

KCC Men's Golf AGM 14th November 2020

Incoming President's Address

Gentleman it is a privilege to be part of the Committee that is responsible for providing you with the best possible golfing experience here at Kew. This Committee has over the last year shown itself more than capable of working effectively to achieve our goals and it is particularly pleasing to have them all back on board.

Last year brought unexpected challenges due to the influence of the Covid virus and although the rest of the world is still suffering, here in Australia and at our local community level, life is returning to normality.

A key goal of your Committee over recent years was to provide you with a greater diversity of competitions while improving the financial return of playing here at Kew. This has been accomplished in partnership with Management and the generous support from a dedicated group of Sponsors that has increased prize money without any increase in comp fees. It is noted that your comp fees have not increased for more than 10 years. This has been particularly relevant providing record prize money to our Major Events namely Matchplay, Summer Cup, Club Championships and Open Day

Discussions are taking place at Committee level and with Management regarding the 2021 Program and I can advise you that effective from January 2021 it is anticipated there will be additional monies provided for Gross winners on the Saturday Monthly Medal days.

In recognition of the increased level of player participation, a Sponsor is shortly to be announced to allow for a Thursday Monthly Medal to commence in January 2021, along similar lines as that for the Saturday comp with identical prize money and the associated Medal of Medals and Eclectic comps. This will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and played off the Black tees.

A greater emphasis will be made on Teams Events over 2021 for both Thursday and Saturday comps with additional financial support from Sponsors. It is anticipated by linking these with a President vs Captain event will generate a stronger bond among the Members. With the recent introduction of the new computer system, MPower, it is expected that more flexibility will be available to trial different styles of Teams event.

KCC / LUSC Management have given initial advice that a Week of Golf similar to that held for the 10-year anniversary celebrations is being planned for March 2021

It is being proposed to move the Club Championships to June to give “free air” to the ProAm scheduled for September and relax the intensity of having them in the same time frame. It also moves the timing away from the Vets Championships to allow them to have more options to play both.

The scheduling of the AGM has been a constant source of discussion over many years and again conversations will look at the possibility of holding it on a Friday afternoon in October. This would offset the imposition on members golf days.

As noted in the Treasurer Report there has been significant changes in the financial operations of the Committee. An alternate style of report will be considered that reflects the overall performance of the golf operations focusing on Membership, player participation, Comp fees collected, Sponsorship sourced and prize money distributed. Over a period of time trends to these key performance indices will give a clearer picture of direction and performance.

I would like to briefly highlight some upcoming Events;

- * Laurieton Taxis Open Day Saturday 21st November – 8am Shotgun start
- * December Monthly Medal is to be held on Saturday 28th November
- * Members Christmas golf and Lunch on Sunday 29th November
- * Note there will be reduced tee times to 6 – 9am on Saturday 5th December due to the Juniors Masters
- * Loyalty Day Saturday 12th December – rewards regular players with adjusted handicaps
- * Texas Scramble Ambrose Saturday 19th December
- * M&H Mechanical Summer Cup Saturday 16th January – 8am Shotgun

All members are encouraged to consider being part of the District Pennants Representative Teams with nominations needed by end of December and games played on Sundays in February and March. Captain Allan can provide

further information for those considering this opportunity to take their golf experience to another level.

Your Committee will continue to work in a constructive and consultative manner with all stakeholders at KCC for the overall benefit of all Members and ensure that they are provided the best golfing experience possible. It is appreciated that serving on Committee is not everyone's aspiration however it is hoped that when needed, the Committee can call on your assistance.

Thank you for your attendance here today

Roger Catchpole

President KCC Men's Golf Committee