



Glades Golf Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE
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THANKYOU FROM EAST TIMOR

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In April 2001 the Club received a request from member Brian Gray for a charitable donation to assist an orphanage in East Timor. The matter came to his attention through his son, Major Trevor Gray, who was serving with the Australian Defence Force in Dili. The children, age 0-13, along with the three young adults looking after them, had all lost their parents during the lead up to the elections. To register with the UN, the carers called themselves "The Loving East Timorese Children's Foundation", and they moved out to a block a little larger than a quarter of an acre with the remains of four buildings on it. Conditions were very bad until late 2000 when financial help started to trickle in. Some of the leaky roofs were repaired and a serviceable toilet installed.

One can see from the pictures that help was desperately needed. The Board of Melville Glades approved the request and granted \$1500, and the plight of these children has improved enormously. Major Gray writes: "Be assured your donation has made a difference to 25 East Timorese children and many more homeless children whom it is anticipated, will make use of the building for schooling. They are much better off than when the Army first became involved, in large because of your support".

Many thousands of dollars have been donated by members over the years and it is pleasing to receive this kind of feedback that lets us know that the money is actually assisting the people intended.

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GENERAL MANAGER—Richard Teuchert...

Firstly may I say what an honour it is to have been selected as General Manager of Melville Glades. As challenging as the position is, I have been fortunate enough to get out and meet a lot of the members either on the course or around the clubhouse. My thanks go to my predecessor, Peter Evans, who in concert with Jan and the office staff, have ensured that my first couple of months were not a baptism of fire. If I have not yet had the opportunity of meeting you, please feel free to stop by the office and say hello, or introduce yourself to me around the Club. I look forward to meeting you all and hope that I fulfil all of your expectations.

There are a number of functions and events organised in the near future and I would implore all members to support these. You will find most of these detailed under the House Happenings Section on the back page of this newsletter.

This edition of *Glades Golf Talk* is the first to be sent to our Trade Groups who play throughout the year. There are currently positions available in 6 and 7 day categories and I would urge any of the Trade Groups who have enjoyed the course in the past, to call the Administration Office and enquire about membership. For current members do not forget that by proposing a new member you receive a credit, equivalent to 20% of the nomination fee paid by the new member, on your next year's fees.

The Board has reconsidered the charge on electric buggy storage and reduced the cost to \$150.00. There is also limited locker space available at \$33.00 per annum, so if you would like to store your clubs or electric buggy, or utilise the lockers please call the office during working hours.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2002

The 2001 annual Report is accompanying this edition of the *Glades Golf Talk* and includes notice of the Club's 35th Annual General Meeting, to be held in the Clubrooms at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27 March 2002.

Board Elections

Pursuant to the Club's constitution, the President (Mr Max Hannah), Director Finance (Mr Bill Heron), Director House (Ms Margaret O'Brien), Director Course (Mr Robbie Taylor) and Club Captain (Mr Ron Hendrie) have completed their current terms of office, and consequently their positions are declared to be vacant and elections will be held at this meeting. Only Messers Hannah, Heron and Taylor have indicated a willingness to stand for election again. Owing to the mid-term resignation of the Vice President, Mr Rob Smith, an election will also be held for that position. Mr David Hendrie has been appointed by the Board to fill that casual vacancy, and he has declared his intention not to stand for election.

Ordinary 7 Day members and Life members who have been Ordinary members for four years are eligible to stand for election as Captain, and all Ordinary members and Life members who have been Ordinary members for four years are eligible to stand for the other Board positions.

Pursuant to clause 3.17 of the Constitution, nominations for membership of the Board shall be in writing and signed by two Ordinary members entitled to vote, and by the nominee, and must be in the hands of the General Manager at least 14 days prior to the AGM, ie by Wednesday 13 March 2002, at 5.00 pm. Nomination forms are available from the Club office.

