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WAKEHURST VIEWS

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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK

As the year quickly gets away on us once again, I congratulate the Board of Directors and the Ladies Committee of Wakehurst for their stewardship of the Club in 2007.

Below are the people elected to perform these duties in 2008:

Board of Directors -

President	Bruce Foote
Vice President	Jan Stalbring
Treasurer	Lesley Riley
Captain	Tony Hayward
Vice Captain	Peter Beck
Committee	David Grunsell John Harrison Bruce Johnston Judy Ludvik Peter McSorley

Ladies Committee -

President	Judy Ludvik
Vice President	Roxy King
Captain	Mary Morris
Vice Captain	Barbara Webster
Secretary	Lana Debnam
Asst. Secretary	Doreen Hayes
Treasurer	Jan Buttenshaw
Handicap Mgr	Ros Smith
Asst Handicap Mgr	Loretta Woodhead
Committee	Sue Curringham Lorriaine Sullivan Caroline Wright

You always know Xmas is near when Percy's fabulous lunch is completely booked out, although this happens earlier each year. There will be 240 for Xmas Day lunch this year.

A reflection on the year and the Club's successes have in the main been outlined in the 2006-2007 Annual Report.

However, as the golfing year comes to a close it is great to see our junior Encourage Shield team and the B & C Grade Pennant teams, having won their respective sections, are heading for the Divisional play offs. We wish them well.

FINALLY, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LADIES COMMITTEE, I WISH ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES AN ENJOYABLE AND SAFE CHRISTMAS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Annual General Meeting for the year 2007 was conducted on 25th October at which it became apparent that not all members are aware of the Articles of Association.

Article 23 - Proceedings at Annual General Meetings

“The business of Annual General Meetings shall be as follows:

- (a) To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
- (b) To receive and consider the statements and reports referred to in Article 71 and Article 77 (i.e. Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and other financial reports);
- (c) To elect the Board;
- (d) To appoint an Auditor or Auditors in the event that there may be a vacancy in the office of Auditor;
- (e) To deal with any other business of which due notice has been given.”

As can be seen, the Meeting is not a forum for members to ask questions or express opinions in an ad hoc fashion. This applies to all areas of the club’s activities - not exclusively financial. Other avenues are available to members to convey their opinions to the Board.

There also appeared to be some confusion concerning Life Membership.

Article 3

“(b)(ii) A member who is over 21 years of age shall qualify for Life Membership only upon rendering of exceptional or distinguished service to the Club and has been recommended by the Board of Directors and elected to Life Membership by two-thirds of the members present at a General Meeting. A Life Member shall have all the privileges of an ordinary member and from the date of election shall not be liable for payment of subscription.”

From the above information, you may well decide there is little need for members to attend Annual General Meetings. However, the Board looks forward annually to meeting with the members in a formal manner and

subsequently an informal get-together for refreshments. The attendance by those members on 25th October was much appreciated and the Board hopes to encourage greater participation by members in the operation of the Club.

Bruce Foote
President

GREENS COMMITTEE

The recent wonderful rainfall coincided with Nathan and his green staff organically fertilising all fairways and tees. He must have known something!

As well as the fertilising, selected areas of the course will also be top dressed. With the growing season about to commence, all of the above promises to see the fairways in great condition over summer and beyond.

The Board recently replaced all aged equipment in the green shed with a total commitment of \$210,000.

Among the new equipment is a Jacobsen Fairway Mower worth \$62,000. I’m sure it will get a good work out over the coming months.

Two new Greens Mowers were purchased displaying the latest technology and with our other purchases this year, the verti drainer and the roller, the greens will be superb.

Also purchased was a new Heavy Duty Rough Mower to replace our outdated version.

Two new Turf Gators with tilt cargo boxes were bought as well as a Toto Bunker Sweep.

The green staff are working towards our premier event of the year, the Wakehurst Open weekend.

I thank them all for their dedication and commitment in 2007.

Peter Beck
Vice Captain
Chairperson of Greens' Committee

MATCH COMMITTEE

As I stated in the Annual Report this has been a memorable year for Wakehurst Golf Club and I am proud to have been given the great privilege of being your Club Captain once again.

The Wakehurst Cup will be contested over the weekend of 17 - 18 Nov and I wish everyone involved a great weekend. The weekend is an excellent advert for Wakehurst GC when members and visitors will be treated to the course in the best condition possible and I recommend as many members as possible play.

Our course is in the best condition it has ever been and that is a credit to Nathan and all members of the greens' shed. Over recent weeks we have had several visiting clubs here and they have all commented how good the greens are and that we should be proud of the course as a whole.

