



NEWSLETTER – October 2009

The champions

The Club Championships for 2009 have been decided. Congratulations to our new men's champion Michael Hake and our ladies champion Sharon Koch. Both Michael and Sharon played some great golf to come out on top through the qualifying and decider rounds

The runner-up to Sharon was Pauline Bignall. Winner of the B Grade was Helen Criddle from Belinda Grant while the winner of the C Grade was Marion Mezger from Marguerite Johnston. Congratulations to the ladies grade winners and all the starters that helped make the championship rounds so competitive.

Runner-up to Michael Hake in the men's championships was Paul Perrot. A Grade winner was Ashley Leaney from Charlie Landrebe. The B Grade winner was John Milligan from Anders Hammerstrom while the B Grade plate winner was John Gardiner from Garry Sukroo. Winner of the C Grade was Tony Christie and the runner-up was Chief Fredericks.

Online Entries to Competitions

The online entry to competitions is now up and running. Teething problems have been few and far between. Our biggest problems occurred when the Club's computer system was down (half a day) and when our broadband service was out (2 days). We need to acknowledge that these 'breakdowns' will occur from time to time and there is nought we can do about it.

Overall, members have embraced the online entry facility probably far better than what we expected. Feedback indicates that generally, members were initially apprehensive but when they tried it out they have found it is really quite easy.

For those that have not yet used the online entry, please remember the staff are available to help you through the process.

As at the end of September, 272 members had registered to use the Club's Member Login service. Three (3) members had logged on more than 200 times while 10 had logged on more than 100 times. 65 members have logged on more than 20 times. These statistics clearly show the website service is getting a lot of use.

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'MEMBER LOGIN' SECTION.**

Annual General Meeting

Please be advised the Annual General Meeting of Members will be held in the Clubhouse at 7pm on Tuesday 24th November 2009. Please take a note of the date in your diary.

Nominations will shortly be sought for the following positions:

- Director of Match (Captain) 2 year term
- Deputy Director of Match (Vice Captain) 2 year term
- Director of Finance 2 year term
- Director of Marketing (House) 2 year term

Fees and Charges

The Board will propose to the Annual General Meeting that the ordinary membership fee for 2010-2011 be increased by \$24 or 3.6%. The membership fees for other categories will be proposed to be increased by approximately the same per cent. Whilst the Club's finances are very strong, the Board considers it is necessary to increase fees annually, even if by only a small amount, in order to meet the ever increasing cost to operate the Golf Club and maintain the course.

The Board has also increased the following charges:

- Annual rental of motorised cart bay in storage shed from \$160 to \$170.
- Electricity charge for motorised cart bay from \$24 to \$32.
- Annual rental for storage bay in buggy room from \$63 to \$68.

A new green fee charge has been introduced to encourage the public to play 9 holes of golf on a Monday while the course is not heavily used for competitions. A charge of \$10 for 9 holes will apply on Monday only. The 9 hole fee for other days is \$22.50.

Use of Treated Effluent

The Club has been paying approximately \$630 per year for a licence from the Department of Environment and Conservation to operate the system utilising the treated effluent from the Water Corporation. The Dept. has advised that it is now necessary to include the volume of discharge of phosphorus, nitrogen, dissolved solids and suspended solids into the ground in order to calculate the licence fee. When applying these discharges, the annual licence fee rockets to approximately \$7200 per annum. The Club can apply to have the fee reduced or waived but we need to demonstrate the discharges are harmless. Needless to say a submission to the Dept. is being prepared.

Stay Smart Online

Stay Smart Online is an Australian Government website which encourages home users and small businesses to adopt smart e-security practices and behaviours.

It offers a free subscription to the Stay Smart Online Alert Service which provides information about e-security threats and possible solutions. The small business self-assessment tool is designed as a guide to provide your business with appropriate measures to improve your online security. Check it out: www.staysmartonline.gov.au.

Is this you?

“My favourite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered.”

Willow Bridge Monthly Mug and Goblet

Congratulations to Bevan Huitson for winning the Willow Bridge Monthly Mug with an outstanding score of 64 nett. Runner-up, also with an outstanding score was Nick Hartwell on 65 nett.

Congratulations also to Margaret Hitching on her winning the Willow Bridge Monthly Goblet with a score of 73 nett. Runner-up to Margaret was Lois Butcher with a score of 74 nett.

Coming Events

AUSTRALIA CLUB AMBROSE Saturday 3rd October

HEALTH STUDY CHARITY GOLF DAY Friday 9th October

PATRON'S TROPHY Sunday 18th October

MIXED CLOSING DAY Sunday 1st November

2009 HARCOURTS WEST COAST OPEN

To Neil Honey, Jeff and Keven Trott and Alan Pascal, and all at Harcourts Busselton, the Club says thank you for your generous support of the Golf Club and in particular the sponsorship of the West Coast Open.

Amateur golfers from around the State flocked to our course over the long weekend to compete in the 2009 Harcourts Busselton West Coast Open. A full field of 240 starters hit off in the blue ribbon 54 hole stroke event.

The 2009 West Coast Open Champion is 18 year old Kerrod Gray from the Joondalup Golf Club with a gross score of 218. Runner-up was Paul Fenton from Royal Fremantle with a score of 223. Third in the event was Kyle Pearce from Joondalup with a score of 225. The winner of the best nett over the 54 holes was local product Vinnie Sanderson now playing with the Nedlands Club with a score of 208.

The West Coast Open is a qualifying event for the Paxton averages which is a scheme designed to assist in the ranking of amateur golfers in their quest to qualify for State selection. As a consequence, most of the top amateurs in WA enter the competition.

Many amateur golfers that have played and won the West Coast Open have gone on to make a name for themselves in the golfing world. One of those was Busselton product Stephen Leaney who went on to win many major golf tournaments and was runner-up in the 2003 US Open. Other well known winners of the event include Lindsay Stephens, Terry Gale and Graham Marsh.

The weekend got off to a great start when 39 teams competed in the Ambrose competition. The winners of this event were Lou Lombardi, Paul Crolla, Brendan Nazar and Vinnie Santostefano with a nett score of 54.875. They won the event from local golfers Laurie Saltarini, Paul Francis, Peter Snook and Murray Halliburton with a score of 55. Third place getters were also local golfers Alan Pascall, Trevor Espinos, Neville Kelly and Phil Harris with a score of 55.375. Local golfer Peter Snook had a hole in one on the 17th.

Busselton really turned on the weather for the four days and even a fresh breeze and a threat of showers on the last day could not dampen the enthusiasm of the golfers.

Day one of the Open event saw three players all sharing the lead with a gross score of 71. They were Vinnie Sanderson (Nedlands), Kerrod Gray (Joondalup) and Ryan Peake (Lakelands). After day two, Kerrod Gray was the outright leader after he fired in another 71 gross. Kerrod finished with a 76 gross on day 3.

The best veteran and best junior awards all went to Busselton golfers. Tony Haabjoern (nett 216) won the best veteran from Greg Jacobs (nett 225) while Kallan McElroy won the best junior golfer with a nett score of 214.

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