

# Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER

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## *Our Club Centenary*

Les Price's "A Brief History of Bowral Golf Club" records that the first moves to form a Bowral Golf Club took place at a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1901. The first president was T.H. Keigwin. Consequently, the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2001 will see the launch of our centenary celebrations.

A distinctive centenary logo has been designed. This was kindly done by Graham Back, who was a distinguished commercial artist. The logo was based on an historic design that the club previously used. The design is shown



here, and it has been incorporated in a special centenary flag, an illustration of which is on the notice board.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2001, the men will play for a special Centenary Medal, with a similar event for the ladies on the following Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

We hope all members will reserve these dates in their diaries.

## *The President's Report*

This is an updated précis of my talk at the 99th Anniversary Dinner, and I apologise to those who will hear it all again!

The club is trading slowly, as it did at this time last year, but we anticipate an improvement from now onwards. It is nice to see the regulars at club functions, and it would be nicer to see some new faces—those who have proposed new members should encourage them to participate in Club activities.

This year we have installed a new office phone system, a new members entrance, some drainage works at the course, and tee signs and advertising (now fully sold).

The membership sub-committee under Phillip Watson has been busy with looking at the different categories, comparing with other clubs, whilst being mindful that the club cannot sur-

vive without reasonable income from membership fees.

The Centenary Committee under Donald Barsby has been busy with its plans for 2001; it is anticipated that merchandise will be available later this year. We were saddened to hear of Graham Back's passing – he designed the centenary logo.

I am pleased to say that we have unanimously agreed to the services of Richard Manning of Aquaman Irrigation Pty Ltd of Moss Vale to install the new course watering system. The selection process has occupied a lot of time. In selecting the tenderer, we were mindful of many factors, such as running costs, labour saving considerations (eg remote controls), and an ability to be able to control individual sprinklers to prevent over watering already damp areas. The system chosen will use Hunter equipment, will be completely new

from the dam outwards, and will be a remote radio controlled 5-satellite system. We will be using three variable speed pumps which will considerably reduce the power used, and we will be able to water the whole course in under eight hours at the off-peak times. A map of the system is on view at the clubhouse, and Board members will be happy to answer any member's questions. We hope to start in the near future, perhaps next month.

The cost of the system (excluding GST) is under \$300,000. The bottom line was helped especially by a member's generosity in supplying the irrigation cabling at no cost to the club. Members have loaned approx. \$200,000 at 6% interest, about \$42,000 interest free, and about \$8,000 in direct donations, for all of which we are extremely grateful. We will be able to trade in the old pump, and also sell the travelling irrigators to further reduce the cost to the club.

I believe it will ensure the future of the golf course and golf club, but I hardly feel I have to remind members that we will need a lot of ongoing support from members in the next few years - we cannot

survive on visitors' fees only.

*Ian McKenzie*

**A**s you are aware, the new course watering system is soon to be in-

stalled. Yes, our course is wet at the moment, but come the summer it will be a different story, and this time we will be prepared. We ask members to be tolerant while installation of the

**Monthly Medal Winners:**

**June**

**Div**

**A Don Barsby**

**B Len Brandon**

**C Graham Connolly**

**July**

**Div**

**A Charles Vaughan-Smith**

**B Ray Smee**

**C Bill Sherman**

## *From the Captain*

system is in progress. The contractor will endeavour to keep disruptions to a minimum.

All advertising signs have now been sold and our thanks to Jim Phillips and Reg Gilbert for their part in fitting thereof and the sales.

*Our club defeated the Australian golf club in the Whale's Tooth match, and followed up with another win against the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club on June 17. The Coles Trophy was won by Brian Lamb and Don Barsby. Congratulations to the victorious teams, and to the medal and trophy winners listed elsewhere. Well done!*

In conclusion, we appeal to members to support our golf days. Recent fields have been small and we do need your help. Why not telephone a member who has not played for a while and invite him/her for a game.

Date to remember: Boxmor Trophy & dinner now scheduled for July 29.

