



## *Captain & President Newsletter July 2006*



BUSSELTON  
GOLF CLUB

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

### **Welcome to our new Executive Officer**

The club has much pleasure in welcoming Kevin Haigh as our new Executive Officer. Kevin has a background in accountancy and business management and has also been a manager of golf clubs - Armadale some years ago, and more recently, Kwinana.

Kevin has some big shoes to fill since John retired, and is working hard to master the intricacies of his position, and also to learn the names of all the club members. Please make yourself known to Kevin.

**Help Wanted !!**

As you can see, it has been a hectic start to Kevin's new career, and the Board is hoping that there are some souls out there who can assist in inputting handicap data on Thursdays and Saturdays. It is not a difficult job but it is quite important. If you are interested please see Brian Pross or Mal Sanderson

### **Purchase of the Pro Shop**

At the last Board Meeting the Board approved the purchase of operations of the Pro Shop from Dave Basten and Keeren Apps, including all fixtures and stock. The date for changeover is 30th June 2006 so on Saturday July 1 expect to see someone else running the shop.

The decision was made after lengthy consultation between both parties and, we believe, it is in the best interests of all concerned. At this point the Board take this opportunity to thank Dave and Keeren for their contribution to the club in developing the Pro Shop business to what it is today. It has been an integral part of improving the image of our club and their efforts must be acknowledged.

Why would the club want to run the Pro Shop ?

- The issue of running the Pro Shop is not a new concept to the Board and we have previously talked to Dave and Keeren re this matter. Given our high number of visitors we believe the opportunity is available to incorporate the Pro Shop within the club's operations and be successful in doing so. It will mean changes to what all members have been used to but to no detriment to their golfing enjoyment.
- Our golf club is experiencing slow but steady growth and is defying the trend in other rural clubs. It is a direct result of our improved facilities but we face a continuing challenge to maintain those facilities while at the same time keeping fees at an attractive level. Our current fees are extremely favourable and the Board believes this is an opportunity to assist in generating much needed cash flow for the club, albeit requiring a good deal of input.
- We have researched clubs similar to ourselves who have adopted a similar model and believe we can also be successful in this role.

What does it mean for the future ?

- The club will take over the role previously assumed by Dave and Keeren. While we will need time to get operations established we will attempt to ensure you have the Pro Shop and driving range available for all members golf days ie Tuesday Vets, Wednesday Ladies, Thursday Scroungers, Saturday Competition, and special eve Thus on normal days you should experience no significant change.

- In the short term, and possibly on a permanent basis, non competition times may mean that the Pro Shop would be closed and that all operations will occur through the Golf Club Administration Office, where ever that maybe located. Obviously during summer months we will man the shop to ensure maximum visitors fees. This is a change to what we are all used to but the reality is the club cannot afford to pay wages to cater for the minority.
- The Board is currently in the process of planning a future strategy for the best operational method of the Pro Shop and how to include it in the overall operations of the club. This includes reviewing all options and any from members are greatly appreciated. We are currently experiencing a period of rapid change with the appointment of a new Executive Officer and the Pro Shop changeover, and the Board seek your patience while we plan the best outcome for the future of our club. In the immediate future there may be some inconvenient and your support in this time is requested.

If you have any questions re this issue I recommend you speak to any Board Member or our Executive Officer, Kevin Haigh. Any input is most welcome.



## **MENS CAPTAINS REPORT – Brian Pross**

How quickly the time flies, half the year gone already. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to see very good fields in all events continuing. This augers well for the club so let's get out there and enjoy the great course Callum is presenting us with.

This month sees an honour board event on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, we have the Bank West Mixed 4's Championship over 27 holes, 9 in the morning and 18 after lunch. This event is one of Brian William's specials so let's get behind him and ensure we have a great field.

Last month we had a great event in Scroungers, The Statewide Oil & Mobil Lubricants, plus Busselton Mechanical & Radiator Centre 36 hole Winter Classic 4bbb Stableford over 2 Thursdays. It was great to see two of our true club stalwarts win the event, George Doust & Jimmy Carwadine had the very good scores of 47-45 92 points. Runners up were Ron Newman & Peter Huitson 46-42 88 points. Sorry fellas for the mistake. 3<sup>rd</sup> were Brian Chatfield & Mal Clarke 43-44 87 points 4<sup>th</sup> were Ken Clarke & Graham Durwood 46-40 86 points. First round winners Chris Hamilton & Nigel Yoxall 46 points, 2nd round winners Paul Fullarton & Colin Harkel 45 points. Thanks again to Mike Demeo and the boys from Statewide

We also held an honour board event during the month of June, this being the Captains trophy a 36 hole stableford over 2 Saturdays.

