



Captain & President Newsletter October 2005



BUSSELTON
GOLF CLUB



Captain – Brian Pross

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Hi Everyone,

What a hectic month we have had, starting with the Womens Championships commencing on the 31st Aug and finishing on the 7th Sept. (see Captain Helens notes for results).

The Mens Championships started on the 11-12th Sept with rounds 3-4 finalized on the 17-18th Sept. Glen Tillotson paved the way for a great win with 2 great rounds on the 1st weekend (67/68 Gross). The following weekend was just a walk in the park for Glen who still shot good scores of (72/72 Gross) for a total of 279 Gross. Jye Curnock must have wondered what you have to do to win as his score of 294 would have won most times.

Winning the nett was Steve Lewis (288) followed by Dave Basten after a countback. Other winners were A Grade Gross D Hulm 324, B Grade Gross G Domeney 344, C Grade Gross G. Owens, A Grade Nett R Mathews 293 B Grade Nett T Copeland 294 C Grade Nett P Fullarton 317. M Hake won the Junior Championship.

Glen Tillotson also won the Presidents Trophy with a great nett score of 275, this was run in conjunction with the Championship. Also run on the 3rd day 17th Sept was the Willow Bridge Monthly Mug, the winner being Terry Hickling with 66 Nett.

The following weekend saw the running of the Hahn Golf West Coast Open. One hundred and fifty six started in Friday's preliminary event, the Hahn Golf West Coast Ambrose. Mick Demeo, Glen Wardley, Wayne Fitzgerald and Glenn Tillotson, representing South West Suspensions and ORE had a comfortable victory with 53 5/8.

The main event the West Coast Open finished with a thrilling 3 way playoff. Brody Ninyette finished 3rd after losing on the 1st hole. Nick Price from Mandurah won the event after beating Michael Foster from Hartfield on the 2nd hole. All finished with 216 Gross.

Dawson Huning from Royal Perth won the Nett with 209 from James Carr 212. Other local winners were Round 1 Trevor McKenzie 68 with M. Hake 3rd round 70. Rick Smith was 3rd on day 2 with nett 70.

Thanks must go to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly over the 4 days. Special thanks to John & Pat Anderson, Brian Williams, Jack Guthrie and President Mal Sanderson. Our behind the scenes co-ordinator once again did a fabulous job, well done Brian Vander Hock. Brian is shifting to Mandurah shortly and his position at the West Coast is going to be a very hard act to follow. From all the members and committee of the Busselton Golf Club, we wish you and your wife all the best in your new venture.



"Due to corporate cutbacks, we're all going to have to sacrifice. Which is why I'm only playing 9 holes today."

Other Monthly winners were;

*Vets : 6/9 Geoff Millar Trophy – T. Harbjoern 38 13/9 Evan McPherson Trophy – K. Rainbird 67
20/9 A Sweeting & J Ten Seldan 4BBB Trophy – J. Reed & P. Fullarton 47.*

*Sat : Men 3/9 Hobsons Dept Store Trophy C. Lambrede 39
Women 10/9 D. Evdakimos 37 17/9 Willow Bridge Goblet D. Marsh 75*

*Scroungers: 1/9 Busselton Salvage Trophy D. Basten 41 8/9 Busselton Cellars Trophy P. Maccora 43
15/9 Rental Choice Trophy N. Yoxall 41 22/9 Wizard Home Loans Trophy N. Kelly 40
29/9 Busselton Linen Service Trophy R. Nuttall 40*

This Saturday 1st October sees the visiting players from the Australia Club playing with our members. We wish them a hearty welcome and hope they enjoy themselves. (Sorry about the sanded greens !!)

Coming events for October include the Harvey & Partners Ambrose on the 16th. The Patrons Trophy Canadian Mixed 4's 23rd. Then on the weekend of 5-6th November we have the Bunnings Warehouse Leaney Cup. This looks like having great field so if you intend on playing get your entries in quickly.

Once again we had a great turnout for the coring of the greens. I am sure Callum & Doug would be ecstatic with the help by volunteers, thanks to all that turned out on the day.

Great golfing.

Country Vets – Alan Hough

80 Country Vets gathered the Dunsborough Country Club on Friday September 2nd for a very pleasant day on a well prepared course in good weather conditions.

The days winner was Dunsborough local, Brian Appleyard with 43 points closely followed by Murray Klump of Harvey and Geoff Crowe of Collie, both on 42 points. Harry Griffith of Dunsborough and Arthur Holland of Harvey were next in line with 41 points. Best of the small Busselton contingent was Alan Hough on 36 points and 2 NTPs.