I do however request that all members assist the staff in their endeavours by always carrying and using a bucket of sand and repairing all divots and lob marks they find. Divots should be cut in with a club prior to putting a little sand on top.

Slow play remains a major concern and I employ all members to be aware of their fellow players and do all they can to improve in this area. I am not asking for people to run, but be ready to play when it is your turn. There is no minimum speed of play and your position on the course should be behind the group in front of you not in front of the group behind you.

The highlight of this year was the sensational Divisional win by our Major Pennant Team. That said I would like to congratulate all the players, caddies and spectators who represented Wakehurst GC in the various representative teams throughout the year.

At time of writing this column the B and C Grade Pennants and the Encourage Shield Teams were all performing very well in their respective competitions. The B Grade has had one away loss and the C Grade and Encourage Shield teams remain undefeated.

Congratulations to all the ladies who were elected to the Ladies Committee and I look forward to working closely with their new Captain Mary Morris and others over the next year.

I thanked many people in the Annual Report, although it was remiss of me not to mention Dad's Army who continue to do a great job around the course on Tuesdays - Thank guys.

Finally I would personally like to thank everyone who has passed on their best wishes to me for a quick recovery after my mishap recently. One member now refers to me as the non-playing Captain, but I can assure you I will be back sooner rather than later.

A real big thank you to my wife Wendy.

Tony Hayward
Club Captain

**YOUR POSITION ON THE COURSE IS
BEHIND THE GROUP IN FRONT**

Not

IN FRONT OF THE GROUP BEHIND

CORNER
RULES

Rules of Golf

Rule 13 – Ball Played as it Lies

Along with a number of other items, talks about Building a stance, and not testing the ground in a hazard

13 - 3 Building Stance

A player is entitled to place his feet firmly in taking his stance, but he must not build a stance.

13 – 4 Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions

Except as provided in the rules, before making a stroke at a ball that is in a hazard (whether a bunker or a water hazard) or that, having been lifted from a hazard, may be dropped or placed in the hazard, the player must not:

- Test the condition of the hazard or any similar hazard.

So how do you firmly take your stance in a hazard without testing the hazard. The following are three examples of rulings on taking your stance in a bunker. Which of them are you allowed to do.

13-4/25 Taking a firm stance in a bunker some distance from where the ball lies in the bunker to simulate the next stroke.

While waiting to play a bunker shot, a player went to another part of the bunker, took a firm stance and simulated the bunker shot, with or without using a club, Was he in breach of Rule 13-4?

13-4/26 Taking a stance in a bunker and then changing clubs.

A player takes his stance in a bunker and firmly places his feet in the sand. He then

leaves his position to change clubs and thereafter takes his stance a second time. Is the player considered to have tested the condition of the hazard, contrary to rule 13-4?

13-4/27 Player in bunker takes a firm stance and then smooths footprints when he decides to play different type of shot.

A player places his feet firmly in the sand in a bunker, intending to play an explosion shot. He then changes his mind and decides to play a chip shot. He takes a different club and, before playing, smooths out his original footprints because he does not want his feet so firmly implanted for a chip shot. Is this permissible?

13-4/26 Is the only one of these three you are allowed to do in a bunker. Rule 13-3 allows a player to place his feet firmly in taking his stance in a bunker or elsewhere. There is nothing in the rules to prohibit changing clubs or taking a stance twice in a bunker.

13-4/27 The player incurred a penalty under rule 13-4a for testing the condition of the hazard. Rule 13-3 allows him to place his feet firmly in taking a stance. However, there is nothing in the rules to permit the player to place his feet firmly and then smooth the footprints before the stroke, even if the smoothing is due to the player having changed his mind as to the type of stroke. If it were otherwise, the way would be open for a player to test the condition of a bunker with his feet beyond any testing incidental to taking his stance.

13-4/25 The player was testing the condition of the bunker in breach of rule 13-4a

Given that you now understand the difference between taking a stance and testing the conditions of the hazard, how would you rule in the following case.

13-4/24 Stance in bunker taken without club.

A player whose ball was in a bunker entered it without a club, dug in with his feet and simulated a stroke. He then left the bunker, got a club, dug in again with his feet at the same place and made a stroke.

The committee asked the player why he had gone through this exercise. He replied that he wanted to get a 'feel' for the shot he was about to make and that the purpose of the simulated stroke was to determine which club to use and what kind of stroke to make. *He stated that he was not testing the condition of the hazard or building a stance when he dug his feet in for the simulated stroke.*

The committee ruled no penalty was incurred. Rule 13-3 states: 'A player is entitled to place his feet firmly in taking his stance'

The definition of "Stance" states: "Taking the 'stance' consists in a player placing his feet in position for and preparatory to making a stroke."

