



NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

December 2019

CHAMPIONS DINNER

The Champions Dinner held on November 2nd at St Marks College was well attended with a 19% increase of members and partners on the previous year.

Thanks go to all the organisers and helpers and contributors to make a very successful event and our principal Sponsors, Alex and Ella Neil from Phantom Buggies, attended and confirmed their ongoing sponsorship for 2020. The Electric Buggy with battery raffle was won by Karen Forrest.

Rocc Giglio presented the Hole-in-one awards and also announced his ongoing sponsorship for these achievements in 2020.

All other sponsors of the club were thanked on the night. It would be great if all winners and runners-up were in attendance but those who were certainly enjoyed themselves and Dan Cole has posted on the website photos of the night.

We will be reviewing the cost and quality of what was provided in order to improve where necessary and I ask that anyone who has a suggestion to do so accordingly in writing or email so that all can be considered.

JUNIOR TEAMS – MY GOLF

NAGC entered a team in the My Golf competition for the first time and we are very pleased to advise that they made the final, played last Sunday at our course. The team (North Adelaide Leopards) played a very strong Royal Adelaide team and acquitted themselves very well going down in the end 16 ½ to 10 ½. We ensured all members of the team had two matches each and our final team was not based on the best team. All juniors and their parents attended each week and conducted themselves well.

Thanks to Oscar Moss, Frank Ballard and John Coakley and to all the parents and helpers who contributed for their input to this team and also to the respective coaches at the Golf Course.

It is an area which we need to foster and anyone who wishes to be involved and/or to assist in sponsorship for the Juniors is most welcome. We hope in the short term to re-establish a Junior Foundation to support their ongoing development and progression and we are working closely with Golf Australia and the Golf Course Management to enable this progression.

We are currently negotiating with other clubs as to forming a Junior Combined Pennant Team as an early offer has fallen through due to the another clubs inability to provide players.

THE BOOKING SYSTEM

This continues to be a work in progress and several changes have occurred since inception. The main point of contention is that our members often withdraw at late notice and several members are regular offenders. In no way am I talking about members who withdraw late for health, work or family reasons. It appears others are very late withdrawals at the last minute and this can leave fellow members who wish to play with little notice to make arrangements.

One of the general members' prime considerations was to get extra tee times on Saturday morning men's competition. However the facts are that in October we placed an average of 10 reserves into a slot and then only occupied 66 of the 72 slots available. In September we placed 6 reserves each Saturday and then only filled an average of 63 out of 72 slots.

These statistics make it difficult to negotiate extra times of play.

I am fully aware that some groups like to play together each week but when this is not possible there are almost certainly spots available if you register early as a reserve player.

So my request is that Members consider other Members when booking and to ensure that all players are available to play each week.

Please also note that the Golf Course Staff has the responsibility to arrange the start and this may result in altering groups to suit the availability of players and in particular to avoid a two ball matching. We ask all members to cooperate with this policy and consider their fellow members.

We meet with the Golf Course Management each month to discuss starting numbers, withdrawals and any other issues and it is obvious that serial offenders will need to be contacted and measures applied to correct such infringements.

SPONSORSHIP

The club is always seeking to increase sponsorship opportunities to alleviate the need to increase membership fees and daily match fees.

If you have any contacts that may be interested in sponsoring or you are keen to sponsor an event yourself then please contact the Secretary Manager, Bob Naffin or myself and we will definitely follow up.

The Thursday Dew sweepers Group is an example of success where several worthwhile prizes have been sourced by one of the players and have been gratefully received.

GOLF COURSE / NAGC MEETINGS

We have regular and spontaneous meetings with the Golf Course Management, dealing with a number of issues that may involve disputes with our players or their staff and operations.

All meetings have been held in good spirits and issues have been resolved but generally we have agreed that any issues involving our players will be referred to NAGC to handle and vice versa.

If you have any concerns please enquire through the Club in the first instance and this will be handled accordingly. Our agreement is that they do not counsel our players and we do not counsel their staff.

BUDDY SYSTEM

As the Women generally have this issue under control, this applies more to the Men's Groups. When we have new members playing for the first time, it would be helpful if one of the group could adopt the "Buddy System" and assist such members in getting their card, explain the different competitions and scoring, general course etiquette and assist with entering the score at the end of the game and introducing the new member to those in the Clubroom should they wish to stay.

When we are aware that a new member is booked to play then the Coordinator of that competition will endeavour to advise the relevant group beforehand.

THURSDAY CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

This ever popular event, arranged and mostly funded by the Thursday men, has again proved extremely popular with the result that there are over 20 reserves already listed in case of any withdrawals.

The British Bulldogs are defending their title won last year with Peter Norman at the helm but the other teams have laid down the gauntlet with an “anything goes” approach. The other teams are “Aussie Rules” captained by Brian Roberts, “The Italian Stallions “ led by the pseudo Italian Ken Cinoris, and “the Rest of the World” captained by Lai Fong Cheong.

THE MIXED CHRISTMAS AMBROSE

This event has been moved to December 15th. Nominate on the form in the clubrooms

MENS PENNANT NOMINATIONS

If you wish to play in the Public Course men’s pennant then you need to nominate. Form is in the clubroom. There are three divisions with a match play format.

Division three will be based on a handicap system so if you want to get experience with the match play format then this would suit. Competition starts in January.

COMMUNICATION

If you have any queries or issues then please contact myself, Bob Naffin, or the respective Captains, Alan Potts and Lai Fong Cheong, and we will respond quickly.

Alternate contacts are the Committee Members and sub-committees listed below.

SPECIAL MENTION

NAGC member Narida Saunders was the Ladies Net Winner at the 2019 National Indigenous Golf Tournament played in Ballarat in November.

I know everyone joins me in congratulating Narida on this achievement.

NOTICE

A defibrillator was recently installed in the foyer at North Adelaide Golf Course. The device is located directly between the two doors that open onto the wooden entry deck and immediately opposite the stairs that go down to Golf SA and the men’s locker rooms.

While training in its use has not been scheduled for members as yet, pro shop staff should be able to assist and/or ‘000’ operators can talk you through the procedure in an emergency.

Better to have it and not need it, than to need and not have it.

Wishing all members and partners the compliments of the season and a successful 2020.

Peter Sahb
President NAGC Inc.

Club Committee & Sub Committees

Peter Sahb, President (M: 0411 440 147); Anton Holmes, Vice President, (M: 0455 955 484); Finance and Junior Committee;

Alan Potts (M: 0435 801 670) and Lai Fong Cheong (M: 0421 098 816) – Club Captains; Bob Henley (Ph. 8336 3492) and Kerry Wakelin (M: 0422 603 811) – Vice Captains

Merrilyn Middleton, (M: 0418 809 665) Special Events; Marlene Boundy, (M: 0429 160 006), Finance Committee; Oscar Moss, (M: 0497 041 450) Junior Committee; Frank Ballard, (M: 0403 436 177) Junior Committee and Special events;

Bob Naffin, Secretary Manager (M: 0407 182 755); Dan Cole, Communications Officer, (M: 0400 678 600).

Kevin Naughton – Past President (Ex-officio)

Ruth Gordon – Finance Officer