

PIN HIGH

Newsletter

Dear Members,

We would like to congratulate Malcolm Sheldon on his appointment to President of the Shelly Beach Golf Club. Malcolm has scheduled discussion with the Board in the coming weeks to review our current strategic direction and implement plans for the improvement of our Club to enhance service and attract new revenue opportunities to further support the Club. In next month's Pin High our President will communicate these initiatives and goals to keep the Members abreast of the Club's strategic direction. Please join me in congratulating Malcolm on his appointment and supporting the Board to achieve these goals.

Scott Armstrong
GENERAL MANAGER

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Our Annual General Meeting was conducted and office bearers elected. Allan Arkins stepped down as President and Malcolm Sheldon was elected. Susan Eastway was elected to a Director's position and David Fletcher was returned to his position on the board. I congratulate all those persons and look forward to working with you all. I also thank

all those persons who put their name up for board positions as this always equates to a healthy club.

In my last report I thanked Allan Arkins for his tireless work as President and this month I thank Bruce Cummins for his work on the board. Upon my first ever board meeting I was immediately impressed by Bruce's engineering and waterflow knowledge and this extended to knowledge of acoustics which greatly influenced our clubhouse

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renovations to a point where acoustic problems are no longer an issue. He has served the board with a passionate and tireless attitude

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OCTOBER 2018

	ACTUAL	LAST YEAR	VARIANCE
Clubhouse Revenue	\$482,545	\$433,221	\$49,324
Golf Revenue	\$179,524	\$192,724	\$(13,200)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$662,141	\$626,125	\$36,016
NET PROFIT	\$(34,851)	\$(43,175)	\$8,324

Dear Members,

Despite a number of days of wet weather during the month of October, clubhouse revenue significantly increased on last year's result. The wet weather did impact our golf revenue and caused the cancellation of one of the club championship rounds in each of the men's and ladies' events.

Whilst the financials show a loss for the month, there was still a significant improvement over last year, and year-to-date we are showing a profit of \$56,178 which is an improvement of \$200,575 in just the first four months of the financial year.

There is a busy entertainment schedule planned for the summer months and we are currently running a membership promotion to entice the keen golfer to join our wonderful club. Please look out for your "What's On" emails and check Facebook for updates on live music and events.

Scott Armstrong
General Manager

and we all know you can't keep a good man down, so no doubt you will see Bruce continuing as a volunteer around the course.

Also at the AGM it was announced Kim Burke was made a Gold member for golfing achievements and furthering the game of golf at our club. Max Williams was announced as our latest platinum life member for longevity of membership. Both awards were very well deserved.

I also thank the membership for voting in the new constitution. Not only is the constitution up to date and relevant, some changes allow the board to effectively go about business in a streamlined manner without certain procedural unnecessary speed humps. Of course, none of these changes threaten member's rights.

Our Top Gun event was conducted and won by last years Runner Up Brad Spurway, with Allan "Milko" Wilson coming Runner Up. Under the revised format, the event took just over 5 hours which is a welcome relief from some previous 9-10 hour marathons. I thank Ken Ryan of Coast and Country Insurance once again for his long term sponsorship of this event.

This year we hosted the CCDGA District Championships incorporating the CCDGA Champion of Champions in all grades. We had success with Ron Carpenter who was the nett winner in the Master Division, Wayne Doherty came runner up in the Masters Scratch, and Zach Camilleri won the Junior nett event. The big news came from the main event. James Swanson won the 2018 CCDGA singles with a score of -3, 68 beating Lloyd Ratcliffe of Kooindah Waters by a single shot.

The CCDGA Order of Merit award is still up in the air, but one thing we know for sure, the title will come to Shelly Beach. The question is, who will it go to? With only the final of The Tony Lamaro matchplay to play, the Order of Merit will be decided between James Swanson and SBGC Club Champion Jamie Stephen. If Jamie wins the matchplay final, he gets awarded 500 order of

merit points which will leapfrog him ahead of James. If he comes runner up, he gets awarded 300 points which is not enough points to leap frog James Swanson. I will keep you posted of final results.

