



UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is finally in the air and our golfing competitions and events are in full swing. Good luck to all our members who have registered for the upcoming Club Championships. I hope over the coming weeks the weather is kind to you and your rounds bring you much satisfaction. Enjoy the experience, the camaraderie and the socialising. Thanks to all those who make the events possible, the BBQ's and everything that continues to make our golfing experience the best it can be.

Earlier this month 102 visitors and members competed in the Jane Crafter Challenge. There was a shotgun start at 8:15AM; lunch and presentations in the Clubrooms. A magnificent effort coordinated by a small group of our NAGC women members. Thanks to everyone involved and all those who supported the fund-raising events during the year.

In the coming days there will be publicity distributed regarding the North Adelaide Golf Club SERAFINO Open which will take place on Saturday November 5th. We are delighted to welcome our sponsor Steve Maglieri to our Club and thank him and his company for their generosity. Everyone is welcome to participate in this inaugural event. The NAGC SERAFINO Open is planned as a community event where players with a GA Handicap are invited to enter. A small working party had already met, chaired by Peter Sahb to now ensure we proceed from the planning to implementation and management of the event. The event will be promoted widely to all course players at North Adelaide and of course visitors from metropolitan clubs. We are planning for two shotgun starts (7:30AM and 12:30PM) enabling good competition from all those keen to participate. The details and registration form will be out very shortly.

After this event, the Council Green's staff will commence work on upgrading the 18th green. A temporary green will be in place near the Moreton Bays.

Our Juniors are being supported by Oscar Moss, Alan Potts and Peter Adams with great collaboration from both Jamie Clutterham and Adam Bryant. We will have two teams competing in the Junior League commencing on October 23rd. Every Thursday you may well see groups of young people gathering for practice. Please make them feel most welcome. Thanks to our team of helpers who make these events possible.

Our Management Committee met this week, and it was the first time since July (our AGM) that we had our full contingent of members present at the table. Welcome back to Peter Adams who has had back surgery. It was good to see you Peter able to walk pain free. Welcome home Hannah Tayler.

One of the key items on our agenda over the past 3 months has been us as a committee reviewing the current policy we have in place regarding Covid vaccination requirements. Last year when COVID was on the rampant, we took precautions to protect our members. At that time, it was the DELTA variant but new strains were being identified. Twelve months on, we now find ourselves in a very different situation.

Most restrictions across the nation have been relaxed and recent easing of public health mandates reflects the benefits of a “herd” community and normalisation of COVID from “pandemic” status to “seasonal”. Post infection treatment options including anti-virals are continuing to reduce the severity of symptoms and hospitalisations, and more importantly, as a golf club we shouldn’t be implementing policies that are more stringent than those required for hospitals and nursing homes.

We have discussed the issue at length as there is still concern on how we can continue to protect our members. We acknowledge that there are members of our golfing community who are and will remain susceptible to a number of these viruses for when personal protection equipment (ppe) is and/or maybe required. We believe we should be encouraging our visitors and members to continue to use ppe, supported by hygiene and social distancing protocols when interacting with members who exhibit such needs.

Similar to the advice from our public health advisors, keep your vaccination boosters up to date; stay away if you feel unwell; wear a mask if you feel the need and very importantly, if you feel the need to social distance – just say the word.

Effective immediately, the current COVID-19 restrictions have been removed. We will continue to review to ensure that our health and well-being strategies are current.

Good golfing to you all.

Regards,

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NAGC Club President