

Golf Directors Report to Members, May 2023

We have had a very successful autumn with good weather and conditions allowing our course to continue to be an attractive venue for golf. Golf participation by our members and visitors' patronage is robust with revenue from visitor fees and competition fees sound.

OSCC hosted the NSW Mid-Amateur tournament during May with many of the best amateurs between 35 and 55 years old in the state participating with over 200 entrants. We co-hosted the event with Byron Bay golf course. We received praise from many participants for the quality of our course and its presentation, the quality of our practice facilities, and the organisation of the event at our club. Special thanks to Shane Heaney and his team, Chris Graham and Men's golf and the volunteers who assisted with the event. Congratulations to our member Kimberley Howard who won the Women's Net Event!

Shane Heaney our golf superintendent of the past 11 years will be leaving us in June to take up a similar position at Bonville Golf Course in Coffs Harbour. We all appreciate the work he has done on the course and the team he has developed to continue building on the legacy of the wonderful course which he has supervised. Troy Makin will become our new Course superintendent. Troy has been with us for 17 years and did his apprenticeship at OSCC. He has been 2nd in charge to Shane with then special task of supervising the excellent bowling greens we have. We wish both Shane and Troy success in their new positions!

Course Superintendent report summary. (Full report is posted on notice board)

Shane has reported to the GMC and highlighted the fact that now the cool season has begun, grass dormancy has commenced and some fertiliser is being applied to address areas under stress. We are still waiting for new mowing equipment, ordered in April 22, to arrive.

Project work: Irrigation improvements are being made and continued on holes 3,5, and 6 by replacing some 300 meters of ageing mainline piping and fully automating the system on the 6th. Masterplan bunker work on holes 5 and 6 are commencing this week.

Sports Manager Report

Chris has researched the Mi -club Scoring app for the GMC who are reviewing it and considering its' adoption by the club. We will be looking at the benefits to the members and the club in the future.

Chris has been preparing the golf fixtures for 2023/24 with the Golf SIG's (Men's, Women's, and Vets Golf) and these will soon be posted on our website.

The Jack Newton Junior tournament is here again this year running all week from July 3rd. Our Pro Am event is coming up late July. There will be 120 players over first 2 days and 160 players on final day.

A Pro Shop end of year Sale will take place during June!

Full update on competition results and information about upcoming events for each of our golf committee's, Men, Women, and Vets are available on their individual reports on our club website and emails distributed by them to members. Please refer to them for the latest info!

Recent golfing news includes:

Men's golf acknowledged the passing of Men's Golf patron, Peter Thorley recently and the beautification of the island off the 1st green supported by Peter.

Thanked all helpers for their assistance in the very successful Mid-Amateur tournament held here with 200 visitors to our course.

The Pat Boone Classic will be coming up during June.

The Jack Newton Junior Golf tournament will be played at Ocean Shores with over 200 juniors participating during the week of July 3rd to July 7th and will be seeking volunteers to assist during event.

Women's golf will be working on increasing player participation for their events, although many members are travelling in winter. Communications promoting golf including the White Marker event will be boosted.

Women's Golf development program is progressing well with the 3rd intake due in July.

Acknowledged major achievement of our member Kimberly Howard winning the Mid- Amateur Net championship.

The Veterans Thursday Competitions are running smoothly with good numbers participating each week!

General golf updates:

We have a wonderful beautification of the island off the first green landscaped with donations from the club's Foundation fund which included a generous donation from Peter Thorley. We were pleased this special project was able to be completed prior to Peter's passing as it was identified by Peter as a priority who envisaged it being naming "**Forever Island**". Thank you to the big effort by our Course Superintendent and staff in completing this project so fast. Peter loved the result!

Club Memberships are open for the coming year with the club being able to offer renewal at a reasonable price. There are many categories of membership and we are sure you will find one which best suits your current situation. A summary of the categories is on our website. A fantastic competition is being run in conjunction for those members renewing by June 30th with over \$5,000 worth of prizes to be drawn on July 7th. Details on our website.

We are currently renewing sponsorships for the club for 2023/24. This includes benefits to promote local businesses' and support the club. See details of the options on the club's website under Sponsorship link. These sponsors support our golfing events and receive game naming rights and also may have signage on the golf course, and much more! Thank you to all our sponsors and we look forward to working with you in the coming year!

Good Golfing,

Jack Daley
Golf Director