Recently I attended a 'New rules seminar' with board members Susan Eastway and Dave Fletcher. The overriding sentiment from the night, is that golf is a game and in some cases, rules are too harsh or time delaying. Both of these factors equate to less enjoyment and less participation. A great example of rules being too harsh is our 14th hole. You hit a great approach shot to the green, your ball lands next to the flag and skips through the green against the boundary fence. The ball is unplayable.

Under the rules you have three options. The first option is under the penalty of one stroke, take 2 club lengths relief not nearer the hole. This is not an option because if you are against the boundary fence, 2 club lengths relief no nearer the hole does not clear you from the obstruction. Your second option is to keep the ball between your intended placement and the flag. This means jumping the fence and playing your next from the caravan park which is against the rules. So the only option is to go back to where you played your last shot under a shot penalty. In some cases for our bigger hitters, this may be 230 metres back in the fairway causing frustration and time delay.

Under the new rules, the match committee can declare this area behind the green as a penalty area. If you enter this area, you can drop the ball in a designated drop zone near the rear of the green under a one shot penalty. There are many areas around the course which this rule can apply. Your match committee will be working hard during the next month in preparation of the 1st January 2019, and keep an eye out for rules sessions we will be hosting.

And finally, the game of golf truly is a game for life. Walter Stafford who practices religiously has gone out in Tuesday's comp shooting 72 off the stick at the age of

78! What a great achievement!

Good golfing for the month.

Peter Sliwinski
CAPTAIN

MOANERS NEWS

Hello to all,

Firstly, I would like to say congratulations to the new Shelly Beach Golf Club Board which was voted in at the recent AGM, with a warm welcome to our new President Malcolm Sheldon and director Susan Eastway. I must also say a huge thank you to the outgoing golf club president Allan Arkins for his service to the club year after year, his efforts over time in some difficult situations have been amazing. Not forgetting Bruce Cummins for his service as well.

Ok, getting on to the golf for November we have had some awesome golf been played with the course in absolutely fantastic condition, how good are all the areas around the greens?? That new mower is worth every cent. -On our stroke day our winner was the local club sparky Shane Quick with a 74 nett, then we had Graeme (rocky) Rochester on the par round at plus 6 followed by a super round of 44 points from Steve (sharkies have won a comp) Gray and finally one of our newer moaners Ian Perry took the bickies with another great score of 42 points.

I can't believe that it's December already, where has the year gone!!!! We have the golf club's Champion of Champions on the 2nd, good luck to all those playing, then we have our annual ham day coming up on the 9th of the month which is always a fantastic day with plenty of players aiming to be the one that grabs a whole ham off the prize table. We also have Santa (small fat fella in a red suit) turn up to hand out some presents to our kids and grandkids and the unlucky naga of the day will receive the traditional can of SPAM.

I will take this opportunity to wish all club members a very merry Christmas and prosperous new year, with a special thanks to my other committee members for their continued work in running this great club called "The Moaners". Oh and a special mention to the Sydney Rooster's for making the year a WHOLE lot better with that memorable grand final victory. You heard it here first, they will go back to back!!!!

