who wishes to go down and support them. We are seeking a driver who is qualified to drive a 22 seater bus so if you are interested

then please let Bruce Sukroo know ASAP. Our Handicap Section One Team is also in the final being played at Myrtleford on the same day commencing at 9AM. I will be visiting both teams on the day and will utilise the SS&A Van. If anyone is interested in supporting both teams then they are welcome to join me. I will have room for 6 passengers. Please come along and support our Pennant Teams to hopefully ensure success for the club.

Our new computer system has now been installed and as is normal with these things we are having a few teething problems which are being sorted out. There is also a computer currently located in the spike bar where you will be able to check your golf account and handicap etc.

All our honour boards and trophies have been collected from a storage facility in Albury and an agreement with the Wodonga Historical Society will now have them stored indefinitely with them. An inventory has been prepared and will be held on file. I think that this is the most appropriate outcome for the club and I am sure they will be in fine hands.

The position of bunker rakes has improved significantly these last few months, which is pleasing, but some members are still not placing them in the correct position. I ask everyone to correct a playing partner if they see that they have placed a rake in the wrong position. Remember it could be your ball that rests on a rake placed in the wrong position and at times can be virtually unplayable. To remind everyone, rakes must be left in the middle (flat part) of the bunker, with the handle pointing towards the tee. Rakes should be placed as far from the edge of the bunker as possible. Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up and smooth over holes and footprints made and then leave the rake with the handle pointing towards the tee of the hole being played. Always enter the bunker at the lowest point and pull the rake towards to as you exit the bunker. If necessary, rake other affected areas.

Finally, I again ask members to make the effort to attend the Special General Meeting on Sunday 24 May 2009 at 9am at SS&A Wodonga.

Colin Thompson
Captain

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