



# **NEWSLETTER**

March 2010



## **CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS**

**The 2010 CCDGA Pennant Series** is nearing its conclusion. GGC has qualified for the A grade final v Wyong at Kooindah Waters on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Our B and C grade teams play a postponed match on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Mangrove Mountain and if they win those matches may well qualify for the finals as well. Good luck to all our teams and if you have time you may like to support them by attending as spectators at those events. You will be most welcome.

Entry forms for the **CCDGA Foursomes Championship** to be played on April 11<sup>th</sup> are on the notice boards in the men's locker room and the downstairs foyer.

Any gentleman who is interested in the June trip to Queensland can get a brochure outlining the itinerary and other details from Mark Churcher in the Pro-shop.

**The 2010/11 fixtures book** is at the printers, the production has met with some unexpected delays for which we apologize. Procedures are being implemented to ensure such delays do not occur in future years.

Please be aware that the green keeper is cutting the rough at two separate heights. A secondary cut of 42mm is being made adjacent to fairways about two metres wide, before the primary cut of 62mm. Please be careful not to take a preferred lie when you are not on the fairway, if that rule is in play.

The 2009/10 Medals of Medals playoff is to be held in conjunction with the March Monthly Medal on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. All competitors have been entered in the draw and I wish you every success for that day.

The nomination sheet for the **2010 Masters Pennant Team** is on the notice board. Members wishing to be considered for this team should place their names on that sheet. The squad will be selected towards the end of March, and matches will be played during April, May and June. To be eligible team members must turn 50 years of age by the date of the first match.

Members are asked not to use mobile telephones on the golf course unless it is essential. The Match Committee has resisted the trend of making a local rule regarding these, rather relying on the common sense of the membership. It has been reported that a few members are using their telephone to excess, and we respectfully ask those members to cease this practice.

Members are reminded not to leave valuables (including golfing equipment) in their lockers. There is no guarantee of safety and we suspect that we have been victim to theft. Members are also reminded not to chock doors to the Locker Room open as this invites anyone to enter Members Only Area.

**FRIDAY NIGHT'S MEMBERS' BADGE DRAW HAS JACKPOTTED TO \$2800**  
**BE THERE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN**

### **The Rules of Golf:**

1. Tom has putted his ball towards the hole on the 15<sup>th</sup> green. A ball struck from the 11<sup>th</sup> tee lands on the 15<sup>th</sup> green and deflects Tom's ball into the adjacent water hazard. What is the appropriate course of action??

2. Jerry putts his ball towards the hole on the 10<sup>th</sup> green. Tom is attending the flag and as he removes the flag the hole liner became stuck to the flag stick and Jerry's ball hit the hole-liner as it came out of the hole. Does Jerry incur a two stroke penalty for striking the flag stick with his ball from a stroke made on the putting green?

**Answers:** 1. *As the ball from the 11<sup>th</sup> tee is a moving outside agency the stroke is cancelled, the ball replaced and the stroke is taken again.*

*No penalty applies.*

2. **NO!!** *The hole-liner is an outside agency. Accordingly, if the hole-liner was moving when the ball struck it the stroke is cancelled and the ball MUST be replaced and replayed. If the hole-liner was not moving the ball must be played as it lies. In case of doubt the ball must be played as it lies. If the ball goes in the hole after the hole-line was removed (i.e. it did not touch the hole-liner) the ball is deemed to be holed.*

**Good golfing, Mark Stimpson**

## **F TROOP REPORT**

The past month has been a trying time for all, particularly our green staff, who have had to battle with high heat and humidity above the norm, on our golf course. F Troop has also found the workload trying in the conditions, however some of our activities completed in the past month include; completion of the new garden at the 5<sup>th</sup> Tee, a huge clean out of one of the containers adjacent to the Greenkeeper's shed so that it provides storage space for F Troop, a clean out of the Golf cart shed using the club's high pressure equipment, providing some new drainage around the shed, and also repairs to the access gate at the Greenkeeper's shed. As well, parts of the course have undergone a detailed cleanup, e.g., around the pines near the 16<sup>th</sup> green, the BBQ area as well as the wedding garden plus road base used to fill in some more cart path holes.

