



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fraser Coast Classic Pro-am:

The Fraser Coast Classic Pro-am in August was a great success and I congratulate all those involved. The prize money on offer is very attractive to the Professionals on the Sunshine Circuit and is important for their careers. It is important to remind everyone that events of this scale are not possible without the support of all of our sponsors. I also acknowledge the major funding provided by "Queensland Events" from within the Dept of Premier & Cabinet.

The Pro-am is also the culmination of a great deal of hard work by a lot of people. In particular, the Fraser Coast Classic coordinating committee has done a great deal of work to pull this all together. Others include our volunteer workers who have done so much to support our greens staff in preparing the course, our administration staff, our chef, kitchen staff and clubhouse staff. Special thanks go to Greens Director Fred Lynam, Greens Superintendent Keith Bowtell and greens staff for the excellent presentation of our golf course.

Last but not least, I wish to thank our General Manager Steve Crawford who is the driving force in our club behind this event ably assisted by Vice Captain Tony Lambour and by the way, the Pro-am made a small profit which is not our key objective. This doesn't include the additional income from visitors who buy food and drink while following the players.

Tuesday Players & Volunteers:

A group of members who play late on Tuesdays have carried out a couple of projects for the club on the practice green and near the Pro Shop. Ably organized by Doug Thorp with support from Tony Lambour, they have put in some gardens near the practice green and built up the grassed area near the Pro Shop. The Pro's are wondering if Tony Lambour might be better suited to continuing the gardening role rather than the IT role but I think they are being a bit unkind. I thank Doug and the boys for their efforts.

I value these efforts just as I value all of our volunteers such as Janice Andrewartha and her team, Brian Carrigan and Peter Cherrett for the Junior Golf Program and the organizers of the Vets and the Pennants teams.

I also acknowledge the efforts of the Review Team - Russell Stanton, Sandra Kerley and Don Ross for their efforts in reviewing Competitions & Trophies and Pennants arrangements etc. Thank you very much.

Financial Issues:

Before the end of the Financial Year, I want to provide some information for Members about the future financial strength and growth of our golf club. The purpose is to give you time to think about these issues and to discuss them with other members.

The Management Committee has a Finance Sub-Committee which meets weekly to review our financial position and to make decisions about what needs to be done to address emerging or projected problems. The Sub Committee consists of John Farham (Treasurer), Fred Lynam

(Vice President) and Steve Crawford (General Manager) and me. Over the year the Treasurer has been putting in place controls designed to ensure our financial management processes give us timely information about financial issues. We now have a better understanding about how we are performing and what the future challenges might be.

At present, the picture shows that we should make a small Net Profit or a small Net Loss for the year and that we will make a sizeable Operating Profit discounting Depreciation. The major problem is cash flow. While we have improved our Current Liability/Current Asset position over the last year by a significant amount (around \$400,000 improvement), our cash position remains tight.

In early April, the Finance Committee directed the General Manager and Vice President to reduce expenditure in both the club and on the golf course. This has occurred progressively since then. Reductions in catering staffing, supervisor positions and reduced hours have all had some effect. There is little more that can be done in that regard without reducing the quality of services to members and guests.

The Irrigation Project, committed to last year, required us to meet expenditure of \$60,000 of the \$180,000 costs involved. The project and funding from Government was fine and needed for the future. The timing was not fine. It committed us to a project we could not afford this year. Coupled with the qualified current liability issue from the Auditors report which had to be addressed, this has contributed significantly to our cash flow problems. Further, there were emergent problems including the major upgrade of two course toilets, the replacement of two water pumps and the upgrade of a third pump which required significant expenditure.

A small number of Members say from time to time that the Committee shouldn't have gone down the path of changing from being almost purely a golf club to a club with a stronger social business focus. Members are reminded that the upgrade of the club was structurally essential and was approved by the Members at an Annual General Meeting (AGM). It has to be paid for. With the right strategies, some of which are already in place, we will achieve success. The first couple of years were always going to be difficult. If the pioneers who took the risk to set up the golf club in the first place had gone jelly at the knees, there probably wouldn't be a golf club at all. We have taken the steps and there is no turning back.

Members (particularly those who remember the days before refurbishment), are reminded of the rainy days when there was no revenue through the club either from golf or across the bar. Since the start of the Financial Year on 1 October 2008, there have been 61 rainy days which either closed the course or resulted in reduced income from golf. Thank goodness we have Social Members and Visitors to use the new club facilities on those days to keep some cash coming through the doors.

