



BUSSELTON  
GOLF CLUB



## Captain & President Newsletter October 2008

**\*\* This Newsletter and all previous issues are also on our club website, our home page is now located at ;  
<http://www.busseltongolfclub.com.au>**

### Water Corp Loan

As most Members will be aware, the Club borrowed \$580,000 from the Water Corporation to upgrade the course reticulation to enable the Club to use reclaimed water supplied by the Corporation. The loan has been free of interest but must be repaid in May 2013.

The Club has been levying \$1 (including GST) on competition fees and paying the proceeds into a fund to be used to repay the loan in 2013. At the end of September the balance of this fund will be approximately \$86,000. If this \$1 levy is continued and invested we expect to have in the order of \$222,000 in May 2013.

Over the past 12-18 months the Board has been looking at ways to make sure the Club has sufficient funds in May 2013 to repay the loan. A proposal was put to a special meeting of Members in September last year to sell lot 60. Members conditionally agreed to the proposal. The lot was listed for sale at \$850,000 however we did not receive any offers.

Because we were unable to sell lot 60, the Board looked at other options to raise sufficient funds to repay the loan. It was considered the only realistic opportunities available to raise sufficient funds were through competition fees and/or membership fees.

The Board considered these options and decided to:

- A) Increase the levy on competition fees from \$1 to \$3 making the 18 hole competition fee \$8 commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008.
- B) Increase ordinary membership fees by \$50, Regional membership fees by \$20 and Sunday membership fees by \$10.

The funds raised from both A) and B) above will be sufficient to ensure there are adequate funds available in May 2013 to repay the loan. The funds will be isolated from the Club's operational funds and will be placed in a separate account established for the sole purpose of collecting funds to repay the loan.

While the above initiatives are aimed at raising additional funds for a specific purpose, the Board resolved to increase the membership fees by 4.2% to meet the normal increase in operational costs as a result of inflation.

The following shows how the 2009-10 membership fee for ordinary members has been arrived at:

Membership fee 2008-09	\$630.00
4.2% increase	\$ 26.00
Increase to meet loan repayment	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Membership fee 2009-10	\$706.00

Less early bird discount if paid before 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<u>\$ 35.00</u>
	<u>\$671.00</u>



"I know this is a rough course,  
but are those tires really necessary?"

The Board has put forward this proposal for the 2009-2010 membership fees to be ratified at the Annual General meeting.

## **Members Online Access**

Your Club has introduced some new “on-line” information services for members. The following notes explain how you can access these services. If you do not have a computer or you are not familiar with computers, you can access the same information from a ‘touch screen’ facility located in both the Golf Shop and the Clubhouse. Shortly, an “on-line” competition entry facility will be available. Guidelines for the operation of this facility will be sent out to all members as soon as it is available.

**1. Go to the Busselton Golf Club website ([www.busseltongolfclub.com.au](http://www.busseltongolfclub.com.au)) and click on the new “Member Login” button (top left hand side).**

**2. You will be asked to enter your “Username” and “Password”.**

Your “**Username**” is the first four digits of your last name and the first digit of your first name – eg – John Citizen would be CITIJ. **Note:** There are some exceptions when multiple names are involved. In these instances, you need to contact the Club for your username.

Your “**Password**” is the last 5 digits of your GolfLink number.

Enter your Username and Password, and click on Login.

**3. The first time you login, you will be asked to change your Password.**

Enter your old password (last 5 digits of your GolfLink number).

Enter your new password (this can be anything – numbers and letters).

Enter a password hint if you want to (eg – favourite colour, football team, etc).

Click on “Save My Changes”.

**4. Once in the Members page, you can navigate to each area by clicking on the left hand side buttons.**

Comp Results – will show Competition results from daily competitions.

My Personal Details – allows you to update your member details, and nominate to show your details in the Member Directory. If you wish to be included in the Member Directory, please tick the “Show My Details” box.

My Handicap – check your up to date handicap.

My Accounts – check your bar account balance.

My Messages – check your message from the Club.

Members Directory – listing of club members and their telephone number and email address.

Business Directory – list your business details and web address for other members to see.

Logout – click on Logout when you have finished your visit to the Member Login area.



## New Members

New members who have joined the club in September are listed below, please make them welcome if and when you cross their path.

