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PREFERRED LIES

Message from the Chairman

A warm welcome and hello to all members and friends of the Capel Golf Club

The winter season of the Club is rapidly drawing to a close and I trust that you have had moments of golfing pleasure during the last few months.

We have managed to successfully stage a bracket of significant events including (but not limited to) Mens and Ladies Championships, Foursome Championships, Easter Medley, Mineral Sands Cup, Capel Cup, Capel 3000, Captains Cup, Presidents Cup, and the Capel Pro Am.

Congratulations to all the worthy winners. Please refer to reports contained within the newsletter for greater detail on the results.

Whilst unfair to single out any particular group of volunteers in the Club, the hard work of the Pro Am sub committee resulted in a net profit of approx \$5000 income to the Club.

A special thank you to Russell Lines for his donation of materials and labour which has allowed some terrific walls and pathways to be built on the course. They certainly lift the appearance of the place.

The Budget is a unfortunately behind budget due to the hiccups with the cool room and break ins and we are hoping for good spring weather to get the green fee income up a little more.

A Special Meeting of the Club was held on the 12th July 2011 to consider suggested changes to the Constitution and membership structure. Whilst no changes were forth coming from that meeting, I wish to congratulate all members on the spirit of cooperation and fairness which was displayed during the process. The Board and its committees continuously strive to find alternate forms of memberships to encourage new members to our great Club and all suggestions are carefully vetted.

Don't forget to make yourself known to any new members and try and invite them for a game and a beer.

The question of the land swap at the rear of the course still remains unresolved. The most recent contact with the Lands Dept reveals that the matter is in the system and soon to be looked at.

A major modification to the 17th green is under consideration. A plan of the design is on the notice board in the sprig bar. Please review that plan and make your thoughts known to a Committee member.

The introduction of the online booking system has been successful. For those who were patient awaiting its arrival, thank you. The Club save tens of thousands of dollars by not rushing in to quick to buy products used by other Clubs. The Clubs in house IT gurus are still working on a system to send out this newsletter by email.

The spate of break ins and damage has upset many members. Whilst disturbing that our property has been treated with such disrespect, there is an upside in that we have a new fleet of carts at a far lesser cost than would have occurred in the near future. Thank you to Andrew Smith for his diligence and patience displayed in resolving a variety of issues relating to repairs, replacements, insurances and late night callouts.

At its September Board meeting, the Board resolved that it was not practical to install security gates at the front and rear entrances for a variety of reasons. The Cart shed has had an alarm fitted.

We have a group of members who have been in the wars with health issues. Please find a moment to give them a visit. You will have a captive audience to your tales of missed putts, two in the bunker etc etc.

The Club has been diligently chasing some form of Govt grants to assist with the reticulation installation on the back nine. Unfortunately, the guidelines for the current group of funds do not allow us to be considered. We continue to lobby the politicians on this matter.

The term of the Chairman and two Directors is soon to close. Nominations will be called soon for replacements . I trust that candidates will make themselves available.

In completion, thanks again to all of our great staff and hard working volunteers who spend hour after hour in doing the little things to increase our golfing pleasure.

Yours in happy golfing
Malcolm McAuley - Chairman of Directors

Did you know that Jim Mercer (senior) is one of seven brothers and all played to a single figure handicap at some stage.

Captain's Notes September 2011

Well haven't we seen some great changes to the golf course in the last six months? The greens are at the fastest they have been for some years, and as a result we have seen the scores not as high as in the past. Well done Max and your team; the course is in great shape.

It was good to see local lads do well in the Capel Cup. Congratulations to Michael Slinger and runner up Peter Gartrell.

The Pro Am was a successful day for the club with Michael Moore and Richard Ball sharing the honors with gross of 70. The team event was won by Murray Basset, Peter Hannagan, John Taylor and the pro Tony Howell with 95 points.

Captains Cup Winners were Cheryl Dillion (Ladies) and Mark Lewis (Men).

The Easter Medley was another well run event with the Winners beings Nat Crosby (Ladies) and Kerry Conley (Men).

The Mineral Sands Cup 4BBB winners were Judy Simmons and Lucy Widdup (Ladies) and Barry O'Dea and John Skinner (Men).

Auslec Cup Winners were Denyse Strachan (Ladies) and Murray Price (Men).

Mens Champion was again won by Shaye Trezise with scores of 74,77,74,74 = 299 well done Shaye top effort. A grade Murray Price, B Grade Paul Kelly, C Grade Gary Hywood, D Grade Ian Tomlinson and Patrons Shield Peter Wright.

Mens Fours Champions Shaye Trezise, Chris Nicholson, Runners up Ron Sleight, Allen Wallrodt.

The Mixed 4's was won by Sorine Flynn & Allan Illman from Karen Lange & Shaye Trezise.

The Capel 3000 was won by Chris & Mal McAuley, 2nd Beth & Len Deeley, 3rd Sandra & John Greenfield (Busselton), 4th Marianne Viebke & Paul Kelly with Leah Ferguson & Phil Jones running 5th., The Gross was won by Glenys & Matt Ferguson

Don't forget next year's March long weekend will be the Scott Park Homes Capel Classic with huge prizes.

The handicap system changed again on the 21st of September with best 8 out of 20 results to be counted instead of the best 10 of 20 plus the division will be .93 instead of .96. Another change is that you will not be able to move on your handicap more than 4 strokes in 1 calendar year. I hope this is clear; if not come speak to me and I will clarify.

On a lighter note I would like to congratulate Marian and Gordy Bremner and Marie and Allan Oakes on their 50th wedding anniversaries - well done **Marian and Marie** - super effort!