Election to Management Committees

Apart from the Chairman, who is the respective Board member, and with the exception of the Junior Members Committee, the Constitution provides for one member of each Management Committee to be elected by the members at the AGM. Members so elected will hold such office for one year.

All Ordinary and Life members who have been members for two years are eligible to stand for election to positions on the Management Committees. Nominations will be as for members of the Board, and must be lodged at least 14 days before the AGM.

Voting

The Club's Constitution and By-Laws provide for the following:

- No member may attend or vote at any meeting of the Club unless all monies then due and payable by him (or her) to the Club have been paid.
- Only Ordinary or Life members may vote.
- Proxy Voting is not allowed.
- Absentee votes may be allowed, and any voting member wishing to lodge an Absentee vote should apply in writing to the General Manager.

General Business

Pursuant to the Club Constitution any member who wishes to raise any queries or seek information at the AGM about any matters appearing in the Annual Reports, or any other matter, should give the General Manager notice in writing of those queries or requests no later than 14 days prior to the meeting, ie by Wednesday 13 March. This will enable properly researched replies to be prepared, for the benefit of all members.

Constitution Amendments

During the past twelve months the Board has resolved that there will be three proposed amendments to the Club Constitution at this coming AGM. Two of these have been placed on the noticeboard. These proposals are regarding the position of the General Manager in respect to the Board, and the issue of Transient Membership. The final wording of these proposals is being finalised by the CRC. The third proposed amendment is a re-submission of the House Membership proposal last tabled at the Special General Meeting held on 6 December 2001, and is detailed hereafter:

House Membership

With the new clubhouse coming up to its first anniversary, the Club has an opportunity to market this first class facility to members and residents of the local community. The introduction of a House Membership will facilitate the use of the Clubhouse to its full capacity and lift the profile and awareness of the Club by bringing in new customers and potential

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members. The most obvious effect of this will be increases in turnover both across the bar and in the restaurant and function arena. It is proposed that House Membership be levied at 5% of the basic charge (equivalent to the cost of an absentee member) plus \$50.00 as a Non Refundable Capital Contribution. These new members will have the right to use the bar, restaurant, BBQs, function facilities and participate in charity and fundraising events, however, they will have neither playing nor voting rights, nor will they have the ability to use facilities such as the driving range. It is further proposed that they will not have the right to transfer categories.

Motion - Notice is given that it is moved J Hannafee, seconded M O'Brien that the Club Constitution be amended to provide for the introduction of "House Membership" for people who wish to join the Club so that they may make use of the Club's catering, social and other clubhouse facilities.

Proposed Constitution Amendments:

Categories General

2.1 After the words "social member" insert the words "house member".

House Membership (new)

2.31 Any person who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years may be admitted by the Board as a house member.

2.31.1 A house member is a strictly non-playing member with rights to the use of the Clubhouse facilities.

2.31.2 A house member may participate in social functions conducted in or around the Clubhouse,

2.31.3 A house member may invite guests to the Clubhouse in accordance with clause 6.1 of this Constitution,

2.31.4 A house member may hold private or business functions in the Clubhouse in accordance with clause 6.9 of this Constitution.

Re-number existing clauses 2.31 – 2.48 to read 2.32 – 2.49 respectively.

Annual Subscriptions 4.3

New Sub-clause

4.3.6 House Member Five per cent (5%) of the basic charge plus a Non Refundable Capital Contribution of \$50.00.

Re-number existing sub-clause 4.3.6 to read 4.3.7

Transfer of Category

4.8 After the words "A member" insert the words "other than a House member", and after the word "membership" insert ", other than to House membership".



HILL BILLY AND POWER CADDY BUGGIES

Fortunately for the members Ron Hendrie is the Australian distributor of these two battery-assisted buggies. Sub-sequently the Pro-shop can offer you the best deal. A 10% discount is offered exclusively to members. Naturally any written quote will be bettered or equalled. (Conditions Apply) Repairs, spare parts, servicing and batter-

Congratulations to a Survivor!!

