

**NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2012**

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2012. First item is to let you know who is on your Board.

President –Alison Day

Vice President – Roseanne Apps (special interest in Juniors)

Vice President – David Thomas (also runs the Web site)

Secretary – Kathryn Borer (edits the Newsletter and liaises with Staff)

Treasurer – Shirley Newell

Club Captain – Kelvin Stephens.

Course Director – Shane Cooke

**There is still no Vice-Captain.**

Three Ladies are sharing the position of Ladies Captain this year.

Beryl Miller, Tracey Duncan and Lyn Muller.

The new Vice President, Dave Thomas is welcome to the Board. He brings with him a solid background in business management and love for the game.

Kelvin Stephens has very recently re-joined the Committee as Club Captain. The Club really can't function well without an active Captain at the helm. He has asked that as Captain he is looking for support from other males to help form a match committee. Please contact Kelvin if you are interested in the job.

**Course Maintenance**

**Drainage Project:** As you are all aware the drains have been dug and the new ponds excavated and the rain has arrived to fill the ponds and show us that it all works as it should work. We are now waiting for 3 quotes, for bridges to be erected across these drains. Once these quotes are received, they will be forwarded to the Government as part of the stipulation for receiving any of the Grant money awarded to us last year.

**Playable Holes:** Holes on the Front 9 will be opened at the discretion of the Green keeper. In order to protect the drains, the weather plays a big part in what holes are available to play. Please check with the Staff before teeing off. The new 1<sup>st</sup> Green is looking superb. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Green is looking very tricky. How about our new bunker behind the 5<sup>th</sup> Green! The Course staff are really doing a wonderful job in maintaining our Golf Course in wonderful condition.

**Cart Paths:** There have been golf cart paths prepared around most teeing off areas. Please use them. Some areas have been roped off to help save the ground from being damaged. Eg. Around the 15<sup>th</sup> Hole. Please respect these areas. There have been culverts put over the drains leading to the 13th bridge. Please use them. Golf carts should be

driven along the edge of fairways when practical. This will help keep the fairways in top condition.

### **Clubhouse News**

**Ladies Restroom:** The shower recess is fully operational. The area behind the vanity unit should be completed before the end of the month.

**Honour Boards:** The Honour Boards upstairs in the Bar area are going to be updated and a new one will be purchased to allow for more recent Champions to have their names added.

**Security System:** A new security alarm system has been fitted to the premises. There are sensors in the Pro Shop as well as upstairs in the main Clubhouse.

**Golf Cart Identification:** The Golf Club will be issuing identification tags to all privately owned golf carts that are stored at the Golf Club.

**Golfing Levy:** There haven't been many competitions played over the summer. Even so the total collection of competition golf levy since October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 is: **\$1,302.00**

**Update re Appointment of Golf Professional:** The Board has written a clarification statement for Members. It gives information on how we are going to pay for the appointment of a Golf Pro. This has been distributed by email for those with an email address registered with the Club. For those without an email address, the statement has been posted.

#### **A question from Rod Wecker to the Board:**

*What monitoring of the finances of the takings of the pro will be in place?*

**Answer:** The intention is to continue with the existing processes in the Proshop, with Lisa monitoring the financial situation throughout the month and producing monthly reports for the Board. Each month, Lisa will calculate the percentages of the revenue streams that belong to the Club Professional and present these figures to the Board for approval prior to payment.

The Club Professional may wish to run his own laptop and monitor his own finances, particularly for areas that are purely his domain and have no involvement of the Club, eg tuition fees.

The exact process of financial oversight will be discussed in detail once a Professional has been appointed and the chosen individual can liaise with Lisa and the Board to agree on a system that satisfies both parties.

The club has been given, free of charge, a copy of a template contract between a Golf Club and a Head Professional, which has been written by Blake Dawson Solicitors at the behest of the PGA of Australia and which is the standard and most commonly used contract for the appointment of Club Professionals in Australia.

## **Individual Golfing Groups Reports.**

**Captain's Report:** There is no report this month.

**Ladies Report:** During the summer months the Ladies have continued to play friendly social rounds of golf on Wednesday. The heat and humidity keeps many of our regular players away. Our comp day is Wednesday 9am for 9.30am hit off. Any lady who would like to play is welcome. We are taking advantage of the Hamilton Island and Fantasea offer of a discounted round of golf and making it a day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. For details contact Lyn or Kathryn.

**Veterans Report:** The hot and humid weather has not deterred a committed team of Veterans from playing golf on Tuesdays. There are 2 competitions run for the Tuesday comps. An 18-hole comp hits off at 11.30 am. A 9-hole comp hits off at 1.30pm. These are a shotgun start. All Seniors are welcome. Our President, Clive Hughes is organising a 'road trip' to Mission Beach to take place in the next couple of months. Anyone interested in going, please speak with Clive.

**Dawnies Report:** On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 22 players went to Pioneer Valley Golf Club travelling by Whitsunday Transit bus "Witch" proved a winning streak to placegetters. 1<sup>st</sup>: Terry Taefz, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Harvey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Punk Fraser. All of whom 'work' at the transit service. Fine weather, food and sportsmanship was on offer for the taking. Dawnies raffles have started (Al Greedy) at the P.O.W. Hotel on a Saturday starting at 1pm. Monies raised going back to community based services. i.e. CQ chopper, Old Person's Home, Meals on Wheels, and Proserpine Juniors Golf. Volunteers are wanted to help with the Golf Course. E.g. O.O.B. and Hazard markers. See the Proshop to lend a hand. Thanks, Bruce.

**Juniors Report:** Now that the schools are back the Junior Clinics will commence as from Tuesday 31st January. The Clinics are held on Tuesday and Friday at 3.30pm. Roseanne will continue to coach the Juniors. Please remember that a parent or responsible adult is required to be present during the coaching sessions.

**Whitsunday Golf Report:** Happy New Year, welcome to 2012 and so far, what a huge improvement on 2011. We've been blessed with gentle rain to ease in the drainage works and lots of golf is being played. Touch wood very quickly. For those who are suffering competition withdrawal symptoms, weather permitting, the Whitsunday Golf Club competition year will start on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February with tee off at 7.30am. We look forward to seeing old friends and new faces on the course. Keep your eyes on the notice board for all relevant information and while you're there, pick up the details of 2012 President's Cup.