On the first occasion, the player was "placing his feet in position for and preparatory to making a stroke", even though he had no club in his hands.

Sometimes it pays to know the rules just so you answer the committee's question in the correct way.

Another Rule that a lot of players appear to have trouble with

When you are taking relief,
You check your stance to see that you have taken relief from the obstacle,
Mark this position,
Measure a club length,
Mark this position,
Then drop the ball within these two marks, if the ball comes to rest no nearer the hole and the ball rolls to within two club lengths of the mark, then the ball is in play

Simon Kirlaw
NSWGA Rules Official

LADY PRESIDENT'S NEWS

The 2007 golfing year is rapidly drawing to an end and our Presentation Night will shortly be held.

It has been an inspiring year. We have a new 14 year old Club Champion – congratulations Carly Beck - and have been privileged to witness some outstanding golf. Congratulations to all our major event winners.

As this is Linda Hughes' last year as Lady Captain, I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our thanks for her outstanding contribution to the Wakehurst Ladies during her term. Linda's dedication and commitment to her role have helped ensure the continuation of the Wakehurst "spirit" and the Wakehurst Ladies' well earned golfing reputation. We will miss her on Committee and wish her well.

Entries for Barrenjoey-Peninsula Week are now open. Please get your entry in as soon as possible as they close in early December. Good Luck !

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all. Enjoy the off-season "break" and we look forward to seeing you back on Opening Day in 2008.

Judy Ludvik
Lady President

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWS

The year end is almost upon us and so the end of our Major Events. WGNSW Mountain Week of Golf once again included many Wakehurst ladies winning daily events and trophies.

2 Day event

Div.2: Lesley Smith 3rd overall scratch and 2nd nett.

Div.3: Judy Oliver winner of the Megalong Valley Trophy (scr.) and also nett winner with Jann Reid runner up for scratch and the nett event.

Foursomes

Div.2: Robyn Taylor and Judy Ludvik runners up.

Div.3: Ros Kenny and Trish Power runners up

Div.4: Val Harrold and Shirley Carroll winners

Teams Event

At Katoomba: Margaret Greig, Britta Lamborn, Bev Orme and Eve Moore winners +14

At Wentworth Falls: Rosemary Ash, Vivien McEwen, Robyn Pitt and Jenny Abbott winners +17.

Congratulations to all ladies who participated and to the many who achieved great results in daily events.

As this is the final newsletter for 2007, I wish all ladies a safe and happy Festive Season and great golf in 2008.

Finally, many thanks to all members and staff for the support and encouragement I have received during my term as Lady Captain.

