



## MEMBERS BULLETIN

11<sup>th</sup> June 2010

### From the Board

Members are reminded that the mid-term Members Information Meeting will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 7.30 pm. The meeting will be advised of the club's performance against budget for the six months Dec 09 – May 10. The agenda includes a presentation on the irrigation proposals and the Consultant Paul Jones will be available for questions. An overview from the Constitution steering committee will also be available. A general business session is on the agenda.

This is an important meeting and members should make sure that they attend so that they are fully advised of the matters being addressed by the Board.

The Board has commenced its work on the implementation of its proposals for the maximisation of its golf course asset. To date no work has been carried out on this the club's largest asset and the key to the successful business performance of all other club products from gaming to dining. The first stage of the activity is directed toward a significant increase in course utilisation. This work will revolve around the successful introduction of two tee starting arrangements that are designed to increase availability of playing spots by around 33%. The operational arrangements associated with this new starting and finishing process will be tested over the next couple of months and include;

- Course marshalling to ensure that a suitable pace of play is maintained
- Centralisation of the starting and finishing process including card processing
- Introduction of a new process for alignment of motel bookings
- Introduction of video and voice capability on the 10th tee

The Captain Travis Merritt will be responsible for the introduction of these processes and will keep the membership advised through this bulletin or by special notice.

### From the Greens Committee

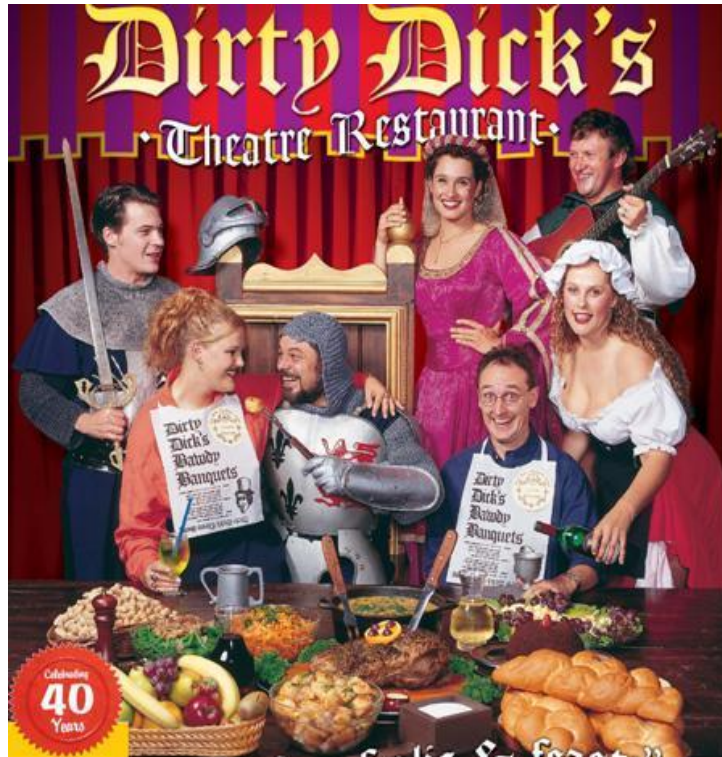
Members will have noticed that the drainage in the front right-hand bunker on 18 and the front left-hand bunker on 1 has been replaced. The new drainage has significantly increased the sump and dispersion areas and the next heavy rain will test the success of the work. The front right-hand bunker on 11 is the next on the schedule and this will be subject to redesign as well as new drainage. It is intended to site the new drainage between the path and the fairway and it will be a sizeable work area. We hope to commence this work in the school holidays and hopefully complete the work in 2 days. Given the scheduled date for of this work we have decided not to waste any further maintenance time on this bunker and it has been declared GUR and a Drop Zone has been provided.

Further work on the bunkers surrounding the 16th hole, 14th hole and the drainage on the 8th are in the pipeline and members will be advised when capital is allocated to this additional bunker work. The work on 16 and 14 is associated with the improvement in access to these deep bunkers.

Members are advised that there are no longer any areas of compulsory GUR on the course fairways or rough. In those recently turfed areas members may proceed in accordance with the rules of golf (R25).

## From the House

The **Dirty Dicks** Christmas in July show will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets including dinner and show are \$50 for members and \$60 for non members. Dinner is a traditional roast style banquet with all the trimmings. Book early as this is always a popular event. *Fabulous fun, frolic and feast!*



### **KENO – WIN A FLATSCREEN PROMOTION!**

- Spend \$5 or more on Keno and receive an entry ticket into the draw to win a ***Flat screen HD television.***
- 1 x Flat screen will be given away weekly.
- Tickets may be accumulated from Sunday – Thursday.
- Winners of the weekly competition will be drawn on Friday nights and must be in attendance to claim the prize.
- Competition begins 5<sup>th</sup> June and finishes on 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- 8 Televisions to be given away in total.

### **FRIDAY NIGHTS RAFFLE - Buy \$10 for your chance to win a Whipper Snipper.**

- Spend \$10 or more on raffle tickets and receive an entry ticket into the draw to win a ***Pope Petrol Whipper Snipper or a Pope Garden Blower – it's your choice.***
- Prize to be drawn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.
- The winners must be in attendance to claim the prize.

