



Captain & President Newsletter June 2005



Captain – Brian Pross

Hi Everyone,

Doesn't the time fly, it is hard to believe that 6 months have passed since I took on the Captains role. I fully believe this has happened because of the commitment of my committee (Thanks Guys & Girls !!) It also must be mentioned how great you the members have been in your attitude, in helping promote an excellent environment & comradeship, whether it be playing or contributing in many ways towards the enhancement of our club.

We have had a fairly trying time what with trees falling and the flooding of the ladies change rooms and the entrance area. Thanks to John, Pat, Callum & staff in the cleanup efforts, great job. We have formulated a drainage plan to overcome the flooding and hope to start stage 1 in the near future. This may cause some minor inconvenience at odd times, so please help by avoiding areas in question when we commence. Lets not forget what we are here for and that's to play golf on a great course.

The month of May kicked off with a great event, the Busselton Toyota Ambrose, a huge field 39 teams competed on the day and all teams finished before dark, so well done by all in keeping the field moving. The winners with a great score of 61 - 9⁵/₈ - 51³/₈ were Mike Ashbolt, Eddie King, Don Harrington and Pete Kurman, closely followed by John Dawson, Luke Kennedy, John Schuts and Barry Payne with 61 - 7⁷/₈ - 53¹/₈. Thanks again to Busselton Toyota namely Laurie, Libby & staff for a great day.



VETS - held their annual Championship during the month and once again the old saying came into vogue (the cream always comes to the top !!) with one of our previous club champions winning the event with a great score of 40, 41 = 81, that being Brian Denny. Other great scores also included 79 – Rod Davis & Theo Hempel the latter being runner-up on a countback. Rod won day 1 with 43 pts and Neil Kosovich won Day2 with 40 pts. The event was sponsored by Ross Waring, Ernie Cockle and David Farquhar, thanks guys.

Other Vets Events for the month were – 3/5 George Doust Trophy – Bill Cunningham 66 net, 24/5 Bill Austin Trophy – Dave Parrot 38 pts (Geoff Millar had 39 pts ineligible being a junior)

SCROUNGERS – as usual have been drawing good fields (except for 10/5 when only 100 played, this being because a group of Great White Hunters went on a drinking excursion, guys do you think the wives bought the fishing story !!!).

Some very good scores are taking home the bootie, best for the month being Ed Capel from Bunbury with 45 pts on the 5/5 winning the Busselton Florist Trophy. Other good scores for the month were; 12/5 BSN Mowerworld Trophy – Gary Domenay 44 pts, 19/5 Sports Power Trophy – Ross Waring 40 pts, 26/5 Flynn's Smash Repairs Trophy – Peter Rickard 42 pts

SATURDAY – events are also attracting reasonable fields, culminating in the final event for the month, the Willow Bridge Monthly Mug & Goblet. Winning this event with a great score of 73 – 68 was Dave Basten (also won the Gross). Tony White was runner-up on a countback for the nett on the same score.

Other scores for the month were – 7/5 Club Trophy – C. Lanbrene +7, Midge Reynolds +2, 14/5 Ladies – Marian Fraser 34 pts.

JUNIORS – are starting to perform well in most events, the best being Kale Potter with an excellent score of 47 pts. Kales mother Tracey was elated with the great voucher to a restaurant courtesy of Bignell Real estate. Also starting to show the benefits of Alan, Brian & helpers Junior coaching is Nikki Powell who won the Willow Bridge Goblet with a fine score of 67 nett. (sorry about the mixup Maureen who was runner-up with 71 nett)

SPECIAL EVENTS - the first weekend in June sees the visit by Royal Fremantle members. One notable absentee will be Jeff Smith who has been coming to the event for the last 40 years. Friday sees a 18 hole PAR for the Captain & Managers (John & Pat) Mug, Saturday is a 18 hole stableford event for the Vasse Bar Café & Busselton Cellars Trophy. Sunday is a 27 hole 4BBB comp playing for Ross Dunne Meanswear Trophies. Thanks Ross for your long association with this event, it is greatly appreciated. Fremantle has a large contingent coming, so let's get behind the weekend and make it a bumper time for all.

Good golfing everyone, I have been promised that everyone has a good score at least once a year, so let's keep trying, June might be the time.

LADIES NOTES (by Captain Helen Rigoll)

The month of May has been very busy but very successful for Busselton Ladies Golf. We hosted the South West District Ladies Foursomes Championship, 77 pairs enjoyed good weather and a beautiful course. Local girls were successful with Denise O'Keefe pairing with Jan Johnston of Dunsborough Lakes to take out the title. Josie Lacava and Beryl Russell were the Bronze Division winners with Marg Denton and Gwen Nisbett runners up.

Congratulations to all the winners over the weekend, also my thanks to Mal Rigoll, Peter Leaney and Bill Davis for their help. Also thanks to Callum and his crew for getting the course so good after all that rain.

Sharon Koch has been in outstanding form this month with +7 and a 69 nett. Marg Parrott with 40 pts and Helen Rigoll with 66 nett were the other winners. Some very good golf has been played, with only one Wed washed out. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Open Day on the 20th, but will have a guest day later in the year. In June we have The Club Foursomes Championship. Pennants are in full swing with our teams having limited success.

COUNTRY VETS (by Alan Hough)



28 Busselton vets attended the CVGA event at Dunsborough Lakes course on Tuesday May 3rd when a field of about 130 members competed in excellent conditions.

The usual large number of balls were lost in the many waterways of this course but despite this factor many good scores eventuated. For the second year in a row, Murray KLUMP of Harvey was the winner with 41 Stableford points, closely followed by Len MAKIN of Pinjarra on 40 points.

Other good scores were Ron ADAMS, Pinjarra, Peter MULLINGER, Harvey, George TKACHANKO, Harvey, and Eddie WEST of Busselton all on 39 points. Alan HOUGH 38 points and Eric CRIDDLE 37 points were the best of the rest of the Busselton members.

The following event at Donnybrook on Tuesday May 24 was also well attended with 176 nominations forcing the organisers to require several of the larger clubs, including Busselton, to delete a number of starters. This enabled the field to be trimmed to 162 with late withdrawals cutting the final field to 149 starters.

Fine weather prevailed which should have created excellent golf except for some over grassed fairways and unforgiving rough which caused some fruitless searches for lost balls.

The lowest handicap golfer from Busselton managed to lose two balls on his very first hole he played, but still managed to carry on smiling to a somewhat below average score.

The winner on the day was Bill BIELBY of Sanctuary with 42 points on a count back from Cec HOLMAN of Harvey, Fred Browickus of Collie followed with 41 points. All on 40 points were Rob PRENTICE, Dunsborough Country Club, Niel LADHAMS and George TKACHANKO, both of Harvey while Roy CASEY of Bunbury followed with 39 pts.

Best of the Busselton Players was Brian BRODY, back from an enforced ill health rest, with 38 points, together with a large group of other players.

At both of these events it was again highlighted that little respect is being given to the organisers in that many members were failing to notify the host Club or their delegates of their intentions not to attend, or even in some instances of turning up without firstly nominating.

The Association is anxious for these persons to be placed first on a list if balloting out has to be enforced, so all members please note.