The overall winner was one of our very juniors in Michael Hake, he had 33-43 76 points, his 2<sup>nd</sup> round also winning him the best gross of 74 off the stick. Well done Michael, keep up your good work. Runner up was one of the most consistent golfers Dave Basten 39-34 73 points 3<sup>rd</sup> was Barry Payne 72 points First day winner was Ismail Matson 39 points 2<sup>nd</sup> day winner was Murray Gray 41 points

Other winners for the month were as follows:

### **Saturday Women**

10/6 Verna Adams 40 points  
17/6 Mavis Gray 30 points  
24/6 Willow Bridge Monthly Goblet Keeran Apps 73 nett

### **Saturday Men**

3/6 Vasse Bar & Café & Busselton Cellars Trophy  
Royal Fremantle Visitor Kingsley Porter 40 points  
10 & 17/6 Captain's trophy as above  
24/6 Willow Bridge Monthly Mug Luke Kennedy 67 nett

### **Vets Tuesday**

6/6 Mal Sanderson Trophy John Gardiner 66 nett  
13/6 John Lawrie & John Morris Trophy John Gardiner & Norm Harker 41 points  
20/6 Bob Barker Trophy Peter Leaney 42 points  
27/6 Bill Ivey Trophy Greg Dudley 36 points on count back

### **Scroungers Thursday**

1<sup>st</sup> and 8/6 Winter Classic as above  
15/6 Rod's Auto Electric Trophy Brad Maloney 39 points  
22/6 Sports Extreme Trophy John McAuley 42 points  
29/6 Fraser Real Estate Trophy Shaun Amiss 46 pts

Sunday Event Royal Fremantle Visit 27 hole 4bbb par

### **Ross & Sue Dennys Busselton Menswear Trophies**

Winners Rob Hogan & Joey Palermo +5 +7/+12  
Runners-up Doug Rowe & Nigel Yoxall +3 +6/+9  
First Nine Winners Don Peters & Corey Baxter +5  
Second 18 Winners Don Hampson & John Gardiner +6

Thanks to all the Busselton players who made the effort to team up with the Royal Fremantle fellas on the Sunday we had a great field.

Holes in one were recorded during the month

Guy Kerrel Vaughan holing out on 6 and Tony Haabjoern on 3. Well done fellas.

As President Mal mentioned in his notes, we need helpers to come on the match committee, as at the moment we have three of our members away on holidays and it would be gratefully appreciated if a few more guys could put their hands up. See me or Vice-Captain Mal Rigoll if you can possibly help.

An early reminder for all members that Fennessys Holden Scramble Men & Women Ambrose 3's played in 6's is on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. Ray Mountney and his team are pulling out all stops to make sure the event is successful, so let's get behind him and get your teams together.

Good Golfing Everyone and don't forget the mixed 4 Championship on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### **LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT – Helen Rigoll**

31st May Par - Streaks Ahead and Zena Hammarstrom Trophies  
Winner Colleen Morris +7  
Runner up Ann Lane +4

7th June Stableford - Golf Box Challenge - L'Oreal Trophy.

Winner Verna Adamn 41 points Runners Up Pat Robinson 40 points and Margaret Parrott 40 points  
Our Golf Box Team Verna, Pat and Margaret, I think this will get them to the playoff. Great scores, Well done.

14th June Elective Eclectic. Ruth Guest, Di Evdokimoff, Helen Ten Seldam and Margaret Smith Trophies.  
Winner No 1 tee Jan Coldan 32 c/b  
Runner Up Colleen Morris 32  
Winner No 10 tee Helen Criddle 30 1/2  
Runner Up Marg Denton 32 1/2  
A fun day.

21st June Stroke, Putting, 3rd Silver Spoon and 3rd Int Bowl. Fennessey's Holden Trophy.  
Winner Ruth Guest 71 Nett  
Runner Up Marie Walters 72 Nett  
Best Gross Denise O'Keefe 86 c/b Mavis Gray.  
Best Putting Marg Hogan 27

Pennants have finished for the year with both A Reserve and B Grade performing well but not quite good enough to bring home the Pennant. My thanks to all the girls who made themselves available for Pennants. It was good fun and we were just off the pace. Bunbury and Capel tied for first in the A Reserve and Bunbury won the B Grade.

Our Open Day coming up on 7th July. 4BBB sponsored by Willow Bridge. Make sure you have a partner and come along for a great day.

### **Superintendents Report – Callum Hitching**

To everyone who is wondering about the darkening of areas on the course due to spraying? The spray is simply an Iron and Manganese mix with some Nitrogen. We have put this brew out on the fairways and perimeters to improve turf health and help reduce the prevalence of Dollar Spot and Fusarium Patch on the course during winter. As you will know from the past the colour fades and the leaves of the turf have a greener appearance.

