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Proposed New Membership Category and Constitution Changes

Following the information evening held on Monday 22 August 2011 (thank you to those who attended) and the feedback from the recent questionnaire, the Management Committee has decided to proceed with the membership category changes and re-drafting the proposed constitution.

A special resolution will be put to members proposing these changes to the WGC rules / constitution at the E.G.M. in November.

The revised draft of the WGC rules/constitution will incorporate the membership changes proposed in the recent discussion paper. Additionally, as a result of feedback from members, we will be proposing 2 further changes - these changes are:

- The introduction a "5 day Midweek" category (M, T, Wed (Am only), T & F) – at a cost of around 70% of Premium membership) and
- A reduction in the games entitlement for Country members from 30 to 20.

There were many other suggestions regarding implementation and drafting etc. and the Management Committee thanks all members for their input.

So, where to from here?

There is a significant amount of drafting work to be done to update the draft constitution. It will also require (if approved by members) a significant amount of work to implement and this will require careful planning. All this work will commence immediately. Our "best estimate" of the timeline from here is:

- September** – Finalise the drafting and commence planning for implementation;
- October** – Circulate updated draft constitution to members;
- Mid Oct. /Early Nov.** – Circulate a "special resolution" and meeting notice for timing of the extraordinary meeting for members to vote on the proposed amendments. (Timing will be dependent on the meeting date in November and the notice given (Estimated 21 days).
- Nov/Dec** – If approved by members, the changes must then be lodged with Consumer Protection and will not become effective, until confirmed by Consumer Protection. **It is important to note that the new rules do not take effect until confirmed by Consumer Protection.**
- January** - (to be confirmed, likely date only) – Implement new rules.

Once again, thank you to all the members who have taken the time to have input into this process. Your feedback suggests that the general mood of the Members is supportive of what we are trying to achieve for the future of our Club. (Time will tell!)

Please watch this space for further updates on timing.

President's Ponderings



Dear Members

The weather has not been very kind to us but the course is holding up very well.

Our pennant teams all did very well but unfortunately only Division 6 won a flag – very well done gents. Our ladies were also successful during the season with a win each for Div 2 Metro and Div 2 Northern Suburbs – very well done ladies.

It's not always easy to find players to commit to playing pennants and representing our club, particularly when there's a good chance you're going to have to play in some horrible weather so I'd like to thank all the team captains and all the players for turning up week after week. Even though you may not have won a flag, we're very proud of all of you and hope you will consider playing for Wanneroo again next year.

It's the time of year when all the championship rounds are played, the foursomes championship has already started and the Club Championships are due to start soon. Good luck to all participants.

The Holden Scramble will be held on 9th September with the Ladies Scramble on the 13th. As always, one of our long standing members, Alan Mills is a major sponsor. Did you know that Alan used to play Rugby League for Queensland? Well, this year Alan was inducted into the Hall of Fame – a great achievement Alan, Congratulations.

By now, most of you will know that Phil Semmens has been appointed Club Caretaker and by all indications is doing a great job. Keep up the good work Phil.

The 9 Holvers Championship was again fiercely contested but Mark Caruthers beat both Al Rosano & Alan Ward on a count back to claim the title. Well done Mark.

The brick paving has now been completed between the 7th green & 8th tee. The next area to be paved will be the 7th tee.

To all our new members, Welcome, to our existing loyal members, keep hitting 'em straight.

Robert Holl
President



Men's Club Championships

Entry Forms for the 2011 Club Championships are now available at the Club and on the Club's web site.

Dates to Remember:

The competition commences Saturday October 8th and continues on Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th, with the finals being held on Saturday 22nd of October.

Entries will be open to Ordinary Members *until* the 15th September, after

which date, entries will be open to **ALL CATEGORIES**. (Additional Green Fees of \$27.00 per day will apply to those categories that are not normally eligible to play on Saturdays).

All entries will close on 22nd September and no late entries will be accepted.

Format:

Players will only be eligible to win one prize with the exception of Vets and Seniors who can also win their Division. The competition will be Best Gross & Nett Overall in each Division.

