



2024 COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 4

Date: Thur 22nd August 2024

Venue: Dooleys, Lidcombe.

Committee 2024 Attendance Record

Role	Committee		1 8/2	2 18/4	3 13/6	4 22/8	5	AGM
President	Richard Mair	<i>RM</i>	✓	SORRY 🙄	SORRY 🙄	SORRY 🙄		
Captain	Steven Chan	<i>SC</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Secretary	Dave McCann	<i>DMc</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Treasurer	George Emerson	<i>GE</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Handicapper	Rudi Minbatiwala	<i>RudiM</i>	✓	✓	SORRY 🙄	✓		
Booking Officer	Graham Flanagan	<i>GF</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
General Committee	Michael Vickers	<i>MV</i>	✓	✓	SORRY 🙄	✓		
General Committee	Warren Francis	<i>WF</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
General Committee	Michael Parker	<i>MP</i>	SORRY 🙄	SORRY 🙄	✓	✓		
General Committee	Ben Franklin	<i>BF</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		



Attended



Phone Attendance



Apology received



Non Attendance
No apology received

Agenda :

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Previous Minutes (Meeting "3" 2024 – 13/6/24)
4. Treasurer's report
5. Action items
6. Correspondence
7. General Business
8. Next Meeting / Meeting Closure

Minutes

1. Welcome

- Meeting opened by SC @ 6.00pm
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2. Apologies Received

Richard Mair

3. Previous Minutes – 2024 Meeting “3” - 13/6/24

No issues arising from minutes.

Accepted – SC

Seconded – DMc

4. Treasurer’s Report – GE

Report attached plus a forecast for the year showing a roughly breakeven result.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SYDNEY GOLF CLUB					
TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2024					
			OPENING BALANCE (1st December 2023):	23,480.32	
			ACTUAL		
			YTD		
INCOME					
Bank Holiday (net)			3,468.74		
Capt's Cash (net)			536.00		
Donations			200.00		
Fundraising (net)					
Interest			753.14		
Membership Fees			1,140.00		
Non Attend Fees		\$10 per non attendance	0.00		
Syd v Newc			0.00		
T Shirt Sales			420.00		
			6,517.88	6,517.88	
				29,998.20	
EXPENDITURE					
AGM			1,161.00		
Coffs Harbour (net)			-805.00		
Deposits Utilised			0.00		
Green Fees (net)			0.00		
Interbank (net)			0.00		
Miscellaneous (Engraving, Bank Fees, Web Host)			270.53		
Murray Trip (Keed/Bendeich \$280 less Guild Vic \$140)			-140.00		
Rule Cards			642.71		
T Shirt/Caps Purchases/Expense			90.00		
Trophies			2,577.28		
Christmas Gifts			213.85		
Westpac Challenge (net)			-210.00		
			3,800.37	3,800.37	P/L
				26,197.83	2,717.51
Balances as at 22 August 2024					
Outstanding Banking		-	DIFFERENCE	0.00	
Cheque Account No 1	6,447.15		Deposits		
Gateway Term Dps	17,171.44				
Gateway At Call	4.24		Glenmore	100.00	
O/S Deposits and Stock on Hand	2,575.00		Liverpool	50.00	
	26,197.83		Long Reef	50.00	
Less O/S Payments	-		Mona Vale	100.00	
	26,197.83		Bankstown	200.00	
			Shirts SOH	675.00	
			Deposit Bomville	1400.00	
				2,575.00	

Comments on the actuals are -

- Coffs Harbour negative expense includes Qld deposit of \$700 and advance payment from McCammond of \$105
- Westpac Challenge Negative expense includes advance payments of \$70 from 3 team members
- Trophy Expense of \$2577 includes \$1065 for last year's Club Championships, Presidents Trophy and Matchplay prizes which are not covered by the fixture trophy levy and \$717 in a late reimbursement from last year's Coffs trip.

Treasurers Report - Forecast Result for Year Ending 30 November 2024			
		Plan	
Income			
Bank Holiday (net)		3,388.00	
Capt Cash (Net)		800.00	
Donations		200.00	
Fundraising (net)		-	
Interest		1,150.00	
Membership Fees		1,140.00	
Non Attend Fees		-	
Shirts/Caps		275.00	
Total Income		6,953.00	
Expenditure			
AGM		1,161.00	
Coffs Harbour (net)		600.00	
Deposits Utilised		-	
Green Fees (net)		-	
Interbank (net)		-	
Misc		300.00	
R S Elliott (net)		-	
Shirt/Caps		300.00	
Rule Cards		643.00	
Christmas Gifts		214.00	
Trophies		3,100.00	
Westpac Challenge		600.00	
Total Expenses		6,918.00	
Profit	+/-	35.00	
NOTE: Figures in brackets mean we are worse than plan Other figures mean we are better than plan.			

