

CARNARVON GOLF CLUB

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President Report

John Honeybrook

Welcome to our November newsletter. To all who are interested in why I was missing for most of last month, I had a great time on holiday in Hawaii and an interesting week in Alice Springs with the Australasian Fire Brigades Golf Championships at the end of October. I must say that the golf course in Alice Springs was the best thing that I saw in the town. It was extremely hot, uncomfortable but the people attending were great company.

Nick Stoves acted in my position in my absence and I am told that the Board meeting was not of such long duration with him in charge, even with the pro report and course report in the match and greens section. Thanks Nick for your efforts in my absence.

The finance meeting this month projected that we are heading for a modest profit for this year which is a pleasing result after the last few years of trading at a loss. Well done to the administration, bar, course, catering staff and of course our General Manager Owen Madden and Steve Jacobsen the Course Superintendent. Keep up the good work.

You will all have noticed that the Carnarvon website has had some major and minor problems in previous months. Well, we have had all the experts look at the systems and the causes have been many and varied but the piece of equipment that caused the most angst and frustration to the Pro Shop staff and the administration staff and the end users is the server. We have ordered a new server and are waiting for Secom, our IT servicing company, to install the unit. The server, it

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appears is too small for the applications that we have installed and that we have added on it so in the next week or two the system should gain a new lease on life when the server is upgraded.

The Board has had some feedback from members and from members of other clubs regarding the lack of towels in the men's and ladies showers. Towels were removed as a cost saving measure as the cost of staff laundering the towels on a daily basis was not sustainable. The Board has since reconsidered the issue of towels and as a result the GM has sourced a company to provide and launder towels at a reasonable cost. The towels will soon return to the locker rooms with some additional security to limit public access to the locker rooms.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy Christmas and look after yourselves when driving in the lead up to the holiday season.

Yours in golf
John Honeybrook
President

Captain's Report

Chris Thomson

Time Clock

The installation of the time clock is complete and will be in operation from Saturday 3rd December. The time clock is being introduced to monitor the speed of play at Carnarvon. Players will be required to record their time after nine holes and again after the completion of their round.

The clock is situated outside the Pro shop door on the 18th hole side of the Pro shop. It is hoped that by monitoring the speed of play it will alleviate the aggression which seems to be creeping in towards some players that are not trying to keep up. It would be good if we could bring the playing time to around the 4 hour mark. This is achievable. A good pace of play is an important part of having a good round of golf. It is often a combination of little things that lead to slow play. Pace of play isn't about rushing your shots, but being ready to play your shot when it is your turn to play. Remember there is NO HONOUR at Carnarvon. Shorter hitters should play first. Each player should move to their own ball, don't all stand together.

Pennants

Our Eric Apperly team has completed its matches for this year. Unfortunately our team never made the play offs but were competitive throughout their matches. I would like to thank the boys who made themselves available each week and also the caddies who assisted the boys.

There were some very encouraging signs for the future teams for Carnarvon.

The representatives this year were:

Matthew Osborne, Andrew Maroun, Tom Evans, Young Park, Jung Soo Kim, Kevin Kim, Andrew Mitchell and Josh Gildersleeve.

Thanks to John Lock and Chris Fairley for their input and support.

Hickory Championships

Carnarvon hosted the 2011 Australian Hickory Championships on Wednesday 30th November. The field of 58 was a record for this event and Bruce Nairn, the President of The Australian

Golf Heritage Society was extremely happy with the day. In the field were Alan Grieve, the 2011 USA Hickory Champion and Perry Summers the 2010 Champion and Derrin Morgan the 2009 winner. Perry Summers was the winner with the marvellous round of 75 – this included an eagle 2 on the 14th. Just to show that a reasonable pace of play can be achieved if we are all put our minds to it, the first four completed their round in 3 hours 45 minutes – this group average 90 strokes each. Perry praised our course and said he would be back next year (from Germany, where he lives) to defend his title. Thanks to Steve and the crew for their work on the course and to James, Anna and the staff for a fantastic meal and for presenting Carnarvon at its best.



Perry Summers with the Australian Hickory Trophy

Match Play

The final of the Match play was postponed on Saturday 26th November. This event will now take place on Saturday 10th December.

