

# SAWTELL GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

- MAY 2015 -

## CLUB CHAMPIONS 2015

*Allan Heffernan  
and  
Joy Lawrence*



### **SOCIAL PLAY DEAL**

Sawtell Golf Club is offering a deal for social players.  
Play 18 holes of golf with a cart for 2 people on  
**Mondays and Fridays** for just **\$70**, a saving of \$35.  
Let your friends and family know about this special.

### **AROUND THE OFFICE**

Invoices for annual fees will be posted soon. Fees for 2015-2016 are as follows:

Platinum \$790, Gold \$440, Vets \$150, Under 27's \$300, Juniors (16-18) \$100, Sub Juniors (under 16) \$50, Social \$10.

Couples can join as Platinum members for \$1500 as long as they **pay together in full by the 30<sup>th</sup> June**.

The new category for under 27's is \$300 + \$5 Social fees.

Green and competition fees are unchanged.

Lockers are available for \$80. Cart shed hire remains at \$400 for electric and \$300 for petrol carts.



Paul Shuttleworth recently attended the Clubs NSW Awards night. Although he didn't win his section, Paul was extremely pleased that he had the opportunity to meet politicians, high profile representatives from Clubs NSW and executive from other clubs, especially from the bigger city clubs. He was able to pick up some new ideas and is keen to follow these up. Sawtell Golf Club was given exposure to the 900 in attendance and this can only be positive. Well done Paul.

### Results

Weekly results are sent to the Advocate for publication in Saturday's paper. We have no control over whether they are printed or not. Results are also published on our Facebook page.

### **HONORARY SEC/MANAGER**

33 applications were submitted for the position of Sec/Manager. These have been culled and interviews will be held in early June with the successful applicant joining us in the new financial year.

## TREASURY

Wet weather continues to impact on our financial situation with cash flow currently being a major issue. Hopefully we will get a run of good weather and, with fees coming in during June, we will get back on track.

## HOUSE NEWS

Following a suggestion from Lynne and Terry Rapley, we will have introduced a "95 Club". For \$2, you can select a number between 1 and 95. Ask bar staff for a number. When the sheet is full, the House Committee will draw 3 numbers – 1<sup>st</sup> drawn \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> drawn \$30 and 3<sup>rd</sup> drawn \$15. Good luck and thank you for supporting your club!

Ken Higgins has offered to "buff" the dance floor in the auditorium – a generous offer that is very much appreciated. Thank you Ken.

Ron Leeds is painting the dining room as part of a general spruce up of this area. He will be looking for a few helpers shortly to finish the job.

## BREAKING NEWS FROM BAR MANAGER, JO

Finally, our new wine range from Cassegrain Wines in Port Macquarie has arrived. We now stock a great range of 185ml and 750ml bottles of wine. Our club is the only liquor outlet on the north coast to stock Cassegrain's newest wine, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon autumn range which has only just been released. For the white wine enthusiast, we have in stock a premium late-pick Verdelho 2014. So for your next dinner party, pop in and purchase a bottle from our great range and impress your friends.



## FROM CAPTAIN ROD

Hi all. 2015 so far has been a much different year from 2014 with the area going through a very wet period. With the amount of rain we have had on the course, and course closures, I would personally like to thank the greens staff and volunteers for the way the course has been presented week after week.

Watsons Caravans and RV's continue to be one of our major sponsors with the Annual point score event, Men's Championships and other events throughout the year.

The 72 hole Watson's Caravans & RV's men's championships have been played and completed with a total of 298 players over the four days. The weather leading up to the weekends was not in our favour but the gods were on our side for the weekends. Once again, thanks to the volunteers and greens staff for their hard work in making sure the course was in A1 condition.