Good Golfing
Linda Hughes
Lady Captain

ELECTRONIC TIME SHEETS RESERVES LIST

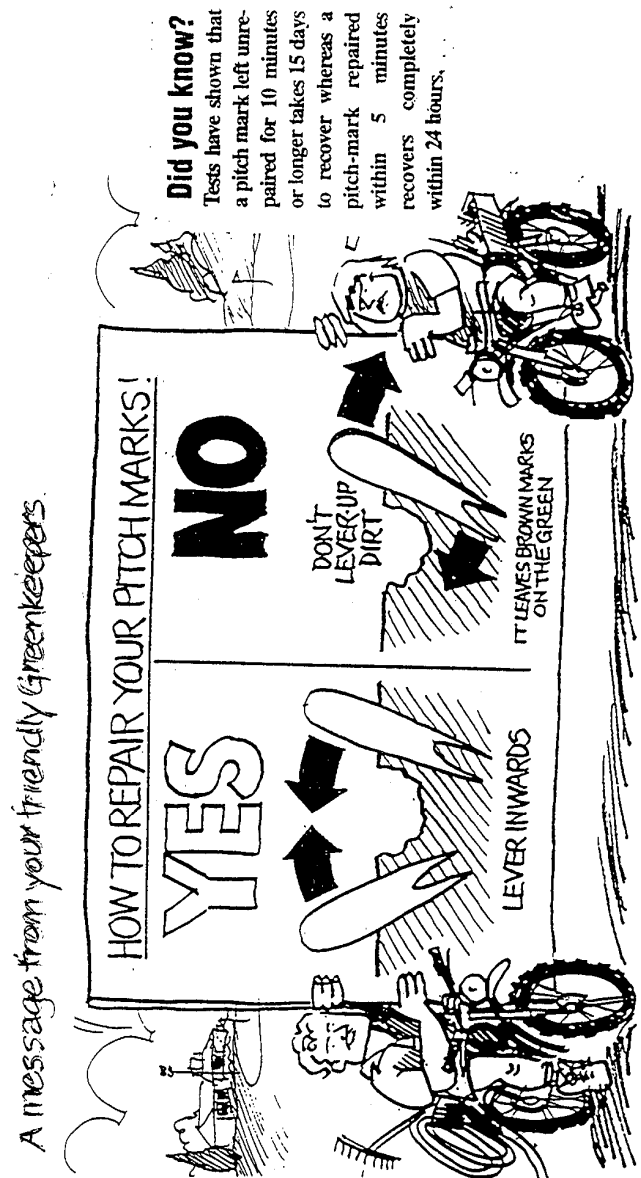
IF YOU HAVE PLACED YOUR NAME ON THE RESERVES LIST -

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO CHECK THEIR EMAILS REGULARY AS A NOTICE IS AUTOMATTICALLY SENT TO YOU ADVISING A TEE TIME

(Have you advised the office of your email address - if not, please do so)

IT IS STILL UP TO YOU TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE A SPOT

IF NO EMAIL PLEASE CALL THE PRO SHOP OR THE OFFICE OR CHECK THE TIMESHEET ON THE TERMINAL IN THE CLUBHOUSE.



**MEMBERS ARE ALSO ASKED THAT THEY
"CHOP" IN THE SIDES OF THEIR DIVOT
WHICH WILL ASSIST IN THE QUICKER
RECOVERY OF THE DAMAGED AREA**

FROM THE MAINTENANCE SHED

Welcome to spring everyone. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to be out spraying for Bindii, fertilising your lawns and gardens. With a few storms around, it has been a great time for these tasks.

You might have seen a lot of new machinery on the course. The Club has just upgraded seven pieces of equipment which will only help the course improve.

There are currently trials, all over the course, on controlling Parramatta Grass. This grass is a major problem at Wakehurst and hopefully over the next three years we can eradicate it in a few areas.

A tip for all golfers - when you see blue dye or foam being sprayed around the course - this is NOT poison. The coloured dye/foam allows the staff to see where they have applied chemicals. Please read the chemical boards located on the 1st and 10th tees to what is being sprayed.

Happy golfing
Nathan Elder
Course Superintendent

**Changed your address, phone
numbers?????**

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE

**WANT YOUR COPY OF THE
NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL, PLEASE
ADVISE THE OFFICE AND WE WILL SEND
TO YOU**

PRO SHOP NEWS

Next February, sees the beginning of what hopes to be a successful golfing career of one of Wakehurst's most popular young men.

Ryan begins a three year traineeship at Wakehurst and I am sure all members and lady members wish him all the best in his future career. Ryan, since starting as a Cadet member at Wakehurst has had great success with his golf. A highlight being part of our highly successful Senior Pennant Team and the reduction of his handicap from 24 to 2 in just a few years. I see his only drawback being those blue and white striped trousers he wears (they look like my old pyjamas), but we'll work on it

WHATS HOT

- Taylormade Burner & Burner "draw" Drivers. Trial clubs available at the Proshop
- Remote control NAVIGATOR MGI Buggy. No hands!. Trial buggy available at the Proshop
- Ray Martin's golf game. He managed to get on the 1st green in 2 hits last week. SENSATIONAL! Only kidding Ray, it was a nice 3 wood second shot after the superbly struck Driver off the tee.

TIP FOR THE MONTH

Golf is a great game. Our course Wakehurst is such an incredible place. Enjoy every moment you are on the course or at the practice range, special things might happen.

I would like to thank all those people for their kind thoughts and wishes for my Mother, myself and my sisters on the passing of my Father. He was the Professional at Bayview GC from 1950 to 1974. Highly respected in the golfing

and local community, he will be sadly missed.
He was a good man.

GOOD GOLFING.....PETE

***HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED
ABOUT.....***

THE SIGN ON THE 13TH DAM

Leggett's Lagoon got its name from one Gordon (Flash) Leggett who one Saturday managed to lose his putter in the dam. Not wanting to go fishing for it straight away he decided to come back on another afternoon to see if he could retrieve his putter. Well he thought he was alone so got down to his jocks and stepped into the dam at the back left hand edge where he thought the water was only about waist deep. When his feet finally hit the muddy bottom, witnesses describe, between fits of laughter, that just his chin was above water. Several things were said (and Flash has never been a quite lad). Luckily when the putter went into the water it landed in the mud in a vertical position and guess were Flash jumped in? Right next to his putter which he found was touching his leg. Otherwise it would have been lost

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