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President 's Report - February 2016

SOLAR PANELS

After much research and discussion the Board has decided to have solar panels installed on the clubhouse roof. This work is to be undertaken by Energy Australia. It will commence on February 15, 2016 and take approximately 3 weeks. Based on the model provided, our expectation is there will be a saving of some \$1,190 per month. This estimate will pay for the cost of installing the panels, making them virtually cost neutral over a period of 4 - 4 1/2 years.

STORM DAMAGE

Shay Tasker and his staff continue to do a wonderful job on the course assisted by our volunteers, they managed to clear up the mess left by two violent storms over the past weeks, enabling loss of play for only one day. The Board is grateful to our ground staff and volunteers in making the course playable so quickly, it was not an easy task. The recent weather has played havoc with the course including the growth of grass cover on the new first green. There were 13 rain days and a total of 294 mm of rain during January. 2016.

BOARD ELECTION AND AGM

There will be an election for a new Board this year. Nominations for the Board close at 6pm on Monday 4th April 2016. Voting will take place from 13 - 19 April inclusive. Our Annual General Meeting will be on 19 April 2016. The Board tenure is for 2 years and it involves more than just turning up to Board meetings twice monthly.

LADIES GOLF

Carnarvon Ladies' golf continues to be well managed under our ladies' Captain Catherine Tucker, Vice-Captain Barbara Lynch, committee members Agnes Cho, Lisa Kim and Michelle Park. Thank you ladies for doing a great job over the past

12 months.

GOLF SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS ALL CATEGORIES

At the time of this newsletter we have a total of 735 (all category) golfing members and there are 1249 social members, grand total 1984 members. If you know any person wishing to join Carnarvon please nominate them, they will not only enjoy their golf, they can also enjoy the club as social members. Please support our club by holding your parties and functions at Carnarvon see our Functions Manager Heidi for a good deal and great service. We have finished the year with a small profit thanks to our members, visitors and great staff.

JUNIOR MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

I am pleased to report the Ray Harrison and Alec Mercer Junior Masters Golf Tournament was held on 18 January 2016. Juniors numbering 30 players from various clubs throughout Sydney took part. This was a very special day for Ray and Alec who have worked tirelessly for the improvement of junior golf over many years, our thanks to them.

Winners were:

Boys 17 & Under: Scratch Winner: Jayden Brown (The Lakes) 38Pts

Scratch R/Up: Anthony Tan (Monash) 35Pts

Nett Winner: Michael Fowler (Carnarvon 36) 41Pts

Boys 14 & Under: Scratch Winner: Jefferson Fan (Avondale) 32 Pts

Scratch R/Up: Ripudamann Singh (Castle Hill) 26 Pts

Nett Winner: Robbie Minns (Camden 36) 46 Pts

Girls 14 & Under: Scratch Winner: Monica Johnson (Moore Park) 30Pts

Scratch R/Up: Grace Adams (Moore Park) 22Pts

Nett Winner: Charlotte Huynh (Moore Park 33) 41Pts

The scores indicate there was some very good golf played by 'up and coming' juniors. The tournament was all about encouraging our youth and giving something back to junior golf.

There is much organisation required to hold a metropolitan junior masters tournament. Thank you to Owen Madden, Mike Callaby, Chris Thomson, John Honeybrook, Steve Fletcher, Greg Bevan our rules official Ray Calnan, Heidi, Danielle and our staff for their dedication in making this a special event. Also thank you to Jack Newton Junior Golf, Greg Watkinson, Area Manager and staff for their valuable advice in preparation for the junior event.

We have had a several emails from parents of young golfers who participated. They were highly appreciative of the tournament, and the opportunity for their children to compete on an excellently prepared course.

RAY HARRISON AND ALEC MERCER JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION

CHARITY DAY

There is a Charity Golf Day on Friday 11 March 2016 to raise funds for the Ray Harrison and Alex Mercer Junior Golf Foundation. Please see the entry form in this newsletter. All monies raised go toward junior golf.