**Thank you to all those people who donated plants and/or materials to any of the above projects.**

February has also seen a tremendous effort put in by the F troop rough cutters. While we only have the one machine at the moment, F Troop has been working 4 days a week on the never ending task of keeping the rough under control. You may have noticed there is now a first cut of rough, approximately 2 metres wide on the edge of each fairway. This is still classed as "rough" and is not to be confused with "closely mown grass" which we sometimes call fairway.

F Troop has also been busy splitting our wood supply so that it is dry and vacant of any white ants. To this task we are indebted to Sam Knox who has brought in his hydraulic wood splitter (see Gosford golfers blog site for 1<sup>st</sup> March) and split several pallets of our timber. **Thank you Sam for your sterling effort.**

We are almost ready to supply any people interested in our wood, which is all top quality. All money raised goes to the beautification of our great golf course, which continues to receive rave reviews especially from our visitors recently at the CCWDGA open day.

We are always hoping for more members to come forward for a couple of hours on a Monday morning to help our cause. If you can spare the odd 3 hours we would love to see you. One of the fringe benefits is the experience of morning tea, provided by Nick and John from the Kitchen Well done guys.

F Troop meets most Monday mornings at the Greenkeeper's shed at 7.15 a.m. with morning tea around 10.15 a.m. We would like to see as many of you there as possible, remembering that many hands make.....Until next month's report enjoy the prettiest Golf Course on the Coast. Contact numbers are: Peter Martin 0437 325 207, Jan Martin 0400 430 088, Martin Gallagher 0415 152 364 (for wood).

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

	January 2010	January 2009	Year to Date	Last Year
Operating Profit/Loss	\$30,366 Profit	\$15,487 Profit	\$162,317 Profit	\$59,076 Profit
Net Profit/Loss (after depreciation)	\$3,773 Profit	\$14,066 Loss	\$22,874 Loss	\$142,911 Loss

Although January was a relatively quiet month in terms of clubhouse activities, we still managed a bottom line profit of \$3,773, which was right on budget forecast.

The above numbers also show we are currently around \$100,000 ahead of the same time last year.

Long may these excellent results continue.

The large expense items mentioned in my previous reports – air conditioning, greens mower etc – are now having the expected effect on our cash position.

**Russ Davidson**  
**Treasurer**

## **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

During January we fielded a number of players in the Encourage Shield. Most of the other clubs view this as another form of Pennants. Accordingly Gosford will adopt the same approach next year. However our boys enjoyed themselves and did their best on the day. A special thanks goes to Geoff Bridge and Richard Massey who managed the boys on most occasions.

The Junior Pennant team won their first round match with Terrigal 3/2. They lost their second round with Toukley 4/1. Compare the Handicaps, Toukley were 3 to 9 and our boys were 6, 6, 17, 29 and 31. Watch out for these boys in the next few years.

The Friday afternoon Clinics are booming with 35 Boys and Girls on Friday 19/02/10.

A Donation of \$200.00 has been made to the Juniors which our committee will decide how this is to be Allocated.

Two of our Juniors, Mitch Ballard and Phillip Anderson won club events on the Weekend of 20 and 21/02/10.

Also keep your eye out for a recently new discovery in Lauren Smith, this young girl is destined to go places.

A special thank you is also intended to Keith Morris, John Haines, Laurie Steen and Leo Baun who have donated balls for the use of the Juniors.

A huge thank you to Mark Churcher who continues to give his time and expertise to these players of the future.

Also thank to Grant Binns, Steve Binns, Tom Ballard, Zac Churcher, Arthur Haviland, Mick Bowditch and Garry Jones who have all helped out in our family Clinics and Competitions.

Special mention should also be made to Ron Puiatti and Mark Stimpson for their support of our Junior Programs. Ron has pledged to gain sponsorship for our encourage shield team in 2011 so that we wont appear to be the poor relations.

**Mick Wilson**  
**Junior Promotions Officer**

## **HOUSE AND SOCIAL**

February is, to me, always a bit of a trick month. It may only be 2 or 3 days short of any other month, but I'm sure you would all agree that 2 or 3 days is enough to make a big difference! Short month or no short month, February was a great month for functions. We held 32 corporate functions, 8 Dinners, 7 Parties/ Leisure events and 3 Weddings. Enough to keep all of the staff quite busy, as I'm sure you have all noticed.

