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NEWSLETTER



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UNDOUBTEDLY, ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHODS OF PROMOTING AWARENESS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES AND ENCOURAGING GREATER INVOLVEMENT IS THE PUBLICATION OF A NEWSLETTER ON A REGULAR BASIS. HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE DICTATES THAT IF THE ABOVE AIMS ARE TO BE EVEN MODERATELY ACHIEVED THEN THE PUBLICATION REQUIRES TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN SIMPLY A COLLECTION OF REPORTS DETAILING THE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES. WHEREAS THESE REPORTS ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH THE GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THOSE AUGUST BODIES, THE CONTENTS, EVEN IF PENNED BY THE MOST CREATIVE TALENT, OFTEN (BUT NOT ALWAYS), BECOME A SOMEWHAT BORING PRESENTATION OF MUNDANE FACTS, THE PERUSAL OF WHICH REQUIRES THE CUSTOMARY TWO MINUTE SILENCE FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR PERIOD FOR DIGESTION, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE OF "QUICKEZE".

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A NEWSLETTER OF GREATER INTEREST IT IS MY INTENTION THAT FUTURE EDITIONS WILL CARRY, APART FROM THE REPORTS REFERRED TO ABOVE, ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST (NOT NECESSARILY GOLF), PROFILES OF MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES, PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND A SUGGESTION BOX FEATURE.

THEREFORE IF ANY MEMBER OR ASSOCIATE COMES ACROSS ITEMS WHICH THEY FEEL MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE CLUB IN GENERAL, OR WISHES TO EXPRESS AN OPINION WHICH MAY BENEFIT US ALL THEN PLEASE SUBMIT THE SAME IN WRITING. HERE I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IT IS NOT MY INTENTION THAT THE NEWSLETTER BE USED AS A PLATFORM FOR PERSONAL ATTACKS ON THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT, VARIOUS COMMITTEES OR STAFF. IN THIS MATTER NOT ONLY DO I FEAR THE WRATH OF THE PRESIDENT BUT ALSO THE LAWS OF LIBEL. HOWEVER, THE SAME RESTRICTION DOES NOT APPLY SHOULD YOU WISH TO CRITICISE THE EDITOR. ALTHOUGH BE WARNED, DEROGATORY REMARKS ADDRESSING MY RACE AND MORALS OR THE QUESTIONING OF THE MARITAL STATUS OF MY PARENTS COULD POSSIBLY EVOKE A SHORT BUT SPECTACULAR REACTION.

BRIAN BIGNELL
EDITOR

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have been endeavouring for some considerable time now to have a Newsletter printed and our thanks go to those people responsible on this occasion.

At this time of the year we must complete plans for the summer maintenance programme and see that everything possible is done to improve the course in the way of consistent putting surfaces and properly grassed "fairways".

By the time you receive this newsletter the last major event i.e. The Glades Open and Champion of Champions will have been played and the Match Committee will be planning for the 1984 fixtures.

Another very important aspect of club affairs is the fact that November is the month for our special meeting to annually elect the committee and to ratify the motions necessary for budget consideration. As in previous years, you will no doubt be asked by a member friend, either currently on committee or not, as to whether you are prepared to accept committee responsibility. I would ask that you give very earnest consideration to this question before replying since your committee have an important role in the planning, policy and general well being of your club which is still relatively young.

The Pro Shop is being manned temporarily by those willing and able to supply a minimum service at this point in time. The position for an attached Professional is due to appear in the October 83 "Pro News" and will co-incide with local press advertisements. We will have the position filled just as soon as possible and look forward to all our members and associates getting to know the professional and taking advantage of the range of services he has to offer.

The Interstate Ladies Teams Event held at Melville Glades during the week ending 16th September went off very well and the organisers are to be commended for a job well done. The golf played was superb and those who missed seeing these finals certainly were the losers.

