



December 2011



## Message from the President

Well another year is drawing to a close and a reasonable year for the Club. A scheduled meeting in January should see the finalisation of the new lease for the Clubhouse.

Some of the things we have planned for the new year may have to be put on the backburner as the State Government has hit us with a parole tax bill of

\$120,000.00. We have appealed the ruling of the tax office however we are currently making monthly repayments until the appeal is finalised to avoid outstanding interest charges being applied.

We may have to delay the construction of the planned outdoor deck until later in the year. We have at present committed to update the

Function Centre and will keep you advised on any other Club improvement programs.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

**Clyde Mason**  
**President**

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## From the Treasurer

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members-have a happy and safe holiday season. This year again has been tuff financially with wet weather causing havoc as far as the course is concerned and attendance at Club down quite substantially. However, we are plodding on and I am happy to report we are in a good position to finish 2011. December has brought a number of functions which is very pleasing.

We had a very nice Hamper Day on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> December except for the weather which meant we did not finish the round. However, the decision was made to draw names for the hams, turkeys and wine and a great afternoon was had by all.

Next year will be very busy, the Strategic Plan for 2011-2013 is well underway and early in the New Year will find us starting our refurbishment program which we feel is needed to keep updating our Club to make it inviting and hopefully encourage new members. The numbers have been down recently and we need to encourage people to come and play the game of golf and hopefully we can come up with a couple of ideas that can see our membership increase in 2012, any ideas members, let us know.

Once again, Merry Christmas to all members and staff – see you in 2012.

**Shirley Herbert**  
**Treasurer**

## From the Secretary Manager

On behalf of the Board, Management and all the staff I wish all members and their families a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Thank you to all those members who attended our recent AGM, where on-line golf booking and the Strategic plan were discussed. The Club is currently discussing on-line booking systems with two companies and I will keep everyone informed of the progress in the New Year. It is hoped that we will have a system for both the members and public up and running in the New Year. The Strategic planning Committee is still working on the Strategic Plan and member's input is most welcome. Once the plan is finalised it will be displayed on the club website. An Interior Designer has been engaged to provide a design and scope of works for the renovation of the Endeavour Room. It is hoped the work will be completed by late April 2012.

Group emails updating members on Club upcoming events and General Club news have been sent out for your information. To ensure you receive news about the Club, could you please notify the club if your contact details have changed.

News Years Eve is fast approaching and this year we have another great night planned.

**Tickets are \$60.00, which includes prizes, give aways, finger food served from 8.30pm and The Zeros will be the entertainment. Start time will be 8pm. Bookings are essential. In the new year there will be a Members dinner dance in February/ March and if the night proves to be popular further ones will be organised in the coming months.**

Listed below are the Christmas/New Year break times for our regular activities.

**RAFFLES/BADGE DRAW: The last Friday night raffle is 16<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle and badge draw will resume on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.**

**TRIVIA: The last Thursday night trivia will be 15<sup>th</sup> December. Trivia will resume Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January.**

**STEAK NIGHTS: The last Wednesday rump and ribs night will be 21<sup>st</sup> December and will resume on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January.**

*This Communiqué is a communication initiative from your Board.*

*We trust that the communiqués have been both informative and sometimes entertaining. We are interested to hear your ideas on how to improve the content for next year. Please feel free to discuss your ideas with Wayne Patterson or John McMahon.*

*Please stay safe over the summer holidays*

## The Junior Story for 2011

Many thanks to Colin Sawdy for taking the Juniors around the course on Sundays. Thank you also to Barry Bent and Adam Short for their Clinics and the coaching of all the youngsters.

This year we had two Junior teams in competitions.

The Junior Pennants side under Manager Rob Dodd didn't win any of their 3 matches against Castle Hill, North Ryde and St. Michael's BUT their performances were above their handicap levels. The other teams had lower average handicaps ....it is not a handicapped event. Lee Butler had two wins and Peter Ibbotson had one win....other players were Eric Mort, Scott Wall, Lucas Au and Mitchell Wallace.

The Encourage Shield side under Manager Glen Keane won 1 match and lost 3 matches. They played in their group Kareela 1 (the eventual winners), St.Michael's, The Coast and Randwick 2. Ethan Keane won all his 4 matches and Finn McNammara won 2 and drew 2 of his 4 matches. The other players were Samuel Yu, Aymon Bertah, Brian Au and Jackson Rogan. Well done to everyone involved. I witnessed some of these matches and was immensely proud of their performances.

Apart from the Juniors partaking in various other events around the area staged for Juniors....Woolooware Golf Club has put on two Junior Gala days this year, although sadly the one in November was ruined by heavy rain.

The successful Juniors from our winning Encourage Shield side of 2010/State Match Play Final 2010 are off next week to Victoria to play in the Stuart Appleby Murray River Junior Masters. Good luck to them!