The club borrowed to carry out the refurbishment and set up the club for its new environment. There are two loans. One loan is the rolled together "old irrigation loan" and the "refurbishment loan" of \$976,000. This is at a fixed rate of interest. The other is a \$240,000 loan taken up in January this year to cover off the use of cash to fund capital improvements, the main reason for the club's qualified audit last year. Members need to be clear that sooner or later, we need to start repaying some of this debt rather than just meeting interest payments. That time starts in February 2010. We are required to make a \$100,000 Principal repayment of the major fixed interest loan. This commitment will be required from then for every year until it is repaid.

Members are also reminded that a Strategic Plan was tabled for feedback by the then President in 2007. Few, if any, comments were received. It has recently been reviewed and with a few minor changes, essentially that direction has been retained. Again, it has been available for comment and only one comment was received. This sets the framework for the

future direction of the club and decisions made by the Management Committee. Members who don't take these opportunities and then complain about the future direction really lack credibility. The plan is a vision. Clearly we don't have the funds to proceed with most of these initiatives at present. Some might hold the view that the vision is so far in front of us that we should scale it back to reflect our current financial situation. I don't share that view. Old saying...."If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."

Proposed changes to the Constitution regarding Membership Fees and CPI passed at the last AGM were required to be forwarded to Fair Trading Queensland within three months of the vote. This did not occur because of a misunderstanding in process between the Secretary and me. I take responsibility for that delay but I assure Members that it was inadvertent. This has now been forwarded to Fair Trading Queensland with an explanation and the Rules change has been approved. The Constitution has been amended accordingly. However that in itself creates a nonsense of the process as the original clause which required the Members to approve increases to fees was not rescinded as part of the motion. As a result, we now have two sub clauses about Membership fee setting which are in conflict.

Advice we received from a well credentialed source was that the Motion voted upon was deficient in that it did not specify which CPI was to be used and the particular quarter it should be tied to. In addition, I readily admit, that I am deeply concerned about the new clause and its implications for future committees. My view as President is that the clause is seriously detrimental to the club. To have a clause in the Constitution which constrains the Management Committee to increases in fees set by the Members is one thing and understandable in some respects. To have a further clause in the Constitution which limits **absolutely** the "increase to the Ordinary Membership fees to CPI or to a **maximum** of \$40 whichever is the lesser" is, in my view, unacceptable. It prevents the Committee from realistically bringing a budget and accompanying fee proposal to the Members which reflects changed circumstances or a need for growth. At some time in the future, it could lead to a position under which the club might not be able to raise sufficient funds through its fees as part of the overall budget to meet commitments and thereby put the viability of the club at risk. The net result is that this year we will receive a **fixed**, gross increase of a princely \$ 22 in the fees. This is ridiculous. The new arrangements mean that managing the club is akin to any one of us being asked to play against Tiger and be blindfolded at the same time.

The Management Committee has discussed options around differential fee structures and decided against such a proposal. There would be too many risks to the future viability of the club if we were to go down that path. The bottom line is that the Membership Fees at the club are too low by a long way. I know that this statement will be met with outrage by some but it is the reality. Our full membership fees should be set at around \$800. Fuel and electricity costs have recently increased significantly (electricity will be \$15,000 a year higher than last year) and they are major expenditure items in our budgets over which we have little or no control. Future Management Committees, whoever the incumbents are, will be faced with the same reality that this committee has of financial and operational pressures unable to be effectively managed within the existing funding framework.

The club is very close to its capacity in terms of revenue streams in the clubhouse and on the golf course. It will reach capacity in around eighteen months to two years. The capacity limit is caused by two factors. These are:

1. The physical size of the clubhouse facilities: and
2. The amount of traffic on the golf course.

The capacity of neither of these elements can be changed without capital investment.

For the Members, I present the following facts about our fees having regard to the new Constitutional clause regarding fees. The Club typically loses around 100 Members at the

start of each year. Assuming an opening membership of 750 members and a gross fee of \$616*, the following is the discretionary disposable cash from that income. * **The fee is based on an averaging of the Reserve Bank Sept 08, Dec 08, Mar 09 and June 09 Quarters CPI. The annualised CPI used is 3.2%.**

750 @ \$616	\$462,000
Less GST	<u>\$ 42,000</u>
Sub total	\$420,000
Less Affiliation Fees	<u>\$ 24,800</u>
Sub total	\$395,200
Less Player Insurance	<u>\$ 10,400</u>
Disposable funds from fees	\$384,800

We will pick up around 100 more throughout the year and the income from that will be approximately \$38,880.

