



Captain & President Newsletter June 2006



BUSSELTON
GOLF CLUB

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Notice To All Members

The Committee of Busselton Golf Club has been interviewing candidates for position of Executive Officer BGC over the last month. Unfortunately, despite a quality field of applicants, we have been unable to secure an appointment at this time. Your Committee continues to pursue a replacement for John Anderson, however in meantime will rely on the talents of Sonya Yoxall, our Assistant Manager, with the support of Board Members, to ensure the Club continues to operate smoothly until an appointment is made. This will be done as soon as possible.

Any Members who feel they can be of any assistance at this time should contact any of the Board Members below or let Sonia know. (Kieran Ryan Vice President on behalf of the Board Mal Sanderson, Margaret Hogan, Wayne Royer, Brian Pross, Doug Rowe, Mal Riggoll, and Jim Fleming). (** See details of John Anderson's farewell at end of newsletter !!)



Captain – Brian Pross

Hi Everyone,

As mentioned in the last newsletter I have been away for most of May in China, while there I went and looked at a golf course called Tomson Course. It didn't look in as good condition as ours and for this reason I didn't bother to have a game. (Oh did I forget to mention it would have cost me approx \$1000 AUS to hire a buggy, clubs, shoes and play 18 holes, lucky the course was in poor condition).

A big thanks to Mal and all the match committee for manning the fort in my absence, while on match a mention must be made of the great work of Tony Copeland who is doing the handicapping since John & Pat retired. This is greatly appreciated by all members of match and I am sure all members in general. A club cannot function without handicapping, so we need further assistance in this area, any member interested please contact me, Mal or Sonya.

During the previous months we had two very worthy ambrose events played. Firstly the Hospice day, run by Roy Weston & AMP. This event result in an absolutely outstanding amount of \$37,000 being raised for the Busselton Hospice. This figure included two anonymous donations of \$10,000, \$8500 raised by the golf day and auctions after plus a matching amount from AMP. A big thankyou should go to the Trotts, Big Al, Neil Honey and all other Roy Weston members who helped, plus AMP, Mike Kearney, Glen Patterson and all donors of trophies and auction items.

The winners were Peter Snook's team, runners up were AMP Bunbury, with Fennessy Holden third. Snooky must have thought these ambrose events were a good idea, so he and the super rules footballers ran one in the aid of the Freemasons dialysis machine appeal. This also turned out to be a great event with a maximum field of 36 teams. A big thankyou to Peter and his helpers plus all the donors of trophies and auction items. It appears from the size of bar takings a few sore heads were the order of the next day. The takings were in no way hindered by the great salesmanship of our on course barmen, Sir George & Pommy Jim, thanks fella's.

The winners on the day were Chris Hamilton, Andrew Leaney, Brad Price and Peter Rickard with 56 ^{1/8}, runners up Ron MacDonald, Chas Lambrede, John & Luke McCauley 56 ^{1/4}, third Jeff Trott, Dave Basten, Kim Sparkes, Paul Jenning 56 ^{7/8}.



**Golf requires practice, practice, practice,
... and a cold beer once in a while !**

Other results for the month were;

Saturday Events Sponsors Winners:

Women

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| 6/5 | Club | L Bradock 37 pts |
| 13/5 | Club | Dot Marsh 35 pts |
| 20/5 | Club | Colleen Morris 38 pts |
| 27/5 | Willow Bridge Monthly Goblet | Karen Apps 74 nett |

Saturday Men

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| 6/5 | Club | Tony White 42 pts |
| 13/5 | Club | Matt Henderson 47 pts |
| 20/5 | Food Lovers Cnr Ismail | John Richardson 40 pts |
| 27/5 | Willow Bridge Monthly Goblet | Rob Seia 68 nett |

Scroungers

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| 4/5 | BSN Mower World | Alan Blackford 43 pts |
| 11/5 | Club | Ken McCleay 44 pts |
| 18/5 | Sports Power | Anders Hammerstrom 46 pts |
| 25/5 | Westpac Financial Services | Alan Hough 40 pts |

Vets

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| 2/5 | George Doust | Ern Cockle 68 nett |
| 9/5 | Vets Championship R1 | Peter Huitson 44-36 = 80 pts. |
| 16/5 | Vets Championship R2 | R/U Charlie Broadbent 77 pts 1 st Day G.Dewar 40 pts |
| 23/5 | Bill Austin | Eric Criddle 41 pts |
| 30/5 | Greg Dudley | Theo Hampl 40 pts |



The Nivea Trophy Winner for May kindly donated by Lance Falconer-Clerk was won by Ross Waring for the months scroungers events. Thanks Lance.

Royal Fremantle Visit

This weekend we have the annual Royal Fremantle Gold Club visit, a big welcome is extended to them all and we will endeavor to make their weekend very pleasurable.

Friday is the Captains Mug, 18 hole stableford, Saturday we have the Vasse Bar & Café & BSN Cellars 18 hole stableford. Sunday is the 27 hole Par 4BBB for Ross Denny's Menwear trophies, which are always a great assortment of menswear. (thanks Ross & Sue). The usual concept for th event is if possible a team member from either club, so BSN members please make an effort to team up with a Freo member. See me or Brian Williams to makeup a team. We play 9 holes in the morning followed by lunch & 18 holes in the afternoon.

The entry fee is \$15 which includes the lunch and with Joy catering we will be well fed that's for sure.

Coming Events

One of our honourboard events begins on Sat 10th June and finishes on the following Sat the 17th. This being the Captains Trophy, so lets make the field a bumper one.