Another game postponed from the 26th November was the life members trophy donated by Dudley Davies which will now be played on the 10th December.

Major Pennants

The Major Pennants are not far away. They will commence in February, 2012.

Any players who think they have the ability and would like to represent Carnarvon at this level should make themselves known to John Lock. He will organise trials to pick a team.

The opposition will be Castle Hill, Concord and Pymble.

Finance Report

Barry Ryan

This is a difficult report to write as everything is running relatively smoothly. The good news is that there is no bad news. The forecast is for a modest net profit for the financial year ending 31st January, 2012. Most of the Club's trading activities are performing better than budgetary forecasts with the exception of poker machines which may in part be due to an over optimistic budget coupled with current global financial downturn. The introduction of Friday Night Poker over recent months has contributed to a significant increase in turn over on those nights. The machines with the highest activity continue to be those in the smoking area. The 2012/2013 budget will provide for some poker machine upgrades and face lifts.

Bar trading is producing strong performances due to a combination of increased sales together with changes to staff rostering introduced by our General Manager. Catering and functions are grouped together for accounting and budgetary purposes and are showing an acceptable net profit. This is very encouraging as the provision of the extended hours of bistro availability is labour intensive but as it is an essential service to the Members it is a cost we have to bear.

Income from the course is a little disappointing. Subscriptions are down reflecting the fall in membership renewals. Hopefully this will be rectified by the current offer of no joining fees for a limited period. Competition fees are below expectations and is partly explained with a corresponding fall in visitors fees due to some members who previously played at Carnarvon as green fee players joining the Club and continuing to play social golf. As a matter of interest the recent Club Championships did not have a full field on the first day. It is many years since this last happened.

Club expenditure has been kept under a strong rein. Course expenditure is forecast to remain within budget as it usually does under the stewardship of our Course Superintendent. Thanks to our General Manager expenditure on Club administration will be significantly below budget.

Preparation and reviews of the 2012/2013 budget are currently underway.

From the Locker Room

When your shot has to carry over water, you can either use one more club or two more balls.

Ever notice how you can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a 2 inch branch 90% of the time.

There are two things you can check when you stop your stroke at the top of your backswing – how many hands you have and which one is wearing the glove.

Hazards attract; fairways repel.

If there is a ball on the fringe and one in the bunker, yours is in the bunker. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.

If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he has shot a six or a seven – he has probably shot an eight (or worse).

Lady Presidents Report

Grace Bryce

Soon another Christmas is upon us. I do hope everyone has been “good” – otherwise Santa won't visit you...

2011 has been an up-and-down year within the Club. We have seen some great Golf and had some success in Interclub events.

We have lost some great old members and look forward to 2012 to recover from our grief. One of our wonderful “older ladies” Moira Bissitt is in Auburn Intensive Care and we wish her well and in our prayers. We seem to have a few ladies who are not so well:- Val Hill and Catherine Tucker are two who are improving. Margaret Fehon is still in Hospital and not able to put her foot to the ground until about 20th December.

Our Christmas Hams Day was rained out. We have re-scheduled the day for the 7th December. This will now be run in conjunction with our Christmas Luncheon and Presentation Day at a nominal cost of \$15. I hope to see a good attendance as Heidi and James have gone to a lot of trouble to make the day a happy day food wise and Kathy has wrapped the Trophies as if they are “gold”.

We – Carnarvon Golf Club – have been invited to become ‘wholesale’ purchasers of Estee Lauder cosmetic products. To enter their Warehouse all you have to do is show your Carnarvon Membership Card. This includes Social as well as Playing members.

Estee Lauder is moving to new premises in the New Year and as soon as I get their new address I will pass it on.

We are organizing a Raffle on Hams Day and the proceeds will go towards petrol-money for the Grade and Pennant players for next year. Some have to travel many kilometers to represent Carnarvon. I hope you will give this your usual good support.

Tell me! Who was the “senior lady” mooning in the Pro Shop ????

Many thanks to Margaret O'Brien who, every year, makes the delicious puddings for our Christmas Open.