ON THE 18TH OF MARCH,
PAT URQUHART WILL HAVE
CLOCKED UP 25 YEARS
OF SERVICE AT THE CLUB.

WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!

CONGRATULATIONS &
THANKYOU PAT

FROM EVERYONE AT
MELVILLE GLADES

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Max Hannah....

The new golf season is upon us, the thirty-fourth at Melville Glades. Indications are this season will be as good as it has ever been at the club. The golf course is in excellent condition, a full and varied program of social and recreational functions is planned and ready to go, membership levels are healthy and it seems we have finally got the clubhouse dining facility providing what members really want. *Divots Restaurant* has been fully booked on recent Friday evenings.

Mission Statement

Members will notice the Mission Statement of Melville Glades Golf Club is being continually referred to in written publications and reports. I have been requested on occasions to explain the significance of this, particularly since the Board of Management spent a great deal of time and energy during 2001 to review, revise and unanimously agree on the final wording of the statement.

In essence, the Mission Statement is seen as the **quality benchmark** for the standard of facility and service the club should be providing to its members and their guests. Every management decision, every procedure adopted, every component of service provided must comply and be consistent with the quality standard requirements of the Mission Statement.

Members are invited to conduct their own assessment of our Mission Statement and assess how well we are adapting to and complying with the standards required. The Board of Management invites written suggestions on how facilities and service can be improved. Every suggestion received will be responded to promptly and referred to the next meeting of the relevant management committee for consideration.

Annual General Meeting

Notice of the Annual General Meeting is mailed with this newsletter to each member of the Club. I recommend your attendance at the meeting to participate in the debate, decisions and agenda items to be dealt with.

Six of the seven elected Board members are retiring and three of the six will not be seeking re-election. There will also be elections for four member representatives to management committees. This large number of changes in management personnel is extremely important to the immediate future of the Melville Glades. We require a broad cross section of the membership in attendance to participate in the elections.

Congratulations

Once again a group of our younger members have brought great credit to our club through their performances at the elite level. We extend hearty congratulations to the following:

- Emma Stewart and Bree Turnbull for their performances in the Western Australian Junior Team that won the Interstate Series (Burtta Cheney Cup) for the first time in sixteen years. Former member Danielle Hendrie (now at Royal Perth) also played in the team.
- Emma Stewart and Bree Turnbull for being selected by Women's Golf Australia to join the Australian Junior Squad.
- Tifanie, Emma and Bree for being selected in the WGWA Senior Squad.
- Emma Stewart for being selected in the Australian Junior Tasman Cup Team to play against New Zealand later this year.
- Nicholas Piani for being selected to represent Western Australia in the Riversdale Cup in Melbourne and to then compete in the Amateur Men's Championship of Australia to be played in Brisbane.
- Stephen Dartnall for being selected to participate in the Australian Junior Golf Academy conducted by the Australian Golf Union at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Our touring professional Ross Metherall is a member of the coaching panel at this academy.

Best wishes to all members of Melville Glades for a happy and healthy golf season in 2002.

NEW NOTICEBOARD AND DRESS REGULATIONS

At last there is a notice board outside the pro-shop. It will keep you informed of any changes to the fixture book as well as local rules and dress regulations. Members should be aware that they are responsible for their dress and that of their guests. The Board of Melville Glades has requested that the professional and his staff enforce the dress regulations. Please adhere to these requirements to avoid confrontation or embarrassment.

FROM THE CAPTAIN—Ron Hendrie

SLOW PLAY

No more justification can be made for slow play. Penalties, tee marshalls etc, have not eliminated the problem. Every member has to take responsibility for themselves and ensure they are not playing slowly. Members should **not** need to be treated like school children by being told when it is time to go to the tee or when it's OK to tee off. Nor should you need to be told when you are a fairway behind. Members should know when they have booked themselves for a tee off and how long it is taking to play the game.

