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## NEWSLETTER

On Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> 29 starters, an almost even spread of lefties and righties, teed off at Mona Vale Golf Club for our first event for 2021. Unfortunately, we had a few drop out due to the weather forecast but it turned out to be a great day. The course was in excellent condition so no excuses.

Results were:

Lefties Winner Runner up Righties Winner Runner up	Sven Langer Warwick Stanwell Wayne Laughton Matt Dennis	37 points 36 37 34cb
2 Ball Winners	Peter Aroney and Kyle Wilkinson	47cb
Nearest Pin 16th	Peter Golding	

Note: NALG-NSW Policy-Players can only win one major prize.

**The Tony Barr (Bowl & Vase) point score competition**. The committee decided that in view of the small number of events and its purpose, points earned for the events held in 2020 will carry forward to 2021 and the prizes will be presented at the final event of the year.

Following Mona Vale it seems to be a two horse race but there are plenty of opportunities to peg back the leaders. Leading point scorers are:

Warwick Stanwell	20points
Peter Aroney	19
Peter Golding	14
Rex Langthorne	13

## Next Event

Our next event is the annual weekend against the ACT Division. On the Saturday we play for the Jacket & Shawl and on Sunday we play for the Ossie Ratford Shield. According to the shield this event commenced in 1991 and is generally contested at courses reasonably accessible to both divisions. NSW are the current holders of the shield, so we need a strong contingent playing to ensure that we retain this coveted trophy.

This years event will be held at The Links Shell Cove, Golf Drive Shell Cove on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. On the Saturday we have tee times booked from 12.30pm and on the Sunday from 7.45am. Cost will be \$60 each day including carts which can be reserved by phoning 4237 5955. Tee times and carts are limited so it is suggested that you get your booking in early to secure a time and enjoy one of the best courses in the Illawarra.

## 2021 Calendar

Your committee are in the process of finalising the 2021 calendar. We will again be looking to provide a variety of good quality courses spread to cater for our membership base. Access has become difficult on some courses due to the greater number playing the game and increase in club membership numbers. There has been a noticeable increase in green fees for some clubs as well. It is always difficult to anticipate what price point the membership will accept for a quality course without affecting our numbers.

The plan is to hold our first event early February at a course where it is not too hot bearing in mind that it is still summer. Should you have any course that you believe we should consider for 2021 the committee would like to hear from you. Also, any comments on the pricing issue would be welcomed.

## **National Championships**

Just a reminder that the National Championships will be held at Tocumwal 15<sup>th</sup> to 20 November and it is suggested that you get your entry in early and secure your accommodation as it is limited. The Riverina Division is looking forward to hosting this event following cancellation last year.

Life seems to be getting back to something like normal again. Keep well and I hope to see you on the course again soon.

Best wishes, Rex Langthorne AM - President