**MEGA MONDAYS!!** – Swipe at the terminal on Mondays for your chance to win \$5 or \$10 of rewards points.

Don't forget "**Let's Go Shopping**" is held every Thursday between 1.00pm and 3.30pm. This is your chance to win over \$700 of grocery, fruit and vegetables and meat prizes. All entries go into the barrel for a major draw every 8 weeks with 1st prize of a \$1,000 shopping voucher. **Shopping Spree bonus** prize of \$500 voucher will be drawn on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## **From the Ladies Golf**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> June the Riverina District played the South West District for the annual Ladies Pennant matches, with two teams of nine players from throughout the respective districts taking part at Temora. Howlong had two players, Sue Eisenhower and Glenda Hoskin in the Riverina Silver team. This team was the winners of the Silver Salver for 2010. The second team was not so lucky and the trophy went to the South West team. Congratulations team, well done.

### **Rules – Do you know? Are you sure?**

Jack is playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> and his tee shot hits the path and rolls toward the OOB fence. Jack hits a provisional and this hits the road and is clearly OOB. When he arrives at his first ball he and his marker determines that the edge of his ball is touching a line along the inside of the OOB markers. Jack declares the ball in play but his marker declares it OOB.

### **What is the Answer?**

- a) Jack's ball is out of bounds as any part of the ball on the line of the markers is out.
- b) Jack's ball is in as a ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds.
- c) Jack may stand out of bounds to hit a ball on the out of bounds line
- d) The fence is an obstruction and Jack may take relief in accordance with rule 25

## **From the General Manager**

### **Murray Masters**

Members would be aware that the Wodonga SS&A Golf Club has withdrawn from the Murray Masters event. The remaining members of the **Murray Masters** group; Corowa Golf Club, Thurgoona Golf Club and ourselves have indicated our strong ongoing commitment to the event.

We held discussions with Albury Commercial Golf Club today and we are hopeful that they will take Wodonga's place and the event will continue to be run as a four club event.

The tournament will start on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December to allow the Professionals more time to travel. Nick Dastey from the PGA met with the group today and he is delighted with the ongoing commitment to the event. Our event as part of the **Murray Masters** tournament will be known as the **Kennedy Meats Howlong Pro Am** and will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

### **Rules - The Answer**

- b) Jack's ball is in as a ball is out of bounds when all of the ball lies out of bounds.

# HOWLONG VETS

## NEW EVENTS

The Board has approved a series of veteran's events to be run over the remainder of the year.

Players will be required to book at the Pro Shop. Each event will be an 8.00am muster for 8.30am shotgun start and cost is \$15 and includes a Chinese Smorgasbord lunch. There will be trophies and a ball competition for Men and Ladies.

Dates for 2010 are: -

12<sup>th</sup> July  
16<sup>th</sup> August  
13<sup>th</sup> September  
29<sup>th</sup> November  
20<sup>th</sup> December

The group committee has also established access for Howlong Veterans to Group 32 events. Each event will be an 8.00am muster for 8.30am, Cost \$15 includes lunch.

Remaining dates for 2010 are: -

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August at Wodonga  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Albury  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Thurgoona

## **WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK REGARDING HOWLONG CO-OPERATING WITH GROUP 32**

For enquiries on any of these events please contact: -

Bill Tanks	0417 247 728
Wayne Delaney	02 60 268 313
Norm Clarkson	02 60 268 294

# Suspension of Mr J Arthur

Various rumours are circulating regarding the suspension of Mr J Arthur from the Club. Because of this, and in fairness to all concerned, the Board has decided it is necessary that the membership be informed of the facts surrounding the suspension. These are:

- In a round of the recent Club Championships a matter arose between a competitor and his marker under Rule 16.1 of the Rules of Golf.
- The circumstances were referred to the Captain, Travis Merritt, who, as a rules official on duty as a referee, ruled on the matter.
- Under Rule 34.2 of the Rules of Golf, the decision of the referee is final, and that should have ended the issue.
- Mr Arthur, who was playing in the group concerned, but was neither the competitor involved nor his marker, intervened and chose to dispute the ruling after it was made.
- The Male Golf Sub-Committee subsequently reviewed what had occurred and put forward a recommendation to the Board that disciplinary action be taken against Mr Arthur. The Board conducted an initial examination of the matter and agreed that Mr Arthur had a case to answer. Consequently the Board laid two charges under Rule 31.1 of the Club's Constitution and set a hearing date for the proceedings.
- Mr Arthur was advised in writing of the charges, and of his rights under the Club's Constitution and of the procedure to be followed at the hearing. The processes adopted took into account the provisions of the Club's Constitution and the concepts of fairness and natural justice.
- At the hearing the relevant facts were elicited by evidence from all available witnesses. It should be noted here that Mr Arthur admitted that he did argue with the referee after the ruling had been made. Based on the evidence before it, the Board found both charges against Mr Arthur sustained.
- Mr Arthur was then advised of the findings and invited to address the Board on the question of an appropriate penalty. Mr Arthur chose not to avail himself of this opportunity, instead becoming angry and storming out of the meeting.
- The Board deliberated on the question of penalty and imposed a suspension of three months on the first charge. A suspended penalty of three months was imposed on the second charge, which means that Mr Arthur's term of suspension from the Club will be three months only in total, provided there is no further untoward occurrence within a twelve months period.

The Board takes no pleasure in the suspension of any member, nor in the fact that a matter such as this should be being aired in the public domain. However, members will readily understand that it is the Board's responsibility to uphold the rules and by-laws of the Club and the Rules of Golf, and it will continue to do this without fear or favour.

The Captain and other club officials who are performing their functions on behalf of the membership must be given the respect to which they and their positions are entitled.



# THIS WEEKS SPECIALS

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Mince \$4.99kg

Chicken Breast Fillet \$6.66kg

Leg of Lamb \$7.99kg

Premium Porterhouse Steak  
Pack of 4 \$8.00 per pack