Finally I attended Concord Golf Club on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December to receive an award on behalf of the late David Hirsch in recognition of all his work in promoting Junior Golf. It was a wonderful occasion celebrating 25 years of Jack Newton Junior Golf and the support it gives to Junior Golf generally - Here's to next year!

***Ian Ireland  
Vice-Captain.***

## From the Ladies Captain

Following a fantastic year in Pennants, we have had some other great results to finish off the year. Leonie Showell competed in the Metropolitan Bronze Medal Play-off at Bayview in November, in scorching heat and was successful in not only winning the Medal with nett 72 but also winning the scratch. Our 3BBB team went to the zone final in October and tied for 1<sup>st</sup> with +14. They were beaten on a count back but this still allowed them to qualify for the State Final at Cypress Lakes on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Here they finished 4<sup>th</sup> with +8. The team was Lesley Young, Maree Cozens and Liane Nowak.

The new Committee for 2012 is President – Louise Shaw, Vice President – Julie Morris, Captain – Liane Nowak, Vice Captain – Susan Bourne, Secretary – Margrethe Roye, Treasurer – Mary Anne Thompson, Committee – Robyn Maxted, Carolyn Sorensen, Maureen Lewis, Elaine Anderson and Bronwyn Carruthers.

Bookings for the Summer competition will be made on the computer up to 2 weeks before. 1 week before, the sheet will go to the Pro Shop for bookings and cancellations. Summer Comp. runs until the 24<sup>th</sup> January. We will hold our Rules talk on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, after golf.

The Ladies Committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and good golfing in 2012.

***Liane Nowak  
Ladies Captain***

## From the Club Captain

### KEY CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF TO COME INTO EFFECT 1 JANUARY 2012

- Ball Moving After Address (Rule 18-2b). A new exception is added which exonerates the player from penalty if their ball moves after it has been addressed when it is *known or virtually certain* they did not cause the ball to move. For example, if it is a gust of wind that moves the ball after it has been addressed, there is no penalty and the ball is played from its new position.
- Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions (Rule 13-4). Exception 2 this rule is amended to permit a player to smooth sand or soil in a hazard at any time, including before playing from that hazard, provided it is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and Rule 13-2 (improving lie, area of intended stance or swing or line of play) is not breached.
- Time of Starting (Rule 6-3a). The rule is amended to provide that the penalty for starting late, but within five minutes of the starting time, is reduced from disqualification to loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Previously this penalty reduction could be introduced as a condition of competition.

The most significant change (Rule 18-2b) will see the end of situations like the one witnessed during the final round of this year's Open Championship where Rory McIlroy was penalized when his ball was moved on the 17<sup>th</sup> green by the wind after he had addressed it.

### KEY CHANGES TO THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS TO COME INTO EFFECT 1 JANUARY 2012

#### Hole-in-One Prizes

There will now be no limit to the value of a prize (including cash prizes) that may be offered for achieving a hole-in-one while playing a round of golf. This allowance only applies to prizes for hole-in-one (not longest drive or nearest the hole), and neither separate events nor multiple-entry events qualify.

**Prize Voucher** (the following list includes some items permitted prior to 2012)

The Rules will permit competition committees to offer vouchers (up to the value of \$1,200.00) for any of the following:

- Good and Services from a pro shop or clubhouse (including food and beverage, whether packaged or unpackaged).
- For crediting to a club account (including pay for items that have been purchased prior to the winning of the voucher). Vouchers may also be redeemed for the use of a practice area, coaching, golf cart hire, green fees.
- Membership fees.
- For any specific item (or items generally) from a retail outlet (includes for example Myer or David Jones). Gift cards or gift vouchers for redemption at any retail outlet. Goods available from a butchery, bakery, grocery, etc.
- Electricity accounts, telephone accounts and other utilities, petrol.
- Note: The Rules do not permit cash prizes of any amount except as described above regarding hole-in-one.
- Contact your State Association with queries on other items.

#### Contracts and Agreements

- National Associations – An amateur golfer will be able to enter into a contract and/or agreement with their national Association, provided they do not obtain any financial gain, directly or indirectly, while still an amateur. (National Associations will be permitted to enter into contracts and/or agreements with amateur golfers on behalf of State associations).
- Professional agents, Sponsors and other Third parties – An amateur, who is at least 18 years of age, will be allowed to enter into a contract and/or agreement with a third party solely in relation to the golfer's future as a professional golfer, provided they do not obtain any financial gain, directly or indirectly, while still an amateur

#### Subsistence Expenses

An amateur will now be allowed to receive subsistence expenses to assist with general living costs, provided the expenses are approved by and paid through the player's national Association.