The Members Dinner was scheduled for Friday 7th October. The numbers were disappointing but an excellent evening was had by those who attended. A Golf Club members dinner can only be successful if the members want it to be. Please don't use the excuse that if the format was different then you would attend. The Committee will make the format you want, providing you give the support necessary to make it viable. "The horse must be in front of the cart".

So, let us have happy summer golfing with air conditioned lounge and sprig bar comfort afterwards, plenty of aspiring nominees for committee and a full house on election night.

W.G. BARNES

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

From the golfing point of view, the season has flowed very smoothly, the only noticeable problems being the occasional very slow round, long list of emergencies on Saturday afternoons and the business on the course on Sundays during the pennant season. The major events played have been highlighted by excellent golf. Congratulations to the Winners.

Handicapping

Jim Vaughan, the handicapper and his band of merry helpers - John Cornwall, Doug Byers, Ken Miles, Col Harburn, Ray Paddon, Kel Pearce, Bill Osborn, Gus Watson, Col Mc Gregor, Lynton Harburn, Jack Baker, Bill Randall and Brent Matthews are to be complimented on their enthusiastic work in keeping the members' handicaps right up to date. The A.G.U. handicapping system we use operates on "Current Form". It is essential that every card is processed as soon as possible after each round. To do this the handicapping committee must pull their weight..

We at Melville Glades are very fortunate in this regard.

The Lake

Definition 14 of the Rules of Golf states "It is the duty of the Committee to define accurately the extent of the (lateral) water hazard". Previous to the changes made to the 17th green, accurate definition of where the lake stopped and started was obtained by the local rule which declared " the external perimeter of the stone or brick surround" to be the margin of the hazard.

Things are not so simple now though. The stone surrounds are no longer continuous and parts are buried beneath green surrounds. Match Committee would like to see the stonework renovated into a continuous perimeter and once again provide a simple situation for members to cope with.

However, until then a red line and stakes will provide definition of the margin of the hazard.

Vice Captain

Working as closely with John Harrison as the Captain obviously must do, I can't help but think how fortunate Melville Glades was to have an experienced, straightforward and clear thinking person available to fill the vacancy (unfortunately) left by Barry Granger. We are yet to see the hard-working best of John when he takes over as Captain in 1984.

Short Course - Medal Course

Having played the dual course now for several months it is interesting to note the reaction from members after each competition. Apart from the reaction to recognizable teething problems experienced with old scorecard format, presently unconstructed tee areas, the initial rating of short course holes and the proportion of events played on each course - all of which will be rectified through experience, the atmosphere in the Clubhouse and during the presentation provides an effective gauge of satisfaction level. Short course rounds producing an abundance of good scores and provide an enthusiastic atmosphere full of good humoured bantering. This is in stark contrast to the effect of a medal round off the full length where only a handful play to their handicap. Here the sullenness and lack of vitality and humour is just as evident.

Although the dual course system may be seen at the majority of championship length courses around Australia and in other parts of the world, Melville Glades is the first local club to establish it. Members are encouraged to allow for the settling down period and consider carefully the advantages the short course has to offer - particularly as we are getting older and improved fairway condition will result in far less run off the tee.

Pennants

This season promised so much, yet yielded so little for the nine representative teams. Poised to promote the Club back into Group One, the A team suffered a disappointing loss in its final match to Gosnells. The B and Junior teams played well but were not good enough for Wanneroo B team and Gosnells Juniors, who eventually won the pennant.

With the new system of north-south zoning, only one A.G.C. made its final - 'F Troop' under the astute guidance of Captain Peter Castley. They too could not match the might of Wanneroo.

Congratulations to all players who participated so keenly during the season. The Match Committee again sees merit in providing for the same number of teams next year.

Championships

Hoorah! At last a format with minimum problems for those who participated. The championships, seen by most golfers as the premier event of the Club each year, should provide players with every opportunity to perform at their best. Slotting the eight events into the fixtures must be done so as not to preclude any section of membership use of the course. The current system does this.

The only problems expressed by members were extraneous to tournament organization - clashes with football fixtures and playing partners who didn't turn up. Let's hope the latter will become less prevalent in future.

