

WYNYARD GOLF CLUB
Presidents Report 2010 – 2011 Season

The drought has broken, the fairways have remained lush and beautiful throughout the summer and generally everything is about as good as it gets.

My sincerest thanks go to a large number of very dedicated and caring members who made themselves available to support Michelle and Joan and who have worked so hard to help maintain this beautiful Golf Club.

The Wynyard Golf Club continues to experience significant growth in membership, remains financially sound and competition numbers are on the increase. There continues to be a positive, friendly and harmonious attitude among members.

I can report that the Committee has once again achieved its objectives during this year.

Expenditure items include the replacement of the rough mower, the upgrade or rebuild of the Legacy Hut, the installation of a reverse cycle heating system and the re-cladding of the old building on the 7th fairway.

Extensive work has been carried out to replace and tidy up signage around the course at considerable cost.

The Club House exterior is now sporting a new identification sign and around the course replacement signage has provided a fresh and attractive image along with providing valued sponsorship funds for the Club. Many thanks to Peter Hanson and Wolf Friedersdorff for their determination and energies to achieve such a successful outcome.

It was pleasing to note that once again this year we were able to draw directly on our funds to purchase all necessary capital and maintenance items.

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 its volunteer force and we are most grateful for your generous contribution.

In the new financial year it is anticipated that the drainage problem on the 3rd fairway will be further addressed and that consideration will be given to upgrading plant and equipment in the kitchen area.

The latter will depend largely upon the future potential of better utilizing the facility as currently it appears not to be attracting the appropriate and financially rewarding function market.

Until an active Social Committee is up and running there appears little likelihood that the facility will be used to its capacity.

We are continuing to be short in the Junior Development and Coordination area. The "6-hole" comp which I commenced with great gusto some time ago has proven unsuccessful. Young people just have too many other attractions. Perhaps someone else may be able to do something constructive in this area for the Club.

Hopefully Tas Golf's new push to encourage young players may make a positive difference.

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

To Craig Hancock now as a professional and recently qualifying for the OneAsia Tour.

To Ben Kalbfell for making the Tasmanian Junior Golf Team.

To the winner of each divisions of the Club Championships.

The positive spirit in which you play the game will certainly enhance the reputation of this Club

Again I say 'thankyou' to Wolf Friedersdorff for that most valuable bi-monthly newsletter.

The huge portfolio which includes sponsorship, marketing, promotion, and course signage is also under the control of both Wolf and Peter Hanson and their positive and professional attitude is greatly appreciated by the Committee and hopefully by all members.

The forever improving web-site has proven to be most popular with members and is also attracting a number of visitors to the Club.

This is gradually becoming our principal means of communication with members. Once again, Wolf is our expert in this area and I thank both he and David Besnard for their work 'to make it all happen'.

Wolf has been suffering a recent illness but continues to provide his expertise which proves so valuable to the Club.

Through the efforts of both Wolf and David Besnard we are certainly keeping up with the mod-cons which continually surprise each of us as they appear around the Club House.

We must not forget the importance of and valued efforts by our staff members in MichelleHuzzey and Joan Hyland. They are just wonderful ambassadors for our club's image.

Their individual contribution to this club is just so important and their efforts go far beyond what we would expect of them. They collectively set the front line standard of this Club.

A sincere 'thank you' to each of these most valuable employees.

The Committee is also most appreciative of the dedication to the kitchen facility by both Gaylene, Kylie and Ray Price. It is now a pleasure to line up for a meal. The quality is great as is also their friendly and happy disposition. It can be easy to take for granted the quality of the food produced for our benefit. I can assure you that the efforts from the kitchen are highly appreciated.

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. Thanks to a most efficient organising committee the I ask that each of you supports them where ever possible.

To the President of the Ladies Committee, Mavis Bennion and Ladies Captain, Sandra Southwell, I say congratulations for the enthusiastic manner in which your part of the Club conducts its affairs. The Lady Members do play such an important and responsible role in the conduct of this club and their valued input is acknowledged by the Committee.

My heartiest congratulations go to all players of the various pennant teams, both Ladies and Men, who have represented the Club so well during this past year. The spirit in which you played the game will certainly enhance the reputation of this Club.

There is no doubt that our course is in excellent condition. Please recognise and acknowledge the efforts by the Greens Committee, each of our very few hard working volunteers spend countless hours assisting Michelle to keep the course under control and I reckon they 'do just a fantastic job'

Our intrepid crew who regardless of weather conditions spend so many hours out and about ensuring that the course is up to the highest standard. The greens are tremendously good and the fairways exceptional even following a dry, windy summer season; and our gardens and surrounds always a picture. There are just so many jobs carried out by this small crew whose efforts are often not recognized by other members.

Well done, to all those hard working people.

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

I say 'thankyou' to the Vice President, David Besnard, who remains so passionate and continues to work so tirelessly in areas of administration and keeping the IT area functioning for the Club

I am ever so grateful to Secretary (and Ladies Captain), Sandra Southwell, for the efficient and most capable way she has dealt with the Club's business. She is an incredible worker and a most valuable asset to this Club. I can assure you that she is greatly appreciated by her fellow Committee members. She was ably supported by the Assistant Secretary, Bruce Corbett.

To the Sports Committees ably lead by Captain Frank Chettle and assisted by Vice Captain, Mick Johnson and Ray Price. .

Frank has spent countless hours carrying out the duties of Captaincy. Don't underestimate the work and effort carried out to make the sports committee's outcomes seem so effortless.

Bar and House, chaired by David Besnard and assisted by Bruce Corbett and Ray Price - 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.

Joan and her small team of volunteers work very hard to achieve this, generally giving far more that we can compensate.

Greens Committee, has been under the control of Tim Barnard who was most ably supported by Geoff Poke, Malcolm Smith, Ian McKenzie, Allen Dickens, Dale Flint

,Richard Lakeland and Mike Dixon. Tim steps down from this role after approximately 10 years and his dedicated effort is acknowledged.

Particular thanks to Lester Robinson who continues in his role as Treasurer. The Club grows from strength to strength mainly because of the care and consideration in the area of finance.

Lester Robinson's devotion to and genuine concern for the WGC should not be underestimated. He spends hours looking after the Club's affairs and his efforts are greatly appreciated by all concerned.

To Ray Price, Bruce Corbett and ladies representative Mavis Bennion, on behalf of the Club, I say thank you for your most positive input during the year. Much appreciated by all.

To each of my fellow Committee members, on behalf of the Wynyard Golf Club, I say 'thank you'.

For your commitment, support and effort which has placed this Club in a good, strong and secure position for the future.

And thank you for your confidence in accepting me as your President for a tenth term.

It has been a good year but there continues to be much to do to ensure a solid foundation for this clubs future in an ever changing world.

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

"The Best Little Links Course in Australia".

Mike Dixon – President 16th March 2011.