

Wanneroo Fore

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Committee comments

The Committee hope that you all had an enjoyable Xmas, New Year period and we would like to welcome you all back for 2011.

January is a relatively quiet period for the Club, but you will be pleased to know that your Club's team in the office, bar, on the course and in the General Manager's office have been hard at it!

As you would have noticed, the 2nd green is coming along nicely and should be ready for use mid February.

You would also have noticed that the 8th tee is being reconstructed to make it more flat—hopefully that will be in use relatively quickly!

A water wise development strategy for our course continues to be reviewed in conjunction with Water Dynamics and Banksia Grove.

The 2011 fixture book is coming together as we speak (including sponsors, booking sheets and game type.)

We continue to consult with SITA in regard to outcomes for their treatment plant. It is also the beginning of another busy year ahead for your Committee.....

Financially, we are at the end of our year and we are busy reviewing and finalising figures.

From a planning perspective, we have a strategy meeting coming up, which will include a review of proposed expenditure (or lack of) and direction for 2011.

The proposed Constitutional changes are back on the agenda, with acknowledgement to the input received from Member feedback at the consultation evenings held last year.

We have a new Captain and Vice-Captain, both of whom will put their own 'slant on things' in the coming year. We also have a changing of the guard with the lady's committee— Well done and good luck to you all in regard to your respective positions!

Greens equipment, security, electronic scoring, software, Clubhouse and furniture are all on the radar, but very much subject to monies available.

We continue to encourage your feedback and communication, so in 2011, email your constructive thoughts and issues through this publication—it remains anonymous and you will get an answer. (to the best of our ability)

Happy Australia Day—hope you all
Enjoy the day and appreciate how lucky
We actually are, living in this country!



- Your MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for 2010 :
- President:**
Robert Holl
- Vice President:**
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Gail Pennington
- Ladies Captain**
Margaret Isaac
- Vets Captain**
Peter Flemming

President's ponderings



Dear Members

Welcome to 2011 and I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas & New Year holidays.

2010 was a fairly good year for the club; our finances were kept on track, our course was consistently presented at a very high standard and our staffing issues have been addressed. I'm sure, that with your cooperation, we can continue to maintain and improve on the high standards set in 2010.

One area that always comes under scrutiny at this time of year is Membership. It is not news that we lose several members at this time of year. It is not specific to this year, it pretty much happens every year. As demographics & priorities change it is a constant struggle to keep our membership numbers stable.

Without a 'standard membership base figure' we are unable to budget accurately for income & expenditure. Our Membership Committee can implement strategies for replenishing those numbers; but I believe it is also the responsibility of every member to promote the club.

Where possible and/or appropriate, all Members should encourage friends and acquaintances to visit the club, where they may be encouraged to join. We don't expect members to 'sell' membership, that's our job, we just want you to point your friends and associates in the right direction!

Which brings me to the state of our clubhouse, which in my opinion, is well overdue for a facelift. Financial constraints will dictate how far we go in upgrading our 'house' facilities this year but I would definitely like to see the carpet & chairs upgraded/replaced and some fresh paint where needed. I have heard of members who are embarrassed to introduce prospective members because of the tired state of our clubhouse. After all we are trying to attract new members and while we have a beautiful course, the state of our clubhouse facilities does matter, whether we want to admit it or not.

On a final note I'd like to extend my thanks & congratulations to Geoffrey Venables for all his hard work in collating 40 years worth of the club's history. Geoff has been working diligently on this project for some 18 months and the final product is now available for members to peruse at their leisure. Please take the time to have a look at the book; it's a very professionally presented record/recollection of our colourful and varied history. Very well done Geoff, and thank you from all of us.

To our all our new members – Welcome, it's good to have you on board. To our existing loyal members, stay safe & keep hitting 'em straight.

Robert Holl
President



The winner of the titleist christmas ball promotion was Jim Selwood

Jim wins a limited edition no.32 of 500 titleist tour bag valued at \$500

Thanks to all who participated in the promotion

Remember Pro v1 balls are only \$65 per doz

Stop Litter

Members are asked to take care not to leave litter around the golf course.