Congratulations once again to the winners of the various sections:-

Founders' Cup	Ray Brent
Mixed Foursomes Championship	Jack Baker & Cathy Rainey
Veterans' Cup	George Wakelin
Diggers' Cup	Keith Ainsworth
Patron's Trophy	Cyril Quek
Foursomes Championship	Tony Naughtin & Trevor Strachan
City of Melville Cup	Nick Ganfield
Captain's Trophy	Charl Grobbelaar
President's Trophy	Bob Tweedie
Club Championship	Peter Symons
Nett Championship	Craig Dearden
Long Markers' Championship	Ian Edwards
Junior Championship	Greg Swain
Matchplay Championship	Robbie Taylor
Nett Matchplay Championship	Don Stewart
Long Markers Matchplay Championship	Max Papa
Junior Matchplay Championship	Phil Sayer

WHAT'S YOUR DECISION?

Many very interesting decisions are forwarded by Clubs to the Match Committee of the W.A.G.A. One that recently sent us scurrying through the Rule Books was rather challenging.

In a matchplay round, two players teed off on a blind driving hole. Since A was a longer hitter than B, when they arrived at the first ball B played his second shot. The other ball could not be found, so after 5 minutes A headed back to the tee only to find a ball which was actually B's, who had played a wrong ball (belonging to A) and incur a stroke penalty.

Was A entitled to play from where B hit the wrong ball? If not, where should he play from, and under what penalty?

MAX HANNAH

ASSOCIATES NEWS

Hello Associates and a very warm welcome once again to all of our new Associates who have joined us this season.

Our main golfing season is now almost over with all of our major events having been played, but still a few busy weeks to come.

Our Championships went well once again and an enjoyable night was had by all Associates who attended our dinner and trophy presentation, with the entertainment once again being organised by Shirley Lodge, and was its usual high standard.

September saw us as Co-Host Club with Royal Perth for the Australian Ladies Amateur Championships, with the Teams events having been played here on September 13th, 14th and 15th. This event was won by N.S.W. and the successful Junior team was S.A.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Committee and all Associates who came out and worked before and during these Championships, both on the Course and in the Clubhouse, and to all who loaned us the pot plants, hanging baskets etc. to "dress up" the clubhouse for the occasion.

My grateful thanks also to John Palmer and Brian Templeton who were tremendous help to us, both before and during the Championships, and to Cec. Walton, Cyril Wildy, Laurie Sullivan, Ross Gliddon, Charles Cooper and John Strachan who did Gate and Carpark duties. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you all very much.

Many letters of thanks and appreciation have been received from Interstate Delegates and players for the help and hospitality they received from our Club during their visit here.

Another successful Charity Day was held on October 13th. Final figures not yet to hand. The proceeds will be shared by the W.A. Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation and the Association for Brain Injured Children.

Our A.G.M. and Annual Trophy Presentation day is on November 10th, so please keep that date free. If you would like to work on Committee or nominate someone for a position, please have your nomination on the board by October 20th.

A TOUCH OF HUMOUR

Just after our season opened, and on a rather wet Thursday, a group of Associates had finished putting on a green and went to the next tee. While waiting her turn to tee off, one of the group made a comment that her umbrella was not keeping her very dry, and when she looked, it wasn't her umbrella that she had, but the flagstick still in her hand, so it was a quick dash back to the green to replace the flag stick and retrieve her umbrella which was still at the side of the green.

(I don't think I should repeat the comment she made later).

In closing may I wish all Associates good golfing for the remainder of the season, and a reminder of our Melbourne Cup luncheon on November 1st.

DAWN JOHNSTON
PRESIDENT

ASSOCIATE CAPTAINS REPORT

We are now coming to the end of our very busy 1983 season and several major tournaments have been played, namely our own Silver Event, won again by Cathy Rainey on 81 from Helen Hopkins on 82. Our Bronze Event, handicaps 26-32, was won by G. Brockman from Mt. Lawley with 41 points.