REMOVAL OF THE SUPPLY OF TOWELS

The Board, after taking into consideration the supply of towels to our members was being abused, the decision was made that towels would no longer generally be handed out to members for showering. Our General Manager reported to the Board that towels were being stolen, they were being taken out onto the course by members to clean their clubs during a round of golf, they were left in the carpark and were also being taken into the toilets and left in the cubicles. In short they were being used for purposes other than what was intended. Due to this abuse, towels will only be issued on special event days.

Towels are only for use in the shower area and are not to be taken anywhere else within or outside the clubhouse. So if anyone knows the people who were abusing the privilege of using club towels you can thank them for the non-supply of towels and not take it out on staff. Anyone who is abusive to staff will be brought before the Board to show cause why they should not be suspended.

GENERAL

To those members who are or who have been ill I wish them a speedy recovery. A special mention is made in respect of a good young person and Major Pennant player Phil Marshall, who has been ill and unable to play his beloved golf. We are all thinking of you Phil, get better quickly for your own sake and the sake of your lovely young family.

To those who have lost a loved one my sincere condolences, it is never easy to get over.

Happy golfing
Nick Stoves



Ray Harrison & Alec Mercer Junior Masters Golf Day (Monday 18th January 2016)

Captains Report

The 1st green unfortunately has had a severe setback due mainly to extreme hot weather, humidity and rain. The soil was sent for testing and no abnormalities were found. The green was reseeded on 25th January only to be washed away again due to heavy rain on the 29th and 30th January. The green has been reseeded again on the 8th February and it is hoped favourable conditions will prevail. Results should be known in approximately 10 days.

Meanwhile the course staff have done a remarkable job to clear the course of fallen trees and branches after the heavy storms. Though carts and bikes were not permitted, the course was still available for play.

Carnarvon Major Pennant team played their first game at home on Sunday 7th February against Wallacia. The result being a 3 ½ - 3 ½ draw. The next game, this coming Sunday, Carnarvon play Wallacia again at Wallacia.

The Super Seniors Pennant team played their 1st game on Monday 8th February at Wollongong Golf course against Hurstville with the result being a 5 ½ - 2 ½ win. Their next game will be played on Monday 15th February against Camden at Wallacia.

Good luck to both teams.

Future Events

The Keno Fourball and Mixed events will be played on the 9th & 10th of April. There is a \$5 entry fee to enter. The winners on these days are eligible to go to the next stage and if successful will go to the state final which will be played at Bonville Golf Course over three days. Accommodation is included. More details can be found on the notice board.

Yours in golf
Chris Thomson



Carnarvon Ladies will be holding their annual Charity day on the 9th March 2016. All monies raised on the day will be donated to Careflight.

Careflight is dedicated to providing the highest level of rapid response to the ill & injured by road ambulance, helicopters & medijets and depends very much on the generosity of the community.

We look forward to receiving your generous support. If you can help please contact Kathy Knevitt on 0411 098 676 or Sharon Honeybrook on 0409 990 252.

From the General Managers Desk

Dear Member,

The recent New Year's Eve party here at Carnarvon was fun-packed and enjoyed by approximately 90 members in the function room. Our resident band **DANNY & THE DEE GEES** performed to their usual level of excellence and playing well into 2016.

Coming up over the next month will be some great and most importantly, **FREE**, entertainment provided here at Carnarvon.

Saturday 12th March from 8pm we are hosting up and coming local band, **AVELNA**. Entry is free of charge so no reservations for tables in the function room can be made (first in best dressed). However, we are taking reservations for diners in the bistro, but you will need to book early!

Sunday 13th March is our **BBQ & BAND BASH**. Once again, it's free to members, but you must book in and get a ticket from the office if you want to come along. The BBQ starts at 4pm through to 7pm and the band, **SUDDEN COMFORT**, commence from 6pm through to 9pm. So, come along and enjoy prawns, lemon pepper chicken, snags and mini steaks with salads. The band is great and I know our members will have a great time and enjoy their music!!!

I would also like to personally thank the many Korean members who volunteered their time preparing food and running the BBQ at the First Friendship Day later last year. We couldn't have done this without you. By the way, we still need more volunteers to help out with the Second BBQ. Where are all those members who suggested this to me and offered their help on the day? So far I have only 3 offering their help.