The Management Committee will revisit the fee setting arrangements in the amended Constitution and I will be recommending to the Management Committee that we propose a motion at the Annual General Meeting reflecting a more business-like approach to this issue. I will seek the support of the Members in this regard.

Geoff Skerritt - President

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to the October 2009 Newsletter.

The club has now finished the financial year for 2008/09 and we now have twelve months of trade figures from the new refurbishments.

We will now be able to see trends in our trade and expenses that will give us a better understanding of what the club can afford to do in the future. John, our Treasurer along with President Geoff will discuss more details on our financial position in their reports. There certainly have been some challenges along the way.

Not only have we seen a new Liquor Act introduced but also many changes to legislation in gaming and other industries.

Staff training has become a very vital part of the club over the past six months keeping in touch with all the changes. The club will always provide a safe environment for its Members and guests.

Growth in membership and visitors to the club has been tremendous over the last twelve months. Many times we have seen the club reach its capacity in terms of how many members and visitors we can cater for which in turn puts a lot of pressure on all departments which I think the staff has handled very well. With this much growth in a very short period of time the Members and Committee might have to start thinking towards expansion of the club in the very near future. Many Members are already aware of the problems we have in accommodating patrons in the Clubhouse.

The club continues to improve its image in the community by supporting local charities during these tough economic times.

Over the last couple of months the club has provided a variety of entertainment in the forms of shows and fine dining experiences for its members, which has been very well received.

Gourmet Club

Our next Gourmet Club night will be on Saturday 28th November with the chef providing us with a seafood extravaganza. If you have not attended a Gourmet club night and wish to, please fill in one of our nomination forms at Reception.

The Gourmet Club continues to grow and is fast becoming a night not to miss.

Gaming

The Club now provides the latest technology in **Simplay** for its members and visitors. For more information please refer to the back page of the newsletter and also ask our staff for more information.

Catering

With the continued rising costs the club continues to try and provide our Members and guests with the best food for value.

With the introduction of the new menu, along with the daily specials black board and the coffee shop, the club is now providing a variety of meals for selection.

Bottle shop

When passing the bottle shop on your way out, why not drop in and purchase your liquor at your club. Our prices are very competitive plus you also receive your loyalty points. Check out our monthly specials and you are bound to find a great deal. Special requests can be ordered if we don't stock your product.

Functions

If you have been around the club lately you would have noticed a lot of activity out in our Fairways Function area where we are holding all types of functions.

With Christmas fast approaching and you wish to hold a Christmas party or any other function please see our functions coordinator Theresa for more information.

Clubs Smile for a Child Charity Golf Day

Clubs in the Wide Bay District each year help raise money for Camp Quality and the Starlight Foundation. This year the golf event will be held on Wednesday 14th October. If you wish to play please see Reception for more details and all members are welcome.

I would like to thank the business community and our members for raising over \$21,000 for the local Special Schools - a great day was had by all. Well done.

Membership Draws

The club has revised its membership draws, which are now held on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday between 6.30pm – 8.00pm. The draw starts at \$500 and jackpots by \$100 each night if it is not won. Once the draw reaches \$1,500 the following draw night the normal three membership draws will be conducted and if not claimed, then \$1,000 must be won through the registered draw. Members must be present at time of draw.

Members please keep your eyes peeled, as more information in the form of a coloured brochure will be coming out soon.

If you have any questions or suggestions and wish to discuss them please feel free to contact me.

Steve Crawford - General Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

The President has commented on the financial issues facing the Club, so I will focus a little on what has been achieved and what can be expected in the new golfing year.

First up, it appears as if the Club will show a small net profit for the year come 30th September 2009. This is despite a stiff burden for non-operational charges such as depreciation which in itself is around the \$300,000 mark. Whilst this charge is very high, it does not impinge on the cash resources of the Club. This, of course, means that the Club should reflect an operational profit in excess of \$300,000 – a far cry from the operational loss of \$104,919.66 suffered in 2008 and the \$91,344.65 operational profit realised in 2007. Our Liquidity problems, as reported on by the then Auditors, should improve by an amount in excess of \$400,000. Despite an extremely difficult 2009, and notwithstanding some extraordinary large outlays which the Club faced during the year, an example of which was the irrigation project which cost the Club some \$70,000 odd (cash), it has been a satisfying result.

The main concern remains and that is the four letter word, CASH. The President has outlined the problem facing the Club regarding the extremely limiting constraint placed on this Committee and future Committees to attain fair and equitable Fees increases to meet the future demands for funding of ongoing improvements to the course and Club facilities. Indeed, because of these constraints, there is no provision made in next year's budget for much needed upgrading of equipment or other facilities. The Club will have to limp along, “patching” where necessary, simply to show a very small profit, if at all. I repeat, there is no provision in the budget next year for any Capital expenditure whatsoever.

