



## *Captain & President Newsletter April 2007*



BUSSELTON  
GOLF CLUB

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<http://www.busseltongolfclub.com.au>**

Well another month of golf has come and gone and what a month we have had at the Busselton Golf Club.

The new season opening with the Malcolm McLeod Memorial Trophy mixed American Fours and then the 2007 Ladies Geographe Classic.

Once again we thank the McLeod family for the sponsorship of the season opener won this year by Lois and Ken Butcher, well done.

The 10<sup>th</sup> LGC was once again a fabulous success thanks to the great work of our Tournament Director Mal Sanderson and his committee of Marg Hogan , Jan Espinos and all their other helpers and volunteers.

This years winner was Whitney Hillier, runner up being the 2006 winner Stacey Shanahan.

The month was also highlighted by the annual pilgrimage of some 44 members to Walpole for the 20th running of the Pioneer Cup. I can report that the tradition was maintained and although Busselton scores were not great we won the weekend in terms of numbers of sore heads and exemplary behavior. Thanks to Brian Pross for organizing.

On the Tuesday following the classic a great team of volunteers assisted the greens staff in coring and sanding the greens. On behalf of the board we thank these volunteers for the hard days work.

I know there are many comments going on re the greens at the moment but in the short term they will be back to their normal fast and furious pace, lets just give them time.

### **Junior Golf Co-Ordinator**

Brian Williams has held this role now for a long time but wishes to hand over the mantle as he needs to lessen his load around the club for his health. Here is the opportunity for someone to really contribute and get great satisfaction from helping the juniors. Please see Brian if you can assist.

### **Centenary Dinner**

Fast approaching on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April, tickets are selling fast and are limited so get yours quick or you will miss out on this great and monumental event.

### **Non Financial Members**

It is of great concern to the board that a number of members are currently non financial. Be advised that you are in-eligible to win any competition and shortly unless the situation is rectified you will be advised that your membership will be terminated.



## Club Bylaws & Policies

These have recently been revised and amended by the board and are available for members to inspect on the website.

## March Competition Results

Details on other competitions held in March are listed below;

<u>Date</u>	<u>Comp</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Thu 1/3	S/Ford	Three Hills Wines	Alan MacGregor 41 pts, r/up Mal Beatty 40
Sat 3/3	AM 4's Mix	McLeod Family	Lois & Ken Butcher 70 ¾ r/up liz & Tony Copeland 72 ½  Any Pair L. Cransberg/M. Wimbridge 67 7/8
Tue 6/3	CVGA	** See Vets Report	
Thu 8/3	S/Ford	Valentines	Carl King 45 pts, r/up Trev Espinos 40
Tue 13/3	** No Vets Due to Coring		
Thu 15/3	S/Ford	Fraser Real Estate	Glen Woodward 41 pts, r/up Jeff Trott 41
Sat 17/3	Par	Busselton Marine	Mike Grey +5, r/up Nigel Yoxall +4
Tue 20/3	Par	Jim Carwardine	Phil Newton +6, r/up Tony Haabjoern +2
Thu 22/3	S/Ford	Busselton Cellars	Tony Copeland 41 pts, r/up Don Hampson 39
Sat 24/3	Stroke	Willow Bridge M/Mug	Don Usher 68, r/up H. Klap (Gos) 69
Tue 27/3	S/Ford	Peter Leaney	John Schuts 39 pts, r/up Owen Isbel 39
Thu 29/3	S/Ford	MacDonalds	Nathan Bradbury 40 pts, r/up Ken Herbert 40
Sat 31/3	Par 4BBB	Boss National	Ray Rogers/Barry Payne +12 r/up Nigel Yoxall/Tony Haabjoern +11

## Saturday Ladies Results

17/3	J. Frimston +2, r/up N. Potter +1
24/3	M. Hitching 72, r/up K. Apps 72
31/3	S. Koch/M. Fraser +4, r/up M. Reynolds/B. Albury +4

## COUNTRY VETS NOTES

Tuesday March 6th saw Busselton as host club to the CVGA when a field of 142 starters braved some hot conditions which caused some 4 players to withdraw during the game.

The days Winner Was Bruce HUNTER of Harvey with a score of 39 Points with the next best being Alan JEFFREY of Waroona and Steve KRISTENSEN of Dunsborough Lakes who both finished on 38 points.

Brian BATH of Sanctuary Tom LAMBERT and Lance MCGLINN, both of Pinjarra, tied as next best On 37 points.

Best from Busselton was Ted WILSON who finished with 36 points one shot ahead of Vern SAW who won the coveted OBE award.

An interesting days golf was the Sanctuary event on March 20th when some 20 Busselton players attended with mixed results due to the abundance of water and bunker hazards with many balls finishing in a watery grave.

126 starters from 137 nominations faced the starter with Larry SKENE of Dunsborough Lakes winning with 39 points from Lew WARNER of Pinjarra on a countback, while David KAUFMAN, also from Pinjarra, was third on 38 points.

Ern STEPHEN of Capel won the OBE award on 32 points.

