

Treasurers Report

The 2009 year is proving to be a challenging year financially as we all expected. Whilst membership income is up on 2008 by about \$40,000 it is still some \$50,000 below the budget estimate. This is mainly due to the drop off in Ordinary membership which is currently about 30 to 35 below our target numbers for this category.

In past years takings through the Bar have increased steadily from year to year but so far in 2009 the takings remain flat and in line with the income in 2008. This is probably not surprising with there being a significant drop off in sales of premixed drinks and members ensuring they remain well inside the legal limit for alcohol consumption before driving.

As expected the income from Match has increased but so have the costs with the significant increase in the value of each voucher, as well as 30% more vouchers awarded in each round.

In the Greens area expenses have increased markedly over 2008 and are currently running at about 10% above budget. The main reasons for this is increased wages due to there being a full complement of staff for the whole year to date, significant increase in usage of fertiliser and chemicals over the growing period as well as increased fuel usage due to a full complement of staff as well as the significant amount of work that is being carried out on our course. There would seem to be a general consensus that this additional effort being put into the course has resulted in much improved course presentation. However, there is a cost to this but I believe we are all happy to wear this cost for the improvements we see around the course.

Administration expenses are also up compared to 2008. Insurance fees are significantly higher than for the same time in 2008 however this is due to a timing issue more than an increase in costs for insurance. Audit and consulting charges are higher than in 2008 as well as printing and stationary costs. Wages for Administration are in line with 2008.

House costs are also well above the same time in 2008. The main variations are the additional costs for the House repairs and maintenance of about \$10,000 and a significant increase in the costs for electricity and gas. The repairs have included some repairs to our fridge and cooling systems.

As I have said on a number of occasions the income for our Club comes from one source and that is members' subscriptions, and undoubtedly this will continue to be the case in the future. With the increases in costs we have seen

so far in 2009 there is no doubt that the level of the annual subscription will need to rise significantly in 2010, despite the fact that we are continuing to put pressure on all areas of Club operations to minimise costs and cost increases.

As I have indicated before, should you wish to discuss any issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

Steve Allars

VALE

David Hayman

The Management Committee, members and staff are saddened by the recent passing of our long time member and club character after a long illness

Reciprocal Clubs

The Club wishes to announce the addition of the following Club's to our list of Reciprocal Clubs

- Manjimup Golf Club
- Bunbury Golf Club
- Albany Golf Club

Please contact the Club to arrange your introduction letter

Junior's Report

Wanneroo Junior Golfers have been performing well in local and interstate competitions.

Conor Brown and Jacob Molony represented their School, Como Senior Secondary, in the World Schools Golf Challenge in Adelaide.

Conor came 3rd in Division 2 with scores of 77,81,76 and 77 and combined with Jacob to help, the school won the overall team net and 3rd gross placing.

Grant Roger has been appointed the new Junior Club Captain. Thanks must go to Duncan Williams, the retiring Junior Captain, for his efforts over the past 3 years.

Pennants competition begins 21st June and WGC has on paper a pretty competitive team. The Pennant Captain is Conor Brown.

Grant Roger and George Lawther have been selected in the metro team.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS.

Golf for Kids, an initiative to attract junior members to the game of golf, by Jan Plaisted (Ladies' President) has been most successful with over 50 children taking part over several weeks. It is hoped that we can build on this and create an avenue for participants to progress to the Junior and subsequently Senior Ranks.

Well Done to Jan and her helpers.

Bob McGibbon
Junior Development Officer.