Some members may not be aware but we also host the **SYDNEY SHADOWS BAND** approximately once a month in the function room. As the name suggests, they play tunes from the great band of the past, The Shadows. Once again, entry is free to listen and enjoy great Shadows music. The next free gig is scheduled for Sunday 21st February.

I encourage any member wishing to host bands or other entertainment options here at Carnarvon to make arrangements to see me personally and discuss the various options available.

Over the past 18 months or so, we have been actively encouraging the development of junior golf here at Carnarvon. The inaugural Ray Harrison & Alec Mercer Charity Golf Day was held in February last year where funds were raised for the establishment of the Junior Development Foundation. Recently, Carnarvon hosted a Junior Masters event from the proceeds of the Charity Day, where 30 players competed. Due to the success of the Charity Golf Day and subsequent Junior Masters Event, we are now hosting the 2nd Ray Harrison & Alec Mercer Charity Golf Day on Friday 11th March. The event will commence with a shotgun start at 8.30am and conclude with a fabulous lunch with raffles etc. Club members and business groups are encouraged to show their support of junior development here at Carnarvon by participating in the event. Team costs remain the same as last year, with a team entry at \$520, which includes golf, snack & drink on arrival and a 3 course lunch with limited complimentary drinks. Following on from my report, I have included a couple of pics taken on the Junior Masters day and a very encouraging email complimenting the club on hosting this event.

For the past year or so, we have also been establishing an international junior

development programme with Mr Tim Hosking. Tim is a member of the Australian PGA and currently resides in Shanghai, China where he is heavily involved in junior development. Tim so far has brought 4 junior golfers over from China to become junior members of Carnarvon Golf Club. By creating a close relationship with junior golfers from China, the additional benefits to the club will be the establishment of other categories of membership for their parents and guardians over the coming years, not to mention the expansion of the Carnarvon brand to a market consisting of many millions of golfers.

Over the next few weeks members will see a few changes to the clubhouse. A solar-powered electricity generation system is being installed. The commencement date is scheduled for Monday 15th April and should take about 3 weeks to complete, barring adverse weather conditions. The club spends in the vicinity of \$110,000 per year for power and it's envisaged that substantial savings will be made over coming years to more than warrant the installation costs of the new system. The installation payback period is 4 to 4.5 years.

Also, a new gaming management system is being installed to enable members and visitors alike to more easily claim payouts and transfer funds between our various poker machines, without having to recover coins from the machines or cashing-in at the payout desk. Members will need to be issued with a new membership card to access the new gaming payment system. Any member wishing to obtain a new membership card should see office staff for assistance. Full details of how the system operates will be disclosed in the following inclusion. The go-live operational date for the new system is Tuesday 1st April.

**Best regards,
Owen Madden.**



The Ray Harrison & Alec Mercer Junior Masters Golf Day

I would just like to thank your club for hosting the Junior event on Monday. You were so accommodating after us turning up late due to problems on the M4 and

my son Ryan had a great time after being slotted in to play with the girls.
Your course was beautiful even with all the storm damage and i loved how your president and directors made themselves known to both the players and parents. It was a pleasure talking to them and I look forward to coming back next year.

- Amanda

Finance Report

The 31st January saw the end of our financial year and while final figures are not yet available it is evident that we have achieved an encouraging profit for the year. Preparation of final accounts is a little way off as we have to apply end of year adjustments and any matters that may be required by the auditors. Insurance claims have been lodged for damage to the clubhouse and course following the storms of recent weeks.

Returns from catering were a distinct improvement on the previous year due to a review of staffing and purchasing together with increased patronage. As I have mentioned on many previous occasions the Club is a wonderful venue for wakes. We are located quite close to Rookwood and we can provide adequate accommodation with seating and views over the course and we are a licensed venue which is an advantage over many other establishments. Catering can be arranged to suit through the capable hands of Heidi.

Revenue from poker machines was buoyant which allowed us to continue the practice of replacing the older machines with the latest models. Keno and the TAB maintained their figures but they are not so much a money making venture but continue as a service to members. Income from the bar is down slightly reflecting the trend in the Club industry. Many of our members live some distance from the Club and are exercising responsible consumption of alcohol.

