

Captains Report  
January 2010

Another 12 months has slipped by so quickly it is hard to believe, and it has not been without its share of turmoil for this captain.

The elements were the greatest cause with the wind storm in April and the rains in August / September causing games to be cancelled and some games to be played on limited holes, however we managed to come through it all OK.

Thursdays chicken run continues to be a very popular event with number of participants being around 80 to 90 each week and the consistency competition settling down to a contest between just a few in each division. Saturday competitions have been very well supported with fields in the 60-70 range

A reminder for those wishing to play pennant this year, names need to be in so that teams can be arranged. Wynyard has always been competitive in every grade and there is no reason why this will not continue, if you have any queries about pennant please contact Peter Matthews.

President Mike is endeavouring to get a junior competition up and running on Wednesday afternoons, we do have a lot of juniors at present, and it is good to see someone trying to get them involved, if anyone can assist Mike it would be greatly appreciated and you do not have to do much other than turn up when the junior 6 hole competition is on, walk around with them and help them get to know some of the rules (the basics). This would not take up much of your time and we do not expect members to teach them how to play golf. If you know of any juniors that might like to participate all they have to do is turn up at 3pm Wednesdays and we will allocate them a handicap so that they can play.

The Dixon trophy has been finalised and I thank all those that participated especially those that qualified for the playoffs, and got in and played their games by the due dates. Congratulations to the winners M Scott and R Lakeland

The Matthews trophy is under way and again qualifiers are getting on with the playoffs.

Matthew Lowe is our January Monthly Medal winner with a nett 60 on a handicap of 24 Matthew is now playing off 20.

Lester Robinson is in the news again after his hole in one, now he has hit a nett 56 which many believe is an equal club record for a handicap event, his handicap reduced from 15 to 11 for that effort, well done Lester.

A continuing problem around the course is the matter of rakes in bunkers, this can be very annoying for those that get their ball caught by the rake at the edge of the bunker.

I know it is not always members that cause this problem however, we can make life better for each other by doing a very simple task, that is if we are passing a bunker and the rake is on the edge in the bunker we can place it in the middle of the bunker with the handle facing along the line of play ie up the fairway.

Also if we see someone that does not place the rake in the middle of the bunker, we can remind them that it is golf etiquette to do so, and it might be them that gets caught next time.

We have been asked if there could be a competition arranged for men on Wednesdays. Although it is usually a ladies competition day they are quite happy for the men to have a competition at the same time, for those interested we will have a 18 hole stroke event, but if you would like some other types of events held please contact me and I will see what can be done, there will also be pinshots for the men. It is anticipated that this will start early February so please keep an eye out for the start.

Cheers  
Captain Frank