Brett Phillpot
MOANERS PRESIDENT



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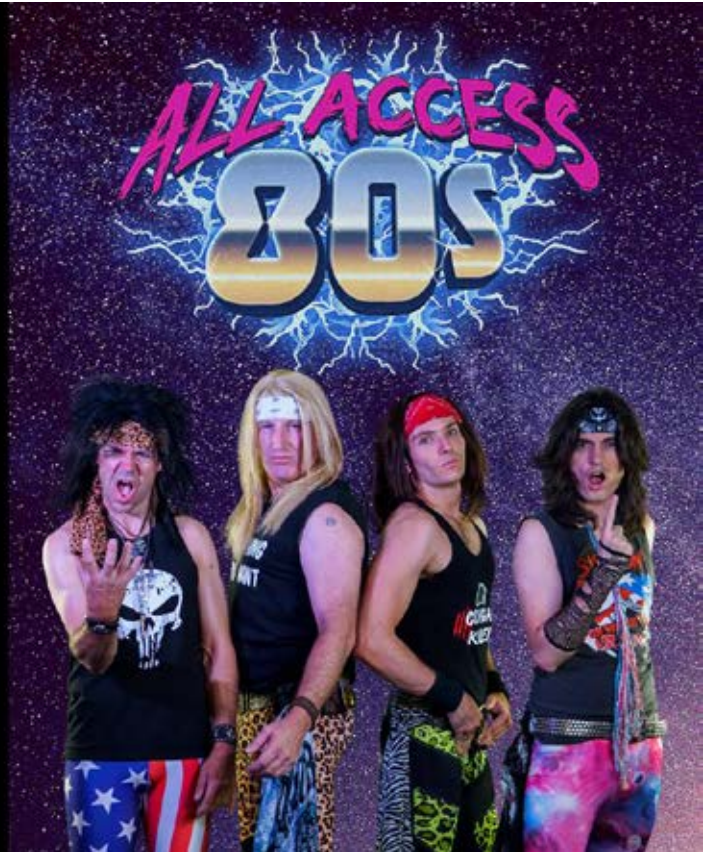
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5PM WED 12 DEC



Carols will start on the main stage from 5pm with fun rides and amusements running from 5pm-8pm. SANTA will be arriving at 6:45pm to meet and greet the crowd. Then the live music steps up a gear with THE CROWDIES (Crowded House and Split Enz Tribute Show) from 7-9pm. PLUS our ever popular outdoor DJ spinning tunes in the beer garden from 7-10pm.

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SHELLY BEACH GOLF CLUB

TRAVEL CLUB

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY HERITAGE TOUR

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER



Today we will leave the Golf club at 8am to make our way down south to The University of Sydney Heritage building for a tour with two-course lunch. After stopping for morning tea on the way, we will be met by our tour guide to explore and discover the stunning architecture and beauty of the campus of the iconic Quadrangle building. From arrival the space is flat all throughout the tour and access to the courtyard restaurant and bar is a leisurely 5 minute walk along a flat surface. Lunch includes a choice of two specialty pastas and tempting deserts, accompanied by an Italian garden salad and tea or coffee.

Founded in 1860, the Heritage tour will include a visit to the Nicholson Museum – home to nearly 30,000 artefacts of artistic and archaeological significance from Egypt, Greece Cyprus and the Near East.

Tickets on sale at reception now

INCLUSIONS Luxury coach, hostess, morning tea, tour
& 2 course lunch

COST \$80

WHEN Monday 10 December 2018

TIME Depart 8am from Shelly Beach Golf Club

FOR BOOKINGS

CONTACT RECEPTION (02) 4332 3400

Volkswagen Scramble



LADIES EVENT

Wednesday 30th January 2019
7:30am shotgun start

FORMAT

Volkswagen Scramble Rules which is the same as the Holden Scramble rules.
2 teams of 4 playing in a group of 8.
Lunch in the club house after golf.

\$45.00 per player

REGISTER ONLINE

<https://www.vwscramble.com.au/event#/customer/997/schedule/2019>

MIXED EVENT

Sunday 24th February 2019
7:00am and 12:30pm shotgun starts

FORMAT

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2 teams of 4 playing in a group of 8.
Lunch in the club house after golf.

\$45.00 per player

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<https://www.vwscramble.com.au/event#/customer/997/schedule/2019>

REGIONAL QUALIFYING

Due to the change in date for this year's event, the leading TWO (2) groups from each session will qualify for the Regional Final.

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DEC 2018

TIP FROM THE PRO

Summer has arrived, but are you ready? Is your game in good enough shape to set yourself for a great summer of golf? Here are some tips to prepare yourself for your best season yet.

1. CLEAN OUT YOUR GOLF BAG

Now is the time to tip the golf bag upside down, toss out those manky gloves, crumpled scorecards, bottle tops, chocolate bar wrappers and beaten up balls & tees. Maybe the bag needs replacing? Give it a wipe over, restock it and you're ready for the big Summer ahead.