Owen Madden in the Clubhouse and Shay Tasker on the course have both been vigilant over their areas and have kept expenses within budget.

Barry Ryan
Chairman, Finance Committee

Ladies Match & General Committee

We begin this first communication of 2016 wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a year ahead of enjoyable golf on our beautifully prepared golf course.

Thank you to those lady members who came along to our Information Afternoon Tea on 6 February. Your interest and participation in the matters needing discussion and decision have been very helpful to your Lady Captain and Committee members and was very much appreciated. We can now look forward to a very interesting and rewarding golf programme in the year ahead.

Our Grade team is about to begin competing in Division 3 of this event and we wish all the ladies good luck in their endeavours. Thank you to the ladies who have agreed to form the team for 2016 and to their willing caddies who provide vital support every week.

These wishes are also extended to the Western District Shield I team who will begin their event shortly as well, and to all the other teams who will represent Carnarvon throughout the year.

Our Charity Day co-ordinators, Kathy Knevitt and Sharon Honeybrook, are doing a sterling job organising this event which will take place on 9 March 2016. We are so grateful to these ladies for stepping up to this task which involves so much work, and we invite all of Carnarvon's members to play in this **mixed** event on this day. The booking-in sheet is now available online to take your booking.

As advised at our Information afternoon, the two-year term of the present Ladies Match and General Committee will come to an end in April of this year. All positions on the present Committee will become vacant and expressions of interest from lady members to become a part of the incoming Committee are now invited. A notice has been placed on the notice board leading to the locker rooms downstairs where anyone wishing to be considered for a position on the Committee can indicate so by supplying their name and position preference. The incoming Board of Directors will then form the new Ladies Match and General Committee from these expressions of interest.

In closing, and on behalf of the present Ladies Match and General Committee, I would like to thank all who have shown us great support during our term and in particular our President, Club Captain, Club Professionals and all of the members of the Board of Directors of Carnarvon Golf Club.

Barbara Lynch
For the Ladies Match and General Committee

Veterans Report

Since our late report before Christmas we have played 6 games with an average of 42 members attending. We have been washed out on two occasions and the members have been stoic playing in some of the really hot days in January and February.

We are always looking for new members to play eleven holes with us on Thursday mornings. This is a good practice opportunity before Saturday games to tune some of your skills.

Members need to be members of Carnarvon Golf Club or hold a Veterans' Membership and over 50 years of age. We hit off between 0700 and 0830 hours reporting to Mike Callaby for your card at your own convenience. Members have the opportunity to win up to three golf balls, and any one of 6 bottles of wine or a voucher valued between \$10 and \$30. We look forward to new members joining us and the continued support of current members.

Winners for games recently played were:

10th December 2015

Winner:	Dong Kang	20 points
Runner Up:	Phil Russo	17 points c/b
Starr Partners Award:	Mary Brown	\$30.00
Fred Cherry Award:	Bill Jardine	\$20.00

17th December 2015

Winner:	Dong Kang	18 Points c/b
Runner Up:	Norm Roberts	18 points
Starr Partners Award:	Mike Fisher	\$30.00
Fred Cherry Award:	Morrie Butler	\$20.00

14th January 2016

Winner:	Dong Kang	16 points c/b
Runner Up:	Peter Prineas	16 points
Starr Partners Award:	Robert Underwood	\$30.00
Fred Cherry Award:	Bill Jardine	\$20.00

21st January 2016

Winner:	Frank Kwan	17 points
Runner Up:	Graham Stepto	14 points
Starr Partners Award:	John Causley	\$30.00
Fred Cherry Award:	Bill Jardine	\$20.00

28th January 2016

Winner:	Carol Flecknoe	16 points
Runner Up:	Si On Choe	14 points
Starr Partners Award:	Len Coghlan	\$30.00
Fred Cherry Award:	John Clarke	\$20.00

11th February 2016

Winner:	Poong-Kil Jang	16 points c/b
Runner Up:	Ron Webb	16 points c/b
Starr Partners Award:	Harley Roberts	\$30.00
Fred Cherry Award:	Norma Griffiths	\$20.00

I thank the members for their support and look forward to seeing you on the course.

Keith Speer
President.

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