*Alan Wigzell*

## *News from the Lady Golfers*

**O**ur Charity this year was the Bowral Toybox Centre. This centre provides early intervention and support services for children with special needs. The weather for this day was icy cold and wet and because of this our fields were halved and the event became a 10 holes event. However, in spite of the scratchings we were able and happy to present to the co-ordinator of Toybox Susie Taylor a cheque for \$2500. Golfers and Bridge players were most generous as well as the business houses of Bowral and District again

supporting our project. The cheque was

most gratefully received are was an unexpected surprise said Susie Taylor.

### **Unity Cup 7 September**

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this cup. It was donated by Miss Una Clift and Miss Leonora Wray in 1951 for play between Bowral and Moss Vale Golf Clubs. Both ladies were well known as pioneers in golf and the administration of the game in Australia. This year the event will be played at Bowral Golf Club. Let's give it our best shot!

### **New Members**

Welcome to the following new members, who are also new to golf. The weather has prevented us from playing golf with, and therefore getting to know you just yet:

**Margaret Bennison  
Gillian Brosell**

## Trophy Winners

President's Trophy: Brian Lamb  
 Ken Underwood Trophy: Ray Almaide  
 Singles Knockout Final: Pascal Timores  
 RU: Andrew

### News from the Pro Shop

We have a new member of staff, David Paddison. David started as Assistant Professional on 14<sup>th</sup> June. He has a handicap of 2, and is in the second year of his apprenticeship. His father is a former member of the club.

### Job Vacancy: Club Handicapper

## Inside Story Headline

Jim Draper has been the club handicapper for many years. He has let it be known that this will be his last year in the job. Firstly, we thank Jim for his service over the years. Jim has offered to train the new handicapper, so that when he relinquishes the position at the next

### New Members

Welcome to:

**Thomas Bamford**

## Manager's Report

We have had quite an eventful half-year. Our caterers Pascal Timores and Mark Chance are doing a good job, and our functions have been well patronised.

### Changes advertised to events:

**The Boxmor Trophy** is now on 29<sup>th</sup> July, not the 9<sup>th</sup> September as in the fixture book:

President Ian McKenzie will be away at his daughter Fiona's wedding in Scotland in September.

*"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."*

### The Mid-Year Feast will now be

#### Bridge

Friday is Bridge Day for members

There are two groups.

The 9-12 group has groups of four randomised on the \_\_\_\_\_ day. Play ends at 12 noon.

The 10 - 3pm group arranges partners beforehand.

Play is informal and friendly. Convenors change from time to time, but Pip Smith can help if you would like to come along to the first group (4861 3644) John Papps for the second (4861 5658).

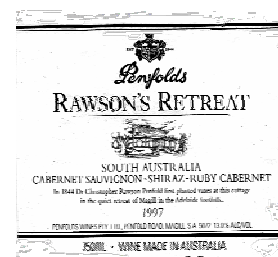
# Good Wine Cheap or Cheap Good Wine?

It Doesn't matter how you look at it

Bottle Shop Specials

Mixed or straight dozens. Check out our regular wine prices. We are definitely more competitive. Then, for extra savings, stock up with a dozen.

	Single bottle	1 dozen 10% discount
<b>Morris</b> Cabernet Sauvignon	\$16.00	\$14.40 per bottle
Shiraz	16.00	
14.40		



We think that the Rawson's Retreat is a good wine, and it is cheap. The 1997 vintage has thrown a slight crust and could be decanted before drinking. You can easily pay more for an inferior wine. Try the others as well, and see what you think. Parking is so convenient using the new members' entrance. *Colin Jenkins Chairman, House Committee*

## The Larry Canning Pro Shop



### Centennial Merchandise



A full range of winter clothing is on display at the clubhouse.

All prices include the GST

## Coming Events

- July 15 Warwick Armstrong Trophy - Stableford
- July 29 Boxmor Trophy
- August 5 John MacMaster Memorial Medal