The newly turfed area below the 6th green has been overseeded due to the heavy traffic flow. The couch would struggle through winter on its own.

One ton of gypsum was put across the greens and some of the wet tees. Gypsum has a high Calcium levels and aids with drainage.

The ladies have donated some tube stock to be planted on the Northern side of the ladies 10th tee. This will be done in the coming weeks. Di Evdokimoff is chasing some donations from Bunnings as her daughter currently works there. More plantings of natives (inside the irrigated area) around tees is welcomed by myself especially if the members wish to become involved in doing it.

As you may have noticed very few hoops are out on the course. Unfortunately the dry spell has come to an end and the hoops have to go back out to protect the areas that all traffic passes through. We are lucky. Last year the hoops were out in early May. So please respect the use of these barriers, it protects the course for those 8-10 weeks when grass can be turned to mud in one day of heavy traffic.

### **COUNTRY VETS REPORT – Alan Hough**

Balingup held their event for the year on Wednesday June 14th in excellent weather conditions considering the day prior which was a washout in Busselton.

There 59 starters with only three reps from Busselton, none of whom were in the final countdown, with the event being won by Cec Holman of Harvey on 43 points, followed by Ted Norrie of Capel with 40 points.

The other event listed for June, Greenbushes on Friday 30th, has attracted 7 starters from Busselton, but will be too late to be included in this edition of Club news.

July will see two events being Boyup Brook on Tuesday 18th and Waroona on Monday 31st.

## **A Word From Sir George & Pommy Jim**

Sir George and I Pommy Jim would like to thank you all for giving us a great night on our most famous victory in the Winter Classic. We would also like to thank the sponsors.

On the downside however, a few problems need to be addressed and we would like the match committee to look at them!!!!!!!!!!

**First:-** We have people being nice to us, but feeding the birds (parrots) on our shoulders !! Now we all know that if you feed birds (parrots) they have to dispose of their waste. It's not too bad when they are on your shoulder, but when they get up on our heads for a better view.....oops

**Second:-** Since our great victory there are fellow members and fans following us around with buckets and spades. I would like to point out that sheep or cow manure is just as effective as bulls....t as a fertilizer and Sir George and myself feel that our great course needs our fertilizer.

PS On the rare occasion you see Sir George with an empty glass, please feel free to fill it up as he may be busy fertilizing (talking).  
Thank you all.

### **BUGGY BAY-AUDIT**

There appears to be some discrepancies in the allocation of bays due to some members changing bays, it is also necessary to relocate three buggies from the cart area. Therefore an audit is being undertaken to determine the buggy owners and the bay into which they have been allocated.

Our records in most instances appear to be in order however we are unable to determine to owner of the buggy in this particular bay.

It would be appreciated if you could contact either Sonya Yoxall (Bar Manager) or Mal Rigoll (Vice Captain) so that we can make any necessary adjustment and update the Club's records.  
Thankyou and look forward to hearing from you shortly-Mal& Sonya.

### **With The British Open coming up, here are some interesting facts;**

#### **Most Victories**

- 6 - Harry Vardon, 1896, '98, '99, 1903, '11, '14
- 5 - James Braid, 1901, '05, '06, '08, '10; J.H. Taylor, 1894, '95, 1900, '09, '13; Peter Thomson, 1954, '55, '56, '58, '65; Tom Watson, 1975, '77, '80, '82, '83

#### **Largest Margin of Victory**

- 13 strokes - Old Tom Morris, 1862
- 12 strokes - Young Tom Morris, 1870
- 8 strokes - J H Taylor, 1900 and 1913; James Braid, 1908; Tiger Woods 2000

#### **Lowest Winning Scores**

- 267 - Greg Norman, Royal St George's, 1993
- 268 - Tom Watson, Turnberry, 1977; Nick Price, Turnberry, 1994
- 269 - Tiger Woods, St.Andrews, 2000

#### **Lowest Rounds**

- 63 - Mark Hayes, 2nd round Turnberry, 1977; Isao Aoki, 3rd round Muirfield, 1980; Greg Norman, 2nd

round Turnberry, 1986; Paul Broadhurst, 3rd round St. Andrews, 1990; Jodie Mudd, 4th round Royal Birkdale, 1991; Nick Faldo, 2nd round and Payne Stewart, 4th round Royal St George's, 1993

#### **Players to Win Open in Three Decades**

- Harry Vardon, 1896, 1903, 1911
- J.H. Taylor, 1894, 1900, 1913
- Gary Player, 1959, 1968, 1974

#### **Most Years Between First and Last Wins**

- 19 years, J.H Taylor, 1894 – 1913
- 18 years, Harry Vardon, 1896 – 1914

#### **Most Career Rounds in the 60s**

- 33 - Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo
- 27 - Tom Watson
- 23 - Greg Norman