The final day all players will be seeded and if numbers are no greater than 136, all players will play in the afternoon.

Dinner and Presentations

Dinner and presentations will commence at 7pm after the finals on Saturday 22nd.

The Dinner will cost \$40 per person and includes a three course meal plus entertainment. Based on recent events, it should be another fantastic night. Numbers are limited to 140 so don't miss out!

The dinner will also be open to non-playing Members if there are any spaces! - bookings available after 22nd September.

New Members Meeting

New female and male members to Wanneroo, including juniors, were invited to attend a "New Members" meeting at the Club on 24 July. Although some people could not make it, we had more than 30 new members in attendance. The format was a run down on the Wanneroo Golf Club and what we have on offer. The New Members' Induction/Information which is also on the Club Website was introduced and practical demonstrations were given on how to repair divots and pug marks as well as how to correctly rake bunkers. Due to pennant commitments, most club officials were tied up on the morning but it was great to have Lady Captain Margaret Isaac in attendance.

Feedback from the new members showed strong support for having these gatherings on Sunday mornings and there was overwhelming appreciation of being shown the correct techniques to look after divots, pug marks and bunkers. It was quipped that perhaps many of the longer standing members could attend a session to also recap on how to fix these things properly. A good message for sure for everyone to pay due care and attention to looking after our course and doing their bit towards retaining its presentation in prime condition.

A further new members' get together will be arranged in the coming weeks and those who have recently joined plus the members who were unable to attend on 24 July, will be invited. A number of people who have offered their services to be "buddies" have also indicated their enthusiasm to attend and make themselves known. Anyone who would like to add their name to the buddy list can contact the office.

Lady President's reflections



CONGRATULATIONS to Glenys Ferguson, our 2011 Lady Club Champion. Congratulations also to R/U Helen Pullinger who put in a mighty effort to defend her 2010 championship title.

The Championship Division winners were:
Div 2- Hisako Tabuchi with R/U Marilyn Vanderbyl
Div 3- Carol Newby with R/U Maggie Flemming
Div 4- Emily Nolan with R/U Carol Gauntlett
Veterans' Div – Ione Meagher with R/U Beryl Norman
The 72 Hole NETT Trophy was won by Emily Nolan with R/U Lorraine Smith.

Glenys won the International Bowl 0-25 and the Silver Spoon Gross . She also partnered Terri Davies to win the Doug Mitchell Shield Ladies' Foursomes Championships.



**Glenys Ferguson
2011 Lady Club Champion**

Margaret Paton won the International Bowl 26-45 and Heather Darley, as winner of the Silver Spoon NETT, is invited to the inter-club play-off for this event at Gosnells on September 6th. Good luck Heather.
Well done and well played to these winners and to all competitors.

I must congratulate Captain Margaret Isaac and her Match Committee for a very well-run event and thank all the ladies who attended the Championship Dinner following the final round on 11th August. It was the culmination of a very successful championship.

The Members' Showcase Art Exhibition held on Friday 19th August to Sunday 21st August has been very well received. Lady member and community artist and art teacher ,Allison Dovey, was the inspiration for the exhibition and she, Gail Pennington and Julia Goudge helped me to organise the event. Thank you ladies for your dedication in making this inaugural art display the success that it was. Most of all, thank you to all the member artists for offering their art works for exhibition. Club members, family and friends who attended the Opening on the Friday evening were amazed at the high standard and variety of art displayed. The caterers worked very hard to accommodate the large number of people ordering meals and Mel and Greg Lynch ran the wine tasting during the evening with wine supplied Glen Pearson of West Coast Wines and Paul Dixon from Australian Vintage Wines. Thank you to you both. Member Anne Davies kindly brought her framing expertise to our attention and she and Allison were our generous raffle donors, the proceeds from which will go to the Refurbishment Fund.

We now look forward to the paintings of the course being converted into a club calendar for 2012. Watch this space!