You are all aware of some frightening cost increases of late such as electricity charges, up 15.76% and on top of that the Club's contract with AGL came to an end. A new supply contract had to be negotiated. Your management went out to seek tenders and the most competitive pricing was obtained from Origin at an increased basis cost over that of the previous supplier. This means that in electricity costs alone, your Club is looking at some \$15,000 plus in additional costs. Rates have increased, Fuel costs are markedly on the increase and worst of all for the Club is the skyrocketing cost of fertilisers, chemicals and insecticides. Food, liquor and the rest are also on the way up.

It would be remiss of any Treasurer, if he did not seek alternative means of raising much needed funds for the Club, but what those measures will be, time only will tell.

I append hereto a copy of the abridged Budget 2009/2010 together with the Cash Flow projection for the same period.

John Farham - Treasurer

FROM THE GREENS

ON COURSE

- **Update to irrigation upgrade:**

All of the ground works have now been completed and the system is up and running. The ground-staff is now currently in the process of promoting grass growth in the new irrigated areas by using coring material taken from the tee block renovations that are currently underway throughout September. We will continue to place more of the corings to other bare areas from the greens renovations in October.

- **11th HOLE**

As per the recommendation of the Special General Meeting held in May 2009, ground staff have started to increase the width of the fairway on the right hand side.

The large tree has been removed along with the cocas palms and large growth trees have been planted.

When funds become available in the coming months we will start the reshaping of the front right hand bunker. This will consist of replacing the sand with grass and removing the mound between the green and the face of the bunker allowing players to approach the green from the right with more confidence.

Whilst we have the machinery on site we will also remove the large stump that is between the green and the lagoon. During this period there will be a temporary green in place but ground work should be completed within three days.

- **GREENS RENOVATIONS**

Ground staff will start renovations on Sunday the 18th October through to Wednesday 21st October. Only 9 holes will be available each day during this period. If the weather is kind to us then there is a possibility that we may have 18 holes open for Wednesday.

This renovation is a major one with large hollow tines coring the greens to a depth of 250 to 300mm (10 to 12 inches) and the greens sanded and fertilised.

- **3RD HOLE**

After the greens renovation ground staff will be roping off areas of the fairway. They will be aerating the fairway and placing soil, fertiliser and cores from the tee renovations on the fairway. These areas may be closed for a couple of months so any balls that finish inside roped areas will be classified as GUR. This will mean a compulsory drop outside the roped area.

- **9th HOLE**

The soil that is currently sitting off to the side of the fairway will be shaped and prepared for grassing and this is estimated to be started in December / January.

PROPOSED COURSE UPGRADES FOR 2010 TO 2011

HOLE 1.

1. Relocate cart path entry to 2nd tee and repair and turf at current entry point. (All bare areas).

HOLE 2.

1. Relocate cart path entry to 3rd tee and aerate, repair and turf out current entry point (all bare areas), and define cart path with chippings.
2. Trim trees at rear and side of tee which will allow sun to reach the tee.

3. Remove large gum tree at rear of green and trim others to eliminate the ongoing problem of starving the green of moisture and the leaves and branches falling on the green and filling in the bunker with same.
4. Trim tops of trees left hand side of green that are preventing growth during winter months.

HOLE 3.

1. Remove selected trees right hand side of the green that are draining moisture from the green preventing growth.
2. Prepare fairway (Aerator) for grass regrowth.

HOLE 4.

1. Deepen and fast track drainage at front right hand side of green out through boundary fence.
2. Relocate concrete culvert nearer to boundary fence to change path entry point so as to reduce wear around greenside.

HOLE 5.

1. Grass salt affected areas.

HOLE 6.

1. New turf implants right hand side next to cart path areas around green.
2. Clean up area left & rear of green where sanitation work was completed.

HOLE 7.

1. Enlarge tee block to the right and relocate cart path in to tree line.
2. Remove from the left hand side selected trees and trim others that are causing lack of growth to tee block area (**This is a priority for this tee block**).

HOLE 8.

1. Remove tree right hand side of green that is preventing grass growth and then lay new turf to all bare areas.
2. In the meantime relocate concrete culvert and cart path for entry to 9th tee block.

HOLE 9.

1. Construct mounds and turf right hand side of fairway.
2. Construct fairway bunker right hand side before 150m marker. (Club Professional to locate position).

HOLE 10.

