



MEMBERS BULLETIN

12th February 2010

From the Board

The audit is currently underway and should be completed in the next couple of days. The Board confirms that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be Thursday 15th April with the meeting to commence at 7.30 pm. Nominations for election to vacant positions on the Board will open on the 29th March and will close at 5pm 7th April. Notices will be posted on the Notice Boards in the usual manner.

At its meeting of the 8th February the Board created a By - Law that allows candidates the use of a scrutineer if required. The By -Law is currently posted on the Notice Board.

Also on the notice Board are the December accounts and three graphs (copies attached) that track the financial performance of the club since the AGM in May last year. These graphs show that we have halted the slide but we are still a long way from restoring the club to the financial position it held just 3 years ago. The 2010/11 budget indicates another improvement in the order of \$250,000 and will have to be achieved if we are to better a breakeven position in the following financial year.

Members are advised that this profit and loss statement will be posted every month and members will be getting the condensed accounts at the same time as the Board. This is in line with this Board's policy of transparency on all major business metrics.

Remember to attend the information night on Monday 15th February commencing 7.30pm. This meeting will be advised of the latest developments and future proposals.

From the Captain

Following a decision of the Male Golf Committee the club had requested that rules training sessions and examinations be held at the Howlong Golf Club. The NSWGA has agreed to this request and training sessions and examinations will be held at the club on;

- Two Training sessions will be held at the club on the 7th April, the first will commence at 1.30pm and the second at 6.30 pm.
- The examination will be held on the 21st April.

The instructional sessions have duration of 3 hours and the examination can go for around the same time. The Board has agreed to pay the \$16.50 cost for 20 members to complete the full program. It has requested that a different rate be struck for members who may wish to attend the training sessions and improve their knowledge of the rules.

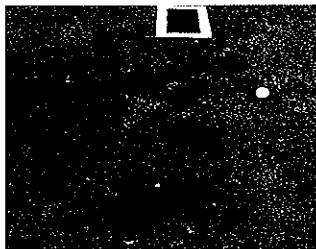
The examination is of the optional choice type and the rule book may be used in determining answers. A list will shortly be placed on the golf notice board and members who are interested in either the full accreditation process or the training sessions should apply. Howlong will be the host club for the district and names should be submitted quickly as the first in rule will apply.

Noel Bailey has resigned from the position of Vice Captain and the club thanks him for his dedication and time in the job. At the last Board meeting Travis Merritt was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy. Travis is a member of the Male Golf Committee and as one of Howlong's best ever golfers will fit comfortably into the role. We wish him well in this new position.

The call up arrangements on the 13th and 17th holes will be introduced as soon as we have installed the protective screens and completed the necessary signage for tees and greens. The arrangements will be that you must call up players waiting on the tee before putting out. During the hit up players should retire behind the protective screen.

The current spate of good scoring has blown the ball budget and we have been forced to return to count backs on the ball run down when required. The Board had approved a range of increased prize money that effectively returned the recent \$2 competition fee increase to members. The no count back on balls exceeded this budget aim.

Work on the alteration of bunker access has commenced on the right greenside bunker of the 3rd hole. An entry tongue will be provided and will be sloped at the same angle as the green surrounds with a 4 inch step from the tongue into the bunker. The edges of the bunker and the tongue will be reshaped to allow for water shedding and aesthetics. We will see how successful this is and will continue to improve other bunkers as availability of Capital allows.



From the Bowlers

On Sunday 31st January the club hosted the District Competition. The Greens presented beautifully and the club received many comments of praise for the presentation and speed of the greens. District competitions bring much prestige to the club and help generate and project the attributes of the Club.

Last Week a two day tournament worth \$5,000 saw both greens full over the two days. This event was an outstanding success with bowlers from all around the state attending and enjoying Howlong's hospitality and excellent bowling surfaces. The tournament was won by the ACT team from Western Creek. We have already received intentions from many players indicating that they will be returning next year. Smokey Dawson was the MC and did his usual excellent job.

These events cannot be organised without significant input from the bowls match committee and the club thanks you for your work and the good trading result. A special thank you to Duncan Chappell who worried his way through the last two months. It was an outstanding result mate and you can have a drink on the club.

From the General Manager

Restaurant Lease

The Howlong Country Golf Club is pleased to advise that the successful operator for the Restaurant Lease is Mr. Xuang Fang. Mr. Fang and his family currently operate the Oriental Pearl Chinese Restaurant at the Mulwala Services Club.

All of the applicants that were interviewed produced very high quality food and we would like to thank them for their time and interest.

During the transition phase, Mr. Chris O'Connor and Mr. Timothy Howe will continue to operate the restaurant as they are currently. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris and Tim for their assistance during this transition period. It is anticipated that the new operators will commence at the beginning of March.

