



GLADES GOLF TALK

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FROM THE PRESIDENT - Bill Heron

Since my last report to Members a number of things have happened that I would like to bring to your attention. In no order of importance this includes:

- We recently made a presentation to the City of Melville outlining the reasons why we believe the Club should be given relief from local rates and taxes. The strength of our argument turned on the fact that we are already making a significant annual rental and the imposition of \$10 000 in rates will lift our annual payments to \$30 000, which compares with, for example, \$4 000 paid by Royal Perth Golf Club. Whilst we have been given a three year period over which the rates will be progressively introduced we did not enjoy the success we had hoped for and we will have to budget for the extra costs.
- Many of you will have seen the vandalism to the seventh green; this is the worst we have experienced although it does reflect a continuation of something that has been occurring, off and on, for some time. We have approached both the Local Police and the City of Melville seeking more surveillance and as the property of the City was also affected this time we trust their presence will become more obvious. One indirect benefit is that the insurance claim will help to defray the cost of remodelling the green.
- Our club championships have been completed and congratulations to all the winners and in particular to Bree Turnbull and Nigel Goodall who are the Ladies and Men's champions respectively.
- Since my last report there have been some changes at the senior level with Ian McNeill being appointed General Manager and more recently Sonja Roncevich to lead our Food and Beverage team. Please give them a warm Melville Glades welcome.
- Our pennant results will have been covered in detail by the respective Captains and whilst we didn't win the major pennant I did have the pleasure of watching the men's teams and they were a credit to the Club with their demeanour both off and on the course. I am confident that the time is not too far away before we win the pennant in our division and win promotion.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the outstanding performances of Bree Turnbull, Matt Jager and Mark Western all of whom have enjoyed success at either or both State, Australian and in one case international, events. With the golf season drawing to a close we can now look forward to the better playing conditions that comes with summer golf, please exercise patience with the ground staff as they commence the annual maintenance programme that is so essential in maintaining the course in the condition we expect and like to see it.



MGGC GALA DAY - SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER

***OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS
REGARDLESS OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY!***

Put in your entry form at the office or phone the office to book with credit card.
1.00pm Shotgun Start \$25.00 pp—includes snacks at presentations.

HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT *WHY CHOOSE THE GLADES?*

I would like to take this opportunity, to point out to our members, the enormous benefits of choosing Melville Glades when planning a celebration. Whatever the occasion, Melville Glades Function Centre has it all! Lets begin with the setting! At The Glades you are surrounded by beautiful natural bushland. The gardens are superb, and the outdoor areas allow for a wonderful welcoming atmosphere, to enjoy pre- drinks and friendly conversation. Parking is absolutely free, and right on the doorstep, so there is no driving around trying to find a place to park, and then paying for a ticket. Once inside the Clubhouse, any of our members can feel totally proud of the classic décor, and the first class facilities.

When set up for a function, one can only describe the room as stunning. Round tables with white linen tablecloths and napkins along with tasteful centrepieces, glassware and crockery, and beautiful gilt framed chairs, add to the atmosphere. All of the colour coordination, and arrangements, can be altered to individual tastes, and our staff will go out of their way to accommodate any wish that the member may have, to enhance the evening.

Included in the package is a microphone, lectern and sound system to provide background music of choice, and the large dance floor easily accommodates for an enthusiastic crowd of revellers, to dance the night away. The bar and table service throughout the evening, is excellent and unobtrusive. Nothing is too much trouble to our very dedicated staff!

Better still, we have a chef who is second to none, when catering for an event, Ken will accommodate a wide range of food for any occasion, and an extremely reasonable price range is available for fine dining, through to finger food. Our range of wines is superb, and a very generous package can be worked out for an entire function, with the assistance of our highly qualified new function manager, Sonja.

