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BRETT'S PROGRESS



By now, most members will have heard about Brett's great win and will have read the isseek article about it. Following is the press release from the Pacific Northwest Golf Association.

"DREWITT WINS TITLE AT 109TH PNGA MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

"Victoria, British Columbia (Saturday, July 17, 2010) – Brett Drewitt of Inverell, Australia wins the 109th PNGA Men's Amateur Championship held at Royal Colwood Golf Club in Victoria, B.C. Drewitt defeated Cory Renfrew of Victoria, B.C. in the 36-hole final match 4 and 3. Maybe Drewitt's most impressive stat all week was that in all six of his matches, he never trailed an opponent once.

"In the morning 18-holes, Drewitt, the nineteen year-old #15 seed who recently was offered an opportunity to play at Texas Tech University, made six straight pars to gain an early 1-up lead through 6 holes. He broke the match wide-open with a birdie on the 7th, a par on the 8th, and back-to-back birdies on the 9th and 10th to go 5-up through 10 holes. Renfrew would buckle down and make a solid par to win one back on the tough par 3 #11, then birdied the 12th and

13th to get the match back to 2-up in favour of Drewitt. The morning 18-holes would end with Drewitt making par on the 18th for a 3-up lead heading into the break.

"The two would trade pars on the first three holes in the afternoon before Drewitt gained another hole on the par-3, 4th to increase his lead to 4-up. Renfrew would charge back with a concession victory on the 6th and a birdie 3 on 8th to get the match back to 2-up in Drewitt's favour heading into the final 9-holes of the match. Renfrew made a miraculous save on the 10th to halve the hole but dropped to 4-down after Drewitt sank a birdie putt on the long par 3, 11th and made a winning par on the 12th. Renfrew's determination kept him in the match after a gutsy par on the 13th won the hole keeping him within striking distance. Drewitt, however, was too much to handle down the stretch as the Aussie closed out the match with steady pars on the 14th and 15th never giving Renfrew an opportunity.

"Drewitt, an accomplished player in the Australian junior circuit, will add this prestigious PNGA Men's Amateur victory to an already flourishing break-through year in amateur golf. Drewitt's first major amateur victory came in May at the Queensland Amateur Championship. Last week Drewitt competed at the Sahalee Players Championship which is the first leg of the Western Swing and will look to continue his winning ways later this month at the Pacific Coast Amateur at Eugene Country Club in Eugene, Ore".

This week is a rest week for the boys before they play in the Pacific Coast Amateur starting on 26th July.

PAT WILSON

Another of the talented young golfers to have represented the club recently was Pat Wilson. Pat played in the Major Pennant team with great success and also worked part-time on the greens staff. He has now been awarded a scholarship to Colorado University, Boulder, USA where he will study Architecture and Planning, majoring in Environmental Design, at the same time getting the opportunity to play competitive golf with the Colorado Buffaloes team. Pat has written to thank the club for the support and encouragement he has received. He hopes to return eventually to play in the Club Championship.

LATEST ON ELWYN

Things are looking up for Elwyn. His doctors are pleased with him. He has started to put on a bit of weight and in fact he has been told he can eat anything he likes. He is still not quite ready for visitors, but it should not be long now.

NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT



There are a few native grass species that aren't quite what one would expect a grass to look like. One such grass is Spreading Panic (*Entolasia marginata*) which is one of three Entolasias in the Sydney district. As the name indicates it is a sprawling grass, with broad, short, dull leaves and is commonly found in forests on sandstone or shale in sheltered locations. That sounds very much like the left hand side of 12, up to the 13th tee, doesn't it? It is easiest to see this grass in the clubhouse garden in the section closest to the turning circle at the end of Anzac Avenue. Can you see it?

A second species is Wiry Panic (*E. stricta*) which is a smaller version and more tufted, and is also found at Long Reef. Both species extend from New South Wales to Queensland and into New Guinea.

