



NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2009

Changes around the Course

You will shortly see some more changes around the course. Firstly, we are about to lose our Course Superintendent, **Callum Hitching**. Unfortunately, after nine years employed by the Club, Callum has decided on a career change and will be leaving us mid August. On behalf of all the Members we say thank you Callum for a job really well done and we wish you all the very best in your new career. It goes without saying we hope to see you continue as an active golfer and Member.

The Board has advertised for a replacement for Callum and we hope to make an appointment before the end of August.

The course staff have taken delivery of a **new bunker rake**. This new machine will help resolve the difficulties we have experienced trying to present the bunkers in a high standard. The purchase of this new machine was made possible by Ray Horton's decision to pay his subscriptions 20 years in advance. We thank Ray for his generous support. Ray was one of the first to get aboard the machine but unfortunately he couldn't reach the peddles. Anyway, he reckons it does the job.

Very soon the course staff will take delivery of a **new tractor**. The Board has decided to buy a new New Holland tractor from Busselton Machinery (Brian Chatfield). The new tractor will replace the existing machine which will be retired after many many years of good service.

Online Entries to Competitions

Members will have received notification that online entry to competitions will shortly be available. The online service will commence on the 10th August to enable you to book a timeslot for the competition on Tuesday 1st September. Touch-screen 'Kiosk' facilities will be available in both the Golf Shop and the Clubhouse.

Guidelines for entering competitions from your computer at home are now on the Club's website. Guidelines for operating the touch-screen Kiosk facilities are provided with each facility.

We do not expect everything to be plain sailing. Like all new services it is most likely that some teething problems will occur so please be patient and understanding.

It is important to note that while you will be able to enter the competitions online, you will still need to report to the Golf Shop on the day of the competition to register and pay the competition fee.

Please remember the staff will be available to help you through the process.

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WWW.BUSSELTONGOLFCLUB.COM.AU

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'MEMBER LOGIN' SECTION.

Golf and the Australian Economy

In 2006 the PGA commissioned Ernst & Young to prepare a report on the economic value of the Australian Golf industry. The report based on data for 2004, found that the Australian Golf industry:

- has an annual economic value to the Australian Gross Domestic Product of \$2.7 billion and is by far the greatest sport industry contributor to the Australian economy; and
- directly employs over 23000 people with many thousands more employed in industries that have an association with golf.

Water Corporation Loan

The Club is required to repay a loan of \$580,000 from the Water Corporation in May 2013. As at the 1st October 2008 the Club had put aside \$82,780 in a reserve fund for the repayment of this loan. Late last year the Board increased ordinary membership fees by \$50 for 2009/10 and increased competition entry fees from \$6 to \$8 with these increased fees being earmarked to go towards repaying the loan. As a result of these increased fees, the Club, as at the end of July now has \$167,683 put aside to repay the loan.

Harcourts Busselton West Coast Open

The Club is now accepting entries to the 2009 Harcourts Busselton West Coast Open to be played over the long weekend of the 26th to 28th September with an ambrose competition on Friday the 25th September. Last year we had a waiting list of entrants wanting to play in this competition and many had to miss out. If you are wanting to play in this years' West Coast Open please do not delay making your entry.

Seven Tips to Speed Up Play

How often do you stand on the fairway watching the group in front of you agonise over every putt, every blade of grass, every subtle nuance of the green while also gauging the wind direction, relative humidity and the Earth's specific relative angular momentum to the sun. Do you wonder whether they are playing for stakes so high that John Daly would say "Uh, whoa there....too rich for me."

Is the game of golf getting longer to play? Should 9 holes become the norm? Perhaps we need to change the players and not the format.

With this introduction, here are some gentle reminders about some of the game-speeding rules of course etiquette:

Watch your ball until it stops After every shot, keep your eye on the ball until it comes to rest. If it has wandered into the bush, get a clear sight onto a marker or reference point near it..a tree, bush...anything. If in doubt, play a provisional. Resist the urge to say "Nah, we'll probably find it."

If it's Lost, its Lost When your 5 minutes is up, it's up. Declare it's lost and move on.

Always think Ahead As you approach the green, park your buggy between the hole and the next tee so you can clear the green quickly. Don't loiter around the green discussing the scores...record your scores at the next tee.

Be Prepared Start preparing for your next shot while you are walking to your ball. Read the break, check the wind, estimate the distance and do your pre-shot routine ahead of time so that when it is your turn you are ready to go.

Go Directly to Your Ball Avoid travelling from one ball to the next unless helping to search for a lost ball.

Take Multiple Clubs If you need to leave your buggy from where your ball is positioned, take a couple of clubs with you. This will avoid you having to go back and forth in case of indecision.

Watch the Groups Around You If the group in front of you is more than one shot ahead (that is they are on the green of a par 4 before you even tee off) you need to speed it up. Conversely, if there is no one ahead of you but the group behind is constantly waiting to hit, either let them play through or pick up the pace.

The game that we all love....the game we turn to for a bit of relaxation and thought clearing meditation should not be a nerve-wracking, blood pressure raising, mind scrambling cacophony of hurry-up-and-wait.