On behalf of Carnarvon Ladies, may I express our thanks to all the Staff who help and serve us during the year so willingly. (I know we can be “stroppy” at times but we love you...)

To Mike and his “elves” – Scott and Alex, we appreciate your help and tolerance each week.

Merry Christmas to all and may 2012 bring us all good golfing and good health.

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Lady Captains Report

Fay Butcher

This past month has brought some exciting news with new **Ladies Champions to be congratulated** for this year –

Division 1

Scratch Kyung-Sook Kim (7) 332

Runner Up Agnes You (10) 338

Nett In Sook Lee (15) 288

Division 2

Scratch Jade Kim (21) 375

Runner Up

Agnes Cho (21) 382 Nett

Annika Ko (23) 287

Division 3 - Scratch Judith Emmett (30) 433

Runner Up Judith Richard (32) 436 Nett Julia

Cramer (35) 291

Gold Medal

Winner Sunny Lee (26) 69 nett

Seniors

Scratch Dorothy Cragg (10) 170

Nett Agnes Cho (21) 142

Premiership Scratch Sooja Choi (14) 143

GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE MEDAL PLAYOFFS WITH GOLF NSW

Lisa Kim and Agnes Cho qualified to play at Long Reef in this year's competition,

Sue Gildersleeve played at Wakehurst and

Donella Wells played at Bayview.

What a great opportunity for all players to participate on these difficult courses. Each one of our girls acquitted herself admirably and gained much experience to add to her golf. The Gold Medal went to a lady from Strathfield 69 nett, Silver to Killara 69 nett, and Bronze to Woolooware 72 nett

ALTERATION TO PROGRAMME BOOK

The Christmas Open Day scheduled in your book for 16th November was originally booked at this time to avoid the coring of the greens scheduled for 23rd November. However, the Open Day Sheets which were circularised to all the Clubs on our mailing list at the beginning of 2011 showed Wednesday 23rd November. Consequently, we decided to adhere to 23rd and "suffer" the consequences of playing on mini-cored greens. However, the Course was closed on the 23rd due

to the very wet weather... The **NEW DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS OPEN** is now **WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER**. The Draw has been transferred to the 7th and will show as a READ ONLY event on the Internet. Anyone else wishing to play on this day may do so through the Pro Shop.

HOLE IN ONE - Congratulations to IN SOOK LEE who had a hole-in-one on 7th Hole on Sunday 23rd October. Well done In Sook!

KEY CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF FROM 1.1.2012

Every 4 years **the Rules** are updated and 2012 is "the year". Golf Australia has advised that the Key changes will affect Rule 18-2b (Ball Moving after Address) Rule 13-4 (Ball in Hazard: Prohibited Actions) Rule 6-3a (Time of Starting)

KEY CHANGES TO THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS FROM 1.1.2012

This affects Hole-in-one Prizes, Prize Vouchers, Contracts & Agreements, and Subsistence Expenses. For full details of all changes including a full series of video explanations, you can visit the GA website: www.golfaustralia.org.au (go to **Rules & Handicapping** then **Rules & Competition Management** then **News & Communications**). **New RULE BOOKS** have already been printed and will be available to the Club through Golf NSW in due course.

SUMMER SEASON: – DECEMBER - through – JANUARY

Just a reminder that our 18-hole Summer Competitions will commence at 7.00am through to 9.23am every Wednesday on the 1st Tee allowing us tee times for 92 players each week. This will also continue through February and March (as a "trial") from say 7.30am to 10.00 am to see how the field moves on one-tee as compared to the 1st and 15th Tees.

NEW MEMBERS

It's nice to see an influx of so many new Members over the past weeks and I ask you to give them your usual welcome and good support – Su-Yeon Kwak – Lidcombe, Anna Mace – Ashfield, In Ok Song - Eastwood, Inja Smith - Belmore

Lady Captains Report – cont.

Fay Butcher

VETERAN DELEGATE'S REPORT

The AGM of this Association was held on Friday 18th November at 10.30am at the Grace Hotel, 77 York Street, Sydney. The Programme looks interesting for 2012...