We also start the Scroungers Winter Classic on the 1st June, the format is 36 holes 4BBB Stableford with the 2nd 18 holes to be completed on the 8th June. So get in quick and arrange that winning partner. The event

is sponsored by Statewide Oil & Mobil Lubricants plus BSN Mechanical & Radiator Centre, thanks to Mick Demeo.

LADIES GOLF NOTES – Captain Helen Rigoll

May as seen some beautiful weather and a wonderful course, but very disappointing fields.

3rd May Stableford Compass Ford and Barefoot Books Trophies. Winner Beryl Russell 37 points on a countback from Helen Rigoll. Other good scores were: Ruth Guest 36 points Jan Finlay 36 and Trish Hancock 36.

Our Foursomes Championships sponsored by Eziway Store Bayside (Marion Fraser) and Roy Weston Real Estate.

Champions Mavis Gray and Sharon Koch $84 + 79 = 163$
Runners Up: Raelen Basten and Pauline Bignell $84 + 91 = 175$
Nett Champions Pat Robinson and Jan Coldan $72 + 76 = 148$
Runners Up: Meg Herbert and Lainie Pettit $81 + 70 = 151$
Gross Day 1 Jan Espinos and Val Johnstone 96
Gross Day 2 Marg Hogan and Judy Frimston 92
Nett Day 1 Jan Mountney and Josie La Cava 75
Nett Day 2 Julie Guthrie and Lila Kershaw 70
31 Pairs was our best field for a long time.

24th May Presidents Trophy (Wendy Gulberti) and Val Johnston Trophy.
Stroke-Putting-2nd Silver Spoon and 2nd Int. Bowl

Winner Beryl Russell 70 Nett
Runner Up Colleen Morris 71 Nett
Best Gross Jan Espinos 89
Best Putting Jan Espinos 28

Our Two Pennant Teams have started their Competition. A Reserve have only played one game and won 4 and 1 B Grade have played 3 matches Won 1 and Lost 2

Country Vets – Alan Hough

The month of May saw two CVGA events held, being Dunsborough Lakes on the 2nd and Donnybrook on the 23rd, with both events being over subscribed with nominations.

Instead of allowing natural withdrawals, the organisers brought early balloting in which resulted in a final field of less than the recommended number.

The Dunsborough Lakes event was won by Geoff SCOTT of Harvey on 42 points, followed by fellow Club member, Murray KLUMP, on 41 points, with no Busselton players able to shine.

Despite dire weather predictions, the Donnybrook event was held in good conditions with a field of 144.

Local member Doug HARTNETT on 43 points was a winner, but Busselton players showed their ability with Ted WILSON runner up on 42 points and Henry WRIGHT having a share of 3rd place with 41 points.

There are two events listed for June with Balingup host on the 14th, followed by Greenbushes on their delightful grass green course on the 30th.

Course Superintendents Report

Due to the continuous fine autumn weather we've received the seed has germinated in the nursery. It will get its first dose of fertiliser within a fortnight and be getting mown before the end of June. The area surrounding the nursery will be oversown with rye grass during winter. The area has been sprayed with a residual turf herbicide to reduce the amount of couch regrowth in the area. A reseeding buffer of about 4-5 weeks depending on rainfall is necessary.

If you are wondering why we haven't filled in around the valve? We have been waiting on Eric D to deliver some irrigation wire, he forgot on his last trip but should have it here on Thursday so we can finish it off. The fertiliser we applied to the fairways has improved their colour and increased growth slightly, this application will hopefully hold off the couch winter dormancey for a few more weeks.

The three phase power which runs the bore pump was damaged near the turbine opposite the tenth tee. An earth leakage occurred causing some exciting fireworks, Ian Mazure came and fixed it and we have housed the electrics in a steel pipe for protection.

Cows got into the course on Sunday 23rd April, it took 4 blokes 1 hour to repair the damage using dinner forks. John has collated some information from Geo Catch on fencing rebates. Geo Catch is also going to lean on Robby Wilmott for some improvements to his fences.

I am presently compiling an Operation and maintenance manual for our effluent usage a draft will be presented to the board in the coming weeks. I am combining it with a training record sheet for effluent usage as well as an induction program for staff and others who come in contact with it.

Due to a persistent hydraulic fault on our fairway mower (Toro 6500D) we have purchased a new motor which runs one of the cutting units.

In the second week of May we edged all the bunkers and tidied up the gardens, there is more work to be done in the gardens tomorrow.

The death on the 11th, 16th greens is due to residual herbicide used in the bunkers for weed control. Someone has taken a lot of sand and it has killed where it landed. These patches will be turned in and grow out quite quickly. Des selectively sprayed 2.5Ha of Guildford grass yesterday. The product is systemic and also destroys the conns below the soil reducing the seed bank considerably.

I would like to thank Justin Bell for his help with burning off recently especially on Friday last week when a golfer lit up some bush on number 7. He and my boys did a good job getting it under control without me.

Golf Joke

It was a sunny Saturday morning, and Mike was beginning his pre-shot routine, visualizing his upcoming shot when a voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker - "Would the gentleman on the Ladies tee please back up to the men's tee, please!"

Mike was still deep in his routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement - "Would the man on the women's tee kindly back up the men's tee!" Mike had had enough.

He shouted, "Would the announcer in the clubhouse kindly shut up and let me play my second shot!"

Farewell to John Anderson

**I would like to invite all members of the
Busselton Golf Club to a belated farewell for our long serving
Executive Officer.**

**The function will be held at the club on Monday June 12th commencing at
6.30pm and finishing up at 8.30pm. Beer and wine will be served along with
some light food snacks.**

**This is your chance to formally farewell John and say thanks for his
contribution in making the club what it is today.**