Groundstaff are regularly picking up litter that has been left blowing around the course.

This rubbish can eventually find its way into our irrigation dams and in turn our irrigation system, blocking filters and sprinklers which obviously causes poor performance and affects turf health and presentation.



Until 6th March the Kitchen's trading hours are :

Wednesday 10am to 6.30pm

Friday 10am to 3.00pm

Saturday 10am to 6.30pm

**** Sandwiches available all days**

Other times subject to prior arrangement.

Normal hours are:

Monday sandwiches only

Tuesday sandwiches only

Wednesday 10am to 6.30pm

Thursday 10am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 3pm

Saturday 10am to 6.30pm

Sunday 10am to 6.30pm

Or by prior arrangement

Greens gossip



improve exits and base levels.

Outcomes – Improved access for both maintenance equipment and golfers alike.

Impacts – Some bunkers being worked on will be out of play for short periods.

8th Tee Upgrade – Re-leveling of tee and re-laying of turf.

Outcomes – A flatter and larger teeing area to better accommodate play.

Impacts – A temporary tee will be used for a short period while work is undertaken and turf undergoes grow-in.

Work planned for February

Fairway & Rough Fertilising – Fertilising of these areas for the second half of the growing season.

Outcomes – Maintain good growth and turf cover going into the cooler months.

Impacts – No impact other than some irrigation following application.

Re-turfing 4th Green Surround – Re-turfing of area on right-hand side of the green surround.

Outcomes – Will improve lies in this area that receives significant play.

Impacts – Area will be made GUR Play Prohibited for a short time following project.

Re-establish Bentgrass Nursery – Re-level and re-seed nursery for future use.

Outcomes – Turf is available to complete any patching that may be required due to weed infestation or turf damage.

Impacts – No impact on play.

Work planned for March

Greens Coring – Autumn renovation of greens by coring and topdressing will take place on March 14th and 15th.

Outcomes – Encourage good water, air and nutrient movement prior to the wet, cooler months.

Impacts – Only 9 holes will be available for play on both days. A preferred lie ruling will be introduced for a short period following. Check Local Rule board.

Other Activities:

Tree Pruning to begin commencing late January

The second Green is progressing well and should be ready for play mid February

Work planned for January

Topdressing of Greens – Dusting or light topdressing of greens will occur every 3 – 4 weeks.

Outcomes – Encourage smoother putting surfaces and maintain a good soil/air ratio.

Impacts – No disruption to play or surface.

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Bunker Upgrades – Various bunkers around course will have slight modifications to

Ladies Language

Welcome to 2011, I hope you all had a great Xmas and New Year period!

Summer Competitions are progressing well.

Behind the scenes, through the 'House Committee', Gary Robins & Jan Plaisted are preparing for a Gala Fundraising Event at Wanneroo.

Please have a look at the information on this Fundraising day which is promoted in this publication.

All proceeds will go to the club's Refurbishment Fund for the replacement of carpet & chairs in the Lounge.

There will be more information regarding booking in to this event in due course.

Sounds like a fantastic Summer event - I told you Jan wouldn't rest on her laurels!

Vets feedback



Welcome to 2011: It has come in a bit like all those old jokes: "I've got some good news and some bad news . . ." Like the patient who awakens after an operation to find the surgeon standing over him. "I have some good news and some bad," said the surgeon, "which do you want first?"

"Give me the bad news," said the poor man.

"Well, the bad news is that we have sawn off the wrong leg."

"God!" said the man, "What's the good news?"

"The other one's getting better."

Let's go with the good news. The end-of-year function was a major success. The girls behind the bar had presented the room beautifully; the food was perfect and the music of the correct era, which means OLD.

There was great debate about Bert Neutgens and his white tuxedo. Did he look like John Travolta in Saturday Night Fever or was it Peter Lorre in Casablanca?