The MEMBERS TROPHY this year was won by one of our new associates, Sue Metcalf and I'm sure we will be seeing more of Sue in the future.

The MEGAN HOLMES TROPHY went to Cynthia Blacker and the DORIS STRACHAN BOWL over 27 holes went to Robin Sutherland.

The CHAMPIONSHIP FOURSOMES Gross & Nett 36 holes was won by Nena Katnic and Lois Lively, a very formidable pair.

The INTERNATIONAL BOWL in the Silver Division was won by Lois Lively and in the Bronze Division by Bertha Scobie.

OUTER SUBURBAN PENNANTS were keenly contested and our First Division Gold Team did well to finish in third position. Our 2nd Division played extremely well, but were unfortunate to lose a protest which took them out of the top scoring spot.

METROPOLITAN PENNANTS. Even if we didn't bring home a pennant, some very good matches were played and enjoyed by members of both teams. A Reserve finished equal second on points with Hartfield and Cottesloe but fourth on games. C Grade faired better and finished second in that Division.

Associates to represent our club this year were Lois Lively in the playoff for the Silver Spoon and Lois Packer and Margaret Coates in the Jubilee Foursomes, both of these were played at Kwinana.

Florrie Finch and Ann Kelly, together with Nena Katnic and Lois Lively played in the qualifying rounds of the Championship Foursomes at Wanneroo. Well done girls.

Cathy Rainey, our Club Champion, was top qualifier in the qualifying round of the Champion of Champions at the W.A. Club. Unfortunately she was beaten by Jill Hibben who went on to become the Champion of Champions for 1984.

The State Championships were held at the Gosnells Golf Club. Eight of our girls took part, but we left it to Cathy to carry the flag, as she went on to the finals of the Plate. Karen Truran and her partner Shonner Bremner unfortunately lost a playoff for runner up in the Championship Foursomes.

Karen represented our State in the Bonne Belle Junior National Tournament in New Zealand earlier in the season and won the Flight in the Nett Division. Karen also competed in the Schoolgirls Championships in Sydney in September and was Runner-up in the 36 holes Competition.

Our Club Championships ran over two weeks with two divisions playing their qualifying rounds each day over 4 days, followed by matchplay. Many exciting matches were fought out, and the eventual winners were Cathy Rainey - Club Champion. Bronze 1 - Ruth Southern, Bronze 2 - Maureen Facius, Bronze 3 - Pat French.

The highlight of the season was having the AUSTRALIAN TEAMS EVENT, the Gladys Hay Memorial, played at Melville Glades. It was a very memorable week, and I'm sure all associates enjoyed watching the best of the Australian Ladies Golfers in action, followed by the Championships at Royal Perth.

Thanks must go to all Associates who gave up their time and golf to help out during the Australian Championships. I'm sure you all enjoyed participating as much as I did. Many thanks also to John Palmer and his helpers for the job of caring for the buggies and practice balls over the week.

RITA MC DOUGALL
CAPTAIN

A JOKE

The definition of an Australian ecologist : a person that removes their finger prints from the can before tossing it away.

NO JOKE

My inability to keep a golf ball on the fairway, coupled with the ownership of the proverbial "Japanese bladder", has brought a growing awareness of the wonders of nature that abound in the bush at the 'Glades'. Particularly at this time of year one is treated to almost infinite variety of wild flowers and fresh plant growth which, to a certain extent, neutralises the frustration of looking for the ball or the club that perpetrated the inaccuracy. Now, I am no great shakes at recognition or naming flowers and plants. For example, until recently I thought that a Shëoak was an Oak with bra and pants, but I am absolutely first class at identifying the wide variety of bottles and cans that also abound in our bush. You name it; its there!!

Whereas an empty beer container is, to me, a sad sight at any time, a soft drink container, whether empty or full, leaves me cold. However, both provoke identical emotional reaction when left lying around to mar the sight of an otherwise extremely pleasant environment.

