

# **WYNYARD GOLF CLUB**

## ***Presidents Report 2007 – 2008 Season***

Yet another year in the life of this Golf Club has come to an end.

The past year has experienced a significant improvement in membership growth which has, as a consequence, resulted in an increase in our level of income. Competition numbers have increased and generally there has been a very positive and harmonious attitude among members which has been most encouraging.

My Committee's goal was again to maintain the Golf Course at an acceptable level, to improve the quality of our greens, to contain costs and generate enough income in order to complete this year with another reasonable trading profit.

I am pleased to report that the Committee has achieved each of these goals. Even with the purchase of a new tractor, cash recording system, alarm system and a multitude of other quite expensive costs, such as the water system repairs, we have completed this year in a most satisfactory manner.

The Treasurer's Report will give a more detailed account of the year's results.

Once again there are many people who are worthy of my very sincere thanks for their tireless and selfless involvement and who, in so many ways, make this such a successful and envied sporting club.

Both my Committee and I wish to express our appreciation for the work carried out by all those volunteer members and friends. I include of course our most valued lady members in this. The Club is so dependant upon you and we are grateful for your most generous contribution.

We are still short of a Social Committee which raises those vitally important funds through various activities. However, there are individuals who help in this way and I thank them for their efforts. I strongly urge all members to become actively involved in the Social Committee.

We are also short in the Junior Development and Coordination area. This I see is one of our great weaknesses and may come back to haunt us in the future if we don't find a suitable candidate to take responsibility for this area. Please look around for the right person for this job.

Again I say 'thank you' to Wolf Friedersdorff for that most valuable monthly newsletter. Also, for his most positive and professional attitude whilst embracing the huge portfolio that includes sponsorship, marketing, promotion, and course signage.

The WGC promotional brochure is an example of his fine work and provides an excellent selling tool and I'm quite sure that through his tireless energy and lateral thinking we will witness a most positive difference to the future well-being of this club.

Also keep an eye out for the up dated web-site which should hit the screen in the very near future. The Club is most thankful to both Glen Dixon and to Wolf for their efforts in relation to this.

I wish to pay special tribute to both Michelle Huzzey and Joan Hyland.

Their individual contribution to this club is just so important and their efforts go far beyond what we would expect of them.

My sincere thank you goes to each of these most valuable employees.

Also to our caterer, in Shirley, unfortunately she has found another income source and we will need to look for a replacement. This is most unfortunate as she has been excellent in her work and also a pleasure to be associated with.

To our intrepid crew who regardless of weather conditions spend so much time out and about ensuring that the course is up to the highest standard.

Thank you to the team mainly made up of Tim, Geoff, Malcolm, John and Nugget and led so efficiently by Michelle.

The greens are just tremendously good and the fairways exceptional even following a dry, windy summer season and our gardens and surrounds always a picture. Well done, to all those hard working people.

The Club acknowledges the numerous sponsors whose support is of vital importance. These individuals and businesses are essential to the financial viability of the Club.

I ask that each of you supports them where ever possible.

To the President of the Ladies Committee, Jean Viney, I say congratulations for the enthusiastic and efficient manner in which your part of the Club conducts its affairs

And to Viv Hancock, the Ladies Captain, who has carried out her duties in a most capable and efficient manner. Both she and John have been seriously ill during this year, I understand even sharing a ward together at one stage. Its great to see that both of you are well on the way to recovery and that your golfing ability is back to being in fine form.

My heartiest congratulations must go to all the players of the various pennant teams, both Ladies and Men, who have represented the club so well during this past year.

Excellent results and, more importantly, the spirit in which you played the game certainly won't do our club's reputation any harm at all.

To Craig Hancock I wish to formally congratulate not only for his incredible year of success but also for bringing the name of our Club to so many areas throughout Australia and doing it "in style".

I wish to thank the committee members for their work:-

Sports Committees ably lead by Captain Mick Johnson and assisted by John Hancock. Mick continues on for a third term while John has decided to take a break. The job of running the sports committee is not an easy one and is open to easy criticism, I thank you for your most solid contribution to this club. It's always a pleasure to witness the relaxed, friendly and welcoming personality of Mick at work around the club.

Bar and House, chaired by Lester Robinson and assisted by Frank Chettle;

Once again a great deal of work by a small band of volunteers, and with excellent results.

Our goal is to make the club house/bar area a pleasant place to be for everyone of both genders, of all ages and on all occasions. Our staff work very hard for this club, generally giving far more that we can compensate.

The greens committee, under the control of Tim Barnard & John Gursansky as well as Malcolm Smith and Geoff Poke in the workshop around machinery giving constant care to our equipment.

Each has demonstrated most positive outcomes during this year.

The finance committee led by Lester Robinson, our very long serving and ever vigilant treasurer, who is ably assisted by John Gursansky, must also be commended for its careful deliberations which have contributed to the most successful outcomes over the past several years.

Again I acknowledge the work carried out by Bill Cunningham during this year.

To each of my fellow committee members I extend my sincerest appreciation.

For your commitment, support and effort have helped place this Club in a strong and secure position for the future.

I say 'thank you' to the Vice President, David Besnard, who continues to work so tirelessly in areas of administration and keeping the IT area functioning for the Club. I can assure you that he has spent countless hours on these premises during this year.

I am so grateful to Secretary, Sandra Southwell, for the efficient and most capable way she has dealt with the Club's business. She really is a gem and a most valuable asset to this Club. She is a shining example of the truly dedicated and caring people which contribute so generously to this club.

I again make special mention of our Treasurer and financial conscience, Lester Robinson. His devotion to and genuine concern for the Wynyard Golf Club must never be underestimated.

Finally, I thank the members of the Wynyard Golf Club for your confidence in accepting me as your President for another year.

During this year we have gained a number of good new members. Please acknowledge these people and make them feel welcome.

Also, during this year we have lost other members through illness and for various other reasons. Our thoughts go with those people who have been strong supporters of the Wynyard Golf Club and very dear friends to many of us over many years.

This is an appropriate time to once again consider where we are heading as a golf club.

We must remain vigilant, professional and aware of and be prepared for change. We cannot afford to sit back and risk making poor business decisions.

This is a business we are running. It must be run as a business to give you the results worthy of our club.

Thank you for your support and friendship during this year.

Each of us is integral part owner of this Club; each of us has a responsibility to ensure that this remains

"The Best Little Links Course in Australia".

Mike Dixon – President

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