**Jan Bowdler
Lady President**

some pic's from our dinner



This month we would like to acknowledge and thank Jeff Davies from the John Hughes Group, Alan Mills—Clarkson Holden, Denley Sampson—The Good Guys in Clarkson and John Eccles—Malaga Cycles. These Members are all ongoing long term supporters of our Club.

Please remember them when you are looking for services that they can help you with!

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Did you know?



- Q1.** When measuring club-lengths on the ground, what club must be used?
- Q2.** When moving a ball-marker to the side, must the position of the ball be marked first and then the ball-marker moved, or can I simply measure to the side of the ball?
- Q3.** Brian asked Kevin to mark his (Brian`s) ball while Brian was raking the bunker after playing his stroke. Is Kevin the only one who can replace Brian`s ball?
- Q4.** During the stipulated round, is it permissible to practice putting or chipping between the play of two holes?
- Q5.** A player asks his opponent or fellow-competitor the distance from one object (e.g. his ball or the teeing ground) to another object (e.g. the putting green, a water hazard, or a bunker). Is he considered to be asking for advice and in breach of Rule 8-1?
- Q6.** A player places a club on the ground parallel to the line of play to assist him in aligning his feet properly. Is this permissible?

- A1.** The player may use any club he has selected for play to measure club-lengths - see Decisions 20/1 and 20/2.
- A2.** The player may either mark the position of the ball, measure to one side of the mark, and move the ball-marker to that spot, or he may place the putter head directly to the side of the ball and place the ball-marker, thereby eliminating one step. See Decision 20-1/16.
- A3.** No. The player, his partner or the person who lifted it may replace a ball. In this case, as Brian does not have a partner, either Brian or Kevin may replace the ball. (Rule 20-3a).
- A4.** Yes. Between the play of two holes, the player may practice putting or chipping on or near the putting green of the hole last played, any practice putting green or the teeing ground of the next hole to be played in the round, provided such practice is not from a hazard (water hazard or bunker) and does not unduly delay play. (Rule 7-2) However, be careful, sometimes the Committee may prohibit this practice as a Condition of the Competition (Note 2 to Rule 7-2).
- A5.** The distance between any objects is considered to be a matter of public information and therefore not advice. As this information is not advice, it may be exchanged without restriction. (Definition of "Advice" and Decision 8-1/2)
- A6.** Yes, provided the player removes the club before playing his stroke. Otherwise a breach of Rule 8-2a would occur.

Greens gossip



with hand mowers.

Pest Management.

We are currently experiencing resistance issues especially with Poa and must find different chemistry in the future if we are to control this weed. It is intended to set up some trial work on the course with a relatively new herbicide which will also control Crabgrass and Crowsfoot.

To date we have only received a small percentage of Broadleaf weed and Jo-Jo germination and as a result of this have not conducted any herbicide spraying for these pests. The timing of this programme will be very much dependant on the amount of germination and weather conditions at that time.

General

Work on the paved pathway from the 7th to the 8th is complete. We are currently completing final clean-up of this site and this includes tidying edges with the laying of turf and the introduction of some plants along the fence line areas. Shrubs like Grevilleas will be used adjacent to the 8th tee to screen the fence with more hardy grass-like plants to be used down the pathway on the fence side. Come renovation time in Spring we shall use corings to help generate some growth along edges on the left of the path.

Bunkers.

We are continuing with the top up of bunkers and have at this time, completed approx 20 of the 56 bunkers on the course. We have in some instances, rotary-hoed the bunker prior to topping it up to remove any tree roots that have found their way to the surface. We shall continue with this work with the aim to complete all bunkers before the summer period.

Temporary Green on 15th.

Preparation for a temporary green on the 15th hole will occur over the month of September. This will be completed in anticipation for the reconstruction of the 15th green this summer. At this time preparation will revolve mostly around mowing heights but will progress to other practices such as topdressing when the growing period recommences. We will make this area GUR Play Prohibited for this establishment period.

Irrigation.

The 4th tee is inadequately serviced by a single row of sprinklers down the middle of the tee and the supply pipe sizing is too small to effectively cover the turf area and we will be upgrading the facility in spring.

