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Captain – Brian Pross

Hi Everyone,

June has been a month of terrible weather yet the numbers have been very good. The month kicked off with the introduction of a great new event in scroungers, "The State Wide Oil & Lubricant / Busselton Mechanical & Radiator Centre 36 hole 4BBB Winter Classic". Even though all got drenched on the 2nd day, the event had great sponsorship and the scores were great as well with 15 pairs scoring 80 pts or more.

The winners were Alan Hough and Brian Denney with 46-41 = 87 on a countback from Paul Fullerton and Cal Hitching 48-39. The first day winners were L. Falconer-Clark & J. Greenfield 47, the second day winners B. Vanderhock & J. Johnston 43.

Congratulations from everyone go to James Carr for making the State Team, well done and all the best when you compete.

Vets are still attracting good fields, issues re starting times have been raised, but we ask that vets put their names on the starting sheet this way all can be catered for upto a field of 88. Please adhere to the starting times as this insures a smooth movement around the course.

The starting sheet for vets was introduced by the match committee to cater for green fee players on Tuesday mornings. Green fee players are very important in our revenues and help us keep membership fees low.

Saturday events have also experienced some nasty weather, however the fields have been reasonable. The main event being the Captain's Trophy, a honor board event over 2 weeks. Playing some very consistent golf the winner was Laurie Cransberg who won the TV with a score of 38-40 = 78 pts. Runner up was junior Michael Hake 40 -35 = 75. First day winner was Dave Basten 39 pts and the Second day Bruce Crain with a great 43 pts.

The Willow Bridge Monthly Mug & Goblet attracted a very good field of 92 men and 10 women. Winner of the mug was Anthony Cloutman (CHOOKS) on a great 66 net while Debbie Barnett won the goblet with a fine 70.

June also saw the annual visit by Royal Fremantle Golf Club on the long weekend, this was the 45th visit. The Friday saw a par event for the Captain & Managers Mug, the winner was Jimmy Carradine +3. Saturday 4th was the Vasse Bar & Busselton Cellars stableford trophy, the winner was Terry Pontague 41 pts. Sunday 5th was a 27 hole 4BBB par playing for Ross Denny's Meanswear Trophies. Winners were C. Florentino & T. Fazzollia +11. Morning winners were T. Habjoern & R. Mathews +5, afternoon B. Pross & J. Blackhouse +7.

On July 10th we play for another honor board event, the BankWest 4's Championship mixed 27 hole stroke played in 6's. We already have quite a good field but all especially Brian Williams would like to see some more pairs put their name on the starting sheet. Brian can arrange a partner for you !!!!

Thursday July 14th, sees the Graham Marsh Junior Golf Foundation round 2 be played on our course starting 7-9am, the best state juniors will be here, so get here early for scroungers that day and see how it should be done.

Members would have seen the work carried out on the drainage around the club, hopefully this will stop our flooding problems in the patio area. Thanks to Doug, Callum & his boys for a great job. As always your help is required for more maintenance work, we want to paint the gutters, so if you are available and handy with a brush see myself or John A.

Good golfing July everyone, may you hit them long and straight.

Other Event Winners In June 2005

Tuesday Vets:

7/6/2005 - Greg Dudley Trophy – Roy Otto 40pts
14/6/2005 - Mal Sanderson Trophy – Don Pinnock 70
21/6/2005 - Dan Lietz Trophy – Brian Stewart 42 pts
28/6/2005 - Bill Ivey Trophy – Ray Smith 40 pts

Saturday:

Ladies; 11/6/2005 - Beryl Meyers 18/6/2005 - Midge Reynolds

Thursday Scroungers:

16/6/2005 - Rods Auto Electrics Trophy – J. Carr 38 pts
23/6/2005 - Starts Extreme Trophy – D. Basten 43 pts
30/6/2005 - Fraser Real Estate Trophy – D. Basten 40 pts

Course Super Report from Callum;

It has been a busy month we have to run with only 2 staff for most of June. My casual employee has been off getting reconstructive surgery to his knee and both of my apprentices have had two week stints in Perth.

