

## MEMBERS BULLETIN

9<sup>th</sup> April 2010

### **From the Board**

The last Bulletin advised that all three men's bowls Pennant teams had reached the semi finals. They all won through to the Final but unfortunately all were unsuccessful. Victory would have capped a top sporting year as our men's scratch golf team had recorded its third straight win. Nevertheless it has been an excellent year for our bowlers and they have created a strong base for next year's pennant competition. The Board extends its congratulations to the bowlers and their organising committees they have done a sterling job representing the club.

The Board advises that a mid-term information meeting will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 7.30 pm. This meeting will be advised of our financial performance for the first 6 months of the current year and will be given an overview of the Consultant's up dated course watering plan. Further, members are advised that a statutory meeting to make alterations to the Constitution will be held late in July. This meeting will make necessary changes to the current constitution for example to the election procedures which were initially written as an interim measure to facilitate the introduction of the triennial voting process.

The club's financial performance against the budget remains strong and the attached graphs indicate our recent performance on key indices such as Bus numbers and gaming popularity. These are two of the key metrics in measuring the success of our product performance we are working toward keeping a strong performance over the quiet winter months.

### **From the Ladies Golfers**

Our summer competitions have been and gone for another year and we now begin what we call our "winter season". The Pennant girls have been travelling around the North East Victoria district with sadly little joy. They did have a team win at home which would have boosted the moral at least. We do thank you for your efforts girls.

Earlier in the month we played host to the Riverina Opening day 4BBB which saw 120 players taking part. A good day was had by all even if Howlong did not feature so much among the winners on the day.

On the last day of the month we played host to our own Open day 4BBB where 128 players from 21 clubs (including Howlong) had a really great day. On both occasions much mention was made about the condition of our course and congratulations to Sara and her crew was pretty much the talk of the day.

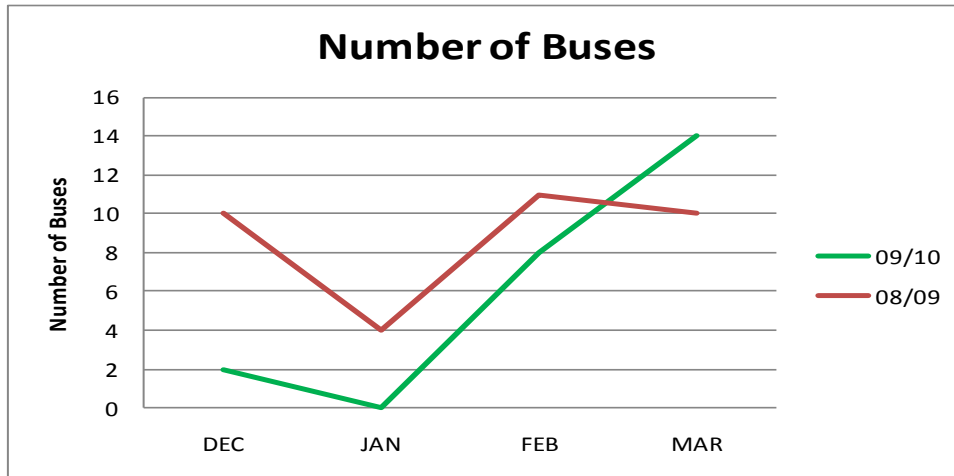
Once again the real winner from these events was our own Howlong Country Golf Club. Good work and thank you to all involved.

### **From the Captain**

The Port Barrel competition (Howlong v Commercial Club) set for the 11<sup>th</sup> April has been postponed. We will advise the members in due course when an alternative date has been arranged.

**From the General Manager**

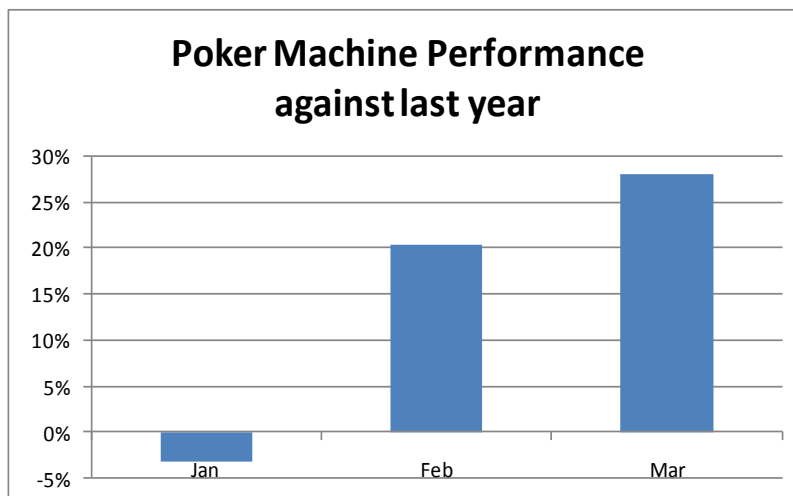
Members would have noticed that we now have the coaches coming back. Congratulations go to Shane Berry for his hard work in securing these bus groups visitors. For March we had 14 coaches through compared to 10 for March last year and no buses in January this year.



The introduction of our new gaming machines and the return of the coaches has started to pay dividends. We are pleased to advise you that poker machine returns are up 20% for February and 28% during March. During April we are planning on further upgrades to the gaming floor including the new Luck 88 machine.



Let's go shopping on Thursday afternoons continues to be popular with the opportunity to win fantastic prizes. The Graph below shows the Poker Machine Popularity since January versus last year;



## **Elections 2010**

Nominations have now closed for all positions.

Four nominations were received for the three vacant Directors positions and an election will be required to fill these Director vacancies. The nominees were;

G McDonald\*

M Lieschke

S Donaghey\*

D Smith\*

No election is required for all other vacant positions. The nominees were;

President                      K Walton\*

Vice Presidents              G Gould\*

R Newman\*

Golf Captain                  T Merritt

Bowls Manager                J Brundell

\*Current Directors

The election result will be declared by the Returning Officer after the ballot conducted for the Directors positions at the AGM.

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Howlong Country Golf Club Limited**  
A.C.N. 001 023 516  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
to be held at Clubhouse  
Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30 pm.

### **BUSINESS**

- 1) Reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- 2) Submission and adoption of Annual Accounts, Directors Report, Presidents Report and Auditors Report.
- 3) Election of Directors and Office Bearers for 2010.
- 4) Appointment of Auditor. The Board of Directors recommends the appointment of Johnsons MME as auditors.
- 5) Special Business of which due notice has been given:
  - a) The annual golf playing subscription for the 2010/11 financial year be \$195 (Incl GST and affiliation fees). Further,
    - Members who reside more than 100km from the club (Remote members) be charged at a rate of 50% of the annual golf playing subscription.
    - Members who are also members of; Thurgoona, Wodonga, Albury and Corowa Golf Clubs (Non Home Club Members) be charged at a rate of 70% of the annual golf playing subscription.
    - Pensioner Members fee be charged at the rate of 80% of the annual golf playing subscription.
  - b) That the annual rate for social membership for the 2010-11 financial year be \$20 (Incl GST)
  - c) That the annual bowling members playing fee remain unchanged for 2010/11 excluding affiliation fees which will increase by the equivalent amount of the affiliation charge from the relevant bowling bodies.
  - d) That member Gordon Routledge be elected to life membership of the club in accordance with clause 13 of the constitution.
  - e) That member Janet Rogers be elected to life membership of the club in accordance with clause 13 of the constitution.