As part of these arrangements the Café will continue to operate offering coffee, snacks and light lunches. A big thank you to Ruve Lott and her staff for their hard work during the transition period. We are pleased to announce that under the new arrangements Ruve will continue in the Café.

Unfortunately it will not be possible for all of the staff that were previously employed by Gordon Perry to be employed by the new operators. The Club, where possible will offer assistance to those staff to find alternative employment.

Over the coming weeks you will see changes in the club to accommodate the décor for the new restaurant and to complete the Sports Bar and Friday Night members draw areas.

In addition to the traditional dine in menu, special smorgasbord nights will be conducted each week and a takeaway menu will be offered.

A change in cuisine style to Chinese is an exciting new era for the club and we wish Mr. Fang and his family every success.



Joke of the Day

The school teacher was taking her first golfing lesson.

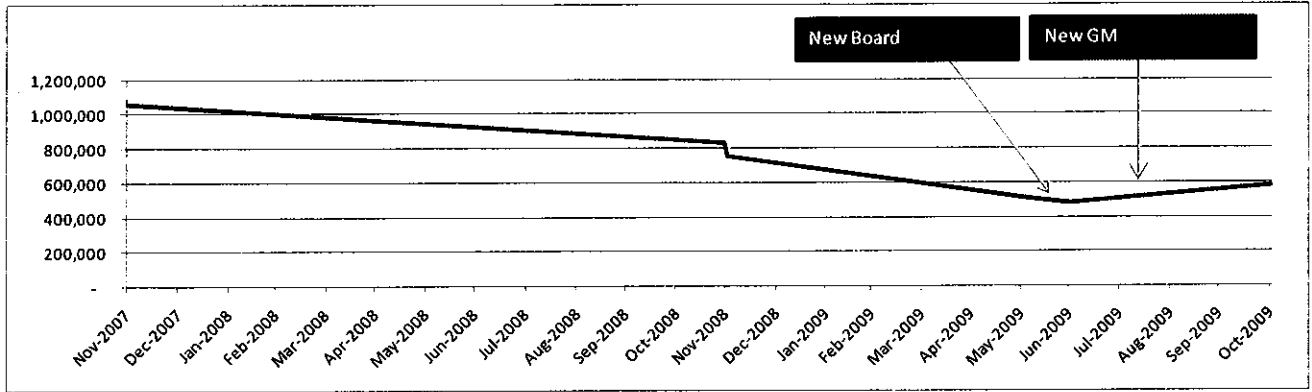
"Is the word spelt p-u-t or p-u-t-t?" she asked the instructor.

"P-u-t-t is correct," he replied.

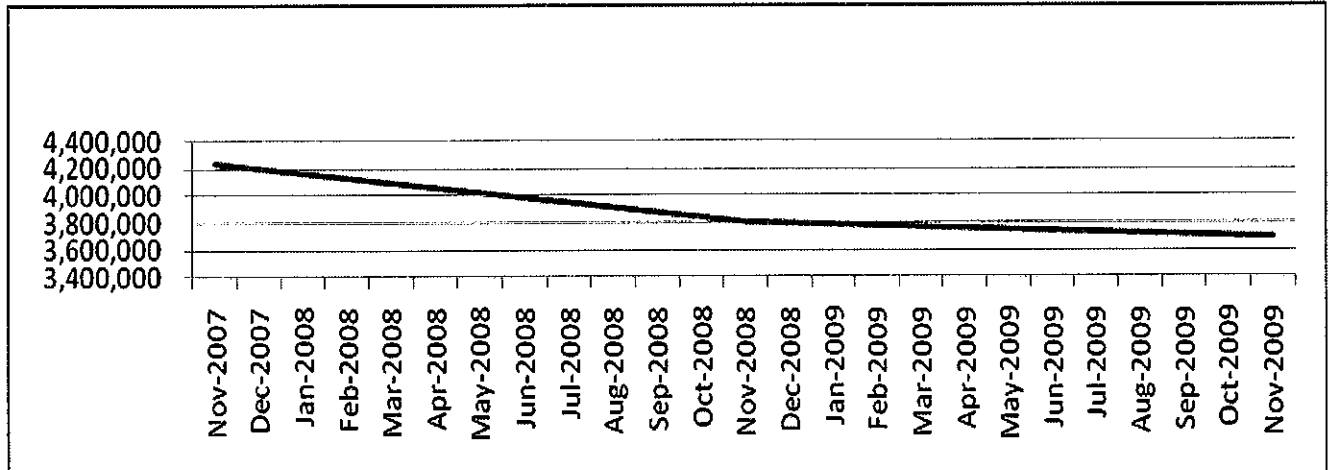
"Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."

Key Performance Indicators

CASH ON HAND



REVENUE



PROFIT/(LOSS)

