



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2010



REQUISITION DEFEATED

The requisition to unseat the Board of Directors has been defeated 217 votes to 20.

The Board will now return to focusing attention on the overall management of the business of the Club.

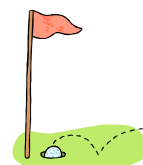
Thank you to those members who attended & voted at the meeting.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

The Club Match Play Championship has been decided and congratulations go to Club Match play Champion Phil Watson who defeated Zac Churcher, B grade champion Brian Purcell who defeated John Griffin, and C Grade Champion Garry Fuchs who defeated Malcolm Angus. Commiserations to Zac, John and Malcolm. A short presentation was held on Saturday 26th June.

Entry forms for the 2010 Mixed Team Series are now available at the front office. The first round is on Sunday July 25th. Sponsors this year are Schweppes, Retire Invest and Srixon. Organise your team and be sure to get the entry form in early. Entries close on Wednesday 14th July.

The Gosford Junior Classic is to be held on Monday July 5th. Entry forms are available at the club, on the club's web site, and through JNJGF. All juniors are urged to support this event.



The 2010 HOLDEN SCRAMBLE will be held at Gosford Golf Club during August. It will take a similar format to last year which was received very favourably by those who played. Keep an eye out for more details as the day gets closer.

I would like to welcome Scott Cubis, who is the Director of Golf at GGC. I would also like to welcome Tom, Gavin and Michelle to the team. I am sure they will form an effective team and deliver you friendly and efficient service.

The sand bags forming the face of the bunker on the 15th fairway have been included in the GUR area which is designed to protect the new grasses which have recently been planted in that area. Once those grasses are well established the GUR will be removed and the sandbags will become an integral part of the course. If you are in that bunker and those sandbags interfere with your stance or swing you may obtain relief, but you must drop the ball in the bunker. If they interfere with your stance or swing and your ball is NOT in the bunker then you may obtain relief at the nearest point which is not in the bunker and is not closer to the hole than where your ball lay.



FRIDAY NIGHT'S MEMBERS' BADGE DRAW HAS JACKPOTTED TO \$1250
BE THERE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

The Rules of Golf:

1. Jerry's ball lies at the side of a green adjacent to a greenside bunker. Tom's ball is in the bunker. Tom plays his stroke from the bunker and in so doing deposits sand on and around Jerry's ball. Is Jerry entitled to any relief?
2. After a heavy shower of rain Tom plays a stroke which comes to rest under a tree. A branch of that tree interferes with Tom's backswing. Before playing his next stroke Tom shakes the water from this branch in order to eliminate the possibility of him either being distracted by the water or from his cloths becoming wet due to the water falling on them. Has Tom breached any rule?

Answers: 1. Yes. Jerry is entitled to the lie and line of play he had when his ball came to rest. Accordingly in equity (rule 1-4) he is entitled to remove the sand deposited by Tom's stroke and lift and clean his ball without penalty. (Remember sand is not a loose impediment if it is off the putting surface but in this case it may be removed).

2. By removing the water from the branch Tom has improved the area of his intended swing. He is in breach of rule 13-2 (page 71 of your rule book). Tom is penalized two strokes, or loses the hole in match play.

Good golfing, Mark Stimpson

F TROOP REPORT

There is nothing like a cold frosty morning to test the dedication of our F Troop members. To their credit a hard core of 7-8 members are still to be seen arriving for duty every Monday morning around 7.15 am. Much of our time this last month has been spent in weeding our numerous gardens, cleaning and painting such items as seats found around the Pro Shop and putting green, as well commencing a program of painting the many sand containers found on each tee.

The 15th has had the new grasses planted around the left hand bunker with the area around them, including the sand bags, being G.U.R. until the grasses are a little bit more mature, probably until just before the Pro Am is upon us in October.

F Troop has been engaged in a program of removing the many dangerous dead trees identified by Council. This is very tricky and dangerous work at times, but with the experience of some of our F Troopers much time and money has been saved. Well done to those guys! Many of the stumps left behind will be removed in the near future.

Plans for the new gardens around the first tee are still being developed and progress will commence in earnest in the next few weeks so that it is up and ready for the Pro Am.

Our greens are the envy of the Central Coast at the moment and it is gratifying to hear so many members come up to F Troop members and tell us what good condition the course is in considering the recent rains.

It is most important that member's respect our golf course at all times and to this end we once again ask that they do not wheel their buggies across tees and over our greens. If you want our greens and tees to always look their best this is a positive way you, as a member, can help. It is up to all of us if you see someone not doing the right thing to politely suggest other alternatives. Our course belongs to all of us - it is up to all of us to look after it and respect it! Perhaps reading the Hull Report, this can be viewed online, it might help members realise what a great asset we have in Gosford Golf Course.

In the next couple of weeks the car park spaces are going to be repainted by F Troop. If you find that an area has been roped off then it will be for a good cause and we ask for your patience and understanding.