NEXT YEAR'S EARLY EVENTS ARE –

DUNHEVED on Monday 5th March 2012 -2BBB

Stableford

LONG REEF on Monday 26th March 2012 - 4BBB

Stableford

BANKSTOWN on Monday 2nd April 2012 - 2BBB

Stableford

Entry Forms are on the Vets Noticeboard in the

Locker Room



Christmas Toy Raffle
Saturday 10th December 2011
 6pm- 7pm
Tickets on sale NOW
Buy before the end of Nov.
receive \$10 FREE

Christmas Ham Raffles
Wednesday 7th, 14th & 21st December
Friday 2nd, 9th & 16th December

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mike, Alex and Scott, the friendly guys

from the Pro Shop wish all the

Carnarvon members and their families

a very Merry Christmas and a Happy

and Healthy 2012.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to

Paul & Janelle Lourey (11/11/61)

and

Phil and Margaret Russo (25/11/61)

on

Celebrating 50 years of wedded bliss.

Best wishes from all at Carnarvon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50 YEAR MEMBERS

The Board takes great pleasure in awarding the following long serving members their 50 year medals, Ron Webb, Ian Bedford and Robin Elividge.

The long serving members have been invited to attend the club on Friday 9th December to receive their medals.

Veterans Report

Keith Speer

Only four competition games played since our last report. The average attendance for these games was 43 members per game.

The members attended two other Thursday games but as a result of insufficient starters and the bad weather no competition was run. Thanks to the hardy 16 members who braved the elements to have a hit.

The winners are as follows:

27th October, 2011

Winner Thelma Reus 22 Points Runner Up Mick Brooks 20 Points Fred Cherry Award Lorraine Brooks \$20 Starr Partners Award John Savage \$30

3rd November Washout

10th November, 2011

Winner Mick Brooks 21 Points Runner Up Jeanette Bromley 20 Points Fred Cherry Award Tony Payne \$20 Starr Partners Award Owen Madden \$30

17th November, 2011

Winner John Bolger 18 Points Runner Up Lorraine Brooks 17 Points Fred Cherry Award Alan O'Brien \$20 Starr Partners Award Ron Kirby \$30

24th November Washout

1st December, 2011

Winner Ki Sun Lee 21 Points Runner Up Martin Macdonald 20 Points Fred Cherry Award Tony Payne \$20 Starr Partners Award Ray Ephraim \$30

The Len Plummer Memorial Trophy was played over the two weeks, 17th November and 1st December, and the winner was Michael Fisher. Congratulations Michael.

We all hope the weather will pickup and allow us more games of golf. Thank you for your support and the committee and I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas.

We also wish to thank Mike Callaby and his staff and the Management and staff of Carnarvon Golf Club for all their assistance in making the current year so successful.

Good golfing and I will see you on the golf course next week.

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From the General Manager's Desk

Owen Madden

Dear Member,

Once again, Christmas has sprung upon us...seemingly without fair warning and the Club is busy with function bookings, making it difficult to squeeze in groups of members for their special Christmas gatherings. However, the catering and functions team is doing a fantastic job of juggling bookings with members' requirements and mostly can cater for preferred days and times.

Some exceptionally good news for those die-hard 'Turf-heads'.... At long last we will see the return of the TAB to Carnarvon Golf Club. Installation is expected to be finalized by the end of January. The facility is a self-serve betting terminal that is easy to use and best of all....punters no longer need to wait for service from busy bar staff! The TAB will consist of a wall-mounted array of racing televisions, including SKY coverage, an electronic betting terminal and 2 internet PC's.

Some more good news for those members looking to hold a function next year! The Club has recently commenced an EARLY-BIRD PARTY BOOKING promotion. The first 10 members to book and pay a \$200.00 deposit on a function catering for 25 guests or more conducted in the months of April, May and June 2012 will receive **free** room hire (valued at up to \$500.00), a free bottle of Sparkling Wine and free anti-pasta plates for each table of 8 guests. So, why not book in your next

wedding anniversary or birthday party here at your Club?

Also, at long last, I have finally found a qualified repairer for the roll-up blinds on the smokers' balcony. These long overdue repairs should be completed within the next 3 or 4 weeks.