A third species, *E. whiteiana* is only found occasionally in Sydney.

PITCH MARKS

The recurring wet weather has interfered with the plan to have greens staff demonstrate how to repair pitch marks on the greens. The plan now is to have staff show us the best way on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th August, weather permitting.

FROM THE WOMEN



Tuesday was the second round of the Fourball Knockout and some interesting results occurred. However, with three weeks to go anything could happen.

Congratulations to Elaine Coldham who became President of Barrenjoey Peninsula Week of Golf at their A.G.M. this week. Elaine has been Match Secretary for two years on Barrenjoey and will now do a great job as President. We are indeed lucky to have people of her calibre in our Club. We wish her well in this prestigious position.

Our Bronze 3 Pennant team had a fine win last Friday at Monash – 4 and 1, under the leadership of Field Captain, Jenny Watts. The season for the Bronze 3 and Bronze 1 Bowl finishes this week. The Bronze 4 will start their season in two weeks time.

Thursday – such brave people to finish in the rain and cold. Some even reckoned it was hailing!

So the scores were very good considering the weather –

Division 1 winner Pam Burke (17) sq
Runner Up Susan Walker (22) -3 cb

Division 2 winner Scherrie Hughes (31) sq
Runner Up Sue Hardy (28) -2

Division 3 winner Carolyn Howells (36) +6
Runner Up Carole Thomson (37) sqcb

How good is plus 6!

FROM THE COURSE



It has been a cold week on the course this week with wind, rain and cold nights making it hard to get out of bed before 6am each morning. This week we spiked to the greens with 6mm solid spikes to a depth of 80mm. This helps aerate the soil and relieve compaction, as for a little bit of trivia our coring machine punched 320,000,000 holes in the greens over 2 days. Sand has been replenished in most bunkers over the past 2 weeks. We are planning a number of large drainage jobs over the coming weeks in all we plan to install over 350 metres of drainage lines on the 9th, 11th and 14th holes. Hopefully this will help with access to these areas in wet conditions. Hope the weekend is warmer.

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of the Pairs competition on 14th July were:

N/S:

Winners Jan Herringe/Jan Riley
2nd Helen Crott/Margaret Smale

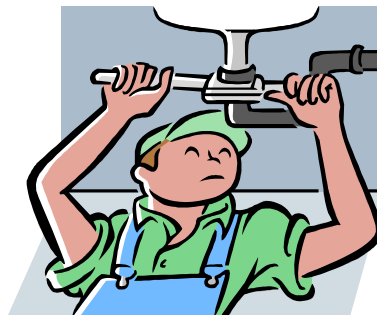
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Winners Ada Duignan/Jan Byrne
2nd Joan Rutherford/Peg Hulton



Next Thursday 29th July, John Mullins, Peter Donkers, Simon Brown and Alex Palmer will represent the Club at the 2010 KABNSW Awards dinner, where the winners will be announced. We have entered two categories – The Sustainable Clubs Award and Biodiversity Conservation Award. We have been successful in winning previous KABNSW Awards. Success of this kind can be helpful in supporting an application for Government grant.

MEN'S LOCKER ROOM



Next week repairs and replacements of the hand basins in the men's locker room will commence. The work will be staggered so as to cause the least possible inconvenience to members.

BUGGIES ON GREENS



Some members seem to be unaware that wheeling golf buggies across the green is not permitted. Although some other Clubs allow this practice, our greens are relatively small so there is not a large enough area to allow constant traffic across them and it is not very far to walk around them.



There are only a few tables left for Christmas in July on Friday 30th at 7pm, cost \$55 per person. Before the dinner, between 5pm – 7pm Ted McGill from Wood Aged Holdings is providing a Whisky tasting of his single cask premium whisky. He would like the tasters to give an honest opinion on his whisky. Ted will give information on the distilling and the production processes. He will be happy to take orders from anyone who would like to buy his product.