



PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020

COVID 19 COMPLIANCE

I last contacted members in May and since then we have continued to observe COVID protocols that have been put in place. However, I remind all members not to be complacent and to continue social distancing and hygiene requirements that are still in place. We are now in a position to continue with presentations for our mid-week competitions observing distance protocols. Our clubrooms have a capacity of 70 persons under these current rules.

2020 AGM

Our AGM on July 26th had a very good attendance of 48 members and the only change to our Committee was the addition of Luke Montgomery who has taken over the Events portfolio vacated by Merrilyn Middleton. I have written to Merrilyn expressing our thanks for her years of service to NAGC Inc in a variety of roles. Other members re-elected were Anton Holmes - Vice President, Kerry Wakelin -Ladies Vice-Captain, Oscar Moss - Junior Development and Alan Potts returning as Men's Captain.

One of the issues brought up at the AGM was accountability for spending at the Pro-shop. All members can now request and receive statements of expenditure before and after the systems changeover at the Pro-shop. Bob Naffin or myself can explain how balances, after the Pro-shop systems change, can be calculated but please approach Dominic Fitzsimons, Team Leader, if you require a written statement or ask any of the staff to arrange for you. Bob and I meet regularly with the ACC team so if you have any matter that has not been resolved by them then please email Bob Naffin with all the details and we will discuss at such meetings. There will be additional changes at the Pro-shop in the near future to enhance their system and information to members.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Nominations, which must be accompanied with the \$5 entry fee, are due before October 10th at 6.00pm. Qualifying rounds will be played on October 17th and 24th.

CHAMPIONS DINNER – the Club Social Event of the year – Saturday November 7th.

The Committee has decided to go ahead with a Champions Dinner to enable our most important social event and awards night to continue. The event will be held at The Next Generation Function Centre which will have free underground parking. It will be held on November 7th, the Saturday following the championships and full details will be released soon. Cost will be \$50.00 per person for a three course meal and a cash bar facility. As we are now allowed dancing a band has been hired but all will be subject to COVID regulations at the time.

We have kept the costs to a minimum and have subsidised this event. Luke Montgomery, our Events organiser, has an array of special surprises arranged.

A Phantom Golf Buggy with lithium battery will be won on the night with tickets available each week leading up to the event. Other fundraising initiatives will be held on the Championship qualifying and finals days to minimise the subsidies necessary to run this event.

Please consider this event and join with other members to make this a great social success. Numbers will be limited now that we have a band hired so don't delay. Contact Bob Naffin for details.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

The Committee is considering to keep the \$5 playing fee until the end of December in an effort to give value back to all members as a result of the COVID 19 crisis. Playing fees from January will be reviewed. We have a healthy financial position and have adjusted our budget accordingly and a small profit is still envisaged and budgeted for our 2020-2021 financial year. The Committee is resolved to give as much value back to our loyal members and reward them for their continuing participation in what has been a difficult year.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

We are advancing with our cashless payment system which will negate the handling of any cash by club members and is seen as a necessity in these times. Further details will be advised ASAP but members will need to adapt to this method of operation which basically will entail electronic payment before the issue of scorecards. We are striving for the system to be implemented in early January. The Club will not be handling any coin in its operations in an effort to minimise any risk to staff and coordinators.

MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

The Committee is currently considering a Member Protection Policy which will document a Behaviour Code and an Independent Disciplinary Tribunal process and this has been initiated by one of our members Damian McGrath, Special Counsel, who had volunteered his time and expertise which is greatly appreciated. It is based on a nationally accepted protocol from a major sports organisation and complies with all social and legal requirements. Damian started working on this process in early March and presented and spoke to the committee at the September meeting.

Basically, when adopted, this would document behaviour standards, handling of complaints and the forming of an independent Disciplinary Tribunal for serious offences held outside of the Committee jurisdiction. Minor changes may be required to our Constitution at the next AGM if this policy is adopted.

STRATEGIC PLAN

A draft strategic plan was circulated at the AGM and members were invited to participate in its development and a few have taken up that option. If any other members wish to participate then please contact the Coordinator, Marlene Boundy, who will be pleased to discuss with you. This is a very important document on the future of the club for the next five years taking into consideration all stakeholders in the club and external parties who have dealings or influence on club operations.

SOCIAL EVENTS

We had a very successful Mixed Ambrose event on August 16th with 44 participants who enjoyed the game and then participated in a late lunch with a pre-ordered main course. The final result was determined on the 18th hole and the last stroke of the match but bad luck Chantha and team. Modesty prevents me from advising who won the event but Cas, Marlene and Lai Fong played extremely well to seal the deal.

SENIORS PENNANT

The Senior Pennant begins on October 12th at The Stirling and the second match is against Flagstaff Hill at North Adelaide on October 19th at 11.30 – supporters are welcome. The pennant team and the full program is on the noticeboard.

JUNIORS

Congratulations go to Maiya Jacupec, representing our club, who has been selected in the U/15 State Team after a successful schoolgirl's tournament. Maiya also had a successful South Australian Women's Amateur Championship finishing in the top sixteen and playing the third seed in match-play going down 5 & 3 in a great effort.

If you have a "Working with Children" clearance and you are available to help Oscar with his junior program, especially on Monday October 19th, then please contact him on M: 0497041450 and he will explain what it is required. The Juniors and the Seniors Pennant will be playing on the same day. The Club has a fortnightly open junior event each Sunday commencing October 4th, which includes skills development with putting and NTP competitions starting at 2.00pm. If you are keen to assist, the "Working with Children" clearance is available on line so speak to Oscar for details – he will appreciate your help.

ACC MEETINGS

We continue our regular meetings with the Operations Manager, Shaun Coulls, and the Golf Course team Leader, Dominic Fitzsimons, now on a monthly basis. We please ask members again not to contact the Council direct or your local MP if you have a query or complaint as it is not helpful with our negotiations. Contact myself or Bob Naffin or discuss with a Committee member to put forward your point of view and we will consider the appropriate course of action.

Club Committee & Sub Committees

Peter Sahb, President (M: 0411440147); Anton Holmes, Vice President, (M: 0455955484); Finance and Junior Committee;

Alan Potts (M: 0435801670) and La Fong Cheong (M: 0421098816) – Club Captains; Bob Henley (Ph. 83363492) and Kerry Wakelin (M: 0422603811) – Vice Captains

Luke Montgomery (M: 0400031661), Special Events; Marlene Boundy, (M: 0429160006), Chair Finance Committee and Strategic Plan; Oscar Moss, (M: 0497041450) Coordinator, Junior Committee; Frank Ballard, (M: 0403436177) Junior Committee and Special events; Ex-officio Kevin Naughton (Past President) and Ruth Gordon (Finance).

Bob Naffin, Secretary Manager (M: 0407182755); Dan Cole, Publicity Officer/Webman, (M: 0400678600).