

Staff Matters

On Christmas Eve, Scott Burke decided to leave his position as Greenkeeper, here at Sea View to seek opportunities elsewhere. We are currently advertising for a replacement. Corey is currently enjoying a visit to Thailand and will return on 14th January just in time to help Owen prepare for the Summer Cup.

We also bade farewell recently to David Pensabene, our Bar Manager, who decided not to renew his contract and to seek out further career opportunities.

We welcome **Teresa Buchanan** to the role of Bar & Functions Supervisor. Teresa commenced duties on 27 December 2007. She has a varied background in hospitality roles and is very keen to re-invigorate the club-house. Over the coming months Teresa will be introducing various food lines and expanding what we have to offer. Please drop in and say hi and discuss any ideas you may like to see introduced.



Hello to all Sea View Golf Club members. If I haven't met you yet my name is Teresa Buchanan the club's new Bar & Functions Supervisor.

I have strong back ground in hospitality and especially enjoy the catering side of the industry. If you have any up and coming functions or any ideas for what you would like to see on both the functions and catering side of things please drop by the bar and see me with your ideas. Lets breathe some life back into your club.

Teresa.

Social Events

Valentine's Day Lunch



Thursday 14th February-
12.30 pm
Tickets \$20.00 each

Cold Buffet, Platters, Sweets and fruit.
Door prizes & raffles on the day.
Tickets available from the office or bar

Italian Night

Friday 22nd February- 6pm
Ticket \$20.00 each

Antipasto, Lasagne, Cannelloni,
Salads and Desserts .

Door prizes & raffles on the
night. See the office staff or
Teresa at the bar for your tickets.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Please note in your diaries
that the AGM will be held on
Wednesday 19th March
2008 at 6:00 pm in the Club
House.*

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING SVGC Futures Review

*To discuss the Futures Re-
view Group recommendation
will be held on Wednesday
13th February at 6:00 pm .
An information evening for
all members will be held one
week earlier on Wednesday
6th February at 6pm*

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Winner of the "New Member Golfing Equipment Draw" to the value of \$500 is:-

GINA MORRIS

The Winner of the Dinner Voucher valued at \$200 for Early payment of 2008 Membership Fees is:-

JOHN HOLBROOK

Competition Prizes

The office is currently holding a number of prizes, match balls and vouchers. Please call in and see Phil or Shareen to collect your prizes.

January 2008



President's Patter

Welcome to 2008. I hope that you had a wonderful festive break and now ready to play more golf at the club. Last year was a significant year for the club. The closure of the road and restoration of the fairways with grass has made the place look like a proper golf course. I must thank the many members who worked so hard to ensure their vision has become a reality. The support from the Town of Cottesloe and WA Golf Club to ensure that the road was removed and the grass available for planting is greatly appreciated. To the small team of grounds staff and club volunteers led by our course superintendent Owen deserves special thanks. All we need now is the reticulation to be replaced.

Board of Management Positions for 2008

Several members of your current Board of Management have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election at the next AGM.

The following positions constitute the Board :

- President and Treasurer (from the 2007 AGM shall be elected for a term of two (2) years);
- Vice President and Club Captain from the 2008 AGM shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and
- all other positions for two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

The positions of Vice President and Club Captain will be declared vacant at the AGM and members need to nominate for these positions.

Two casual vacancies have been created by resignations -Vice Captain and General Board Member. The Board will fill these positions as per the constitution. I would ask any members interested in filling these positions for the remainder of the initial term (1 year) to nominate no later than 19th February to the Managing Secretary.

I would encourage you all to consider putting up your hand and making a commitment to join the Club's Board of Management. Your chance to influence the future of the Club will present itself with the Board elections at the AGM in March. Please give this matter your full consideration and do not hesitate to contact me or Phil in the office should you wish to discuss this further.

Futures Review Group 2008 could be even more significant than 2007. You may recall that towards the end of last year I called all members to a meeting to consider the future of Sea View Golf Club. The existence of the club was threatened. It was vital that the club review its current position and look to planning the future. This meeting discussed the issues and provided many suggestions and comments about the club. It also authorised the formation of a "Futures Review Group" consisting of Myself, Mr Peter Oates (Treasurer), Mr Trevor Gallagher (ordinary member), Mr Chris Bennet (6 day member).

This group was charged with the task of considering the suggestions of the meeting and to report to the Board and members a direction for the future. The group has met many times and considered a number of proposals from others and is now ready to present an options report to the Board for consideration. The Board will then decide on a course of action. My plans are for it to develop a recommendation that will then be presented to members at an information evening in early February, then a Special General Meeting in the middle of February to consider the recommendation and vote on the proposal. This meeting could be very significant for the members of Sea View Golf Club and I would urge all members to take a significant involvement in the discussions and decision making. The future of the club is in the hands of the members at these meetings and not the Board.

Ken Austin

2008 Fees Due

The Board has set a modest increase of 4% for the 2008 season. Given the rise in external costs incurred by the club, this must be seen as being very prudent. Management are working to tighten up on all areas of our operations, whilst not compromising on the quality that we present the course in.

Invoices were issued in November and are now due and payable. As in previous years we are offering members three methods for the payment of fees. A benefit to the club is received by members paying fees in full in January, and as in the past a small finance surcharge is levied on the 2nd moiety if members opt to pay this way. Arrangements are also available for members to pay by monthly direct debit, again this method attracts a small monthly surcharge to cover administrative costs.

The Capital Contribution charge of \$200 towards the reticulation project is being placed in a quarantined bank account awaiting the final outcome of the DSR grant application. This decision is expected in February.

This season is one of financial consolidation and all members are urged to pay outstanding fees as soon as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please call the office and we will work with you to assist you.

