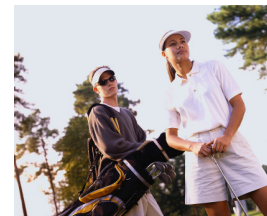




NEWSLETTER

August 2010



CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

The 2010 Mixed Team Series is now underway. Twenty four teams comprising 96 players are competing for the trophies. The July winning team was Ron and Lynn Puiatti and George and Vicky Foster. The singles winners were Richard Casey and Lynn Puiatti. Well done everyone. The next round is on Sunday 29th August.

The Gosford Junior Classic was won by Alex Pitty. Alex is a member of both Wyong and Gosford, and plays on a handicap of +1. Well done Alex.

The changes to the Pro-shop are taking place. The new stock is arriving and some of the clothing and clubs are very appealing. Alvin has organised some great specials... Check out the GPS and Laser range finders, cheaper than Drummonds.

Thank you to all the male members who have put up with the inconveniences caused by the re-organisation of the men's locker room over the past week or two. Those changes have now been completed.

You may have noticed some yardages have been added to some of the sprinkler heads on the fairways. These measurements show the distances to the front, centre and back of the greens from each point on the fairway. Our thanks to Chris Bundy, and his helpers (Steve, Darren, Tony) for the job they have done.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S MEMBERS' BADGE DRAW HAS JACKPOTTED TO \$1450 BE THERE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

The Rules of Golf:

1. Jerry hits his drive down the middle of the 3rd fairway. However in the wet conditions his ball does not bounce. He hits a provisional ball in case his original ball is lost (plug in the soft ground). When he and Tom (his marker) arrive at the point where they agree that Jerry's ball should be, there is a large amount of casual water over the ground. Jerry's ball cannot be found. Both Jerry and Tom are certain the ball is lost in the casual water. What is the ruling?

2. Tom has played his second stroke to the 17th green. His ball is short of the hole and a small area of casual water lies between his ball and the hole. Tom uses his towel to soak up the casual water. Is this within the rules?

Answers:

1. As Jerry's ball is lost in casual water he is entitled to relief without penalty. He must determine the spot where the ball last crossed the margin of the casual water then drop a ball at the nearest point of relief from this point which avoids the casual water. See rule 25-1c. The provisional ball is abandoned. Had there been no casual water then Jerry's ball would be deemed to be lost if he could not find it, and the provisional ball would be in play.

2. No, Tom was in breach of rule 13-2 by improving his line of play. He incurs a two stroke penalty (or loss of hole in match play). As his ball was on the green Tom was entitled to take relief from the casual water by moving his ball to a point on the green, equidistant from the hole which avoided the casual water.

Good golfing, Mark Stimpson

F TROOP REPORT

Despite the rainy and cold weather F Troop has continued on during the month of July with lots of course maintenance, e.g., weeding, pruning, tidying etc., around the garden beds and out on the

course proper. Trees that have been designated as either dead or dangerous or are a weed, like Camphor Laurels, has been removed with the leftover stumps to be removed later in the year when the ground is much firmer.

An attempt was made to repaint the lines on the car parks, however the ensuing rain did not help and all our good work came to nothing so we will wait until the weather warms up and there is less chance of rain occurring.

The area around the green keepers shed close to the two containers has received a much-needed tidy up. Years of rubbish that had been stockpiled have been removed creating a much tidier and more functional look about this area.

Perhaps the major job that F Troop has carried out this last month has been the reorganization of the lockers in the men's locker room. A call went out for some more helpers and we are pleased to say 4 young men answered the call magnificently in assisting the more elderly F Troop members. Our heartfelt thanks go to Chris Bundy, Steve Binns, John Homer and Tony Starbuck for their efforts. Well done lads! It was good to see both ends of the age spectrum come together and work so well in harmony. The lads then went out on the course and placed distance markers on the current fairway sprinkler head covers, detailing distances in metres that each head was from the front, centre and back of the green. When the new fairway sprinklers are installed these young helpers will go out and install distances on the new sprinkler heads. This is a great service to members and we hope you all appreciate the efforts of these enthusiastic young men.

Much F Troop activity has centered on the huge changes that currently taking place in our Pro Shop. Retired Engineer and Board member Des Wilson has been appointed Project Manager for the renovations and at this stage everything is progressing well and on time. The end of August should see the work come close to completion. Members are more than welcome to inspect the work being carried out and if they linger long enough could end up with a job! – be it painting, spak filling, or general dog's body.

Despite the poor weather much has been accomplished this last month and with the warmer weather just around the corner things are looking up for Gosford Golf Club.

Until next month's report the members of F Troop wish you pleasant golfing on the best golf course on the Central Coast. F Troop meets most Monday mornings at the Greenkeeper's shed at 7.15 a.m. with morning tea around 10.15 a.m. would you like to make a contribution?
Contact numbers are: Peter Martin 0437 325 207, Jan Martin 0400 430 088, Martin Gallagher 0415 152 364 (for wood).