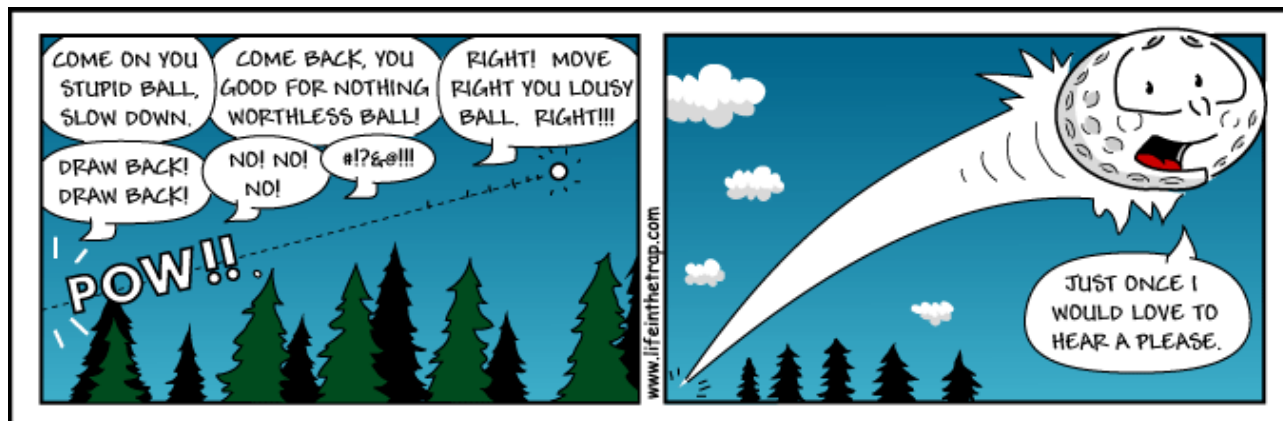
Very little interest was shown by locals to the Metro WAVG challenge event held at Harvey on March 27th.

The next listed CVGA event is for Pinjarra in April 16th when I am sure more locals will want to be involved.

Of interest is that the Dunsborough Lakes event listed for May 1st has been cancelled due to major course alterations, apparently stemming from more housing lots being developed for sale.

One wonders that if this trend continues whether there will be enough land left in the distant future for a Golf Course.

Another item of interest is that Bridgetown is embarking on a project to grass their greens, with probably 9 holes being altered during this year.



## Golf Rules Quiz (True/False )

**Question 1** - The line of putt is the line which the player wishes his ball to take after a stroke with his putter

**Question 2** - A player plays a ball from a bunker sideways into the semi rough. He then chips onto the green. At that point he notices he played a wrong ball from the bunker. There is no penalty.

**Question 3** - A player's ball lies on the putting green He strikes the ball too hard and the ball rolls off the green, down the slope at the front of the green, and it stops 25 yards away in the middle of the fairway. The player may deem his ball unplayable and place a ball on the green where he last played from.

**Question 4** - If a player's ball at rest is moved by an outside agency the player shall incur a one stroke penalty and the ball shall be replaced

**Question 5** - A player may practise putting or chipping on or near the teeing ground of the next hole to be played

**Question 6** - The margin of a bunker extends vertically downwards, but not upwards

**Question 7** - In foursomes match play, it is player A's turn to play his side's 3rd stroke. By accident he moves the ball with his foot, incurring a one stroke penalty (Rule 18-2a). He replaces the ball and plays what is, in effect, the side's 4th stroke. The side loses the hole as it player B should have played instead of player A.

**Question 8** - A pencil lies in a bunker next to the player's ball. The pencil is a loose impediment and may be removed.

**Question 9** - The Committee may not prohibit practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played

**Question 10** - A player has fourteen clubs in his bag. At the third hole he slices his drive out of bounds and in frustration bangs his driver on the ground, breaking the shaft in the process. The player may replace the driver.

**Question 11** - The "nearest point of relief" is the reference point for taking relief under the Unplayable Ball Rule.

**Question 12** - A player is entitled to place his clubs in a bunker when his ball lies in the same bunker

**Question 13** - A ball is out of bounds when any part of it lies out of bounds

**Question 14** - If a player plays any strokes in a hazard with a wrong ball there is no penalty

**Question 15** - A player may remove a loose impediment lying out of bounds that interferes with his stance.

**Question 16** - A player's ball lies in a hole made by a rabbit in a bunker, he is entitled to free relief

**Question 17** - In stroke play, on the final green Player A putts to two inches and his fellow-competitor knocks the ball away from the hole and says "That's good enough." The players leave the putting green and go into the clubhouse to return their cards. Player A is disqualified.

**Question 18** - A player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course except when the ball is in a water hazard

**Question 19** - During a round, a player may apply chalk to the face of an iron club in order to obtain more backspin

**Question 20** - A player may remove a half eaten apple lying next to his ball in a bunker without penalty

**\*\*Answers on bottom of this page\*\***

## **Golf Joke**

Stevie Wonder and Tiger Woods are in a restaurant having dinner. Woods turns to Wonder and says, "How's the singing career going?"

Stevie Wonder replies, "Not too bad How's the golf?" Woods replies, "Not too bad, I've had some problems with my swing, but I think I've got that going right now."

Stevie says, "I always find that when my golf swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then, the next time I play, it seems to be all right."

Tiger says, "You play golf?" Wonder says, "Oh, yes, I've been playing for years."

Woods says, "But you're blind! How can you play golf if you can't see?"

Wonder replies, "I get my caddy to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball toward him. Then, when I get to where the ball lands, the caddy moves to the green or farther down the fairway and again I play the ball toward his voice"

"But how do you putt?" asks Woods. Well," says Stevie, "I get my caddy to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground, and I just play the ball toward his voice."

Woods asks, "What's your handicap?" Stevie says, "Well, I'm a scratch golfer."

Woods, incredulous, says to Stevie, "We've got to play a round sometime."

Wonder replies, "Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money, and never play for less than \$10,000 a hole."

Woods thinks it over and says, "OK, I'm for that, when would you like to play?"

Stevie says, "Pick a night."

## **Quiz Answers :**

1. False 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. True 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False

11. False 12. True 13. False 14. True 15. True 16. True 17. True 18. True 19. False 20. False