



## Men's Championship

Congratulations to **Daniel Buyers** on being the Belmont Golf Club Champion for 2009.

The full results are as follows:

### Scratch

A Grade Daniel Buyers 298

B Grade Matthew Eastman 344

C Grade Pat O'Flaherty 394

Junior Champion Daniel Buyers 298

Senior Champion Bruce Boyle 319

### Nett

A Grade Ben Jonas 288

B Grade Gordon Tamas 292 c/b

C Grade Kerry Bridges 301

## Vale

Merv Thompson, a member of nearly 40 years standing, recently passed away. Merv was playing regularly on Wednesdays and Saturdays until his untimely death.

## Presentation Night postponed

The Men's Presentation night will now be held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at the Clubhouse.

The late finish of our Championship and the proximity of the Christmas period have prompted this decision.

## Club Elections

The Board unanimously resolved at its November meeting to thank and express its full confidence in the Returning Officer, Garry Smith, Deputy Returning Officer, Margaret Lewin and scrutineers Colleen Baldwin and John Dickman.

In aggregate, around 70 hours of voluntary labour was contributed by these very well respected Club members.

## Signage

The Secretary Manager, Wayne Lambert, has secured an arrangement with Dowling Real Estate for the sign previously occupied by "The Herald" adjacent to the club entrance from the Highway. The deal with Dowling is commercially more attractive for the Club. However, we acknowledge and appreciate the support that The Herald has provided the Club over many years.

Another vacant sign on the Pacific Highway has been taken up by Lake Macquarie Tourism for a six month period.

The Board unanimously resolved at its November meeting to thank Wayne and express its full confidence in him.

## **Bistro**

The Board has decided to discontinue dinner on a Sunday night in the Bistro. Therefore, the food operation will close on Sundays at 5:00 pm. The usual service provided to Sunday golfers will continue.

A complete review of the bistro at the Club is presently being undertaken by a sub-committee formed by the Board.

## **Enhanced internet connection**

The Club recently upgraded its broadband internet connection to ADSL2+. The cost is comparable with what the Club was paying previously.

## **New BGC website**

A new enhanced website has been launched for Belmont Golf Club. The site was constructed by Micropower which is the provider of the Powergolf system used at the Club for the past three years.

The domain address remains unchanged and can be accessed at [www.belmontgolf.com.au](http://www.belmontgolf.com.au)

There is a Members' login section. The username is your BGC membership number. The password is the pin you use when using the kiosks at the Clubhouse (provided you changed your pin from the default of "123" to your own pin). If you have not changed your pin from the default please ask for assistance at reception.

## **Finance**

Our auditors, Forsythes, have released the results of their 2008/2009 Hunter & Central Coast Clubs Index. The Index's results show that the local clubs' industry has its challenges with only 55% of all clubs profitable.

Belmont Golf Club was one of the clubs in the select 55% profitable category and we continue the trend in the current year with a profit for October of \$12 268.

The Club is also comfortably ahead of the profit forecast for the year to date.

## **JUNIORS**

Big congratulations to Daniel Buyers who is the Belmont Golf Club Champion and also Junior Champion for 2009.

Daniel also had a course record 9 under 62 on the second day of the Brett Ogles Junior Masters played at Goulburn G C. to be boys overall champion with a score of 7 under over 36 holes. This shows that hard work does pay. Well done and well deserved Daniel.

Well done to Clayton Bridges with a well deserved third place finish at the W.E.Alexander played at Waratah G C. with an even par score over 36 holes.

Congratulations to Aliza Huff who made the NSW State Junior Training Squad.

A good effort by Tess Macdonald to finish Nett Runner-up at the Srixon Junior International played at Kurri G.C.

## **VETERANS**

On Tuesday 1st December, the inaugural Mick Bissaker Shield Day was held over 12 holes. This day was free to veterans, being sponsored by Mick's son Mark and family. The stableford competition was won by Geoff Murray with 24 points. Mark Bissaker presented the shield to Geoff at the annual dinner on Tuesday 8th December.

Congratulations Geoff!