Thanks to Brian Pross and Doug Rowe for spending a day reconfiguring the drainage under the patio we should now have the problem under control. After some exciting excavations (pavers laid in 4 inches of concrete footing) we laid pipe work that should stop any chance of flooding the patio area. I would also like to thank Kim Dent who came and completed drainage jobs around the clubhouse with his mini excavator.

As you would have noticed the path on the 5th tee is being constructed, it will be completed in the next two weeks. Thanks to Alan Hough, Will Cunningham and John Dawson for their help last week. The path we are constructing will service the tee for many years to come. In the future as all tees are rebuilt, paths that can take cart traffic will be required. We would like to see more volunteers out and about enjoying the atmosphere on the course, I have plenty of jobs around the course for small groups of members. Tree pruning, debris removal, stick raking, collecting of fire wood etc.

Due to the wet weather and inconsiderate cart drivers some areas around tees and greens are being torn up. Can I please remind members to keep carts well clear of the greens, you all know where the wet areas are please park your carts and do some walking, even if the sun is out the soil is still water logged.

Good luck to everyone participating in the mixed fours championships on Sunday. We have round two of the GMJGF tournament on Thursday 14th July here at Busselton they are teeing off from 7am so there will be no morning round that day. Good luck to all the Busselton juniors competing in this event.

Country Vets from Alan Hough;

The only event listed for June was the Wednesday June 14th meeting at Balingup when 55 starters challenged a course made a little more difficult by a thick fog lasting until 11am, longish fairway grass, steep slopes and small greens.

Winner for the day was Brian MAHONEY of Donnybrook with a creditable 44 points, followed by Peter ARAM of Manjimup and George TCACHENKO of Harvey, both on 42 points. The two Busselton nominees did not shine on the leaders board but Mal RIGOL did win a NTP to salvage some glory.

There are two events listed for July being Greenbushes on Friday July 1st and Boyup Brook, after a long absence, returning with a competition on Tuesday July 19th. Both courses are user friendly with excellent grass greens at Greenbushes while Boyup Brook has an excellent and interesting layout.

Ladies Notes from Captain Helen;

Our Foursomes Championships sponsored by Eziway Bayside Stores and Professionals Real Estate was run over two weeks and our Championship Pair is Pauline Bignell and Raelene Basten closely followed by Marion Fraser and Sharon Koch.

Our Nett Champions are Jan Finlay and Medina Cameron with runners up being Trish Hancock and Sue Denny. Rhonda Davies had a lovely 42 points to win the L'Oreal Trophy Runner up Beryl Russell 41 points. Pauline Bignell followed on her good foursomes form to win the Fennessey's Holden trophy with a 71 nett Runner up Liz Copeland 71 nett.

Quite a few broken handicaps and good golf.

Pennants have finished for the year, our three teams were all very competitive but were unsuccessful in bringing home the Pennant.

R.I.P – Malcolm McLeod

Born 1913 Joined Busselton Golf Club 1973

Mal was posted here from Collie to the position of Headmaster of the Busselton High School. He held that position until he retired.

Originally from South Australia, he became a monitor with the Education Department. In fact he was a monitor in Busselton together with another well known identity Herbert “Nugget” Coombs.

Malcolm also shared his teaching role with another Busselton Golf Club member Marion Donnelly, who is only a few months younger than Malcolm.

Another Busselton identity Gavin McGregor shared a love of cricket with Malcolm and also was a fiery fast bowler who once flattened Malcolm with a bumper. Malcolm played with St Mary’s Club.

He completed his studies and was granted a Bachelor of Science Degree and later a Education Diploma.

When the 2nd war began in 1939 he enlisted in the army. He was posted to the 9th division and was sent to Egypt. Later he was transferred back to Officer Training school. He was to be posted overseas again and served in the Pacific.

Following the end of hostilities he continued in the teaching profession, he served in many country areas and finally in Busselton.

He was a ardent golfer but skill eluded him he always said. He was the Club President during the negotiations for the sale of the “Old Course”.

Malcolm McLeod was one of the true gentlemen of his time. He was respected by all who knew him including teachers, pupils, parents and fellow golfers. He was made a life member of the club which is an indication of the respect that the club held for him.

The club was mindful of the closeness of his family and our sympathy goes out to Barbara and all members on their sad loss.