1. Remove cocas palms right hand side of green and replace with other suitable trees further away from green.

HOLE 11.

1. Fill in small lagoon right hand side of fairway. This has now been tested by Wide Bay Geotechnical Services down to 2.3m and was found **not to be a spring fed water hole or a sink hole**, and has a soil classification of **Class 'H'**.
2. Carry out work as passed at the Special General Meeting held in May 2009 regarding this hole.

HOLE 12.

1. Rebuild tee block by removing top tier and increasing the length and width, relocate cart path and remove tree.
2. New drainage required in front bunker and lower front face by half and re-turf.
3. Remove cocas palms at rear of green.

HOLE 13.

1. Construct a larger men's tee block using the areas of the old tees.

HOLE 14.

1. Relocate cart path at tee block to other side.
2. Remove cocas palms at rear of green and replace with more suitable trees.

HOLE 15.

1. Relocate cart path at tee block to other side.
2. New irrigation, tree planting and turf to right hand side of green to men's 16th tee, construct cart path from tee with chippings.
3. Construct cart path from green to Ladies 16th tee block with chippings.

HOLE 16.

1. Upgrade drainage from lagoon next to tee block so that it overflows to main irrigation dam via underground pipes.
2. Install power supply from greens sheds to lagoon for aerator installation.

HOLE 17.

1. Overhaul cart path approach to men's tee area.

HOLE 18.

1. Clean up soil containment area and surrounds.

- **TREES & TURF**

Throughout 2009 /2010 we will continue with our tree planting program and the removal of selected dead trees throughout the course, also our program for plugging salt affected areas with common couch grass will continue along with the Wick wiping of wire grass around the course.

- **SAND BUCKETS (A Cost Saving Exercise to the club and members)**

I know I harp on this every newsletter, but I continue to pick up buckets around the cart sheds, locker rooms and car park. On one Sunday morning I retrieved 54 buckets.

If you see sand buckets lying around the club house, cart sheds, oncourse or the car park please assist by picking up and placing them in the appropriate containers. **It is not that difficult.**

- **GENERAL**

Any members seeing social players doing donuts with hired carts or acting inappropriately on the fairways please contact the Pro Shop ASAP.

We have had a number of problems in this area of late.

I would also like to ask that all members living adjacent to the golf course to keep an eye out for vandals that are currently running amok on the course after hours breaking sprinkler heads off, turning on water valves and flooding areas of the course, knocking down mature trees, breaking off branches and stealing flags.

It appears that they are coming in from Old Maryborough Road under and over the fence and crossing the course and exiting through to the houses on the course or

through the boundary fences to Eli Waters. We know this because they leave footprints in the morning dew and the size of these prints are children or young teenagers.

This vandalism is happening during the week and at weekends and the school holidays haven't even started yet at the time of writing.

Fred Lynam - Vice President/Greens

SECRETARY'S NEWS

With the year fast coming to a close, it is nearly AGM time again.

A few items to keep in mind regarding the AGM:

- To allow for Committee Members to be able to answer questions in General Business accurately, the Management Committee asks that these items be returned to the Secretary before close of business on Saturday 7th November.
- The President will be using the Interim Guidelines for General Meetings at this Meeting of which a copy is available at Reception or on the day.
- It would be appreciated if Members with any questions regarding the reports for the AGM approach the relevant Committee Member or General Manager for discussion before the meeting.
- Please keep in mind that resolutions and nominations for positions on the Management Committee are now open. These close on Saturday 24th October at 5pm.

For sale items:

- ✓ Ladies Wilson Golf Clubs, Bag & Putter with covers – Contact Mills 4128 1050
- ✓ Ladies Etonic Golf shoes Size 8 ½ Good condition, Make an offer - Contact Patricia Deeley 4125 5201
- ✓ Galvanised Tilt Golf Cart trailer. Purchased March 2009 6 months Registration. \$1,400. Contact 4128 3307
- ✓ Tommy Armour Graphite Golf Clubs. Good condition. Driver, 3, 5 Woods, Irons SW to 3 Iron. \$100 Contact 4124 0651

Justices of the Peace:

On quite a number of occasions documents requiring signature by a Justice of the Peace are required. It would be appreciated if members with these qualifications would mind giving this information to the Secretary to be used when required. This information would be confidential.

Sale of Plants:

On behalf of Janice Andrewartha and her volunteer group she would like to thank Members and friends for their support in buying the plants and soft goods available. The plants are now in the new location outside the plant nursery and Members are asked to select and use the honesty system and pay at Reception.