Jon Carter
Course Superintendent.

Ron Newell
Chairman of Greens.

Fairways.

Our next foliar application of fertiliser is also due shortly with another application due before the Club Champs in October.

Plans are underway for our fairway renovation that will commence in November.

Greens.

Considering the significantly higher rainfall that we have received this year compared to last we believe the greens are performing quite well with turf density still relatively good.

We are currently needle tining our greens again to break surface tension and allow easy movement of surface water through the profile. We have gone for a slightly larger spacing this time, as we don't want to disturb the surface too much.

With the wetter months well and truly here, we have been mowing our greens regularly with hand mowers and avoiding the use of the greens roller. In the past we have generally mown on Tuesday and Thursdays but this year we are regularly mowing 4 times a week

Membership Opportunities

The Management Committee has endorsed the \$100 nomination fee being retained for the time being.

Our "Pathways to Golf" brochure which has joining information as well as other golfing options at Wanneroo is available from the office.

Please don't miss this opportunity to spread the word amongst friends, relations, work colleagues and others who may be interested in joining a first class golf club.

Events Calendar

October 22nd Men's Championship Dinner

November 13th Gala Day

November 18th Ladies Dinner

December 2nd Vet's Xmas Dinner

LET'S PARTY!



Mel's
September
Special



Beer of the Month....

Asahi Premium Stubbies

Over the counter

\$5.90 ea.

The Inaugural Art Exhibition and Wine Tasting Evening

The art was provided by Wanneroo Golf Club Members.

The wine for tasting was supplied Glen Pearson of West Coast Wines and Paul Dixon from Australian Vintage Wines.

Member Anne Davies and Allison Dovey were generous raffle donors.

Mel spent hours cutting the cheese, olives etc. that went with the wine.

Mel and Greg Lynch provided the wine samples (some would say not very big samples)

The Caterer provided the meals.

Jan Bowdler and her team of ladies spent a lot of time with the logistics of setting up and displaying AND did a great job !

An excellent night was had by all!

This was not a fund raiser for the Club, however, the proceeds from the raffle will go to the Refurbishment Fund and the ladies intend to translate the Golf Course pictures into a 2012 Calendar and proceeds will be used for our Club's benefit.

Of course, we cant show you all the art and all the pictures..... But here is a sample



Not Bad for Amateurs!

Vets feedback

We'll start with the good stuff – then get on to the volunteers needed (“You, you and you”), and what better way to start than with the monthly Vets-on-the-Mend section.



Like Wayne Bandy. The amiable big fellow has had a year to forget – and, like most Vets, he does forget at times. It started when he lost the feeling in his left arm and several fingers. The problem was two discs in his back compressing a nerve. No sooner had he started to recover from that than he had surgery on facial melanomas.

That went well, but when he needed some dental treatment, he was left in agony. Turns out that a filling had been inserted directly on top of a nerve and surgery was needed to repair that damage.

However, he is back and he is playing. At least a fair chunk of him is back, for Wayne has lost a decent pile of weight; so much in fact that he is now to be known as Bandy Lite!

Michael Broderick is back after trying to roll back the years by playing tennis. At his age he should know better, but he didn't, so wrist and finger injuries gave the popular Irishman a serve. He followed this up

with rib injuries after playing with his granddaughter.

Speaking of injuries, that idiotic, fat Scotsman who broke a rib playing golf in Thailand (well, trying to get in to a swimming pool in Thailand, actually) is also back.

As is Rod Rylett – and in some style. Rod's trophy day was a few weeks ago, but since he was in the UK, Captain Peter decided to change it to the Frank Jones Memorial Trophy and put back Rod's day.

But Rod was back and proved it in great style by winning the Frank Jones. A playing partner asked him how he had done it. “Easy,” said the man with the trophy. “You play cr-- for six months; take two months in the UK and don't pick up a club; then come back and you win.”

See. Easy.

News: The Pot o' Gold has been changed and will now be run as two competitions, one for the 0-18 handicappers and the other for the rest of us. The goodies will alternate between the 4th and 15th and the not-so-goodies the 8th and 11th.