GENERAL MANAGER

The Pro shop has been in operation for nearly a month now and whilst there have been a few teething problems, as can be expected, by en large the members have been impressed by the level of service and ever growing quantity and quality of the stock available. To update members, we have not as yet stocked Ping as they are bringing out new clubs which we will attend the product launch of in Sydney. We will be stocking these once they have been released for sale in the very near future. We welcome Taylormade on board as a supplier and their product will be for sale very soon.

As our buying group has strong links with Nike Golf, we will be the Premier Stockiest of Nike Golf on the Central Coast once renovations have finished in a few weeks.

As some of you may have notice from our website we have leased the Sam Putt Labb from our buying group Performance/Progressive Golf. This is the #1 putting training tool in the world, analyzing many characteristics of your putting stroke. We will continue with initiative such as these so long as they are well supported by the members. Fitting and lessons on the Sam Putt Labb may be booked with Scott Cubis in the Pro shop.

We also look at making changes September 1st with regards to the golfing vouchers. These vouchers will be electronically put on to your account to be used with your card. There will be two accounts, one a normal house account to be used bar, bistro, Pro shop) and one a trophy account (usable for golf merchandise). All prizes will be distributed 50% trophy account, 50% house account.

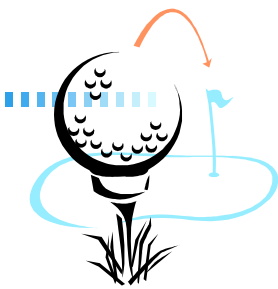
The amount left on your trophy account will be able to be viewed from the member's kiosks where you normally enter your scores.

We will also be having our staff profile on our website next week.

Our course has suffered an extremely wet year. Thanks to our green keepers and forward planning the course is handling the wet far better than ever before.

Just a note that we have received notification of a complaint from "a member" from the Office of Gaming and Racing with regards to the recent General Meeting. The allegation was that the club did not abide by the constitution in holding the meeting. After supplying the requested information the nefarious claims were found to be totally false.

**Alvin Kan
General Manager**



PRO SHOP

The Pro Shop is taking shape and it shouldn't be long until we are in our new counter, which will make life a little easier.

I would like to introduce our newest staff Member Geoff Leonard. Geoff is a third year Trainee and was a Junior Member here at the Club. Geoff will be dividing his time between us and Shelly Beach Golf Club until he finishes his Traineeship at the end of the year.

The Junior Clinics are now under way on Friday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm.

All kids are welcome and it is free for the next two weeks!

I have a Beginner Ladies Clinic starting on Thursday 12th of August. It is a 5 week course, with the first 4 weeks being a Clinic format and the last week we will be playing 9 holes. They will then play every week in a beginners comp until they feel confident enough to join the regular Ladies Comp.

I have really enjoyed getting the opportunity to play with some of the Members which I will continue to do and if anyone can give me a tip on my putting it would be greatly appreciated!!

Pro's Tip:

If you're having trouble getting the ball in the air chances are your trying to lift the ball instead of letting the club do the work. Remember Golf is a game of opposites so if you won't the ball to go up, you must hit down.

A great exercise is to place a tee in the ground at where the ball would be and another tee 6 inches in front. Then take a practice swing and try to knock out both tees keeping the club low to the ground for as long as possible. By hitting down and taking a divot you will never have trouble getting the ball in the air again!

**Scott Cubis
Director of Golf**

Turf Talk Time

It's been a wet and wet winter so far with rainfall 60mm above the Gosford rainfall average.

May 08 5mm	May 09 142mm	May 10 159mm
June 08 188mm	June 09 106mm	June 10 95mm
July 08 39mm	July 09 43mm	July 10 112mm
Total 08 232mm	Total 09 291mm	Total 10 366mm

The usual wet areas are showing up again. We are working towards fixing these wet areas around the course and are constantly looking at different wet areas to see where the water runs and the best way to fix these problems for good.

The area near the 7th tee 6th fairway has been fixed and after turfing has come up well. We have directed water away from the pathway into the creek that runs behind the 7th tee as well as covering over a lot of tree roots to beautify that area. To keep that turf alive during the warmer summer months we have installed 6 sprinklers as per the master irrigation plan costing about \$3000.00. This means including the green to the 100 meter marker have all been irrigated and run off the computerised irrigation system.

Another area which we have started work on is the pathway leading from the 15th green to the 16th tee. The pathway allowed water to travel from the 16th tee and the cart area beside the 15th green with the water coming to rest at the entry to the path on the 15th fairway.

We have put a stop to that with a series of mounds which include a new a pathway so now the water is channelled away from the fairway into a sump and back into the dam.

Once this is complete we will move up the fairway a little to redrain and irrigate the area of fairway where the old road went though.

Our plan is to have the whole of the 15th fairway dry.

The 15th green irrigation upgrade has been carried out as per the master plan...

We have now done 10 greens 18 tees and even a few areas on fairways.