That's all for now - happy golfing

Murray Price - Director of Match

A quote from "To A Tee-The Spirit of Golf"----"Some players consider golf to be the ultimate Zen sport. To achieve a Zen like performance in golf they say you should think in *the now*. Clear your head of other thoughts and concentrate *only* on your current golf shot. In the Zen of golf you stop thinking about all the parts of the golf swing and just let yourself *swing!*"
Golf Whisperer's note- so that is what I have been doing wrong!

Adam Scott may have never won a Major but he has won \$19.5 million dollars so far in his career.

INTERMEDIATES NEWS

We are now almost at the end of our 2012 Winter Golf season. Our numbers have been down but we are starting to see an increase with the return of our members who travel North for the Winter months.

Ladies Championships 4 Rounds of Stroke were played over two weeks in August. Congratulations to the winners:

Champion Cheryl Dillon with a score of 367
Runner up Di Getley with a score of 369

Bronze Winner Ann Morrell with a score of 415
Bronze Runner up Gaye Espinos with a score of 431

Presidents Trophy Enid Wallis with a score of 306 Nett
Vice Presidents Sorine Flynn with a score of 307 Nett

The evening presentations and dinner was held at the club after the final days play. 43 ladies and 3 guests attended, the evening was a great success, food was excellent, all was prepared by the ladies. Volunteers and husbands worked hard in the kitchen.

Di Templeman and Karen Lange qualified to play in the Geroge Booth state finals to be played at Wanneroo Golf Club on the 26th September.

Jubilee Foursomes was won by Joan Quinn and Natalie Crosby they competed in the finals at Gosnells on 5th September the girls enjoyed the experience but were unsuccessful.

The Silver Spoon was won by Di Templeman who also went to Perth to compete in the finals once again she was unsuccessful, but said it was a great experience and an honour to participate.

11 Ladies made the trip to Perth for Country Week, a good time was had by all with a great result for 2 of our competitors. Di Getley was Third in the 36 hole net handicap 0-17 and Third in the Gross (lost on a countback for second). Di Getley and Judy Simmons won the teams event at Lakelands .

Shirley Miller has been putting in a lot of time and effort with our Tuesday clinics for new golfers, She as managed to encourage 5 to take out Trial membership 2 of which have now become members well done Shirley and her helpers.

Happy golfing to all

Marie Oakes - Director of Intermediates

COURSE UPDATE

Max and his boys have been extremely busy since our last newsletter.

As of late Max and his boys have been busy finding, cleaning/replacing blocked reticulation pipes on the back nine. All the greens turf valves have been tested & work well, which will help summer watering immensely, I would encourage all members to look on Max's blog site (capelgcmaintenance.blogspot.com), This will confirm to you all the poor condition of the existing retic and the need for a new system.

Since the coring the greens have come back in fantastic condition (thanks once again to all the helpers). Max's programme of solid tining in spring and hollow coring in autumn has proved to be fruitful.

Work has also been carried out levelling the bunkers and levelling the bunker lips.

A big thank you must go out to Russell Lines of JETLINE PAVING for all his great work with retaining walls and paths ,also a big thank you to Phil Cahill for providing the club with 40 spotted gums for planting around the course.

You all would have noticed the fenced off bottlebrushes that Graeme Colton and his helpers have planted to the side of the pro shop which is going to add to the appearance around the clubhouse so many thanks Graeme.

Graeme is still looking for helpers for the job squad on the first and third Monday mornings of the month, it would be great to see some more members give a hand rather than leaving it up to the same few all the time.

Please remember at this time of the year to keep filling in divots and repair pug marks to keep our course in the great condition that it is.

As you all probably know the idiots who broke in and destroyed our carts used the 18th green & the practice putting green as a skating rink, we were very lucky that the damage was minimal.

Rob Grover - Course Director.

-quote ..."Golf is of all games ,the most mystical, the least earthbound, the one wherin the walls between us and the supernatural are rubbed the thinnest"... John Updike

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A very successful Quiz night was held in July with just over 100 participants. Special thanks to Ashley Dillon (Quizmaster), Ken and Sandra (Helpers). It proved to be a enjoyable night and also helped the club coffers.

Twilight has commenced and Fish and Chips are on the menu once again. Refer to your fixture book to see when they are on.

Catering at the Capel 3000 proved to be successful with 70 of the 140 players staying for the Sunday night meal, which was prepared by Ron and Chris and their helpers.

RULES of GOLF QUIZ (answers at end of newsletter)

Question 1-if when making a practice swing with his putter, Ray accidentally moves the ball, Ray can put it back with no penalty- true or false?

Question 2-Ray can carry 15 clubs in his bag if he you nominates which club that he will not use before teeing off. True or false ?

Question 3-Ray hits a great chip from off the green and the ball is held at surface level in the hole by the flag. It is considered to be holed out. True or false

Question 4-on a windy day Ray 's ball falls off the tee as he is on the way down with his swing. He makes a small contact and the ball rolls 2 meters . Ray can re tee it again with no penalty – True or false?

-quote ..."a well adjusted man is one who can play golf as if it were a game"...anonymous

COMING EVENTS

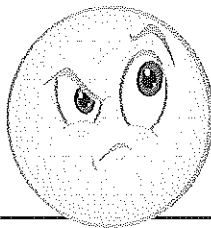
**TUESDAY
29th NOVEMBER**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AT CLUB HOUSE

7.30PM

QUIZ ANSWERS - ALL FALSE



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