A successful sale of plants has been made for July, August and September. Janice will continue to provide this service which is much appreciated by the Club with the proceeds going to general revenue for the benefit of all Members.

Thanks to our sponsors:

The comment has come back to me that we as Members are very remiss on many occasions in not thanking our sponsors for trophies that we have been good enough to win. A small

note left at Reception would be appreciated for the sponsor if they are not known to you. We do thank our sponsors for their support.

Thank you to the Members of Management for assistance this year and to all our Members, good golfing for the coming year.

Shirley Tarte – Secretary

THE CAPTAIN'S CORNER

What a great last quarter of golf we have had since the last report.

The Fraser Coast Classic was another fantastic event played in August with rounds in Maryborough and Hervey Bay with some young and old professionals here to play in this prestigious event. It was great to see Peter Senior playing and the crowd following his every shot. He also used the services of some of our young juniors to caddy for him. Well done to all involved in making this a well run event.

It is good to see all the professionals in the Pro Shop, with the change over going smoothly. What a great opportunity to have up to five (5) professional coaches to choose from for those golf lessons. We would be the envy of every other club anywhere. Progress is under way to get a matted area, similar to the range so the pros can teach all shots, without wrecking the practice tees. Make sure you check out available times to have your lesson to improve your game.

Previous Management Committees have spoken about the number of carts in a group. It has been discussed regularly and we seem to be going back to three (3) and sometimes four (4) carts in a group. What about the camaraderie in the groups as well as the wear and tear on the course. Next time you are playing in your cart how about inviting one of the other cart owners to join you?

Congratulations to Mike Tappenden and Scotty Bickerton for winning the Club Foursomes Championship for the 4th time. Special thanks to Lex and Karen Hewitt from Wide Bay Geotechnical Services for their continued support. They have been sponsoring this event for over 22 years.

Well done to Josh Taylor at the Maryborough Open. He was beaten in a play-off with Scott Warren after both shot a 69 in tough conditions. Josh was beaten in the first sudden death hole where Scotty birdied to Josh's par.

With the practice that Josh does, he will become one of our better players.

A District preliminary calendar has been received for next year for pennants and carnivals, but at this stage no format is available for pennants. For the information of previous and new pennant players the dates for the pennant games will be from the 14th February to the 2nd May. Details will be displayed on the notice board when available.

Tips for better golf:

- simple and easy - check your alignment , that can be done by picking a spot a foot in front and a foot behind, line your feet and shoulders to this line, then put your club heel on the ground behind the ball, let it sit normally, grip it, take your stance and swing .
- also know how far all your clubs go in distance when playing a full shot.

NOTE – PLAY IS PROHIBITED FROM ALL AREAS OF GUR. RELIEF MUST BE TAKEN AS PER RULE 24-2b.

Competition and Social Play on Sundays.

It is the policy of the committee to allow as many social players (mostly at \$35 per player) on the course on Sundays as we can.

Unfortunately until we get significant fee increases we cannot afford a marshal to move them along. So if you get caught behind some social players be patient or politely ask if they will let you through.

Please do not complain to the Pro Shop as there is nothing they can do.

Booking on Time Sheets on our Web Site.

There are usually about 80 people trying to book in on the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday time sheets at the same time right on 4.00pm. The system will struggle if all 80 want to get on in the same minute. Be patient. By 4.15pm you will all have found a spot on the time sheet.

On Two Tee Starts try scrolling down to the 10th tee. By 4.15pm the 1st tee is usually full and the 10th tee is empty.

Resignation of our Club Captain.

With the resignation of our Club Captain, Vice Captain Mr Tony Lambour will be carrying out the duties of the position with assistance from the Lady Captain Mrs Ruth Bartolozzi until the AGM in November.

FROM THE LADY CAPTAIN

We have nearly reached the end of the season and how time does fly. I am very grateful for the help and support of my Vice Captain, Carol Parsons and our Club Secretary, Shirley Tarte. Isabel Tapp, who is our Lady Handicapper, is another lady I can't leave out for she does a lot, doing a job which is very time consuming. I would also thank my informal Ladies' Match Committee for the work involved in all important events over the past months.

On the 12th of July we had our Ladies Open. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the course was in excellent condition. Judith Calvert was the overall gross winner, Genevieve Wills in B-grade and Pam Eckford in C-grade. Hervey Bay ladies both won the gross event, the Taylor Bros Shield and the nett event which is the Wynne Shield.