All in all, why would you want to look elsewhere, when you, as a member of Melville Glades, have the privilege of inviting your friends, family and guests, to your very own Club? It is just a matter of contacting our Office staff and making an appointment! We are in the process of producing a glossy brochure, which will highlight all of the above, and give you the chance to promote your Club to others who may be considering holding a celebration. I can personally recommend the Club in that, my own daughters wedding reception this year, was absolutely stunning, and I honestly could not find a fault with any part of the evening. Everything was beautifully planned and I received many words of praise for the Staff, the food and the wonderful service, from those who attended.

Lets together, make Melville Glades the Number One choice of venue, for all of our future functions and celebrations. I can assure you, you will be thrilled with the results.

Cheers for now, Carol Curnow.

PS: PLEASE BOOK THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

PLAYERS and STAYERS BUFFET:
Sunday 2nd Oct

BINGO NIGHT:
Thursday 20th Oct

**END OF SEASON
DINNER/DANCE:**
Saturday 29th October



INTO YOUR SOCIAL DIARY

MELBOURNE CUP DAY:
Tuesday 1st Nov

NEW YEARS EVE:
**MGGC extravaganza – superb seafood buffet -
entertainment by Gerry Azor**

**You can book a table for any of these social
events by contacting the office.**

From the Course
Superintendent
Seed or Sod?



JUNIORS

Our Junior population has increased to 60 - 53 boys and 7 girls and with Ritchie holding an open clinic for girls on a Saturday afternoon at 4:00pm which is attracting 11 or more girls each week, our girl numbers are sure to be increasing in the future. The boy's clinic on Thursday at 4:00pm is also well attended with the fruits of these clinics now showing in the handicap improvements of the juniors who regularly attend. Aimee Woosnam, Gemma Partridge, David Stoltz, and Josh VanVogepoel are just a few of the regulars at the clinics and all have been winning in various tournaments played outside our club.

Congratulations to Nick Leeder who recently won the 2005 Nett Club Championship and then continued his recent good form in teaming with his Dad to win the Juniors' Father's Day competition.

Congratulations also to our boys Junior Pennant team of Sam Cham, Tristan McCallum, Scott Jager, Nick Leeder, Craig Hoare, Mark Merlino, Josh VanVogelpoel, David Stoltze, Chris Robertson and Rohan Hallam who all performed well this year to qualify for the final only to go down to Joondalup on the Lake Karrinyup Greens. Our girls Pennant team of Aimee Woosnam, Jemma Partridge, Zoe Kemp and Whitney Harvey combined with the girls from Gosnells in winning all of their qualifying games only to lose the final. Well done girls on a great effort first up.

Recently Tristan McCallum and Matt Jager represented the WA School Boys in Adelaide and Matt with his good performances was selected in The Australian School Boy Team. Well done Matt.

Our winners for the 2005 Junior Club Championships were:

Winner: Matt Jager 213

Runner Up: Nick Leeder 230

Best Nett: David Stoltze 209

Runner Up Nett: Rohan Hallam 212

Best Nett 0-13 Tristan Mc Callum 221

Best Nett 14-23 Sean Collings 213

Best Nett 24+ Daniel O'Connor 214

Best Girl: Catherine Davies 325/193

Over the years there has been much debate about which is better. Seeding or sodding greens? While both have advantages and disadvantages, I believe one has significantly more advantages than the other for the long-term health and quality of greens.

The biggest advantage of sodding a green is that the area is instantly covered, however an instant cover is not always the best option. Seeding a green allows the seed to be planted directly into its new home, which means a happier plant that can adapt to its soil conditions as it grows. The plant will develop a deeper root growth preventing dry patch and disease throughout the life of the green. There is also less chance of carrying different grass varieties onto the new green when directly seeding turf. A seeded green may take slightly longer to establish, however, the green will settle a lot faster and play more evenly a lot quicker than a sodded green. There is also considerably less thatch. The long term benefits to a seeded green far outweigh the main advantages of sodding a green; that is, you can commence play on the green approximately four weeks earlier. For long term health and better quality of greens, seeding is the answer.

