

The latest Newsletter from Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club Ltd

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Dear Members,

Staff matters

On Monday 3rd August we welcomed Harley Bird to the greens staff. Harley will be undertaking a four-year apprenticeship with the TAFE component commencing next year.

On a sad note, Cory Marshall has given notice that he is leaving the club. Cory has gained full-time employment at Nowra Motorcycles. His last day will be this Saturday morning. Cory has indicated to me that he is more than happy to help out on the bar on the first Saturday of each month. On behalf of the members, I thanked Cory for his friendly and obliging manner and his efficient work ethic whilst working with us.

Triple 3 challenge

Congratulations to our Club Captain Colin Brown and Club Pro Greg Collins for the inception of this new event. It proved to be a great success and, for those who played in it, I am sure you will agree that it was a lot of fun. The money raised will be included in the **Longest Day** funds; this event being played on **Monday 30th November**.

Colin is keen to have the **entire Longest Day** field made up of our members. Disappointingly, last year there were only 7 of members in the field and many of the visiting golfers failed to raise any money at all and simply got four rounds of golf for free.

Remember that this year if you would like to play in the event but feel 72 holes is too much golf you can choose to play 36 holes (referred to as the Long Day) or 54 holes (referred to as the Longer Day).

There are entry forms in the club office if you want to participate in the event. Please leave completed forms in the Club Captain's pigeonhole in the office or you can email them to club-captain@shoalhavenheadsgolfclub.com.au

As for the Par 3 day it will most definitely be added to our club calendar next year.

New members' afternoon

Any members who have joined the club in the last 18 months should have received an email inviting them to attend a **new members' afternoon** which we will be holding on **Sunday 13th September** commencing at **3pm**.

The aim of the afternoon is obviously to welcome you to the club, meet the Board and other club members, get an understanding of where our club started and the significant voluntary base and enjoy some drinks and nibbles.

If you would like to attend, please confirm by emailing our Club Secretary Nic Hall at secretary@shoalhavenheadsgolfclub.com.au.

Volunteers

As I have touched upon many times in the past, this fantastic club was primarily created with volunteer work. Pleasingly, since I started recording volunteer hours back in 2014, it continues to be an important part of our club operations. This year there are **52 members** who regularly do volunteer work which includes bar work, maintaining the gardens and club surrounds, working out on the course repairing bunkers and removing Parramatta grass and overseeing many aspects of the club's finances.

In 2021 there were **6218 hours** of volunteer work undertaken which is the record number of hours to date. This year there have been **2693 hours recorded so far** which is still pleasing but it would be great if more members 'put up their hands' to help. I believe volunteer work gives you a sense of pride and purpose and, from a monetary perspective, most certainly saves the club a significant amount of money. Without our volunteer base, members can expect to see annual fees increase significantly.

As an aside, any volunteer can choose to deduct \$2 from their membership fees for every hour of recorded work they undertake.

Shoalhaven Cancer Care Day

On **Friday 2nd October** we will be holding the annual Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre day, which is our major fundraising event for the year. To help make the day run smoothly we will need **at least 20 volunteers** to help on the day.

Roles will include helping in the clubhouse prior to hit off with aspects of registration, setting up the clubhouse for the luncheon, manning the drink carts, supervising holes where there are prizes available to be won and helping clean up at the end of the day.

If you are happy and willing to help on this day or want any additional information regarding voluntary roles at any time of the year, please see me in the Clubhouse or email me at president@shoalhavenheadsgolfclub.com.au

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