Wednesday 29th August was our Ladies Foursomes Championships. It was over 27 holes and once again kindly sponsored by Ross and Judy Calvert. We thank them and all the other trophy donors of the day. Carol Parsons and myself won the gross by one shot from Masifili Lyons and Judy Calvert. The winners of the nett event were June Stephenson and Hildegard Hennes. Dianne Mason and Colleen Manning were runners up. Yolina Deverge and Hilary Lambour won the 18 holes nett event.

The District Championships was held from 16th-18th of August. On the Sunday 16th the Foursomes Championships were played in Maryborough. Carol Parsons and Masifili Lyons were runners up from Stacy Burrows and Kate Laws from Maryborough. Dawn Smith and Robyn Whelan won the nett event with a score of 68. Bev McIntyre won the 36 holes nett event in A grade with Sandra Kerley runner up. DK Spencer won the 18 holes event in C grade and was runner up in the 36 holes event. Barbara Conway was runner up in the B grade 36 holes event and Marney Slaughter won the 18 holes nett event in B-grade. On behalf of all the ladies, I would like to thank John Fisher and Peter Cherrett who helped send the players off on both tees on the two days. Also thanks to Barry Mallory, Jan Isbel, Corinne Young,

Gail Morris and Yolina Deverge for helping out selling raffles and meeting and greeting visitors from other clubs in the district.

I am very sad that we lost a dear Lady Member. Alicia 'Gail' Morris will be missed. She was very special to me as she supported and helped in every way. She even went out of her way just so she could be with me and spent days working to make everything right. She was also one of the Informal Ladies' Committee.

Our last pennant event was played at Craignish on the 8th of September. It was a huge success as our team won 41/2-1/2 vs. Craignish. It was the deciding match and our Club will be contesting the finals against the North Coast and South Burnett Zones in a three way match play event to be held on the 2nd of October at Maryborough. Congratulations to all those who volunteered to represent the Club, the players and caddies, for without you, there is no team. A big thanks to our hard working Pennant Captain Carol Parsons and to Penny Rowell who takes all the photos of the team and sends the ladies results to the newspaper. Well done girls. We are all very proud of your achievement.

Sharon Polzin and Cathy Bell were the clear winners of the 4BBB Stableford Elimination Competition. Judy Calvert and Pat Deeley were runners up.

The Match Play Championships have not been completed at this time.

From the qualifying round played at Hervey Bay, Regina Schaerer and Marney Slaughter won the District qualifying round in the State 4B Handicap event and now will play in the State event to be held at Pelican Waters in October. We wish them good golfing and hope that they play well.

Breast Cancer Day was a huge success. With wonderful sponsors and great support from the Members and visitors the total raised for the event was \$2,437-90. Our major sponsors were Qantas, Awesome – Hervey Bay Whale Watch and Barbara Conway also The Pro Shop, Baywaters Cleaning and Flora Glen.

Our thanks to Dianne Mason for her organising skills and mention must also be made of her group of helpers.

Important dates coming up:

OCTOBER	7 TH	MONTHLY MEDAL, SINGLE STROKE POINTS & PUTTS
	12 TH to 14 TH	BARGARA LADIES CLASSIC
	14 TH	ROUND 1-DOREEN BULLOCK CUP
	28 TH	ROUND 2-DOREEN BULLOCK CUP
NOVEMBER	4 TH	MEDAL OF MEDALS FINAL
SAT.	7 TH	MONTHLY MEDAL-FINAL POINTS & PUTTS
WED.	11 TH	CAPTAIN VS VICE CAPTAIN DAY
SUN.	15 TH	MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS
SAT.	21 ST	PRESIDENT'S DAY
WED.	25 TH	FINAL OF ECLECTICS, POINTS & PUTTS
SAT.	28 TH	MEDAL OF MEDALS-FINAL ECLECTICS & BIRDIES
DECEMBER	9 TH	KENTUCKY DAY-SHOTGUN START AT 8.30 AM

ANNUAL TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED ON KENTUCKY DAY.

As this will be the last newsletter for this year, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Good golfing for the year 2010.

Ruth Bartolozzi – Lady Captain

JUNIOR NEWS

The Junior Golf Program is still growing and our boys have been away to several events representing themselves and the Club well.

Its pleasing to see some new faces at our Sunday morning sessions too and we look forward and hope that some of these young ones will grow into full junior members in time and add to our junior base for the club.

The Junior Club Championships saw Jacob Cullen crowned Champion. Well done Jacob.

The boys then travelled to Bargara for the Bargara Junior Classic.

In very windy conditions all of the guys that travelled up struggled on the coastal course.

It was the Club boys who really hit the jackpot though with Ryan Duke taking out the Boys Club 18 holes, this was a great effort not only in the conditions but also as it was Ryan's first Junior carnival. Well done mate!