In anticipation of a fun-packed day for our Christmas Ambrose event on Sunday 11th December, I wish to formally acknowledge the financial assistance provided by one of the Club's most valued sponsors...Parmalat, suppliers of OAK Flavoured milk and Ice Breaks. Additionally, I wish to offer my appreciation to Parmalat CEO and club member Craig Garvan for his continued support of our club. Many thanks, Craig.

In closing, I wish you, our member and your loved ones, all the very best for Christmas and I hope you enjoy every success in the New Year.

Merry Christmas,

From the Course Superintendent

Steve Jacobsen

Just a quick update on the tees and fairways.

Most of the tees have recovered to an acceptable cover of turf with the increase in temperatures of the past few weeks. The other tees have had another application of miticide to reduce competition and increase recovery. We also cut some new turf into the back of the 12th tee to repair an area I had little hope for. This area is also shade compromised during winter and this was addressed when we had the cherry-picker in. As stated previously we will scarify and top-dress the tees during December to encourage new growth. Soil tests have indicated some calcium is required and I will also apply some acid to release calcium and cause sodium to precipitate from the soil which will help improve the tees. Sodium builds-up due to the sodium that is present in our irrigation water at low levels, but builds up in the soil over time if it isn't being released.

The fairways have really started to thicken up with the increased night time temperatures and will necessitate the second 'primo' application this week to stop thatch forming and reduce the amount of cutting required. The areas of disease damage have been hanging around in a few fairways due to the cooler periods we have had but should be drawing to a close now.

The areas of 'kikuyu yellows' have become evident again with the low rainfall for October and the few hot days. I have applied a wetting

agent and penetrant to these areas to help keep moisture there and maximise turf cover, however any other work will be time consuming and slow and pose difficulties in getting new turf established, but we will look at a couple of options to find something that help reduce the damaged areas.

I will also be borrowing a verti-knife from Castle Hill CC in early December to slice the fairways with little disturbance. I used this piece of equipment 4 years ago on a demonstration and saw great results, but the fairways have had no work since then. I also have the results of the soil tests and we will not be requiring a lime application to the fairways this year, but will need to apply acid to the course to free up some calcium and reduce the sodium build-up in the soil which will improve the condition of the fairways.

During December I will also start the process of spreading the free screened reject soil over the mounds and right edge of the fairway on the 13th to build up the top-soil and smooth out the area with a view to reclaiming some fairway and cutting out a lot of the rubbish grass that dominates the right side of the fairway. We will do the same at the start of the 4th fairway to make the most of the sprinkler in this area and so extend the fairway closer to the tee to benefit the shorter hitters.

Merry Christmas from the Shed and the Workerbees

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DAY	DATE	HALF-WAY	BISTRO
SATURDAY	24/12/11	Open	Open lunch & dinner-blackboard
SUNDAY	25/12/11	Closed	Closed
MONDAY PH	26/12/11	Open	Closed
TUESDAY PH	27/12/11	Open	Closed
WEDNESDAY	28/12/11	Closed	Open 10.00-3.00
THURSDAY	29/12/11	Closed	Open 10.00-3.00
FRIDAY	30/12/11	Closed	Open 10.00-3.00
SATURDAY	31/12/11	Open	Closed
SUNDAY	1/1/12	Open	Closed
MONDAY PH	2/1/12	Open	Closed
TUESDAY	3/1/12	Open	Closed
WEDNESDAY	4/1/12	Closed	Open 10.00-3.00
THURSDAY	5/1/12	Closed	Open 10.00-3.00
FRIDAY	6/1/12	Closed	Open lunch & dinner-blackboard
SATURDAY	7/1/12	Open	Open lunch & dinner-blackboard
SUNDAY	8/1/12	Open	Open lunch- Sunday menu
MONDAY	9/1/12	Closed	Open lunch- blackboard
TUESDAY	10/1/12	Open	Open lunch- blackboard
WEDNESDAY	11/1/12	Closed	Open lunch & dinner-blackboard
THURSDAY	12/1/12	Closed	Open lunch & dinner-blackboard
FRIDAY	13/1/12	Closed	Open lunch & dinner-blackboard

Please remember that the Club and the Course is CLOSED on Christmas Day and the club house will close at 8pm on each of the Public Holidays