It needs to be noted there are some disadvantages to seeding a green; one is to do with the weather. If heavy rainfall is received before seed germination runoff can become an issue. On our course, the area would need to be protected from kangaroos. There are times when the site needs to be considered when deciding on whether to seed or sod. We will conduct our own little experiment on these two processes and I invite you all to make your own observations. After consultation with the Board it was decided that the new green that is being built on Number 7 will be seeded. This means it takes a little longer to come into play, however I am confident about the long-term quality of this green. Number 1 will be sodded and we will monitor its progress and compare the difference between the two greens. I look forward to observing these two greens over the next two years and recording the results. Happy Golfing and remember always repair any damage you cause to the course and the golfing gods will shine on you.

Eric Dennis
Course Superintendent

Till next time, good golfing

Kevin Hills

Vice Captain

Golfing with an older man

A young man who was also an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in nine holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him.

To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - and directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall."

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AN OLD UNUSED SMALL GENERATOR AND CEMENT MIXER TO BE GIVEN A NEW HOME BY OUR DEDICATED BAND OF COURSE VOLUNTEERS - Please contact the office



PLAYERS & STAYERS BUFFET

Our resident Chef (Ken) will be providing one of his superb buffet meals on

Sunday 2nd October commencing at 6.00pm.

Make up a group and stay for a meal after golf or just bring the family down on Sunday night to enjoy one of Ken's famous buffet meals.
Cost is just \$20 a head (half price for under 12's), please book at the Office.

Please complete the following if any of your contact details have changed recently and return to the Office

CHANGE OF DETAILS

NAME: _____ MEMBERSHIP NO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ WORK PH: _____ MOBILE PH: _____

HOME FAX: _____ WORK FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

MATCH REPORT:

Notes from the Match Committee:

- In an endeavour to speed up play - a "call up" is now in play on the 9th Green.
- There is now a separate AM and PM competition on Saturdays with presentations taking place at 1.15pm and as normal at 6.00pm.
- Members are reminded of their responsibility to attend presentations if they are likely to have won a trophy. Please check with the office if this may be the case.
- In keeping up to date with modern technology all members are advised that from the end of the season (late Oct) all competition bookings will be carried out on line (no more paper time sheets). Access for non-computer owners will still be available via phoning the office or pro shop or utilising the Club's computer in Admin. A number of reserved spots will be held for 24 hours for phone bookings.

2005 PENNANT RESULTS

A grade finished equal top of the ladder after the home and away rounds and was beaten on a count back to play off in the Final.

B Grade finished 3rd.

The Juniors finished on top of the ladder and were beaten by Joondalup in the final.

Well done to all Pennant players.

Next year we will be playing Joondalup, Cottesloe and Sea View.

Melville Glades Golf Club was proud to welcome Don Chipper of Oakwood Funerals as sponsor for the Junior and Senior Metropolitan Pennant teams for 2005.

2005 Men's Club Championships



EVENT	WINNER
CLUB CHAMPION	NIGEL GOODALL – 301 – 75, 74, 76 & 76
OVERALL NETT CHAMPION (overall nett winner from all grades)	NICK LEEDER – 287 – 67, 78, 71, & 71
RUNNER UP (Gross)	MATT HOLLINGTON – 307
NETT WINNER "A" GRADE	ADRIAN HALL – 293
RUNNER UP NETT "A" GRADE	JOE BOROS – 297
GROSS WINNER "B" GRADE	RUSSELL BAILEY – 355

RUNNER UP GROSS "B" GRADE	ROB KIRKE – 358
NETT WINNER "B" GRADE	TERRY VEALE – 297
RUNNER UP NETT "B" GRADE	GORDON HILL – 302
GROSS WINNER "C" GRADE	NICK WEAVER – 385
RUNNER UP GROSS "C" GRADE	RUSSELL MACPHERSON – 389
NETT WINNER "C" GRADE	MIKE O'DONNELL - 309