David Nicholls
Course Superintendent

HOUSE AND SOCIAL

August 2010 is officially Election month. To be more specific, Saturday the 21st of August is Election Day.... Just in case you have missed the "Julia Gillard coup", all of the campaign ads on TV, the newspaper articles, the barrage of campaign mail that is landing in the letterbox, the promises for every imaginable and unimaginable circumstance as well as politicians seriously going out and kissing babies, please – REMEMBER TO VOTE ON SATURADAY 21st AUGUST.

For all of our members who have been too enthralled by the election to notice what happened in the club last month, we had a fairly quiet month for functions, and in general. In July we held 29 Corporate Functions, 13 Leisure Functions, 11 Dinners/ Luncheons and 1 Wedding. Thanks to a few wet days, that seemed to land mostly between Tuesdays and Thursdays (and affecting 3 comp days), we also had a fairly quiet month in the Bar and Bistro.....

Luckily for me, and the Club, August is a brand new month, and is shaping up to be a little bit busier than July!

Thanks to all of our members that came out to the **Op Shop Ball**, which was held in the Magnolia Room on Saturday the 24th of July. A great time was had by all. And everyone who came along looked fantastic, with a special mention to **Ray Stapleton, Gary Sammons, Ron Beechey, Jan Martin and Wendy Stapleton's neighbour** who took home some "fantastically hideous" best dressed prizes.

The House and Social Committee is planning another 9 hole Ambrose comp followed by dinner and raffles in the Garden once the weather warms up a little bit. Any suggestions are, as always welcomed to the House and Social Committee.

There are still places available at the **Mixed Team Series Dinner Dance** on Sunday the 26th of September. Anyone who would like more information, please see the office, and if you haven't marked

this year's **Kidney Foundation Golf Day** in your diary there is no better time than right now to pencil it in! This year it will take place on Monday the **20th of September, 8.30am Shotgun Start.**

THIS MONTH'S HOUSE & SOCIAL SHOUT OUT GOES TO... BRIAN CAHILL who had a hole in one on the 5th hole on the 17th of July.... Congratulations Brian!

Until next month – happy golfing, and try to remember:

“Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes” (Gandhi)

Krystal Day

Operations Manager

LADIES NEWS

Results of the qualifying round for the **CCWGA 3BBB** played on 6th July as follows:

Team 1: **Kay Frewin, Kath Small & Lyn Puiatti.**

Team 2: **Chris Drakeford, Di Beechey & Dawn Tromp.**

Team 3: **Rhonda Robertson, Debbie Grinham & Judy Verlander.**

The first 2 teams will play-off against other district clubs for a chance to contest the State Final and all teams will contest the Gwen Thompson Memorial Trophy. Congratulations & good luck Ladies.

Ladies to represent Gosford GC at the **CCWGA Charity Day** at Magenta Shores are:

Shirley Daly, Jan Walker, Maggie Minjoy, Pam Bourne, Margaret Nichols, Chris Shaw, Lesley Gregory, Robin Incoll, Lyn Bates & Bev Adams. Good luck to all.

Grandma's Trophy donated by **Val Scott** was won by **Pam Bourne** and **Great Grandma's Trophy** donated by **June Bowen** was won by **Doris Morris**. Thank you to our donors & congratulations to the winners.

**Annette Dunk
Ladies Captain**



HANDICAPPING

Interesting statistics comparing handicap distribution prior to 9 April 2010 (ie under the OLD Handicap calculation method) with handicap distribution after 9 April (ie under the NEW handicap calculation method).

_ For both females & males, low single figure handicap players are likely to have had their handicap decrease slightly under the new system. Players with handicaps higher than this, are likely to have experienced an increase under the new system (and the higher the old handicap, the greater the increase).

_ The average female handicap is about 10 strokes higher than the average male handicap (the 50 percentile handicap for women is also about 10 strokes higher than it is for males). This is the case under the old calculation method AND the new calculation method.

_ Under the old handicap calculation method, the higher a player's handicap, the greater the downward increase resulting from a 'good' score, whereas the new method does not discriminate. Hence, with female handicaps being generally 10 strokes higher than male handicaps, the new method should have produced a greater increase in female handicaps than it did in male handicaps. This occurred – the average male handicap rose by about 1 stroke, whilst the average female handicap rose by about 2 strokes.

_ for all handicap ranges, the move to the new calculation method produced a reasonable amount of movement (both upward and downward) in handicaps. The vast majority of this movement was within the range of plus or minus 4 strokes.

(Upward increases of greater than 4 strokes are largely restricted to high handicap players. This goes to addressing GA's concern that previously in Australia (where an outward increase would essentially only occur in increments of 0.1) it would take 30 consecutive bad rounds for a player's handicap to

reflect an outward correction of 3 strokes. This was patently unfair on a player who had one (or a very small number) of uncharacteristically 'good' rounds or who experienced a demonstrable trend of changed form (an occurrence which is more prevalent in the higher handicap golfer.

Look for the publication of percentages from the AGU posted on the notice board in the downstairs foyer.

Hoping the weather improves for the ladies championships commencing on the 10th August.
Good golfing to all participants.

**Maggie Minjoy
Handicapper.**