Results:

### Men's Club Champion 2015 – Allan Heffernan 306

A Grade runner up – Scott Pollard 312

B Grade winner – Kane Hickey 357, runner up Garry Hardcastle 361

C Grade winner – Col O'Connor 380, runner up – Scott Urquhart 393

Nett Winners

A Grade – Steven Sharp

B Grade – Gary Roberts

C Grade – Bob Everitt



**WATSONS**  
CARAVANS + RVS  
COFFS HARBOUR



Winners Allan Heffernan, Kane Hickey and Col O'Connor with sponsor Kris Watson from Watson's Caravans and RV's

Over the next month or so we will be commencing some course renovations starting with the bunkers. As we all are aware, the cost of maintaining them is very high. This does not mean we will be losing all of them, but it does mean we will be changing some. As you have seen, the "S" bunker on 6<sup>th</sup> has grassing around the outside thus resulting in no erosion and therefore cutting cost in maintenance.

#### Speed of play and Tee times.

Could I just remind members, if you place your names on the time sheet for a particular time, please be on the tee and hitting off in your timeslot. Failing to do this results in late tee offs for the groups behind and puts their round in jeopardy of not finishing before dark.

Also please maintain contact with the group in front. Failing to maintain contact results in lost holes and compacts further and later in the field. Remember course etiquette especially if looking for lost balls etc (do the right thing and let groups go through). Half time breaks to allow players to get a drink and something to eat is acceptable. However, please limit your break to 10 mins only. Failing to do this impacts on later groups.

Please do the right thing.

#### Cock 'O' the walk

The draw has been done and posted on the notice board. Players who qualified, please check the draw and dates for the rounds to be played. A player can complete their round any day prior to or on the round date.

Round 1 – 7 June

Round 2 – 21 June

Semi – final – 5 July

Final – 12 July

Cheers

Rod Constable

Captain.

### LADIES' NEWS

The ladies' 54 hole championships, sponsored by Geoff King Motors and Coffs Blinds and Awnings, have been finalised with Joy Lawrence successfully defending her title.

Results:

**Ladies' Club Champion 2015 – Joy Lawrence 263**

Division 1 runner up – Jo Beaumont 274

Division 2 winner – Marion O'Rourke 329, runner up Robyn O'Dwyer 335



#### Nett Winners

Division 1 – Gaye Hardcastle 235, Barbara Clerke 243

Division 2 – Janet O'Dowd 242, Karen Wilson 244

**Geoff King Motors**  
Pacific Highway Coffs Harbour



Joy celebrates with representatives from sponsors Geoff King Motors, Paul King, Watson's Caravans and RV's, Kris Watson and Coffs Harbour Blinds and Awnings, Norm Jeff.



## Beginners' Day

There has been a very disappointing response to this initiative so far. If you know anyone who would like to try golf and needs a partner, just let Jo know and she will organise one for you. You can play any time of the day – just write the time on the sheet in the Pro Shop.

Let's encourage those non golfing partners, neighbours and friends to come along.

All members are invited to play a 2 person ambrose on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. Your partner must be a non golfer. The idea is for you to introduce someone to golf, have some fun and encourage them to take up the sport and join our club. As an added attraction, fees for the day will be \$10 for visitors and \$3 for members.

A timesheet is available in the Pro Shop.

## Bob's Tip of the month



*Posture is a very important part of your setup. A major fault I see regularly are players with their weight on their heels at the address position. Your weight should be on the balls of your feet. This will allow a fuller backswing with less pressure on the lower half of your back.*



## MUM'S ARMY IN ACTION

Shirley Graham dons the gumboots and work clothes to lend a hand to Dads' Army on Wednesdays.



She follows this with a well-deserved glass of wine on the deck with husband George

## SPONSORS FOR MAY

Sawtell Golf Club thanks the following generous sponsors for May – Watson's Caravans & RV's, Coffs Harbour Blinds and Awnings, Geoff King Motors, Michele Grant

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Gold - Cath Robinson and Vicki-Rae Scott

Vet – Grace Duff

Social – Mike and Bev Maccney



REMEMBER: if you are booking accommodation for an upcoming holiday or trip away, book it through **Quickbeds**, and you will **help raise funds for our club**.

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