The latter won.

George Smart was resplendent in his kilt, looking just like a Scottish pipe major (Why do solo pipers walk when playing? Answer: A moving target is harder to hit.) Anyway, George had a life's ambition realised when a lady asked him the perfect question: "Tell me George, is anything worn under the kilt?"

"No," said the cunning Caledonian, "everything is in perfect working order."

And Harry Crosby had the equivalent of a net 60. Not only did he win the A-Grade title for the year, he also won the Overall. Then, for the ladies' raffle his wife Carol took the prize – then the Pride of the Force himself took the male raffle. Cop that, you lot.

A quick word about Colin Abbot: In five days he went from a net 88 with the Vets, for last place, to a net 70 and first spot in the Wednesday comp. Swab tests were inconclusive, but the drug administration people said there was definitely something in the sample, but as of yet they had no test to identify it.

Still on good things: We have gained five new members. Bill Treasure, who was president of Wanneroo Golf Club in 1975-76, has come in to our little fold at the perfect age of 89. Jack Williams, Victor Browning, Owen Doyle and Duncan McNab have also joined. Actually, Duncan did more than join: He scored a plus-eight and victory in his debut. ("Mr Handicapper, I have a suggestion . . .").

Now for the not-so-good.

Gerry Chew has had an operation for cancer, but we all know what a great guy and determined character he is, so hopes are high for a successful conclusion.

The aforementioned Mr Neutgens is to have a hip operation, so we won't be hearing: "Vot short of shault vos thart?" for a while.

Andrew Goldsworthy also faces the surgeon's knife and we hope all those fine medical men looking after our members are plus-four handicappers at their job.

The open competition that is coming up in early March needs some volunteers to make it all work. It is a great event and is great because people chip in and help. Peter Flemming will be pleased to take names.

And don't worry about that figure often seen skulking around the course, usually around the 11th and 15th holes. This shadowy creature, said to fish balls out of the lake and measure nearest the pins, is, in fact, our vice captain Alan Yates. Unfortunately, Alan has again damaged that left wrist of his and will be out of action for many months. Of course, with Captain Peter gallivanting off to Melbourne, Alan has hardly had any time to play, anyway.

In the meantime, Alan will carry on patrolling, cajoling us to speed up and – if necessary – getting out his headmaster's cane. Use only the right hand, Alan and protect that other wrist.

Assisting Alan and Peter as the new assistant in handing out the prizes is Rick Waugh. Lots of giggling and wiggling but, so far, no singing.

Take a moment, golfers, to think about Quentin Johnson. On January 14, Quentin came home (in the last group) with a wonderful 42 Stableford points. That is terrific for a man who was pretty ill not long ago. It was also a complete waste of time – for we were playing for the Quentin Johnson trophy and you cannot win your own prize. Those golfing Gods have a weird sense of humour.

Still on sad notes: We have lost very popular Vets, that wee fiery Scot George Smart, Joe Chai and big-hitting Graham Tait, to other courses.

And we have lost Ray Haselhurst to the handicapper who always wins in the end—time.

Ray is now 85 and has been a member since 1987 and for five years was treasurer. There would be few members more universally liked, admired and respected. Always impeccably turned out, Ray has walked the course more times than Gordon Ramsay has said: "@%#*."

Now he has found it just a touch too much and will spend his time being a nuisance to his wife Pat. He might have an odd nine holes at Carramar or Marangaroo, but if he does not, then he can take heart from that master of words P G Wodehouse, who wrote with wonderful insight and skill: "He enjoys that perfect peace, that peace beyond all understanding which comes at its maximum only to the man who has given up golf."

Might your future endeavours be straight and long down the middle, Ray. We are all the better for having known you.

Juniors



Junior Golf at WGC carries on during the summer months but generally with reduced fields. School Holidays see an increase of juniors playing golf and practicing during the weekdays, and clearly the skill level has improved in several of the players.