And now it is work time. There is a notice on the board about white-line marking the car park and volunteers are needed. Think of the fun you could have, guys.

And the proposed Presidents Cup (Wanneroo-style) is planned for next St George's Day (April 23) or close to it. Anyone interested in forming a committee to set up a structure, see Captain Peter. Poms v Aussies would be the most obvious way ahead – except for the fact that the Dutch, Japanese, Burmese, German, Jocks, Paddies Taffies and the rest will have to be accommodated. Have a think.

Finally, we all know that the splendid Gerry Chew has had illness worries, but now, thankfully, is back to his endearing best. However, since Gerry was sprung going in to the Ladies toilet very recently, questions have been raised as to what exactly was the operation he had.

Cheers,

Len

So we thought that that the club had troubles with the ducks on the 15th hole.

Have sympathy for the members at Queenscliff golf club on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria.

The golf course is on Swan Island, which is a SAS base. The club leases the land from the Commonwealth government. Some 15 years back, an enlightened member of our armed forces, introduced two male Kangaroos to the island as pets. Now, indentifying the sex of a kangaroo is about as easy as hitting a sand wedge 250 metres. Our combatant did not play golf! He had no chance.

Fast forward to now and an island with a kangaroo population of 500 and a lush green 18 hole golf course. Rain has bucketed down in Victoria over the past 9 months. During the drought our pet kangaroos learnt that the taste of the grass of the watered greens was preferable to dry stubble of the fairways. Fairly clever of them you thought. Alas, not so. Like the country cousins of the Appalachian Mountains the roos have some inbreeding issues. They can't figure out that eating the now lush fairways is much easier than eating the closely mown greens. In fact, they don't eat the grass of the greens, they eat the roots of the grass of the greens. How stupid is that! Digging for a feed instead of grazing the land.

Our green good doers are undertaking a study of the life and times of the kangaroos introduced to an island which is classified as a conservation zone. The club cannot get a permit to cull the kangaroos and fences don't work. Players take preferred lies on the greens and fill the scratching damage with sand. All the while, the roos are destroying the habitat of birds and plants unique to the island. Wrap your minds that!

My solution is to introduce the males to Viagra and accelerate the breeding until they inbreed to eternity. But then I can't hit a sand wedge 250 metres. This is great golf club. Travellers, not if you are in the Geelong area.

Thanks to John Foley for this article





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ACTUAL CALLS RECEIVED AT A PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, we have a tee time for two weeks from Friday. What's the weather going to be like that day?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, I had a tee time for this afternoon but I'm running late. Can you still get me out early?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have one of those areas where you can buy a bucket of golf balls and hit them for practice?

Staff: You mean a driving range?

Caller: No, that's not it.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you have any open tee times around 10 o'clock?

Staff: Yes, we have one at 10:15.

Caller: What's the next time after that?

Staff: We have one at 10:22.

Caller: We'll take that one. It will be a bit warmer.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: What do you have for tee times tomorrow?

Staff: What time would you like?

Caller: What times do you have?

Staff: What time of the day?

Caller: Any time.

Staff: Morning or afternoon?

Caller: Whenever.

Staff: We have 16 times open in the morning and 20 open in the afternoon. Would you like me to read the whole list?

Caller: No, I don't think any of those times will work for me.

Emails

I have just read the latest Fore publication and read the email regarding house credits. Whilst I understand and can sympathise with a non drinker the house credit does allow the member to purchase food and soft drinks etc. If from what I can gather from the email the member and his/her partner are both members, then if they both played once a week and both purchased a sandwich (\$5.00) the house credit would be spent in a year. The house credit should not be made voluntary or reduced as it ensures the viability of the bar and kitchen for all members. I do remember the days before house credits when the bar/kitchen ran at a loss.

To extend it to the Pro shop is impractical and shouldn't be considered it would just be another admin burden for all concerned.

Please feel free to publish my thoughts.

Thanks for your feedback.

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