



## MEMBERS BULLETIN

16<sup>th</sup> April 2010

### From the Board

#### **Election Results**

The Returning Officer declared the following results at the Annual General Meeting;

The Following Directors were returned to office;

G McDonald  
S Donaghey  
D Smith

The following candidates were elected unopposed;

President	K Walton
Vice Presidents	G Gould R Newman
Golf Captain	T Merritt
Bowls Manager	J Brundell

The Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome Travis Merritt and Jeff Brundell to the Board and are looking forward to working with them over the coming year. The Board extends it's thanks to the retiring Bowls Manager Arthur Prosser and Golf Captain Peter Opitz

#### **Annual Meeting of Male Golfers.**

The annual meeting of male golfers will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May commencing at 7pm. The meeting will elect the Vice Captain and three (3) committee members and nominations are now open for these positions. Nomination forms are available from the office and nominations will close ,with the Returning Officer, on the night of the meeting.

The meeting will hear reports from the Captain on the forward golf tasks and also a report on the consultants proposals for the course irrigation system.

This is a significant meeting for all male golf members and every effort should be made to attend.

**Bowls Men's singles final 1pm Saturday Phil Slater v Adrian Pantling**

## **Fees for 2010/11**

Following the decisions taken at the AGM the Board will address a number of the consequential matters that have been created. The foremost of these will be the abolition of the Water Levy. Other issues such as unrestricted access to social golf cannot be introduced until the new rates and conditions take effect from 1/12/2010.

### **Membership Subscription Changes 2010-11**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>New - 1st</b>		<b>Difference</b>
		<b>Current</b>	<b>Dec 2010</b>	
<b>Golf Playing Member</b>	100%	\$157.20	\$195.00	\$37.80
<b>Golf Pensioner Member</b>	80%	\$157.20	\$156.00	-\$1.20
<b>Golf Non Home Club</b>	70%	\$157.20	\$136.50	-\$20.70
<b>Golf Remote Members</b>	50%	\$157.20	\$97.50	-\$59.70
<b>Social (Non Playing) Members</b>		\$11.00	\$20.00	\$9.00

A steering committee has been formed to review the amendments needed to the current (interim) Constitution. Matters such as the finalisation of the ongoing election processes for the Triennial system and a new fees setting rule are priority issues. The Board has set aside the 9<sup>th</sup> August for this meeting and as it is a Statutory meeting all members must be advised of the business 21 days before the meeting.

### **Next Information meeting for Members**

The next information meeting for members will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June and the meeting will be given the half yearly financial report. At this moment we are tracking above our profit budget but we are about to enter our winter period where traditionally our business performance drops off. The meeting will also hear a report from our irrigation consultant Paul Jones on his recommendations for the replacement of our current system. This report will contain estimated costs and the Board hopes to be able to give an estimate of how and when this essential project can commence.

### **Lady Bowlers lose close Pennant Final**

Yesterday our Lady Bowlers contested the Division 4 pennant final at the Walla Bowling Club. They finally went down in a close contest by 6 shots. This continues the run of second positions experienced by our bowls sides in 2010 as the men lost all three of the finals they contested. Whilst this is disappointing it augers well for next year's results.

The Board thanks the Lady Bowlers for the professional manner they displayed in representing the club. The membership is proud of you and the honor you have brought to the club.

## From the General Manager



### **Happy Lotus Restaurant**

We are very pleased with the way the club has been trading since the opening of the Happy Lotus restaurant. Many thanks for the work from all of the staff and contractors behind the scenes who have worked extremely hard to ensure a smooth opening. Special thanks go to;

The proprietors of the Happy Lotus Restaurant; Eugene, Jenni, Cindy, Raymond, Ming, Sally, Fong and the rest of the extended Cai family. It is a pleasure to work with you and we appreciate your patience, hard work and dedication during the setup phase.

A big thank you to our dedicated cleaners who now have two restaurant areas to clean and many more people coming through the club. Thank you to Sheree, Tanya, Helen and Jo who always seem to manage to have a smile on their faces although some of the singing could do with a little more practice!

Thank you to Steve Leathem and Reg Woodall for the plumbing work in the kitchen to Dennis Dominic from Steel Skill for the kitchen modifications, to Ray Vanklaveren from Birthsell Electrical. It is fantastic to have this group of skilled local tradesmen.

Rob Schwandt has done a fantastic job in coordinating all of the maintenance requirements including, new ceiling tiles, painting, relocation of honour boards and many more activities that ensured that we were ready to trade.

Thank you to Janet Rogers for the fantastic partitions in the restaurant and last (but not least!) to my Mum for the decorations in the restaurant.

## From the Operations Manager

We are pleased to announce that bar and gaming machine revenue is showing great signs of improvement. A new wine list will soon hit the bars and a new Night Owl Menu for those patrons in the club after the restaurant closes.

A big thank you to our drink waiters working in the new Happy Lotus Restaurant, namely Amy, Stacey, Shantel and Brook. Your professional approach to service has certainly been welcomed by our members and guests.

The gaming machines cabinets are finally completed with new wooden ends being fitted. The result is that we have been able to remove the wooden partitions from the machine bank ends improving access and opening up the room a lot more. Planned projects for the room include a paint job, which it desperately needs. Members have the opportunity to farewell the terracotta orange walls over the coming days as painting should begin early next week. A minor rearrangement of one of the gaming machine banks is planned. A few machines will be swapped around to provide some variation to the games offered in the outdoor gaming area.

**COMING SOON!** New gaming room promotion “Let’s go on a holiday!”

Gaming patrons will have the opportunity to win rewards in the form of club points, prize cabinet items, petrol cards, airline tickets and maybe even a weekend away or holiday?

## Sponsors

We would like to welcome a number of new sponsors to the club. Ray White Howlong has joined the club as a major sponsor who along with Kennedy's Meats, Enzed Albury and Skinner & Associates make up our four major sponsors. Karl Jacka from Ray White is delighted to be involved with the club and is looking forward to working with us.

We are also pleased to announce that Andrew Roach from Border Conveying Belts, Greg Pinner from Pinner's Refrigeration, Terry Halpin of Quantum Printing, Toro Australia, the National Australia Bank and Jardine Lloyd Thompson are all confirmed sponsors.

These sponsors join our current tee sponsors; Dave Smith from the Howlong Newsagency, Trevor Pattison from AAFCO Hygiene, Steve Evans from Sign A Rama, Adam Hagy from Masterscapes and Arthur Francis from Francis Transport.

We will be holding a Sponsors Golf Day on Friday 14th May and we are looking forward to welcoming all of our current and new Sponsors.