Comments on the forecast are –

- Bank Holiday was an outstanding success both event wise and financially delivering a result that was some \$2400 greater than last year
- Interest Income includes the late recognition of term deposit interest from last financial year of \$350.
- Lower participation in both the Westpac Challenge and Coffs Harbour at 12 and 15 players respectively will reduce projected club subsidies by \$200 and \$400 respectively

- As a consequence of club fixture cancellations due to weather, Captains Cash surplus is likely to come in some \$600 less than last year
- All in all a forecast breakeven result is considered favourably especially given the decision to lower our accumulated surplus through fixture subsidies, rule card distribution

Accepted – MP

Seconded – RudiM

5. Action items C’Fwd - DMc

4/5/23	Interstate trips/events	SC & GE	<p>Future of interstate events</p> <p>4/5/23 – SC to contact states to gauge interest.</p> <p>20/6/23 – General discussion held around future tours including indicative tour itineraries and costs obtained by GE (refer “Correspondence”). Consensus was that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. It is important that we communicate with other states to gauge interest with a view to keeping the “Elliot” style of competition alive if possible. 7. We gauge interest of Sydney club members and look at subsidies for our club members. 8. Gold Coast was the preferred initial tour destination. <p>It was resolved that GE will make an initial approach to other states to advise that we are looking to reinvigorate interstate participation and to gauge interest. Sc to provide GE with contact details. Carried forward to next meeting.</p> <p>22/8/23 Email received from Horst Eberius (Committee VIC) to GE as follows: <i>“Yes. the general response is “that if an event was organised some would be interested in attending”. I feel that the mood is the the “RS Elliotts it was, is no longer” and change is in the wind. As an aside I have given some thought to if Victoria were to hold an event where, when and how would we go? Nothing definitive but the mind still “wonders, could we”? (apologise, I forgot about the 15 July RSVP?). We await any outcome.</i> Previous advices of “no interest” had been received from John Norman (SA) and Keven Russell (WA)</p> <p>Matter to be kept under notice and cfwd to next meeting. States to be informed of any new developments.</p> <p>5/10/23 General discussion held. and it has been decided to cfwd to 1/2024 to allow Committee chance to think about options. RM - suggested that we do a low key trip in 2024. GE - suggested that we arrange any trip for our own needs but no problem to invite other states once destination, timing etc known. Suggested Murray River as a viable destination. Consensus agreement to cfwd to 1/2024 to allow Committee chance to think about options.</p>
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		<p>8/2/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – General discussion was held around future trips/tours. <p>RM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Questioned whether calendar allowed for a trip away this year. Southern Highlands was suggested by RM as a possibility. <p>Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – General agreement that March/April is the ideal time of year for trips and that on that basis we have missed the boat for 2024. <p>Consideration to be given to a trip/location for March 2025 and whether it would be better to use the services of a tour company to arrange. Murray River suggested as a good venue with a 4 or 5 day trip being optimal. There may be some interest from other states.</p> <p>GE to make some further enquiries re travel company options. CFwd to next meeting</p> <p>18/4/24</p> <p>GE has done some research re potential trips away as per attached quotations from Cobram Barooga, Airtree Resort and The Travelling Golfer summarized on the attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>All are for potential trips away in the late March/early April period of 2025 in the Murray River region.</p> <p>General consensus was that the quotation from The Travelling Golfer looked preferable including RACV Cobram Resort accommodation and 4 games of golf spread over 6 days as follows:</p> <p>Day 1 – Travel Day 2 – Golf @ Yarrawonga/Mulwala Day 3 – Golf @ Tocumwal Day 4 – Free day Day 5 – Golf @ Black Bull Day 6 – Golf @ Cobram Barooga Cost - \$715 pp.</p> <p>GE pointed out that there is an existing arranged tour to Barnbogle Dunes by Jeff Cashman's tour entity. He also advised that indicative numbers are critical and that it was appropriate to gauge membership interest and get a financial commitment asap.</p> <p>It was agreed that the proposed timing of a tour is appropriate and before it gets unacceptably cold in the Murray region.</p> <p>GE has drawn up a draft email to club membership and will amend before providing to the Secretary for distribution to members.</p> <p>GF raised aspect of partners travelling as part of tour and GE was confident this could be accommodated.</p> <p>The Committee thanked GE for his work on this matter to date.</p> <p>CFwd to next meeting for discussion re response to expression of interest email.</p> <p>13/6/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Murray trip booked. - 16 NSW and 1 SA participants. - GE advised email received from VIC advising 6 very interested and 7 maybe interested. They will need to make their own arrangements and try to link with our existing booking. - We have 20 tee spots booked for the Murray. - Catering and other logistics need to be looked at. - GE has commenced looking into a 2026 King Island/Barnbogle trip and is awaiting further advises from travel company re charter V commercial flights etc. - SC mentioned also possibility of looking at New Zealand for 2026. <p>CFwd to next meeting</p>
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			<p>22/8/24 GE advised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 from VIC for Murray River. - Comp to be run over last 2 days - Enquiries started re Barnbougale and King Island. - Estimated cost \$4,000. - SC to look at New Zealand but probably similar cost. <p>CFwd to next meeting</p>
22/8/23	Electronic scoring	MP	<p>22/8/23 MP to explore options available for electronic scoring eg; MiScore</p> <p>5/10/23 CFwd to 1/2024</p> <p>8/2/24 RudiM gave a rundown of MiScore costing. \$20 pa pp to download app. If you are a member of a club with MiScore it is free. If not, it is a cost of \$19.57 pa pp. We can set up a comp for up to 50 players with live leaderboard, updated by individual players/markers. MiScore does not create tee times and does not do cross checking of scores. 14 day fee trial available and Rudi to test on an upcoming trip. GF advised MiScore is used by Vets but cost included in Vets fees. Vets have 100-120 players per event. Consensus is that there is potential to use MiScore. Cost for club to set up to be explored by MV. GolfPad could still be used for booking etc.</p> <p>18/4/24 No action on this item since last meeting. RudiM advised that MiScore was not used on his recent golf trip as expected. MV asked whether it is appropriate to poll membership re use of MiScore including potential subsidy of member costs. General consensus no need. Further general discussion held on use of MiScore.</p> <p>RudiiM questioned whether there was a seamless link between MiScore and GolfLink. GF confirmed his understanding that the events are set up in MiScore which picks up GolfLink handicap and at the end of the event info is fed back into GolfLink. He also understands that it does the clac including countbacks etc. GF to find out more detail on how it is used in the Veterans events.</p> <p>CFwd to next meeting.</p> <p>13/6/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GF still to investigate details of Veterans use of MiScore. - MP advises super easy to use and considers it worthwhile. - At some point we will need to consider whether club will subsidise cost. - MP suggested cost \$19 pp be added to club membership. - WF also pointed out efficiency of MiScore scoring at club games. <p>22/8/24 GF advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New MiScore app being trialed and will be available late 24 aimed more at social clubs with more beneficial costs. - Vets tied up with Westpac though Nth Sydney Leagues Club and it may be possible for us to piggy back of their arrangement. - Suggested we wait until new app is introduced then look at it further.