Although this article expresses a personal view I am sure that most readers will support it. Hopefully it will bring home the message to that small minority of the total membership who are guilty of such acts and to whom this article is directed. Just think. If you put your litter in the bins provided you wont have to worry about your finger prints.

Brian Bignell.

SPIRITED REASONING

Golfers will be interested in a piece of information culled from the Killawarra Golf Club's newsletter. (Where is Killawarra?).

"Years ago, says the article, "golf courses had all numbers of holes. Six, 10,12, even 20, and it was felt by the golfing community that a standard number should constitute a course.

A meeting was convened and there was much lively debate on what should be standard. However, everybody ceased their noise when a very old and respected member of the golfing community rose to speak.

"In, I imagine, a thick Scottish brogue", he said - "I think a golf course should have 18 holes. I take with me this flask which holds exactly 18 nips and have a wee drachm before I hit off each tee. At the end of 18 holes the flask is empty, so there is no point in playing any more. Then I go home!"

The KGC newsletter doesn't guarantee the authenticity of this story.

THE REAL LAWS OF LIFE

Logic that great cornerstone of our society, has absolutely nothing to do with day to day reality - it's all a plot begun with Plato and carried on by Norman Gunstan and Sartre to convince us that one and one does make two.

In light of the evolution of the following laws. it doesn't, never has and never will work:

Murphy's Law: if something can go wrong, it will.

Murphy's Law of Thermodynamics: Things get worse under pressure.

Anthony's Law of Force: Don't force it ; get a larger hammer.

Yale Law: Under the most rigorously controlled conditions of pressure, temperature, volume, humidity and other variables, the organism will do as it damn well pleases.

Horwitz's First Law of the Admiralty: A collision at sea can ruin your entire day.

The Golden Rule of Arts and Sciences: Whoever has the gold makes the rules.

Weillers Law: Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.

Fitzgibbon's Law: Creativity varies inversely with the number of cooks involved with the broth.

Chislholm's Law: Whenever things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something.

Shanahan's Law: The length of a meeting rises with the square of the number of people present.

Finagles's Law: Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it makes it worse.

Rerdin's Law: In a crisis that forces a choice to be made among courses of action, most people will choose the worst one possible.

Ross's Law: Never characterise the importance of a statement in advance.

Sallingers Law: Quit when you're still behind. When you're in a hole, don't dig

Skidders constant: That quantity which when multiplied, times, divided by, added to or subtracted from the answer you got, gives you the answer you should have got. (Also known as Finnegan's Finangling Factor).

Gusterman's Law: The probability of an event occurring is inversely proportional to its desirability.

ANON.

CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE REPORT (THIS WON'T TAKE LONG)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 7th October	-	Members Dinner
Friday 28th October	-	Surprise Special Event Please keep this date free!
Tuesday 1st November	-	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Sunday 6th November	-	Champagne Breakfast
Monday 21st November	-	New Members Night

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SUGGESTION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

I have received the following suggestion for the Chairman of the house which concerns the current spate of letters reminding members of the dress regulations. It is suggested that in order to save money on postage and at the same time address the recalcitrants the letter should be addressed to one person with instructions to read and pass it along to the next person on the list. In other words , start a chain letter.

My source adds, perhaps then the letter will share the fate of most Chain letters and end up in the bin.

EDITORS NOTE : That lump you see in my cheek is a lolly not my tongue.

COURSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the report at the A.G.M. in February, continued coring of the fairways has been carried out. The greens were sliced and sanded in April and on the 20th of June were cored, verticut, overseeded, sanded and fertilised.

The new putting green has been shaped and seeded and is now in play. The practice fairway has been extended and a new greens nursery is being developed at the far end.

During the summer the spraying programme will be continued. The 7th Green will be replaced from the nursery (we hope) and as many tees as possible will be upgraded.

Once again the tree committee have been busy planting trees. Thank you Max and your merry gang. We would be pleased if you could be careful when walking into the rough as a lot of effort has been put into the tree planting. We have noticed that some of the trees have been walked over, so please watch for stakes and yellow tape.