Manjimup hosted the next well attended event on Wednesday September 21st and again the course was presented in top condition although reading their interesting greens which were hard to follow as what was in store for the hard working golfers. The days winner was Geoff Scott of Harvey with 39 points followed by Greg Grist of Dunsborough and Tony Joyce of Manjimup both on 38 points.

Best of the contingent of 11 Busselton players was the evergreen Brian Van Der Hoek with a sparkling 35 points.

Busselton players spoiled by their own great course seem to have a reluctance to support sand green course events citing damage which could occur to their valuable equipment on "gravel" fairways.

This reluctance seems somewhat out of place as all sand green fairways, this year and most other years, have had excellent grass covering, as well as preferred lies to assist in a clean hit. The only damage which could occur applies off the fairways which may happen on any course, good, bad or otherwise.

Be that as it may we should look forward to the remaining four events of the year with usual hope of that magnificent perfect round which is waiting for all just around the next corner or the corner after that.

Ladies – Captain H. Rigoll

The Womens Championship was great but the weather was terrible. Champion was Sharon Koch with the runner up being Denise O'Keefe.

Other winners were – Plate E. Copeland R/U J. Lacava, 1st Purse K. Green R/U S. Greenfield, 2nd Purse J. Coldan R/U H. Ten Seldan, 3rd Purse E. Harland, R/U P Dewer.

The Course – Callum Hitching

The start of summer doesn't get much busier than when you're at BGC.

The ladies club championships went well despite some very ugly weather during the last couple of rounds. I apologize for not having the course in better shape (damn rain!) Unfortunately we had another lady casualty on the 18th tee I hope she is feeling better, we put in a handrail and sign, however more is required before next winter to fix the wetness around 17&18.

We started the month with new member Justin Bell and his offsider Shaun Uwren helping to remove hazardous dead trees and limbs around the course. I believe they removed about a dozen dead trees, to our glee no one seems to have noticed. (thanks to Belly and Shaun)

Correspondence between John and myself in construction of the clubs EPA report on fertiliser usage, effluent volumes etc. Haven't heard back so I assume everything went well.

Our spring spraying program is almost complete, after the WCO we have sprayed for clovers and bindii on the green and tee surrounds.

New flags, cups and flagpoles have been purchased to replace the old ones, which must be at least 6 years old.

I had to take our first year to the hospital after he received a hand full of fiberglass splinters when putting an old flag in the bin. The hospital staff weren't a great help, apparently they snapped them all off in the skin and told him they'd "work their way out eventually". He hasn't been complaining about them so I think he is OK now.

On Tuesday 13th September we had another steer on the course. I ran it off the course but not before it had run across the 10th and 13th greens and tried to have a piece out of my behind (Alan Hough and his playing partners found it very amusing).

Did You Know ???

Floyd Satterlee Rood used the United States as a golf course, when he played from the Pacific to the Atlantic from September 14, 1963, to October 3, 1964, in 114,737 strokes. He lost 3,511 balls on the 3,397.7 mile trail.

The Greatest Number of Rounds played on foot in 24 hours is 22 and five holes - a total of 401 holes by Ian Colston, aged 35, at Bendigo Golf Club in Victoria (a par 73 6,6061-yard course) on November 27/28, 1971.

Seventy-Seven Players completed the 18-hole 6,502-yard Kern City Course in California in 10 minutes, 30 seconds, on August 24, 1984, using one ball. Score - 80!

The Lowest Recorded Score for throwing a golf ball around 18 holes (more than 6,000 yards) is 82 by Joe Flynn, ages 21, at the 6,228-yard Port Royal Course in Bermuda on March 27, 1975.

The World One-Club Championship was won by Thad Daber using a 6-iron at the 6,037-yard Lochmore Golf Course in Cary, North Carolina with a 73 on November 10th, 1985.

The Longest Delayed Result in any national open championship occurred in the 1931 US Open at Toledo, Ohio. George von Elme and Billy Burke tied at 292, then tied the first replay at 149. Burke won the second replay by a single stroke after 72 extra holes.

A Record 321,779 Competitors - 206,820 men and 114,959 women - played the 1984 Volkswagen Grand Prix Open Amateur Championship in the UK.

The Slowest Strokeplay Tournament round was one of 6 hours 45 minutes taken by South Africa in the first round of the 1972 World Cup at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Australia. This was a four-ball medal round, everything holed out.

Steven Ward Took 222 Strokes for the 6,212-yard Pecos Course in Reeves County, Texas, on June 18, 1976 - but he was only 3 years and 286 days old.

Jacqueline Ann Mercer won her first South African title at Humewood Golf Club in Port Elizabeth in 1948 and her fourth in Port Elizabeth Golf club on May 4, 1979, 31 years later.