- * **Report to the pro-shop 15 minutes before hit off time.**
- * **Be on the tee prior to your tee off time.**
- * **Hit off at the correct time.**
- * **Keep up with the group ahead.**

I fail to see how we can have slow play if you take responsibility for yourself and follow the simple guidelines mentioned above. There is nothing more the match committee can do to help if the players do not wish to help themselves.

BUNKERS

The issue with bunkers isn't whether they are too hard, too soft, right sand, wrong sand, design etc. The issue is to look after them. Make sure you leave the bunker in the condition you wish to find it in. Sure, it may take a few more seconds to rake the bunker, rake over your footprints, and take that little bit of extra care, but isn't that why we joined a private club? To enjoy the respect of fellow members? Again it is like slow play. The responsibility lies with the individual.

Please, let's not hear anymore about slow play or the condition of the bunkers.

See if you can recognise the young lad in this photo. (No, not Peter Milton, although he was younger then too!) It was taken seven years ago and is proof that a talent was spotted at an early age and that he was set on the right course.

This youngster has developed into a handy golfer and will become a State player in the very near future. Once again this is a positive sign for Melville Glades. We know that the Junior Development Programme does work and that the Junior Coordinators have done exceptionally well. Recognition must also go to our club professional for time spent developing the juniors.

*Remember – Melville Glades is hosting the WA State Championship in April, in which Nick Piani will defend his WA Amateur Championship title. Please check your fixture book, as there will be disruptions to your golf week.



A VIEW FROM THE COURSE - Brad Sofield (Course Superintendent)



Sand Buckets:

Approximately *one thousand (1000!)* buckets are purchased by the Club each year. This means that 20 buckets per week go missing or are taken. Please return your buckets to the racks provided at the back of the 9th green and by the side of the 18th. Also bear in mind that the time taken by the course staff in collecting buckets from the car park and clubhouse surrounds is time taken away from maintaining the course.

Facts About the Course

Melville Glades covers approximately 35 hectares and is in fact a "C" class reserve. The breakdown is as follows:

- One hectare of greens
- 1 hectare of tees
- 14 hectares of semi-rough
- 11 hectares of cut fairways
- 8 hectares of bush and infrastructure



Does anyone know why golf is played over 18 holes? One reason given (and it is believed to be the truth by many people), is that during the beginnings of the game in Scotland the players took a swig of whiskey at every hole. After 18 holes the bottle was empty so there was no reason to continue playing - and that is why you have an 18 hole golf course!

News from the Administration Team

(Jan Pass, Sue Thompson, Jane House)



Members may have noticed a few new faces around the Club recently. Our new General Manager, Richard Teuchert, is of course one of them. We would also like to welcome Jane House, who has recently joined the staff as a full-time Administration Officer.

Sue Thompson's role has expanded to include the coordination of Hospitality Services, so if you would like to make a restaurant or function booking, give Sue a call.

Please call the office should you have any membership enquiries.

Speaking of new staff, have you met Nikki? She is the friendly new face behind the bar. Welcome, Nikki!

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

As you may have noticed, there have been a few changes to the Restaurant menus lately which to date have all been well received. BBQ Packs, along with side salad are now available from the Bar at all times so please feel free to stay and enjoy yourself with the new amenities available.

Our buffet meals are very popular on Friday nights so please book early to avoid disappointment. We are now often booked out.

Diary dates for the next few months are:

- * Every Friday night: Theme buffet - check blackboard and score cards for details.
- * Sat 9 March Jazz Night - Tickets available now!
- * Sun 17 March St Patrick's Day Dinner - Keep the theme & dress in green.
- * Sun 31 March Roast/Carvery Night—Yes, they're back - Book early.
- * Thur 11 April Quiz Night—Watch out - more info to come.
- * Sun 28 April Roast/Carvery Night—Book at the office
- * Sat 4 May Clubhouse 1st Anniversary Dinner—Live Band, dinner & dance night
- * Wed 15 May Wine & Food Appreciation—Quality evening with a difference, sponsored by Willow Bridge.

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