I would like to thank those few members who turned up to the working bees to remove the woolly bush from the fence.

Again divots and pugmarks are being neglected. This is your course so please help us to keep it in good condition by REPAIRING PUGMARKS AND DIVOTS.

Thanks must go to Jack Morley and his staff for the condition of the course.

JOHN PALMER
Chairman

TREE COMMITTEE NOTES

Several members have asked the name of the weeping tree on the right side of the 9th fairway. This beautiful native of Eastern Australia is Eucalyptus Camaldulensis. Common name is River Red Gum. There are several of this species around the course and they were probably planted in the early years of the Club. This tree was made famous by Sir Hans Heysen's paintings. It varies throughout its wide distribution, in the dry inland being found with pure white bark.

The Committee is grateful for the work done by Audrey and Fred Hatton in the area between the 2nd and 5th greens and the 6th tee. They have 'adopted' some 50 trees which have been mulched and kept watered. In this area are nine Jacaranda trees and we look forward to a glorious show of colour from these ornamentals in a couple of years.

Thanks also to George Goddard who is looking after the sand pit area alongside the 14th tee. Have you noticed the three lemon scented gums which were planted here only 12 months ago? Thelma and John Cornwall have taken over the island at the entrance to the Club and we appreciate the great show they had there for the Australian Ladies' Championships and the Glades Open. Are there any other enthusiasts who would like to share the wealth of our extensive course?

The Club is grateful to Jim Finch who donated a grove of Eucalyptus Forrestiana (Fuchsia Gum) which have been planted between the entrance and the 10th tee and another group which are at the back of the 8th green. This is a beautiful tree which has yellow flowers followed by red fruit similar to a fuchsia. Thanks also to Kaye Beal for the Oleanders which have been planted around the 15th and 17th tees. Mrs. Toogie Fitzgerald gave a Liquid Amber tree but we are not telling where it is - wait a few years and see the beautiful autumn leaving falling! Laurie Swain again donated Pinus Radiata and nearly 300 are planted along the Eastern and Western boundaries. Don Fruin experimented with native everlastings in the above-mentioned sand pit and it is hoped they will eventually cover this area.

Remember! When you see a tree with yellow ribbon on it, please treat as a staked tree and please don't run it down.

MAX BRICE
Chairman

Perhaps the following should be compulsory reading to all golfers. However it is dedicated to all those who don't consider they are slow players. Anyway it's food for thought.

Editor.

TEMPO TIPS :

There are two aspects of tempo as it pertains to the game of golf; one has to do with the swing itself and the other involves the pace at which a group moves around the course.

No one would advocate that golfers turn the course into a race track but it is important that the pace of play remain smooth and steady as this contributes to proper timing.

Check yourself against the following ten tips.

1. Always be ready to hit when it is your turn. Have your mind made up as to club selection. This can be done as you walk to your ball or while others are hitting.
2. If you know you have hit the shortest tee shot, move without delay to play your next shot.
3. Walk straight to your ball, do not walk as a group to each ball in turn.
4. Do not record the scores until you have left the green and are on the next tee. If you have the honour, hit first and then record the score.
5. Always allow faster players to go through if you have a clear hole ahead of you.
6. If a ball is lost, one player, usually the low marker in the group remains on the fairway to call the following group through as soon as they are ready to hit. Even if the ball is found, once the group behind have been called they have the right to go through. They may ask the 'lost' group to continue but it is their choice. The rules only permit five minutes to find a ball.
7. Always position your buggy on the side of the green nearest to the next tee.
8. On the green study the line of your putt while others are taking their turn. If you miss the putt don't stand and agonize about it, mark or putt out as the situation requires.
9. Don't waste time looking for your tee, they are not all that expensive.
10. Finally, there is the matter of practice swings. Such swings have their place before hitting a shot, particularly if working out an awkward shot, they are quite legitimate, but please avoid damage to the course in particular the tees. Practice swings after the shot are an annoying waste of time.