			<p>GE asked whether a merger with another club should be investigated in the future given gradual decline in CBA numbers. General agreement that it is something we can consider going forward. SC suggested that it could be a possible discussion point at AGM.</p> <p>CFwd to next meeting</p>
13/6/24	Club Shirts		<p>13/6/24 Club shirts (GF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refer GF email above. - We need to decide on a design and potentially a new logo. - GE advised white and black prior Elliot shirt is a good example of what we should look at. - MP asked about stock of existing club shirts...on hand \$675. GE advised that he accrues/suspenses cost of shirts and that there are 11 left. - GF suggested sell off for \$20 each. - GE suggested there might be some resistance to buying new shirts and that we need to decide on level of shirt subsidy if any. <p>GF will do further investigation & Committee members to look at the different design options ahead of next meeting.</p> <p>CFwd as an action item.</p> <p>22/8/24 GF advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited feedback received from his email re different shirt options. - Preferred supplier does caps as well as shirts and will do a cap/shirt package for \$51.70 plus one off set up fee of \$60 plus shipping \$100. <p>GE asked as to numbers required so that potential subsidy can be assessed. Looking at approx. 30 players which would be a \$1600 approx cost on a fully subsidized basis.</p> <p>RudiM asked why only 30 would get shirt if fully subsidized and given approx 43 different players have played games this year? Agreement that shirts be offered to players as they attend games.</p> <p>General agreement that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White shirt with dark blue highlights is preferred and that existing logo be maintained. - Old stock to be given away/written off. GE pointed out that this would add to subsidy cost. <p>GF to arrange for samples, ideally a S, M, L & XL to be provided for perusal at upcoming game.</p> <p>CFwd to next meeting</p>
13/6/24	Future Games		<p>Future Games (GF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lynwood (23rd June) now 11.30 hit off. MP advised still under water so big chance game will not go ahead. - Some members have complained about condition of Glenmore over the last 2 years. - GF to look at alternatives for Lynwood this year and for future Glenmore games. - Camden have put up their green fees from \$45 to \$50.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GF has started looking at 2026 courses. - Carnarvon suggested but unsure of their current approach re social clubs. - Liverpool out of action for a couple of years but GE advised also some issues re the DA for the course renos. - Shell Cove raised as an option but distance prohibitive. - Long Reef also have put fees up to \$88. SC raised level of subsidy needs to be decided. <p>GF has requested Committee members consider other course options and advise him of suggestions.</p> <p>CFwd as an action item.</p> <p>22/8/24</p> <p>GF advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lynwood to be replaced by Georges River in 2025 with permission to play off back tees. - Glenmore still on schedule. - Antill Park to replace Liverpool for 2025 then Cumberland in 2026. <p>DMc suggested alternate courses such as Leonay, Fox Hills, a return to Macarthur Grange, Blackheath, Leura.</p> <p>GE mentioned Shellharbour but acknowledged distance prohibitive.</p> <p>SC suggested Port Kembla.</p> <p>GF mentioned change of date to 20th October for Long reef this year given clash with their Club Championships.</p> <p>Consensus that given full calendar for 2025 action item be closed off.</p>
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9. Correspondence – DMc