2. CHANGE YOUR CLEATS

Arguably, this should have been done at the beginning of winter – but I'm guessing you didn't. So do it now. The ground should soon be drying up and lessening the need for new cleats, but a firm support is required for a good golf swing no matter what the season. The Pro-Shop staff can take care of this for you.

3. GET NEW GRIPS

While not a guarantee for lower scores, the golf club grips are often overlooked. Ask the pro shop staff if your clubs need new grips. It's often cheaper than you expect and will make sure there is no need to grip the club too tightly during your golf swing.

4. DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Keep cool and protected from the harsh Summer UV rays. Invest in cooling arm sleeves, lightweight breathable clothing, a hat, chapstick for dry lips and plenty of sunscreen. Keep those pesky flies from adding strokes to your game with a quick spray of Aeroguard. All these items available from the Pro Shop.

5. DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT CLUBS FOR YOU?

We're not suggesting you should go out and buy yourselves a brand new set of golf clubs for the summer – but it is worthwhile making sure that the clubs you're using suit your swing and stature. Ask the Pros to check your clubs. You may be using the wrong shafts for example. A Pro will tell you if you have any large distance gaps in your arsenal too. You may also need to swap that iron for a more forgiving hybrid club.

6. GET FIT, GET FLEXIBLE

Ever play a round of golf only to find you're knackered

for the rest of the day? Walking 18 holes not only requires a certain degree of fitness but to make sure your game doesn't suffer due to fatigue late in your round it's wise to be even fitter. But don't just get fit and increase strength – make sure you're flexible too. If you want that McIlroy-like shoulder turn perhaps you should start the stretching, yoga or pilates classes immediately!

7. GET A LESSON

Any time is a good time to get a golf lesson but the start of summer is ideal. Get Jason, Cliffy, Leigh or Matt to analyse your swing and knock out those winter cobwebs before the summer sunshine truly breaks through. Book in a follow-up lesson as soon as the first one is finished. It'll make you practice what you've just learned.

8. PRACTICE PROPERLY

There is a large body of evidence suggesting that just beating lots of golf balls at the range isn't a very effective way of practising. You're better off employing a random practice routine (playing different shots with different shapes, using different clubs) instead of hitting the same shot with the same club over and over. Practice your golf game as if you are on the golf course. Hit driver, followed by a chip out of the trees, followed by a pitch on to the green. If you miss a shot, make sure you return to it later to make sure you get it right.

9. PRACTICE YOUR PUTTING

By all means, play lots of rounds and hit lots of balls, but don't forget your short game – particularly your putting. Spend a good couple of hours at least on the putting green. It can be unexciting but stick with it.

10. SPEND SOME TIME ON THE SHORT GAME

If there is one aspect of golf you simply can't expect to be any good at without practising, it's the short game. It's the place where you can turn bad rounds into good rounds, and good rounds into great rounds. The good news is that if you practice your short game, you're almost certain to get better at it. Lock in some time around the practice green now.

11. PRE-ROUND WARM-UP AND STRETCH

If you're in the majority of golfers who simply turn up to a golf course, hit a few practise putts and tee it up – change this now. Find out the best warm-up exercises to do before a round and make sure you are at the course in time to do them.

12. GET A PRE-SHOT ROUTINE

If you don't have a pre-shot routine, get one. And drum it in until it's a habit. Pick the shot, pick the club, pick a target, maybe a practice swing and pull the trigger. Same thing, every shot, every week. From the driver right down to the putter.

Jason Hart
DIRECTOR OF GOLF

TITLEIST GLOBAL TRUST COMPETITION WINNER



Congratulations to the winner of our Titleist Global Trust competition, the delightful Janet Davies. Janet wins the limited edition Titleist stand bag and backpack.

A NEW FRIENDLY FACE HAS JOINED THE TEAM

We would like to officially welcome PGA Professional Leigh McKechnie to the team. Leigh has been a tournament player for 25 years, playing in Pro-Am, Australian and International circuits, a wealth of knowledge and all round great lad!

DECEMBER GOLF SPECIALS



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