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COMING EVENTS:

- 21 March – Ladies Championships 1st qualifying round
- 24 March – Men's Championships 1st qualifying round
- 25 March – Men's Championships 2nd qualifying round
- 28 March – Ladies Championships 2nd qualifying round
- 8 April – Men's Quarter Finals in morning
- 8 April – Men's and Ladies Quarter Finals in afternoon
- 15 April – Men's and Ladies Finals followed by dinner
and trophy presentation
- 25 April – ANZAC Day Ambrose
- 28 April – Casino Night Fundraiser
- 13 May – Mothers' Day Luncheon

2018 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Will Daryl Morgan and Faye Mainwaring make it back to back wins this year in the Open Championships?

Qualifying rounds commenced this week for men and women and will go through to Sunday, 15 April when the finalists in each grade will be decided. Conditions of Play have been pinned up in various places in the clubhouse and players have been asked to familiarise themselves with the rules.

Our club's premier event will be complemented by a course in excellent condition and members are encouraged to come out and witness and support the finalists on April 15. Like many other clubs, it has been decided to have the men's and women's finals played on the same day as we are one club. Nibbles and drinks will be available following play and a roast meal served prior to trophy presentations. Cost of the meal is \$20 per head and families are most welcome. There will be a list on the board to add names and numbers for the dinner. This will assist Graeme Armstrong greatly with catering. Hope to see you there!

ANZAC DAY AMBROSE

This competition will be held on Wednesday, 25 April and will commence at 12 noon due to the significance of the day and respect to the fallen. Names can be entered online or phoning the pro shop on 87251619.

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER – Saturday, April 28

The club has arranged a night with a difference and is bringing the Casino to Mount Gambier. 4 croupiers from Black Jack Knights in Melbourne will bring roulette, the big wheel, black jack and poker tables to our club for a night of fun using fun money.



Tickets are \$60 each which gives each person a free drink on entry, supper and \$2000 worth of chips. If your chips run low, more can be obtained from the bar for the sum of \$5.

It has been organised as a “Black Tie” event which we will leave to your interpretation! There are a limited number of tickets so if you don’t want to miss out, get in early – please pay your money to Camilla in the office as soon as possible, and you will be issued with your tickets when you arrive on the night.

Players are asked to be at the club by 7.15pm as the croupiers explain how the night is run and first spin/hand commences at 8.00pm.

The croupiers record the biggest winners across all the tables on the night and are shown on a scoreboard which creates a lot of interest. At the end of the night, the top 8 winners play off in a grand final game with the winner taking home a trophy as well as a prize of a night’s accommodation for 2 at the Arkaba Hotel in Adelaide. Not bad if you want to go to Adelaide and watch your favourite footy team, a show or just visit.

There will be other small prizes on the night.

If you want to know more information regarding this fun night, check out www.blackjackknights.com.au.

NEW CART SHED

As most of you are aware, the foundations of the



second cart shed have been put in place due to the demand of another cart shed.

This will be done in stages and probably not available for use until the end of the year. If you are planning to acquire a cart in the near future, can you please give your name to Camilla so she can allocate a berth for you.

Funding for the second shed is through golf operations and not funded from the members’ money.

CART USAGE

Owners of carts are reminded that they must follow direction signs where they can drive carts and must refrain from driving or parking near the edges of greens.



PENNANTS

The two Ladies pennant teams commenced their competition this week and the short season will finish on April 24.

The men’s pennant season commences this week at Naracoorte and thank you to all players for representing our club and good luck in your matches.

EASTER TRADING HOURS

The clubhouse and the Pro shop will be **CLOSED** on Good Friday.

DRINKING WATER

The annual water testing has been carried out on the bubblers and results show that there is still some bacteria in the water.

Players are advised to bring their own water and are



most welcome to top up at the bar which has filtered water on their way round the course.

If players drink the water, it is at their own risk.

COURSE ENHANCEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Course Enhancement Plan is progressing well at the moment with the stage 2 conceptual sketches done and currently being reviewed by the CEP working party. There are another 2 stages to be done before we will have the final CEP completed. The initial work and ideas completed have been very well received by those involved and we look forward to the day we can present the final plan to the members.

We would also like to share with you the results of the CEP Members' Survey.

The top 3 responses have been highlighted.

COURSE ENHANCEMENT PLAN MEMBERS SURVEY

- *What do you think is the most important asset of your golf club?*
 1. **Course, 2 Members, 3 Clubhouse**
- *What do you like about your golf course?*
 1. **Fairways, 2 Greens, 3 Layout**
- *What do you dislike?*
 1. **Inconsistent bunkers, 2 Too easy, 3 Poor paths.**

- *What attributes or features, if any, do other golf courses in the region have that your course lacks?*
 1. **Consistent bunkers/sand, 2 Better paths, 3 Attention to detail**
- *List your top 3 weaknesses of the golf course*
 1. **Bunker conditioning, 2 Paths and tee to fairway carries, 3 Too easy and low winter fairway height**
- *List your top 3 strengths of the course*
 1. **Greens, 2 Fairways, 3 Layout**
- *List the top 3 opportunities that you see for improving the golf course (that are not related to course condition?)*
 1. **Better paths and shorten carries, 2 CEP, 3 Apprentice Greenkeeper**
- *Do you consider there are too many bunkers on the course, just the right amount or too few?*
Right amount 26 - 65%, Too many 11 - 27.5%, Too few 3 - 7.5%.

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU DAY



As we all know, no club is successful without volunteers and again, the Committee would like to show their appreciation in providing an afternoon with

nibbles and drinks to acknowledge their wonderful support.

This will be held Sunday, 22 April with a time to be confirmed. There will be further information forthcoming so keep this date in your diary.



Happy Easter and Safe Travel