

Staff Matters

It is with regret that we have to say farewell to **John Shaw**.

Unfortunately John, who was in Australia on a working visa from the UK, encountered complications and was unable to extend his visa. As a result he has decided to try and see as much of Australia in the short time he has left before he is required to depart our fair shores.

We welcome **Scott Burke** who will commence duties on Tuesday 2 October 2007. Scott has completed qualification in Horticulture and Turf Maintenance and has previously worked for the City of Gosnells and the Western Australian Cricket Association.

Social Events

The recent Italian Night was a roaring success. Once again the night proved so popular with numbers wishing to attend well in excess of tables available. A great night was had by all those who attended.. Special thanks to club members Robert DiPrinzio and Gino Caruso for generously donating their time and energy in ensuring the success of the night.

Sundowners at Sea View

As the weather improves and the afternoons get longer, what better than to enjoy the sun sinking into the Indian Ocean from our very own club-house.

The view is one of the best on the metropolitan coast.

Its been a bleak winter but as the warmer weather approaches why not organise a group of friends and family and work colleagues to take advantage of the spectacle on show every night.

A simple finger food menu can be arranged (min 20 people). Call the club and speak to David to arrange a booking.

Volunteer Assistance

Like all small clubs we rely on members to help out around the club-house and the course when necessary and as such we are seeking additional helpers who are available to help out one Monday in every month. There are a number of projects to be undertaken so if you can help out please contact either Max Clarke, Owen Oberg or the office.

MELBOURNE CUP

The big day is approaching fast. The ladies are hosting this fabulous event on Tuesday 6th November commencing with 9 holes of golf - 9.00am shotgun start – Members & Guests welcome \$5.00 per head. This will be followed by luncheon - \$25.00 per head includes a sumptuous carvery catered by Temptations plus a complimentary middy of beer or glass of wine / champagne upon arrival.



Pre race fun will include sweeps, raffles, fashions of the field and various frivolities. Numbers for golf are limited so be quick to check the Ladies Notice Board for details.

Tickets and further information available from the office, notice board or Pam Seccrett.

QUIZ NIGHT Following our recent successful Quiz Night, we are holding another event soon.

Friday 30th November has been set aside so start studying your trivia books in anticipation.

Should any club member s have contacts who may wish to donate prizes please contact David behind the bar. Every little bit ensures a successful evening.



Friday 26 October

Join us for another fun filled evening where you can feast upon Traditional German Fare & taste Imported German Beers to your heart's content.

Details from the office or see Dave behind the bar.

Don't forget to wear your Lederhosen

For Sale "Sea View Water Trap"

Copies of this magnificent photograph, taken by Cottesloe resident Terry Lyon, are available for purchase from the club house.

The subject is member Carl Mackey, taken during the recent pennant match against Cottesloe.



Please contact the office or David behind the bar for copies of this print.

Competition Prizes

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



President's Patter

I sit down to write this in two minds. One part of me has a glowing feeling of satisfaction while the other is in despair and nervousness.

THE ROAD IS GONE.

That black strip that was an eyesore on our golf course has been ripped up and taken away.

Thanks to the hard work and energy of all our members the Town of Cottesloe has closed the road for the next 21 years and has also provided the works to remove the bitumen.

Currently the hole left has been filled and the ground staff, under the watchful eyes of Owen, is preparing the ground on the fairways to receive some turf and for the other areas to regenerate. This is a major milestone for the club and we should rejoice that at last we will have fairways that are grass from Tee to Green.

MEMBERSHIP

At the recent future directions meeting I presented to the members a paper that outlined how all golf clubs throughout Australia are struggling to attract members. It seems that the new generation are happy to play sport but do not want to have the commitment that goes along with joining a club. The biggest despair, however, is related to the number of members playing on a regular basis.

Over the last 10 months the average number of players in competitions has been a total of 141 for the week. Averages for each day were Wednesday 65, Saturday 70 and Sunday 17.

This is a real concern. Does it mean that our club is dying a slow death? With numbers like this we can not hope to sustain the operations of the club at the present level. Not only are we not having the members on the course playing golf but if you look in the bar at the time of presentations on a Saturday you would be lucky to have more than twenty people present. We are at the cross roads. What is to happen to our club?!

FUTURE DIRECTIONS GROUP

Two months ago I called a meeting of club members to look at the future of SEA VIEW. I thank all those members who made a contribution on the night.

From that meeting the Board appointed a small group consisting of President, Treasurer, Trevor Gallagher and Peter Hector to evaluate the suggestions from the meeting and investigate possible directions for the future. This group has met once and I expect there to be a report to the board before the end of the year.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

It has been great to see the house committee, in partnership with the bar manager David, organising fantastic functions at the club.

Thank you to the organising group. You can't have any greater indication of success than events being sold out and others wanting to come.

Ken Austin

Going ... Going... Gone... Finally, Jarrad Street is gone. After many years of controversy and hard effort by many members, the bitumen has finally been removed. On Friday 24th August 2007 the excavators moved in and began the ripping and removal of the bitumen. By evening all that remained was the road base. This has now been backfilled and as soon as Owen can arrange replacement turf the process of re-turfing will be undertaken.

As part of the club's obligation under the Heritage Act, markers will be placed along the route of the former road as a reminder of the history of Sea View.



Captain's Comment

The Sea View Gold Nugget to be held over the weekend of 6th and 7th October. This is a Paxton Averages event and is certain to attract some of the best golfers in WA. Following that the next major event will be the Spring Cup to be conducted over two Saturdays, the 10th and 17th November.