14/8/24 – Email from Peter Bendeich re MatchPlay:

" For some time I have been wanting to propose some changes to the current Match Play format.

** Currently we have 16 players qualify for spots to play on in designated rounds at the club's roster of games in a knockout format over 2 rounds then semi finals then final.*

NB - The rules of golf in part state - Match Play events should not be played in conjunction with Stableford events - we have always ignored this to suit ourselves.

** Current policy is that if you know you are unable to play in any of the knockout rounds after qualifying you must declare yourself unavailable for the entire year and the Captain appoints another player in your place.*

After playing well in the qualifying rounds you are then essentially disqualified from the entire season of Match Play because you may miss one game through no fault of yours Eg family commitments/away for weekend/ holidays etc

I propose the following change in format :-

** Qualification to remain in the current format - 16 players.*

** After the draw is completed, the 16 players then arrange amongst themselves a mutually convenient "neutral" course and time to play against their opponent in a strictly Match Play format. (ie no Stableford)*

They would be given a time frame to complete their match in accordance with the clubs calendar of events during the year.

Any other qualifying golfers can make up a 4 if desired.

Results of each match then to be conveyed to the Captain for publication and next round compiled with designated cut off time nominated.

Matches can be played on any day of the week.

Kind Regards

Peter Bendeich

General discussion held and consensus was that:

- Playing Matchplay games outside of normal club rounds is not viable.
- Up to individual MatchPlay qualifiers as to whether they play matches or not and that they are not to be asked to withdraw before the MatchPlay tournament starts if there is a chance they will not be able to play each round.

GE pointed out the difference between MatchPlay rules (eg; concessions etc) and SFord and how it is not possible to play pure MatchPlay within a SFord comp. It was agreed that if MatchPlay was played outside of normal club games by arrangement there could not be any concessions.

SC also considered that if MatchPlay is played outside of club games then there would be an impact on President's Trophy.

GE suggested a compromise by where necessary playing scheduled MatchPlay games in normal club games that were not scheduled Matchplay rounds but again consensus was that this was logistically difficult.

DMc to draft a response for SC to provide to Peter Bendeich.

10. [General Business – DMc](#)

Bank Holiday Review (Cabramatta GC)

- Consensus was that overall it was a very successful and well attended day with course in very good condition.
- Catering was considered satisfactory.
- SC raised point that carts could have been better organized and better labelled. Not having names on carts made it difficult for some players. Carts were parked at various places so some confusion occurred.
- Noted that majority of the prize winners were from outside of our club.
- Course has been re-booked for 2025.
- A lower number of scoring errors compared to last year but BF advised that unless scores were 30+ cards were not really looked at.
- Some contention around Veterans events with confusion as to open Drive & Pitch event eligibility so this needs to be made clear for next year.

2024 Coffs Harbour trip. (GE)

- QLD hosting.
- 2 games organized for trip up...Hawks Nest and Harrington Waters
- No capacity for last minute attendees.

[Next Meeting / Meeting Closure](#)

❖ **Next meeting** – Thur 3rd October

Venue – TBA

❖ **Meeting closed @ 7.10pm.**