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NEWSLETTER

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Changes to the Board of Directors

Quite a change in the makeup of the new Board for the 2016 – 2018 term with 4 of our long standing directors standing down at the May 1st AGM Retiring are;

Erica Ford ... after 12 years on the board, 5 as President

David Newman .. after 3 years service, 2 as Vice President

Steve Mitchell .. after 7 years, 5 as Golf Delegate

Lorraine Walker .. after 4 years , all as Bowls Delegate

There is a lot of experience there, all have done a great job & will be missed.

A highlight of the May 1st AGM was the bestowing of Life Membership on Erica Ford in recognition of her 12 years service on the Board

Congratulations & thanks from all members for a job well done..

The new Board is made up of;

Bruce Fowler President

Bruce LemmonVice President

Noel CornishVice President

Mark Hargreaves .. Director Since 2012

Patrick Thomson .. past director

Garry Wheatepast director

Danny Ross past director

Laurie Wales current Mens Golf President

Jim Fitzgerald past Mens Golf Secretary



Once again, thanks to those leaving for past efforts & congratulations to those taking up the reins for the next 2 years.

Staff

We welcome back Phil Chapman after an absence of a few months to help behind the bar & more particularly with our promotional events – Trivia, raffles etc...

Property Long Term Development

Nothing new here, the Club's landlord, Drysdale Metals (DM), advise they are still in preliminary discussions with Council in regard to a possible retirement village development that would complement the Club's existing clubhouse, golf & bowls facilities. A lot of water to go under the bridge before anything of substance happens & DM will of course keep us informed of any substantial outcomes with their Council discussions... if & when that happens club management can then determine a position.

Catering Changes



The Fairways Wok & Grill catering changeover is now complete with just a few minor tidy up jobs left to finish off the renovations. Their menu items, specials & the speed of service are proving a real hit with members & visitors alike – we are noticing a lot of old faces coming back primarily due to the improvement of the bistro operation. That increase in Bistro patronage filters through to the rest of the club's

Numbers

People often ask "how is the club going?" ... so here a few numbers to help answer that question;



- The last full financial year to 31/12/15 produced an operational profit of \$223k up 70% on the previous year result & a profit of \$27k after depreciation & provisions (D&P) up 158% on the previous year's loss of \$46k.
- The most current quarter (Jan-March 2016) produced the best quarterly result in years with an operational profit of \$83k up 107% on the 2015 period & an after D&P profit of \$50k ... up a massive 2,725% on the 2015 comparative period.
- The 1st Quarter trends are holding through April & May.
- Over the most recent decade we have improved our profit/loss after D&P by just on \$1m (one million dollars) compared to the previous decade & that represents a positive improvement of some 90%.

So we are pretty happy with the financial numbers & are confident we can hold & build on the recent results as we move through 2016 & beyond.

Our Social membership numbers are down a little on the 2015 comparative figure (by 31 or 2%) but we note that situation is on the improve since the new caterers have become fully operational. On a more positive note our golfing membership numbers are bucking the national trend with an increase of 7% over the comparative 2015 period – we are obviously doing a few things right there;

Golf

A great start to the year with lots of fine weather. We could use some rain though to top up the dams & freshen the course up but in the meantime are making the most of the sunny days – in particular we have seen a big increase in social golf activity this year. Nathan & his team continue to do a great job with limited resources – that situation will be relieved somewhat with 4 new replacement items of heavy equipment from Toro due to arrive during May. The financing comes from the \$2.00 machinery levy that has been applied to green fees for a number of years now.



Keep tuned for details on 2 of our feature events, the 3 day Pro Am from 7th to 9th October & the Course Improvement Day scheduled for 18th November.

Invoices for the 2016/17 Membership renewals have been sent out and the fees represent a CPI increase of approx. 2.5% over the 2015/16 membership rate – this CPI increase is in keeping with cost increases we have incurred on such items as rent, wages, insurance, maintenance materials/labour and just about every other cost involved in running the club.

Don't forget the EARLY BIRD PROMO..... if you pay your golf membership renewal fee in full by 1st June 2016 you will go into a draw on 5th June to have a chance of receiving a full refund of the membership fee... see your fee invoice for details.

Bowls

Some great feedback on how the fully renovated No.1 green is playing & hopefully player numbers will pick up once word gets around ... the No.2 green needs some attention and hopefully the Greens Improvement Fun Day scheduled for 23rd July will help move that project along.

The “Early Bird” promotion noted above also applies to Bowls members paying early.

Lorraine Walker has done a great job on the previous Board on behalf of our bowlers & she is committed to champion their cause into the future.



Entertainment & Promotions

REGULAR EVENTS

- MONDAY-** Mixed Bowls Mufti
Old & Bold Snooker
Social Golf
- TUESDAY-** Ladies Golf Comp
Mixed Bowls Mufti
- WEDNESDAY-** Social Golf
Wednesday Dancing
Snooker/Euchre
Trivia/Badge Draw
- THURSDAY-** Ladies Bowls
Golf Mixed Comp
Indoor bowls
- FRIDAY-** Ladies Golf Classes
9 hole Golf chook run
Karaoke / Live Music
Bowls Jackpot Triples
Meat Raffle/Badge Draw
- SATURDAY-** Open Golf Comp
Bowls Social & Mixed
- SUNDAY-** Golf Social & Mixed Comp
Sunday Sessions Entertainment
Members Badge Draw
Chicken Tray Raffle

WHAT'S ON



C2 Air

Saturday 4th June, 2016—Main Lounge FREE
8:00pm



KILLER QUEEN

Saturday 9th July, 2016
\$15pp

3 BANDS !

Saturday 17th September, 2016
Full Details To be advised

MORISSET MUSTER FAMILY EVENT

Country Music Festival
Saturday 15th October, 2016
Full details to come!

Member's Voucher Bank

Members now have the option of depositing clubhouse & golf prize vouchers to their membership voucher bank through the swiping of their membership card. The facility is only available across the main bar and excludes the Thursday Pro's comp prizes, cash can also be deposited to the card accounts. The prize voucher values cannot be redeemed for cash but used for bar purchases or register vouchers issued for the bistro, raffles or payment of membership fees. Only cash deposits can be redeemed for cash. You need to have your membership card to process all transactions. as a side issue, we have had instances in the past where membership cards don't respond to swiping on the till system and new cards have to be issued, this problem is often the result of cards being kept too close to mobile phones, the phone's magnetic field often corrupts or destroys all data held on the card's magnetic strip rendering it unable to be swiped. This applies to all types of credit, debit etc. cards. So make sure you always keep your membership & other value cards well away from your mobile phone.

That's it for now, thank you for your patronage & we hope you continue to enjoy the facilities of the club as we work our way through what looks like being a year where we can implement some improvements to most areas of operation. And don't forget, there are no secrets – just questions that haven't been asked.

Happy Clubbing,

*Cheers,
Ian Taylor CEO
On behalf of the Board of Directors.*