

Presidents Newsletter

June 2021

Regular discussions with the ACC have continued and I have noted the following:

1. Tee Times requests

I have had prolonged and frank discussions with ACC management in regard to tee times, especially on Saturday mornings when we have up to 18 reserves initially. For the last three weeks we have received one additional spot but this was dependent on other clubs not fulfilling their allocations but we have been advised that this is not a given and the ACC priority is to maximise their income through Public and their "Club" members. We will continue to pursue additional spots so our members who have paid green fees receive value. The Thursday Women have now received two additional spots as their membership has increased and this is appreciated.

I urge any members who have had difficulty in securing tee times, especially Saturday morning, to make their thoughts known to us so that we can consider a course of action – this may be to reduce our membership limit so that we give better value to all our members. Our dialogue with ACC is met with "benchmarks in the industry" arguments but this does not make it right for members who have paid green fees and cannot secure tee times.

2. Lease Renewal

As the "Master Plan" which originated in 2018 has now been abandoned we have asked the ACC to officially advise us in writing of their intent to renew our lease which expires in early 2023. The renewal terms of the lease were subject to adoption of the Master Plan so we now need certainty to proceed to lease negotiations.

3. Advantageous Car Parking Changes

Following constant negotiations we have been pleased with the ACC in increasing parking opportunities around the golf precinct and a further advance is that a trial will be conducted until June 30th which will limit the golf carpark to one hour unless a golf pass is displayed. This should increase the turnover of (Hospital) visitors on a more regular basis. The ACC is looking for feedback on these changes so please feel free to provide comments to the Golf Course staff.

Annual General meeting

The AGM will be held on July 18th in the Clubroom. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Constitution of the Club has been reviewed and several amendments and alterations have been approved by the Committee for discussion and adoption at the AGM. The amended constitution will be posted on the website, AGM section, for your perusal. All motions relating to the alterations have been submitted and moved by Kevin Naughton and seconded by Peter Sahb for discussion and approval at the AGM.

Vacancies of President, Men's Vice-Captain, Women's Captain and a General Committee Person will be decided at the AGM. Members will have the opportunity of casting proxy votes beforehand if not able to attend if ballots are required. The Secretary/Manager will advise all members of nominations when they close.

The Club has once again enjoyed a good financial year, now audited, and until the ACC confirms a lease renewal, the Committee will pursue a conservative approach.

Pennant Teams

I encourage all members to come out and watch and /or caddy for our respective Women's and Men's pennant teams in their last few games and especially if they play finals when support is welcomed. Contact the Club Captains, Alan potts and Lai Fong Chong for details. Please support those players who represent our club.

Mixed Xmas in July Ambrose Event

Our next social event will be held on July 21st and I encourage members who have never enjoyed these type of events to consider playing and enjoy the social and "lighter" aspects of golf. Luke Montgomery, Events Manager, will certainly have some surprises but as tee spots are limited I would encourage you to enter once forms are available.

Final newsletter

As I will not be standing for any position on the committee, but still involved as "Ex Officio President", I wish to thank my Committee, the Previous President, Secretary/Manager, Finance Officer and Communications Manager for all their support over the last two years which required some urgent decisions in light of the onset of COVID. As a team we have achieved excellent financial results, increased prizemoney back to members and held Club Membership fees at the same rate as well as other prudent measures. Committing to equal prizemoney for Male and Female Club Champions and award winners, having female members in our Public Course pennant teams and adopting a new Code of Behaviour has certainly continued the way the North Adelaide Golf Club leads in many areas of golf administration and this is admirable. And finally, I would like to thank members of the club who assist in so many different ways and for the support and encouragement I have received from so many members over a range of issues – it is very much appreciated.

Peter Sahb

President

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