

Welcome Members!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome in this 2012 Golfing Season with some fine weather! The staff at Rowes Bay Golf Club hopes you all enjoyed the festive season and wish you all the best for 2012.

Our season will kick off with Commencement Day on Saturday 17th March with 7:00am and 12noon Shot Gun starts. Keep an eye for the time sheet which will be available for bookings soon!

We anticipate you all have a successful year of golfing and look forward to seeing you all out at "The Bay" soon!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rosemary Veitch

Welcome to 2012! This is the first of four newsletters in 2012. They will be posted on our website but for those members unable to access a computer, there will be a limited number of paper copies available.

We're off to a great start with the weather having been kinder compared to last year, and that has encouraged golfers to come out and play at "The Bay". The grounds staff, under Jason Bushell's leadership, have continued over the festive season to have the course looking a picture and wonderful to play.

The Management Committee for 2012 has some new faces, which along with those who have re-nominated are ready and keen to get started.

Four key people to share your compliments and concerns with are:

President: Rosemary Veitch
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Vice President (House & Finance): Shirley Haslam

General Manager: Gary Toplis
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Please contact us either: in person, after our round of golf is completed, by email or by phone. ***We will pass on your compliment, concern or query to the appropriate person.***

The Club Constitution provides for a Vice President GROUNDS. If you would be interested in taking on this position for 2012 could you please contact either the General Manager Gary Toplis or the President Rosemary Veitch.

FROM THE CAPTAIN

Ron Ryle

Welcome everyone to our 2012 Golfing Season. Our Club certainly has had a great start to the New Year with very good field numbers in competitions. Saturdays have been receiving consistent numbers of over 160 players, Sundays up to 70 and Wednesdays reaching 60 in the 18 hole competition. It is also great to see so many social players out on the course taking advantage of the great weather.

Credit must go to Jason Bushell and his ground staff for the excellent condition the course has been in for this time of year and I'm sure many of you would agree.

The program book is still under way but is expected to be finalised in the coming weeks. This year the program will be posted online on the Rowes Bay Golf Club website. The committee has agreed that having the program readily available online is more convenient for the majority of members and cost effective, however we will have a limited number of hard copies available for those who do not have access to a computer or internet.

The new "Rules of Golf" book is now available from the Golf Shop for all players. There are a few new rule changes and amendments so I suggest everyone keep a copy in their golf bags for reference.

FROM THE OFFICE

Gary Toplis – General Manager

On behalf of all the staff I welcome you all to the 2012 Golfing season. The club has had a very good start to the year financially, the weather has been kind to us so far and the course is in very good condition, hopefully February and March will not be too disruptive this year. Jason Bushell and his team have done exceptionally well in keeping the course at such a high standard.

Last Friday we held the Queensland Bulls Masters Charity Golf Day, the day was a huge success raising \$6500.00 for Ronald McDonald House. The day had past Queensland Cricket Legends Jeff Thompson, Ian Healy, Greg Richie and Jimmy Maher; these gentlemen had a great day and gave many compliments on our course and staff.

We have had some safety issues with the 3rd tee in recent times so in the coming weeks there will be a new safety fence erected to hopefully make the tee and 2nd green safer for all players.

In closing I take this opportunity to thank all our staff for the huge effort they have put in over the last 6 months, we have been short staffed in every area; they all put extra time and effort without complaint for the benefit of the club.



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WOMEN'S NEWS

Elaine Greenwood – Ladies Captain

Welcome everyone; I hope you are all looking forward to the 2012 golfing season!

The women will commence their season on Thursday 8th March with a 9 hole competition starting with a 12noon Shot Gun followed by afternoon tea. Our stalwart Pat Bowe will attend the day to open the year for us. If you would like to come along, please phone Yvonne Hickey on 4774 1552 as she will require numbers for catering as soon as possible.

The Match Committee has compiled a varied program to cater for everyone so we hope you will be happy with the games we have selected. Our interclub games have been finalised as well so everything is ready to go for a great golfing season.

The ladies matchplay will be specified days this year so we hope to have good numbers playing. It will be a great way to introduce new players this form of play.

JUNIOR NEWS

It's coming up to that time of year where we have our Junior Sign-On. This year it will be held on Saturday 25th February from 9.00am through to 11.00am with a sausage sizzle for everyone. We are looking forward to getting all the kids back down to the golf course for what is sure to be a bigger and better year!

FROM THE GOLF SHOP

David Lord – Head Professional

Another golfing year is upon us and all the staff in the Golf Shop are looking forward to another successful year. This year we are looking at restructuring the layout and product that is stocked in the Golf Shop. We think our best opportunity is to move towards a "resort style" shop with our main focus to be on top quality products in apparel, shoes, bags and accessories. However, if you are looking for a new set of clubs we are turning our focus to "custom fitting" to ensure you walk away with the correct equipment.

We look forward to assisting you in improving and achieving your golfing goals this year.

FROM THE GROUNDS

Jason Bushell – Grounds Superintendent

On behalf of the Grounds Staff I would like to wish our members a happy new year.

This summer has been extremely dry so far which has been excellent golfing conditions. This has also helped the course stay in reasonable condition although it is starting to dry out a little now. The older 328 greens have started to struggle over the past couple of weeks as these greens do not handle the heat and humidity as well. These greens are 3, 4, 5, 12 & 14 with 5 & 12 showing the worst signs of stress so far. We have a fungicide program in place as well as specialized nutrient program to fight against these problems as much as possible.

You may have noticed the cutting heights around the course have changed a little. This is being trialed to improve playability, presentation efficiency of mowing. We have lowered the fringe around the green and surrounds cut plus added a step cut around the fairways. Hopefully this is an improvement and I welcome any feedback you might have.

Over the coming year, we will hope to continue improving the course and present it in the best possible condition. We will be continuing to work on the paths around the course for better wet weather access and work on some minor reshaping of problem wet areas. There is also a continual weed eradication program in place as this is a year round process in North Queensland. We are slowly getting on top of the problem but still a few years work to have them at a controllable level.

LESSONS AND COACHING

Golf coaching at Rowes Bay Golf Club is continuously improving and upgrading, it has been revolutionised with our new “Golf Swing Analysis” program on our newly purchased Apple iPad. This will allow our coaches to break down and create a better understanding of your swing. We have also purchased a “Swing Plane” trainer called the Explanar! This will aid our coaches to get you on the correct swing plane that is best suited to you. This training aid can also be used as a great warm up before your game of golf.

The parent’s of our juniors have organised a working bee which will see the resurrection of our hitting nets, these will be another addition to our ever expanding resources available to our members and guests. The new hitting nets will be relocated next to the 1st Tee on the Par 3 course, which will be much more convenient for everyone who would like a few warm up shots prior to their round of golf.

Our Head Professional David Lord is joined by provisional PGA Professional Josh Tindale and 3rd Year Trainee Professional Jane Evans to provide top quality golf coaching to all our members and guests. Bookings can be made in the Golf Shop.

Lesson’s start from only \$45 for adults and \$20 for juniors!

“A triple bogey is three strokes more than par, four strokes more than par is a quadruple bogey, five more than par is a quintuple, six is a sextuple, seven is throwuple, eight is blowuple, and nine is a ohshuttle”

Henry Beard