We still have plenty of dried seasoned firewood available now that the c-o-l-d- weather is upon us.

Finally, congratulations to Scott Cubis on his appointment as Director of Golf and to the rest of his staff. F Troop is looking forward to becoming involved with Scott and his ideas for improving our course.

Until next month's report the members of F Troop wish you pleasant golfing on the best golf course on the Central Coast.

F Troop meets most Monday mornings at the Greenkeeper's shed at 7.15 a.m. with morning tea around 10.15 a.m. We would like to see as many of you there as possible.



Contact numbers are: Peter Martin 0437 325 207, Jan Martin 0400 430 088, Martin Gallagher 0415 152 364 (for wood).

TREASURER'S REPORT

	May 2010	May 2009	Year to Date	Last Year
Operating Profit/loss	\$14,527 Profit	\$32,744 Profit	\$232,273	\$125,949
Net Profit/Loss (after depreciation)	\$9,512 Loss	\$4,815 Profit	\$54,635 Loss	\$190,803 Loss

Unfortunately rain badly affected trading results in May.

As shown above operating profit was down \$18,000 on the same month last year but as you can also see we are still running well ahead on Year to Date.

Functions & Room Hire were quite good as were Poker Machines but Bar & Course revenue bore the brunt of wet weather.

A reminder that annual subscriptions are due & payable now! In terms of the Club's rules after 14 July 2010 if subs have not been paid, playing rights are suspended, & if still not paid by 28 July the member is "unfinancial" & must make application to rejoin. A joining fee of \$250 would then become payable.

Russ Davidson
Treasurer

LADIES NEWS

Congratulations to **Di Thomlinson & Kay Adams** on defeating **Sheena Asken & Lyn Bates** in the final of the 4Ball Knock-out. Thank you to all players who participated.

President V Captain Day was washed out and the new date will be the 24th August replacing the cancelled Peugeot Day.

At presentation on 29th June we held a "**Farewell to Mark**". It was pleasing to see so many ladies in attendance. Mark assisted with the presentation of daily trophies and the winners were keen to be photographed with him.

Di Thomlinson paid tribute to **Mark & the Churcher** family who has been at GGC for the past 57 years. Mark thanked the ladies for their continued support.

We presented Mark with a Video Camera for teaching and a \$500 fuel voucher. Sincere thanks to the ladies for your generous donations.



Annette Dunk
Captain

GENERAL MANAGER

By now many of you are aware that Scott Cubis has been appointed Director of Golf, We are very excited to have such a well qualified individual on board. Scott has compiled a fine team whose profiles will appear on our website soon.

We envisage that not only will the Pro shop be a financially successful venture for the club but the service and the array of product will be greatly improved for our members.

As members of the buying group Progressive Golf we are able to secure excellent pricing for many of the top brands. We have already negotiated trading terms with Titleist/Footjoy, Callaway, Bridgestone, Nike, Taylormade, Odyssey and many more.

We also seek the support of our members in purchasing from our well stocked shop. Remember this is your Pro shop and funds spent in the shop helps to make the course better. Money spent with other retailers has no benefit to the course.

Take the time to keep checking out this section in the website as it will be evolving over the next few weeks.

Just recently a requisition with a motion for the board of directors to stand down was defeated. This will enable the board and management to refocus to our strategic planning for a strong future for your club. Already 2010/2011 is looking to be very exciting year for us as we look at re-establishing Gosford as the golfing venue of choice on the NSW Central Coast.

On a different note we have been informed that Sally McCoy from the office has had a successful outcome from her operation and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Alvin Kan
General Manager

PRO SHOP

A big thank you to all members for welcoming me back to Gosford after 15 years. I am very excited about the future of the club and the plans we have for the Pro Shop.

I would like to introduce my staff – Gavin Godwin, Senior Shop Assistant who is a member of the club playing off a handicap of 1. Gavin has recently sold his 2 news agencies in Bay Village and has always wanted to work in the golf industry.

Tom Ballard is our Junior Shop Assistant, who has worked in the Pro Shop for the past 2 years. Tom is playing off a handicap of 3 and is looking forward to doing his traineeship next year. Michelle Toth is also a shop assistant and adds an international flavor to the Pro Shop. She is from Canada and Played off a handicap of 2 when she played collage golf for Alabama State in the US. She has a big weekend coming up as she is getting married!

As for me, as most of you know, I started at Gosford as a junior and then trainee. I then went to Tuggerah lakes as the Assistant and then onto Terrigal as the Head Pro. I am very lucky to be part of the new changes at Gosford and have some big plans. I intend on putting a lot of time into building up the junior clinics and competitions. I am holding lady beginners clinics and competitions and am very keen to build up my members private lessons. The old first fairway will be the best place to conduct the long game lessons while utilizing the chipping and putting greens for the short game.

We have signed up with the progressive buying group which means we will stock all the major brands at very competitive prices. Our aim is to get the support of all the members so we will match and beat any of our competitor's prices.