Kal Olive won the Boys Club 9 holes with Morgan placed Runner up, after a more than dusty finish. When you see the size of Morgan I was surprised he wasn't blown away! Morgan also won a NTP prize.

This year's Fraser Coast Classic saw two of our boys clean up in their grades with Michael Lewis and Wade Baddeley playing well over the tournament. We were all very proud of the play and wins.

Last weekend 12 of our juniors travelled to a hot and windy Bundaberg track for their Junior Carnival. Most of the boys struggled with the sloping greens and the strong northerly wind buffeting the holes. They all played hard and to the end, but two boys stood out. One of our older Juniors Michael Dwyer Jnr played well to shoot 77, this wasn't quite enough to get in the prizes but a great effort. In the club boys 18 holes Ryan Duke again took out the top prize. This is becoming a habit now and we should put you all on notice as Ryan is hoping he will soon have his AGU handicap and be mixing it with the Members in competitions.

All in all the juniors have been very busy and we are working on them to help their games improve over the coming months and years. Of course this is only possible through our sponsors VDM Bellerio Constructions and Fraser Coast Building Certifications - Chris and Leeane Olive.

On a final note I am sure you will all want to join with us in wishing Connor all the best for his tilt at the Australian Schoolboys titles being held at the Rosebud Country Club on the Mornington Peninsula in November. Play well Connor.

If any members have any juniors that are keen to come along and play please contact Brian Carrigan or Pete Cherrett.

Brian Carrigan - Junior Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE HERVEY BAY VETS

How time flies! Seems like yesterday I sat to pen the last epistle, Ho Hum such is life.

We are now the largest Veterans Club in the District with over 200 members. Other Districts are now encouraged by Golf Queensland to include lady members in their Veterans Clubs; this has always been the case in the Wide Bay. Of course it's so good to see them catching up with the times!

We did not receive one inquiry regarding the Veterans Captain's position. Margaret is doing a sterling job acting in this role, thank you for your dedication Margaret.

As Veteran Golfers you need to consider just what is going to happen to your vet's golf in 2010. Positions on the Committee are available. We desperately need new Committee Members to keep our Vets Club going.

I would like to thank Sandra Kerley for stepping into the breach, her assistance in helping organize the two day event 21/22 September was invaluable.

All Committee members worked extremely diligently to organize this Inaugural Event. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Classic an event to be proud of.

What a great success it was. I am sure Brian Lockhard, who initiated the concept will be justly proud of how it all went for the first year.

I look forward to greater golfing visitor numbers to Hervey Bay in the years to come. The success of this event will be discussed at District level with a view to involving other Clubs to participate in forming perhaps a bigger and better golfing event in the future. Clubs in attendance included Cairns, Port Macquarie, Gold Coast, Bundaberg, Bargara, Caloundra, Maryborough, Eatonvale, Mundubbera, Camden NSW, Mt Coolum, Jindalee, Tewantin Noosa, Headland, Coolangatta and Bribie Island. My apologies if I have missed a few. We will push our advertising further next time. Thanks to the Greens Staff for the course presentation and also to Janice Andrewartha and her group of volunteers for their efforts in making the Clubhouse surrounds neat and attractive. Allan and Glenda Sellke once again did a fine job of drawing up the results board, thank you all.

Weather was fine despite a troublesome wind! The field size of 165 moved particularly well with most players completing the round in less than 4 hours, well done. Congratulations to the winners, too many to list here. And of course while the event could not proceed without the attendance of the golfers, I offer sincere thanks to our many Sponsors, without whom we would not have had such a successful event. We look forward to their continued support for the future. I am certainly taking up the 20% discount offer from our Pro Shop - House of Golf!

We have not forgotten our undertaking to re-paint course seating and of course ordering new shirts, just had other challenges to address!

In closing let me re-iterate the need to have volunteers address vacant Committee positions in 2010. *Else* has left the Club for greener pastures so there is no use in leaving the job to someone *ELSE!!* Our AGM will be held 9th November, be there willing to assist. We have a great Golf Club so support the Club and Veteran Golf. Some readers I know are rather scathing in their comments regarding Vets. Just remember this "*as you are now so once was I, as I am now so you will be*". Welcome to the real World!

Humor to close with:

The schoolteacher was taking her first golfing lesson. "Is the word spelt p-u-t or p-u-t-t?" she asked the instructor. "P-u-t-t is correct," he replied. "Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."

As I said in the opening statement Ho Hum!

Good golfing.

John Fisher - President