Fourball Knockout

EVENT	WINNER
Runner Up	Kym Thomason & Wil Koh
WINNER	Jeff Bailey & Steve Davies

Foursomes Championship

EVENT	WINNER
Nett Winners	Colin Hallam & Rohan Hallam
Nett Runners Up	Craig Ginbey & Kym Thomason
Gross Runners Up	Matt Buggins & Mark Branley
Foursomes Champions	Gary Allomes & Christian Hunter

Matchplay Championship

EVENT	WINNER
C Grade Runner Up	Brian Grey
C Grade Winner	Bill Spence
Runner Up Nett	Bob Henderson
Nett Winner	Ric Liubicich
Runner Up Gross	Dennis Warburton
Matchplay Champion	Matt Buggins

Ladies Club Championships 2005

The first and second rounds of the Ladies Club Championships were played in perfect conditions on August 9th & 11th, but due to flooded greens on the 3rd round on the 16th, play was suspended. A Match Committee Meeting was held and it was decided to cancel the round and make it a 54 hole Championship. The final round on the 18th August concluded with the following results.

The Ladies Club Champion for 2005 is Bree Turnbull with 224.

Runner Up to Bree was Lea Mias with 264.
Bree also set a new course record of 72 on the final day.

'A' Grade Gross Winner: Janne Gibsone 271
Runner Up: Shirley Van Der Brugghen 274

'AR' Grade Gross Winner: Chris Foreman 294
Runner Up: Ann Kelly 297

'B' Grade Gross Winner: Myrle Gray 323
Runner Up: Lee Newman 324

'C' Grade Gross Winner: Kaye Waters 342
Runner Up: Joan Henley 346.

'A' Grade Division Nett Winner: Ann Elias 227
Runner Up: Nena Katnic 232 C/B

'AR' Grade Nett Winner: Chris Foreman 219
Runner Up: Ann Kelly 231

'B' Grade Nett Winner: Margaret Hunter 228
Runner Up: Lee Newman 237

'C' Grade Nett Winner: Kaye Waters 237
Runner Up: Wendy Canadzich 243
on a countback from Robyn Millett.

Melville Glades Perpetual Trophy Best Gross 36 Holes Qualifying Winner was Bree Turnbull with 152, and the Runner Up was Lea Mias on 175.

The Joy Renner Trophy Best Nett 36 Holes Qualifying Winner was Chris Foreman with 145, and the Runner Up was Ann Elias 147.

The Doris Strachan Bowl Best Nett 36 Holes Qualifying (60 years and over) was Chris Foreman 145.

Ritchie Smith kindly donated two trophies for the Ladies who attend his clinic and the winner for the 54 holes Nett was Chris Foreman 219 and Runner Up was Ann Elias with 227.

98 entries were received this year for the Championships which is an improvement on the last few years. I do feel that a little encouragement from the Committee goes a long way to convincing the new girls to participate in these events. A great number came along to the Presentation Dinner and a number of our ladies performed skits which made it a very enjoyable finish to the Championships. Well done Maxine and Robyn and everyone who took part in them!

It was wonderful to see Bree come along later after her work commitments to take part in the traditional handing over of the 'Club Champion Badge' from last year's champion. **Well done!** Bree gave a little speech and told the ladies of an up and coming event she will be taking part in. This is a trip to the USA to play in the 'Spirit International representing Australia at the Whispering Pines Golf Club in Houston next October against 23 other nations. We all wish her the very best and hope she does really well. **Good luck Bree!**

The final of the 4ball knockout competition was played on Tuesday, 30th August and the Winners were Killie Dharmapala and Ameer Hau. Runner's Up were Coralea Kessell and Kaye Waters.

Our Charity Day was held last Thursday, 1st September in perfect weather. Everyone enjoyed the change to half combined handicap. It certainly showed in the results for both AM and PM competitions.

Congratulations to Bree Turnbull and the rest of the WA team for winning the Gladys Hay Cup played at Royal Fremantle Golf Club.

Congratulations to Judy Wootliff and Sylvia Newman who both achieved a Hole In One recently on the 17th and the 9th respectively.