Coming Events

HOLDEN SCRAMBLE – Sunday 9th August.

LADIES OPEN DAY – Friday 14th August

CAPE CRUISADER CHARTERS MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP – Round 1 Saturday 15th August, Round 2 Saturday 22nd August. First round matchplay Saturday 29th July and Second round matchplay Sunday 30th August

WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – 1st Round Wednesday 16th September, 2nd Round Friday 18th September. First round matchplay Monday 21st September and Final round matchplay Wednesday 23rd September.

HARCOURTS BUSSELTON WEST COAST OPEN – Ambrose Friday 25th September, Open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 26th-28th September.

Golf Results

- Ladies 1st July – **Margaret Parrott and Helen Flynn Trophies** – Winner Sheryl Hunter 40 points, runner-up Jan Mountney 39 points.
- Scroungers 2nd July – **The Goose Restaurant Trophy** – Winner Cliff Silke 42 points, runner-up (**DBC Meat Voucher**) Nigel Hampson 39 points.
- Saturday 4th July – **Caravan Doctor Trophy** – Winner Glen Tillotson 42 points, runner-up Ashley Grocock 41 points.
- Sunday 5th July – **Peter Newman Turf Management** – Winner John Greenfield 36 points, runner-up Boyd Spicer 36 points.
- Vets 7th July – **David Greig & Henry Wright Trophy** – Winners Ray and John Morgan 46 points, runner-up Gareth Elliot and Ronald MacDonald 45 points.
- Ladies 8th July – **Old Cheddar Cheese Company** – Winner Jodie Espinos 72, runner-up Jan Mountney 73.
- Scroungers 9th July – **Dave Holden Builder** – Winner Kim Espinos 37 points, runner-up (**DBC Meat Voucher**) Greg Carr 37 points.
- Saturday 11th July – **President's Trophy** – Men Winner Jez Emms 64, runner-up Terry Alder 68, Ladies Winner Mavis Gray 75, Keeren Apps 77.
- Mixed Fours Championship 12th July – **Fenessys Holden and Nissan** – Winners Mavis Gray & Glen Tillotson 118, runner-up Jodie Espinos and Kim Espinos 129.
- Vets 14th July – **Kerry Stewart Trophy** – Winner Neil Kosovich 39 points, runner-up Kel Hebbard (visitor) 38 points.
- Scroungers 16th July – **McDonalds** – Winner Tony Strang 41 points, runner-up (**DBC Meat Voucher**) Kief Fredericks 41 points.
- Saturday 18th July – **The Saw Doctor** – Winners Brett Moon and Laslo Stojanovski 61, runner-up Laurie Cransberg and John Johnson 62.
- Sunday Ambrose – **Luke McCauley's Solargain** – Winners Paul Perrott, Sharon Perrott, John Gardiner and Gavin Birmingham 51.5, runners-up Chris Hamilton, Darryl Nichols, Mike Ferrero and Callum Hitching.
- Vets 21st July – **Bob Norman Trophy** – Winner John Morgan 40 points, runner-up Bill Hilbert 39 points.
- Ladies 22nd July – **Inkas and BG's Fruit & Vegie** – Winner Denise Davies +3, runner-up Keeren Apps +2.
- Scroungers 23rd July – **The Golf Box** – Winner Neil Donaldson 45 points, runner-up (**DBC Meat Voucher**) Jeffery Ian Trott 41 points.
- Saturday 25th July – **Willow Bridge Wines** – Monthly Mug Charlie Landrebe 65, Monthly Goblet Kate Martin.

- Sunday 26th July – **A1 Bob Cats** – Winner Dale & John Morgan 42 points, runners-up David & Margaret Parrott 41 points.
- Vets 28th July – **Brian Brody Trophy** – Winner John Morgan 40 points, runner-up Peter Johnson 40 points.

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MONTHLY GOLF ROUND-UP

The last month witnessed two honour board events. The President's Trophy was won by Jez Emms from Terry Alder. This was followed by the mixed fours Championship sponsored by one of the Club's strong supporters in Fenessys Holden and Nissan (Ray and Jan Mountney). Teaming together were our Club Champions Mavis Gray and Glen Tillotson so it was no surprise to see them win the event by quite a healthy margin. Runners up were Kim and Jodie Espinos. Congratulations go out to these honour board event winners.

August will see the running of two feature events in the Holden Scramble on Sunday 9th and the main honour board event for the men, the Men's Championships. The Championships will be split into 3 divisions giving all players a chance of winning. The Championships start on Saturday 15th so please get your name in early.

Brian Pross
Captain

JUNIOR PROGRAMME

The 2009 Junior golf program is going along nicely. The new "Tiger Golf" is proving very popular and the participants should shortly be allocated handicaps. Professional Golfer, Rob Farley, held another successful coaching clinic with the juniors. He will make another visit during August/September (date to be finalised). Greg Carr and Dave Holden are doing a great job with the juniors but they would like some help on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please contact Greg or Dave.

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