Following a review of scores in the "Eclectic" over three (3) years and a six (6) month record of stroke scores, along with a recommendation from Golf Australia., that "no player should receive two (2) shots on a par three hole where possible", your Match Committee undertook a review of the ratings for each of the holes on our course. Several glaring anomalies appeared and so your committee has made several changes to the ratings. **New score cards have been printed incorporating these changes and they will come into use from Saturday 3rd November 2007.** The last review of course ratings took place so far back that no one can remember and with the changes to the course and in golf equipment, we felt this review was necessary.

Due to financial restrictions, the planned replacement of the seventh green has had to be deferred until 2008 and should take place in the first half of 2008. Owen has seeded the nursery in preparation and it will have had a good six months growth by the time we undertake this work.

Damian, our new Professional, has settled in well and he is pleased with the amount of sales, repairs and lessons to date, however should you be in the market for new equipment, he would love to hear from you and has assured me he can do as good a deal as anywhere else and on top of that he will be honest and open with you, so give him a go.

God has been good to us of late with good solid winter rains (although he could send it on other than golf days) allowing Owen to build a bank of water, for the summer months, which should see the course looking good all through the warmer summer months. These rains have also assisted with the covering of the "old road" by dampening the fill and consolidating it. We hope to remove grass from around the course and return the "fairway" sections over the next few weeks following rotary hoeing, fertilising etc., so that by the end of summer we should have a course with little or no trace of the existence of the road.

You may not be aware but we have lost a member of our green staff and at this stage we are having difficulty finding a replacement. This of course means that Owen and Corey are under a lot of pressure to keep the course in a condition that we have come to expect. As such if anyone is in a position to assist with such chores as "whipper snipping", pruning or just plain tidying up Owen and I would love to hear from you.

Good golfing. John Robertson.

Club Championships

Congratulations to the following on their success during the recently held club championships:

Club Champion	Matt Hollington
Runner Up	Ben Percival
B Grade Champion	Peter Wright
B Grade Runner Up	Steve Rundle
C Grade Champion	Douglas Smith
C Grade Runner Up	Ian Baillie
A Grade Plate	Not Held
A Grade Plate Runner Up	Not Held
B Grade Plate	Peter Shaw
B Grade Plate Runner Up	Gary Masel
C Grade Plate	Shou Tomita
C Grade Plate Runner Up	Carl Walker
Junior Club Champion	Nicholas Oates
Junior Plate Champion	James Thorne
Captains Sword	Matt Hollington
Links Cup	Chris Stone

SEA VIEW GOLD NUGGET

Gold Nuggets up for grabs



This prestigious event in the club's calendar is to be held over the weekend 6th and 7th October 2007. Interested members are encouraged to enter and applications are available from the office. Entries close 5pm Tuesday 2nd October.

Major prize for both Net and Gross winners will be a fabulous gold nugget.

Many thanks to our major sponsors of this event:

- Peard Real Estate
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- Stephen Browne Injury Lawyers
- Nexus Risk Services
- Globe Australia
- Toro Commercial Group
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- Sea View Pro Shop
- Water Dynamics



Professional

Spring is here and its time to get out on the golf course after a long wet winter. Come into the pro shop and see what we can do for you, our association with Wembley means that we have a great range of golf products. Titleist, Ping, Taylor Made, Cobra, Mizuno, Cleveland, Wilson and Smoothy are just some of the big name brands we stock at fantastically discounted prices for members. If we don't have it in stock, you just have to ask and we will get whatever you need within a day or two. This association means that, along with access to this huge range of products, we also have the largest buying power in Australia. Wembley is a franchise member of the On Course group, which is the largest buying group, with over 120 stores nationwide. This means our prices are the most competitive in Perth.



As some of you might not know lessons are now available seven days a week with Damian Chatterley who has been onboard for a month now. Packages are available and our first series of ladies clinics has just started, with the second series scheduled to start towards the end of October, contact the pro shop for details.

A great gift idea for Birthday's, Christmas or any special occasion is a gift voucher for the Sea View Pro Shop. Keep an eye out for our Christmas catalogue which will be available soon from the Pro-shop and the bar.

Member's Special

This months special is an MGI motorised golf buggy for \$995, saving \$100.

Illegal Drivers

Please note that from 1st January 2008 a number of drivers currently in use will be deemed **ILLEGAL**. The Royal & Ancient has introduced a rule limiting the "spring like" effect of a driver head. 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>



Club Financial Position

Sea View Golf Club Inc is currently at a point in time where our financial strength is being challenged. Membership numbers have declined over the past couple of years, a trend that is symptomatic throughout Australia, changes to the liquor laws have impacted on bar trade and continued increases in general operating costs are all having an effect on the club.

The club's next major priority is to replace the irrigation system and to this end we have finalised a tender and sought funding options. The final funding application is now with the Department of Sport and Recreation and if we are successful in obtaining a grant, the construction will proceed swiftly.

Management are currently reviewing all areas of operation and expenditure and budgets are currently being prepared. It is intended that another membership drive will be undertaken towards the end of the current year.

Ladies News

Congratulations to our 2007 Club Champion, Maureen Abbott, and our Bronze Cup winner Joan Giles. Could Maureen be the only Life Member to win a Club Championship?

Quite a few of our ladies are enjoying group golf lessons from our Club Professional, Damian. We expect to see handicaps dropping very soon!

In a quest to attract more members to use our clubhouse we have put out a call for donations of board games. These will be stored at the Club and available to all members. If you have any games at home which you no longer use, please bring them along.

Mixed Foursomes Championships

To be held 28 October 2007.

The ladies are looking for partners for this event so please sign up for an enjoyable day. Sign-up sheets will be available downstairs next to the ladies committee room.

Sea View / Nedlands Bronze

This event was conducted on Monday and Tuesday 24/25th September and it is pleasing to report that the eventual winners were Kerry Strzina and Jill Johnston from Sea View.



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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.

