



Men's Change/ Toilet Facilities

The demountable facilities for the Men's change room and toilet at the southern end of the Clubhouse is a long standing issue of around 10 years and the current Board has commenced investigations in order to get a solution.

The current strategy includes seeking concept plans, at no cost to the Club, from local architectural companies for refurbishment of the southern end of the existing clubhouse building which includes the male members' temporary facilities before identifying the preferred option moving forward.

Once a preferred concept is approved the normal process for building activity of this nature would need to be followed including but not limited to:

- Develop detailed plans and specifications
- Submit DA and other consent applications
- Seek tenders for the work

It is difficult to estimate at this stage a potential start date for refurbishment work however the Board is hopeful construction would commence prior to the end of this calendar year.

The above is a broad outline of the current Board's position on this matter and our near future plans for that area. As we proceed, plans etc will be displayed in the clubhouse.

SICK LIST

Graeme Best, a member of Dad's Army and regular Wednesday afternoon player is not well. We wish Graeme all the very best.

Presentation Night

The Men's Presentation night held on 20th February 2010 was a resounding success with over 110 people in attendance. Craig Parry was the guest speaker and presenter.

Craig's attendance was arranged at no cost to the Belmont Golf Club through Craig's association with Schweppes.

Photos of Craig with each of the winners are now available for collection from reception, by the winners.

New Staff

We welcome **Andrew Parkinson**, as the new 2-I-C for the Course. Andrew has been a keen golfing member of the Club for some time and still plays on Saturdays when off duty! Andrew replaces Trevor Henderson. Andrew has worked at Sydney courses and Maitland GC.

A warm welcome, also, to **Manon Farrell** who replaces Dianne in the front office. Manon is undertaking Certificate 3 in Business Studies at Belmont TAFE which she will complete later this year and consequently is working flexible hours. Manon volunteers with Girl Guides and Warner's Bay HS P&C

Lake Macquarie Volunteers

Thankyou to the 340 volunteers without whom we could not run the Lake Macquarie events which involves a total of eight days. Thanks also to Ken White who co-ordinated the volunteers and to Ken's offsider Phil Clews for all their efforts.

Many volunteers such as Dave Pont and Marion Scotting are very generous with their time every year. In fact, Marion has been a volunteer every year since 1977 with only one exception. Thankyou Marion!

7th & 18th Green Replacement

Construction of the 7th and 18th greens is now complete. The greens have been seeded and turfing of the surrounds has commenced. We will still continue to use the current course "set up" until at least the end of March.

The fairway bunker between 2 and 8 has been filled and will be GUR until further notice. The same applies to the fairway bunker between 11 and 10 at the bottom of hill left of 10th. The logic behind this decision is that you shouldn't be penalised twice: in the trees and also "bunkered".

Considerable pitch mark damage was evident on the 9th green on Thursday 11 February and on Wednesday 3rd March.

Please take the time to repair your own and any other pitch marks in your vicinity on all our greens. This is a simple thing we can do to keep our greens as good as possible.

Also, you should not use your putter to get the ball out of the hole as it is damaging the hole edges. Those small suction cups for the end of putters work fine and cause no damage at all.

Pennants Competition

Currently we have 2 teams competing in their respective pennants competitions.

A Grade, after 3 rounds, has had a win, a bye and a narrow loss. Ben Jonas recently commenced Uni in Orange but intends to return to play whenever possible to assist the team as it strives for promotion back to Division 1.

The Super Senior pennants team has played 2 games and won both convincingly.

We urgently need players for the Masters Pennants which is commencing soon – please see notice board.

Dad's Army

As usual, Dad's Army planted and maintained the flowers, trimmed hedges and painted various parts of the Clubhouse to present Belmont Golf Club in a favourable light to our visitors.

Dad's Army prepared the pipe for use as flag poles and erected them at the 17th & 18th tees. Ken White used his fishing line with great skill to thread the cord for the flags. Consequently, we didn't need a cherry picker this year!

While the flags are very decorative and indicate the nations from which players that are competing are drawn, they are primarily used to stop players hitting down the 16th & 10th fairways respectively.

Finance

The profit for January was \$52 621 which was a pleasing improvement on last year's result of \$46 350.

The Club is on track to achieve its budgeted profit for this financial year.

The surplus from the Lake Macquarie event in 2010 is around \$34 225. In 2009 the surplus was \$39 713. Both these figures do not include costs such as the additional course labour costs.

What is different this year is that the signage income has been separated from the Lake Macquarie event and not included in the 2010 figure. This amounts to \$21 000 and therefore when added to the Lake Macquarie result the Club did better from the Lake Macquarie in 2010 compared to 2009 on "like for like" basis.