Captain's Comment

We now have the old road fully grassed in the fairway areas, the rough areas will be restored by natural growth of the couch grass and will be treated as GUR until such time as this occurs, The new 11th tee is now in play and I have had a number of favourable reports, with no negatives to date. Your greens committee has undertaken a series of tree plantings behind the 6th green and have endeavoured to establish an avenue of trees to delineate the old road. We were fortunate enough to have all of these trees donated and this will be recognized by the attachment of a small plaque on each tree indicating the name of the donor. We sincerely thank these members for their generosity.

Saturday comp fields continue to give us a great deal of concern as they remain around 70 players, when we can comfortably accommodate at least 100 players. We cannot continue to reserve the course for this number of players and as such we would appreciate any constructive suggestions. I for one have considered running a 9 hole comp with say two time slots in the AM and two time slots in the PM, to accommodate those members who are unable to give up 4 hours of their time on a Saturday but could perhaps spare 2 hours. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

In conjunction with our Professional we also will commence a Twilight Comp on a Thursday evening commencing on Thursday 24th January and running for the balance of the Daylight saving period. The first official tee of time will be 4.00pm and the last will be at 6.00pm (followed by a Happy hour from 6 till 8.30pm). Bookings must be made with the Pro shop and those wishing to commence prior to 4.00pm will be accommodated subject to timesheet availability.

Talking of timesheets, commencing 1st January 2008 any member, visitor or green fee player wishing to play on the course, at any time (outside normal competitions) will be required to book in with the Professional, who will run a daily timesheet. The purpose of this is twofold (1.) it will, we hope, eliminate members turning up to play and finding they are unable to do so because there is a group booking or something similar using the course and (2.) it will give the management group a better understanding of where our income is being generated from. This does not mean that if you normally come down everyday to play 4, or 18 holes you cannot still do so, you can, it just means you need to tell the Professional of your intent (in fact if you want to book in for say 3.00pm every day then just tell the Professional, by the same token if you do not plan to play you must let him know also). We are hopeful that this procedure will eliminate any complaints from members turning up and finding they are unable to either play or tee off when they arrive.

We must all express our gratitude to Owen Oberg, our Course Supervisor, who has been on his own since Christmas, following the resignation of one of his staff and our other staff member overseas on annual leave. If you see Owen around the course please show your appreciation. I would like also to thank those members who have volunteered to do various jobs around the course to assist at this time. They know who they are, unfortunately it seems to be the same old few, however many thanks again for all your help.

Welcome to our new Bar & Functions Supervisor, Teresa who has already made a great difference to the bar. Please drop in and TRY her sandwiches, they are to die for and I believe she has some other GOODIES planned for us.

Good golfing. John Robertson.

ATTENTION!!!
MOBILE PHONES
ARE NOT PERMITTED TO
BE USED ON THE COURSE!!
(MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
EXCEPTED)
PENALTY:-
DISQUALIFICATION

Sea View is very fortunate to have a number of people and businesses who support the club in various ways.
Please remember to support those who support us.



STEPHEN BROWNE
PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS

Professional

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a thank you for all your support over the past 6 months.

Time Sheets

As of 1/1/08, to better enable the club professional to manage course usage, it is intended to introduce time sheets for non competition tee times. Members are encouraged to contact Damian, Simon or Ken to obtain a preferred tee time. By doing this members will be allocated preferred times and visitors can be accommodated also, thereby ensuring revenues for the club are maximised.

Should you be unavailable to play at the time allocated, then please call the Pro Shop so that we can re-allocate the time to another member. This keeps all everyone happy.

Friday's are getting very busy and bookings are essential to ensure a game at your preferred time.

All members are reminded that guest's green fees must be paid to the pro shop before commencing play.

Don't forget that Sea View Pro Shop has access to the largest range of golf clubs and can get any brand you desire, and we'll beat any other store's price, guaranteed.

The next series of ladies clinics will be starting soon, forms will be available from the pro shop.


Myself and Simon are trying to get out and play on Wednesday and Saturday as much as possible, so if you would like to take one of us on put your name down with us for a game.

Good luck with all your golfing endeavours in 2008.

Damian

Sea View Women

The 13 hole summer competition is proving popular. There is a sign-up sheet, or just turn up on Thursday mornings between 7 and 7.30am. We welcome three new lady members: Gina Morris, Barbara Campbell and Susan Heyes and hope to see you on the course and in the clubhouse.



Don't Get Caught Driving Illegally

From 1st January 2008 new rules regarding the status of drivers came into effect.



It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure that **YOUR** driver conforms to the new rules. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

The following link will take you to a list of non-conforming drivers.

<http://www.randa.org/index.cfm?action=rules.equipment.drivingClubPolicy&cfid=7588484&cftoken=31283153>

House Matters

The revamp of the Men's' Locker Room continues with Mick Colley (The Blues Painter), painting the remaining forty lockers which will become available to members at a cost of \$25.00 per annum. New carpet will be laid on January 17th to replace the existing floor coverings.

A special thanks must go to Mick Colley and Phil Elliott for the dismantling of the old lockers and the painting of the remaining lockers.

Applications for locker hire can be made to the Managing Secretary.

Volunteer Bar Staff



Recently 7 members of the club completed the "Responsible Service of Alcohol" certificate at the North Cottesloe Surf Club. This certificate is required to be held by any person who is to serve behind the bar. Consequently it is hoped that these volunteers will be able to serve at peak times and therefore save the expense of employing a casual bar person for the minimum of two hours. If you see Max Clarke, Peter Oates and others behind the bar, they are there to help.

VALE

It is with great sadness that we mourn the recent passing of 2 respected club members.

Norman PLESTER - passed away 10 September 2007
Douglas SOUTAR - passed away 14 December 2007.

Our sincere condolences are extended to both families.