Course etiquette is an important part of the junior golfers' curriculum and the obvious areas of raking bunkers, pug repair, attending the flag and consideration towards other golfers on the course is paramount. Things go wrong from time to time but in the main the current group of juniors are learning fast and will develop into good golfers and club members.

Conor Brown had recent success when he won the Capel Junior Open, was 2nd at Bunbury Junior Open and 5th at the Vines. Conor was disappointed in not making the State team but has shown them the error of their ways.

The recent arrival of Gabrielle MacDonald from Scotland stirred up the girls' golf in W.A. when she won the Vines Junior Open Event with a gross of 71.

The future of junior golf at WGC looks promising with some of the '9 holers' moving into 18 holes Sunday Competition. It is worth noting that Todd Callaghan has dropped this year from 36 to 28. Campbell Parrata a 9/10 year old is now an 18 hole player. The twins (Grant Rogers' siblings) are steady golfers and in 12 month I am sure they will all be pennant players for Wanneroo.

John Walker has been assisting me in looking after the Juniors and has from 1st January 2011 taken over the Co-ordinators mantle. Thank you to everybody that has helped me in my role as Junior Co-ordinator and I wish John and our juniors all the best for 2011.
Bob McGibbon

Did you know?



Water hazards: Whenever you see yellow stakes, you know the pond/creek/lake in question is a water hazard. If you hit into a water hazard, you may play the ball as it lies (no penalty), or if the ball is unplayable, choose from these options (with a one-shot penalty):

* Hit another ball from the spot where you just hit (into the water hazard — try to avoid that this time!).

* Take the point where your ball crossed the water hazard and drop another ball (you can go back as far as you want, keeping that point between you and the hole).

Lateral water hazards: If you're playing with a water hazard to the side, it is often termed a *lateral water hazard*. Red stakes mean lateral. Your options are either to play the ball as it lies (no penalty, but risky), or choose one of the following (with a one-stroke penalty):

* Drop a ball at the point where the ball last crossed the boundary of the hazard — within two club lengths, no nearer the hole.

* Drop a ball as near as possible to the spot on the opposite margin of the water hazard, the same distance from the hole.

* Hit another ball from within two club lengths of the spot you just hit from.

* Take the point where the ball crossed the water hazard and drop another ball as far back as you want, keeping that point between you and the hole.

GALA FUNDRAISING 4BBB

When—
Sunday 27th February 2011
8am Shot Gun Start

* ANY PAIRING – IE 2 Ladies, 2 Men, Mixed pair

* Cost \$40 (To be paid on entry at Office)

* Limited Field 120 – Wanneroo Members only unless field not filled

Prize for Winning Score – TRIP FOR 2 TO BALI
(Air fare + 5 nights accommodation)

FORMAT as follows—
7am – 7.45am – Bacon & Egg Roll
Competition, N.T.P's
BBQ Lunch and Presentation

Get your names to the office NOW!

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE – Access to the Golf Course is NOT AVAILABLE prior to the opening of the Pro Shop. i.e. 7.00am in the Winter months and 6.00pm in Summer.

SORRYSome Golf Truisms

** Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

** When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

** Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two double bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

** There are two things you can learn by stopping your back-swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.

** Hazards attract; fairways repel.

** A ball you can see in the rough from 50 metres away is not yours.

** If there is a ball on the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint

It's easier to get up at 6:00 AM to play golf than at 10:00am to mow the grass.

Emails

General Manager, Peter and Management Committee, Just a brief "touching base" to thank you for the newsletter and to congratulate all re-elected and new committeemen (and women). Great to see long standing members giving it a go and I wish everyone all the best for the festive season and in their club endeavours. I hope your " hole naming " exercise gets more response than I got (refer to one of my Captain's notes in FORE). I suggested we may consider the naming of holes and got one (yes "1") letter of reply..... Hopefully today's email method of contact makes replying more convenient.

Thank you for your feedback

Please send your emails to : wgclubadmin@inet.net.au
