



MEMBERS BULLETIN

14th May 2010

Howlong to Host the Zone Finals

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting the Grade 6 Bowls Zone finals again this year. This is a prestigious event and the fact that we have been able to secure the finals for the second year running is a credit to the Bowls Committees and our Greens Staff. We look forward to welcoming the field on the 19th and 20th June.

From the House

Tickets for the **Bee Gees Night Fever** performance on the 29th May are almost sold out, get in quick! Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non members. **Chinese and Seafood Smorgasbord** is available for those attending the show at 7.30pm; vacancies at the 5.30pm sitting are available for those not attending the show. Smorgasbord is \$18 for members and \$20 for non members.

The **Dirty Dicks** Christmas in July show will be held on the 24th July. Tickets including the 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 5th June and finishes on 30th 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 Keno and receive an entry ticket into the draw to win a ***Pope Petrol Whipper Snipper or a Pope Garden Blower – it's your choice.***
- Competition begins today with the prize to be drawn on Friday 11th June.
- The winners must be in attendance to claim the prize.

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.

The \$1,000 draw is on the 20th May at 4.30pm.

From the Board

The Board will be holding a strategic meeting within the next couple of months. This meeting will be responsible for the development of a strategic plan for the club. Such a plan is required to set the parameters for Board operation in the future. At the moment the club is running on a yearly operational plan and whilst this tactical approach is essential in this financial recovery phase, future successful business outcomes require in depth forward planning.

This meeting will consider the club's position on key matters such as;

- the timing of the installation of the course irrigation plan
- the best utilisation of the club's land assets
- diversification of revenues
- the future clubhouse building needs
- the club's organisational needs
- the facilities and services provided for members
- the membership structures
- the needs of the motel
- etc.

A steering committee chaired by Vice President Graham Gould has been established and this committee has requested that members contribute to the meeting agenda by advising the committee of their views on future club needs.

Address your comments to the Chairman - Strategic Planning Committee.

The club is now entering its yearly slow business cycle with clubhouse numbers declining due to the traditional causes of cold weather and absence due to annual holidays. The General Manager and his team are addressing this seasonal phenomenon and will be introducing a number of initiatives designed to boost patronage over the winter period. The cyclic nature of our business demands that the management keep a close watch on all of our business metrics and be ready to initiate corrective action at the first sign of financial decline or service delivery failure. The members can help this process by providing immediate feedback on any concerns they may have to the management team.

From the Captain

The Corowa Cup 27 Hole Event is on **Sunday 23rd May**.

Rules – Do you know? Are you sure?

Bruce is lining up a downhill putt and walks halfway between the ball and the hole to aid in judging the pace and during the practice swings, his putter touches the line of the putt. Wayne challenges this action. What is your Verdict?

- a) There is no penalty as you are allowed to place your putter directly in front of the ball during address.
- b) There is a 2 shot penalty as you are not allowed to touch the line of the putt except to remove loose impediments, repair plug marks, mark and lift ball or press a ball marker
- c) The player is disqualified as you cannot touch the line of putt or line of play.

From the General Manager

At the Annual General Meeting of the 15th April 2010 the new membership fees for 2010-11 were approved. Members would be aware of the decline in members that has occurred since the introduction of the water levy and we are currently in the process of a recruitment drive to gain more golf members.

Many Golf Clubs run a financial year starting from the 1st July and in order to recruit members when they are renewing we have prepared an 18 month membership offer. The features of this offer are;

The water levy has been abolished.

No Joining Fee.

18 Month Golf Membership	\$250
18 Month Pensioner Membership*	\$210
18 Month Non Home Club Membership**	\$190
18 Month Remote Membership***	\$150

* This Category is applicable to members who hold an Age Pension Concession Card.

** This category is applicable to full golf member of; Thurgoona, Wodonga, Albury or Corowa Golf Clubs.

** This category is applicable to members whose primary place of residence is more than 100km from Howlong.

If you are a current social member and you have been thinking about becoming a golf member this offer is a great opportunity to join now rather than waiting until December.

If you live more that 100km from Howlong and you want to play golf at Howlong or just need a handicap?.. make Howlong your home club, 18 months for only \$150 and an ongoing rate of 50% of our full rate.

For the months of May and June, any member who introduces a new Golf Member to the club will receive a complimentary drink voucher.

The Membership Drive will be advertised locally in print and radio and will feature in the Melbourne and National Golf Magazines. We will also be targeting any members that have resigned explaining the new fee structure and highlighting all the great things that are happening at the club.

Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE)

Applications have now closed for the 2010 CDSE funding. We received an excellent response this year and all applications have been referred to the CDSE Committee. The Committee will be meeting to review the proposals on the 28th May.

Rules - The Answer

b) is correct Bruce receives a 2 shot penalty for touching the line of the putt. Rule 16-1 applies.

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