But it is not only the staff that has been busy helping run the functions. As always **F-Troop** do an amazing job both on the course, and in the surrounding gardens and personally I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to **Jan & Peter Martin** for their never ending help and support around the wedding garden. There is no doubt in my mind that without their help, the garden would not be nearly as beautiful as it is today!

We have had some great feedback from the 2009 Club Presentation which was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. Big thanks to all people who helped out on the day and leading up to the day, and congratulations to all of the winners! The 2010 Club Presentation has been scheduled for February 2011.

### **Harvey World Travel Promotion**

A few of you may have noticed posters around the club, advertising the give away of a \$1500.00 Harvey World Travel Voucher.

For your chance to win this fantastic prize, simply purchase a meal from the Bistro in the months of March or April, fill out the entry form and then be here for the draw on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. Good luck to everyone that enters!

### **Easter Trading Hours**

This year Easter falls in early April. We will not be running our regular Friday night Meat Raffles and Badge Draw on Good Friday, it will be held on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. The bistro will be open for dinner between 5.30pm and 8.30pm, hope to see you all there!

Sublyme Bistro and the Office will not be opening on Good Friday. There will be light nibbles available at the bar. Club (Bar) Trading will be as per normal over the Easter weekend.

### **New Years Eve**

Unfortunately, the Board has decided that the club will not be holding a New Year's Eve function this year. There is a hesitation that we would not be able to generate enough interest for this function – so please, if you do think that you would come along to an event like this, let someone from the House and Social Committee know!

For the same reason, the club will not be hosting a Christmas in July this year.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – **Members Meat Raffles & Badge Draw**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – GOOD FRIDAY

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER MONDAY – Mixed Members Comp

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC DAY Public Holiday – Mixed Members Comp

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – **Members comp will be a 7.00am Shotgun Start**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Pandora Charity Golf Day – 12.30pm Shotgun Start

**Krystal Day  
Operations Manager  
House & Social Committee**

## **LADIES NEWS**

After 93 starters at Pre-Open Day it is disappointing to see numbers drop so dramatically. I don't know what the answer is but hopefully they will pick up as we get into the main season.

Don't forget to dress in green for Irish day on 16<sup>th</sup> March. We sincerely thank Yvonne Wilson for sponsoring this event.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March we have the first of our Invitation days. This is a 4 person team event with an 8.00am shotgun start. Cost is \$20 per person for golf & lunch.

Money is to be paid to Jan by 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you have a visitor.

**Annette Dunk  
Captain**

## **HANDICAPPING**

By the time the April Newsletter is published, the 1st stage of the Slope system of handicapping should be in place.

A. Calculation of Handicap – Commence Operation of the USGA's "Rollong Sample" Method.

B. Remove CCR for Men's Handicapping (CCR was removed from Women's Handicapping in 2007).

To date there has not been any further announcement other than Golfink will make the changes at 9am on Friday 9 April, 2010.

In preparation for the switch-over to the new method of calculating handicaps, Golf Link will be offline from 9.00am (AEST) on 7 April 2010 until 9.00am (AEST) on 9 April 2010.

Because of this, men who play in the Wednesday competition on 7 April, and ladies who play in the Ladies competition on Thursday 8 April, will not have their scores sent to Golf Link until the afternoon of Friday 9 April.

***Scorecards:*** *Members continue to hand in their scorecards without signatures. Please take the time to ensure that you and your marker have signed your card. Do not press update unless the score on the computer is the same as the score on the card.*

*Anyone who has trouble putting their scores into the computer, just place the card in the box and we will enter them for you.*

*This also applies if you play with a visitor.*

**Medals:** Monthly Medals or Season Medals can now be claimed from Maggie or Di. If breakages occur after distribution, replacements can only be made at cost to the member.

**Hole in One:** Congratulations to Linda Rogers - Hole in One at the 5th Hole on Tuesday 16 February and to Judy Verlander – Hole in One at the 8th Hole on Tuesday 2nd March 2010.

**Maggie Minjoy  
Handicapper**