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Known As</b>	<b>Category</b>	
Balkin	Tony	Ordinary	
Cameron	Dave	Sunday	
Colbran	Ben	Sunday	
Colbran	David	Sunday	
Davies	Denise	Ordinary	Ex Regional
Denney	Simon	Ordinary	Re-instated
Dudding	Ray	International	
Dudding	Virginia	International	
Evans	Daniel	Sunday	
Fredericks	Kashief	Ordinary	Re-instated
Gray	Heath	Ordinary	
Ivey	Bill	Ordinary	
Kilmister	Andy	Ordinary	
Knezevic	Slav	Ordinary	Re-instated
McEwing	Alan	Ordinary	
McPherson	Dylan	Sunday	
Offler	Nigel	Ordinary	
Richards	Alan	Ordinary	
Snyman	Anel	Ordinary	
Ward	Mark	Ordinary	Re-instated
Wearn	Rodney	Ordinary	

# Golf Results

Golf in September was highlighted by the 44<sup>th</sup> running of the West Coast Open. A record field of 240 starters, the course in fantastic condition, great weather and enormous input by many volunteers headed by our Tournament Director Mal Sanderson, saw a great spectacle of golf of the highest order.

Great golf was played, in the end Michael Foster from Hartfield 207 outlasted Michael Dennis from Royal Perth 210. A great pity our own Glen Tillotson was injured during the Friday Ambrose and couldn't defend his title. Good performances from the locals included Tony Haabjoern winning the Vets section and our own Michael Foster shooting a nett 67 on day one.

Members are reminded that weekly golf results are published on the website under the tab "Latest News"

Results for all competitions in September were;

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Winners</b>
Tue 2/9	Stroke	Ross Quantock	Dave Parrot 69, r/up Phil Newton 70
Thur 4/9	Stableford	Harcourts	Graeme Durwood 39,r/up Graham Smith 37
Sat 6/9	Stableford	Busselton Car World	Ernie Cockle 40,r/up Terry Pontague 38
Sun 7/9	4BBB S/Ford	Fennessey's Holden Nissan	Keeran Appa/Terry Taylor 46, r/up Jan & Ray Mountney 45

Tue 9/9	Stableford	Evan McPherson	Phil Newton 42,r/up Nello Prandi 40
Thur 11/9	Stableford	Fletchers Rental	John Evdokimoff 38,r/up Kevin Pross 38
Sat 13/9	Stableford	Happs Wine	Jeremy Emms 42,r/up Mike Ryan 40
Sun 14/9	Stableford	Club	Marc Ford 39,r/up Kate Martin 35
Tue 16/9	4BBB S/Ford	Archie Sweeting/John T Seldam	Ray Horton/Bill Hilbert 46,r/up David Bill/Clarrie Cartledge 46
Thur 18/9	Stableford	Magnitude Finanace	Bill Davis 40,r/up Shaun Amis 39
Sat 20/9	Stroke	Willow Bridge Monthly Mug	Marc Ramirez 64,r/up Ken Herbert 66
Sun 21/9	Stableford	Club	Keeren Aaps 72,r/up John Gardiner 79
Tue 23/9	Par	Kevin Rainbird	Dave Smith +4,r/up Henk Oorschot +3
Thu 25/9	Stableford	Proline Kerbing	Charlie Landrebe 39,r/up Nev Dawson 39
Tue 30/9	Stableford	Jeff Lees	Tony Haabjoern 37,r/up Ray Horton 36

## **LADIES RESULTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Winners</b>
Sat 6/9	Stableford	Club	Dot Marsh 39,r/up Keeren Aaps 37
Sat 13/9	Stableford	Club	Helen Criddle 45,r/up Kate Martin 40
Sat 20/9	Stroke	Willow Bridge Monthly Goblet	Keeren Aaps 72,r/up Denise O'keeffe 79

## **Golf Jokes**

The club duffer challenged the local golf pro to a match, with a \$100 bet on the side. "But," said the duffer, "since you're obviously much better than I, to even it a bit you have to spot me two 'gotchas'."

The golf pro didn't know what a 'gotcha' was, but he went along with it. And off they went. Coming back to the 19th hole, the rest of the club members were amazed to see the golf pro paying the duffer \$100.

"What happened?" asked one of the members.

"Well," said the pro, "I was teeing up for the first hole, and as I brought the club down, that jerk stuck his hand between my legs and grabbed my balls, then yelled 'Gotcha!' Have you ever tried to play 18 holes of golf waiting for the second 'gotcha'?"

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Two men were out playing a game of golf. One of them was teeing off at the third hole, when a beautiful naked lady ran past. Naturally this distracted him somewhat. But the true committed golfer that he was, he resumed his stance. As he was about to hit the shot again, two men in white coats ran past. "What's going on here?" he thought, once again taking his stance. Another distraction as a third man went running by in a white coat, but this man was carrying two buckets of sand.

Eventually, he was ready again, and took his shot. As he was walking down the fairway, he asked his companion what he thought had been going on.

His companion knew and told him, "Well once a week, that lady manages to escape from the mental hospital next to the course, tears off her clothes, and runs across the fairways. The three guys you saw were the nurses. They have a race to see which can catch her first, and the winner gets to carry her back."

"What about the bucket of sand?"

"Well, that guy won last week; the buckets of sand are his handicap."