We are all very passionate about our golf and will invite any member to book us in a game when they have a vacancy!

Pro's Tip for the month:

A quick way to fix a slice is to strengthen your left hand to show 3 to 4 knuckles. Then think about pulling your right shoulder back on the backswing. This will get the club working around your body on the backswing and allow you to hit from the inside of the ball.

Scott Cubis
Director of Golf

HOUSE AND SOCIAL

HAPPY EFOYS to all of our Members!

Such is life, which everything seems to be done all at the same time, which has been true for the Club over the last couple of weeks. But to take a silver lining from it all, I must admit that it's better to be busy and have a job than it is to be out of a job!

Although we are only days into July, we have already introduced our new pro shop, a new Bistro menu, a new Club Supervisor, and said goodbye to some familiar faces. Add all of this to a regular end of month, as well as the end of the Financial Year and the fact that my bar staff seem to have accumulated an endless supply of holiday hours that they insist on taking, as well as 55 corporate functions, 6 dinners and 14 leisure functions in the month of June, and you can bet we've been busy little beavers. As always I need to thank the people around me for all of the great work they do, and all of their help. It's truly great to be part of such an admirable team.

Firstly, on behalf of the House and Social Committee I would like to extend a HUGE welcome to our new Pro Shop: **Scott Cubis** (Director of Golf) and his team of **Tom, Gavin** and **Michelle** have started the new financial year of with a bang – with enthusiasm and stamina second to none. The guys down there have already logged up quite a few hours in getting the pro shop ready for our members, as well as training to be of the best possible assistance to our members.

We would like to thank all of the Members for their patience whilst the Club revamps the Pro Shop. We are expecting a Grand Opening night in early September, but I will endeavor to keep you all posted!

Not to leave the Club House out of all of the new staffing fun, I would also like to extend a big welcome to our new Club Supervisor **Ashton**, who will be starting on Wednesday the 7th. Ashton comes to us with a vast experience in Clubs, and we look forward to working with him for a long time to come! Please feel free to introduce yourself, or just say hello when you see Ashton around.

Our new **Bistro Menu** has started as of Tuesday the 6th of July. As always, it's hard to get rid of "everyone's favorites", so instead of starting from scratch our head Chef **John Grayson** has designed a menu based on the sales and feedback we receive. We have had some good feedback in regards to the changes on the Friday night specials board, and we are planning on keeping the same high standard with our new menu, as what we have always done.

Copies of the new menu are available at the office, or can be downloaded from our website

www.GosfordGolfClub.com.au

The 2010 **Op-Shop Ball** is drawing near. We had some lucky members win tickets to the ball in the Friday night Raffles through the month of June. But if you were not one of those lucky ones, you can purchase your tickets through the office. The night is shaping up to be full of fun, with a great winter menu to keep you warm, entertainment and prizes. Tickets are only \$30.00 per person. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE in the Magnolia Room on Saturday the 24th of July!

Big thanks to Sheena and Christine from the House and Social Committee for organizing all of the prizes and decorations.... The two of you are amazing!

THIS MONTH'S HOUSE & SOCIAL SHOUT OUT GOES TO... Mark Churcher..... We wish Mark all the best with his new venture in Taree, thank him for all of his hard work over the last 27 years and hope that he won't be a stranger to Wednesday Men's Comps!

Although I don't blame anyone who won't be braving the cold to play golf, I hope to see you all in the month of July! Happy Golfing, and remember... as Confucius wisely stated "The cautious rarely err"...

Krystal Day
Operations Manager

HANDICAPPER

Golfink Update:

Golf Australia has released an update to the handicapping.

On Thursday 15th July they will release statistics comparing handicap distribution prior to 9 April 2010 (Under the previous handicap calculation method) with handicap distribution after 9 April (ie under the new handicap calculation method).

Thursday 19 August 2010 – Announcement of contents of Second Package of Changes to the Australian Men's and Women's Handicap System.

Thursday 26 August 2010 – Announcement of enhanced processes for addressing the issue of players who regularly fail to return score cards. (Note: This will follow full consideration of feedback from State Associations and Clubs further to the invitation contained in the Golf Australia handicapping memo distributed on 23 April 2010. The enhanced processes will also take account of further analysis of the problem and consultation with the USGA.

Scorecards:

Please ensure that you check the score on the card with the score on the computer.

If both agree all you have to do is press "Update".

If you have to change one of the scores already entered then the computer will not recalculate until you press "*Calculate score*".

Visitors: All visitors must present their Golfink card to the Pro Shop when booking in.

We recently had a visitor who paid his money and said he was from Trundle Golf Club.

On checking with Trundle he was not even a member of the club, so we have to be diligent.

A reminder to all players that if you have a problem entering your score just place the card in the box and the scorers will solve the problem and enter the card for you.

Wishing you all many successful rounds of golf.



**Maggie Minjoy.
Handicapper.**