



# OXLEY GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



## President's Locker – Glenn Sellick

### Changes in the Bar

Many members will be aware that the Club has recently upgraded some of the furniture both within the bar as well as outside on the deck. The new chairs and tables on the deck were a planned purchase from our cash reserves and make the deck an even better place to wind down or watch the fun below on the 9<sup>th</sup> green. Inside the bar, members will notice the stylish new chairs which were donated to the Club by two of our long-term members who wish to remain anonymous. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of our membership for their kind donation. Their donation will free up cash and allow us to refurbish the tables and stools inside the bar to further add to the enjoyment of members and guests as they cool down after a game in the bar.

### Irrigation work

Our Captain Rick Close has explained elsewhere that a complete upgrade of the irrigation system on the 5 holes of the Clubhouse side was required recently as a matter of urgency. Fortunately Course Super Glenn and his staff had the expertise to complete the project in-house at a cost to the Club of around \$40,000 in supplies alone. The Club is in the fortunate position of being able to afford to complete the emergency

works through funding available from our cash reserves. This is great, but we also need to become more proactive in managing our assets and ensuring that we plan for timely maintenance and replacement for all of our assets to ensure we can afford to do what is needed, when it is needed. In response to an initiative of the Club's 3 Year Plan, Club Treasurer Shaun Mayfield will be working toward developing a comprehensive asset management plan that will ensure that we better manage the multitude of assets that we have to minimize surprises in the future.



### Rainfall worries

After recording low rainfalls in Spring, December has provided us with nearly 100mm of rain so far. This 100mm of rain exceeded all of the rainfall we received for the previous 5 and a 1/2 months and has helped to fill our dams and give us some reprieve from what has been one of the longest droughts in decades. Our nearest BOM

rainfall station is at Archerfield and their records show that their lowest annual recorded rainfall since records began in 1929 was 510mm in 1957. So far in 2019 they have received only 512mm. The next lowest was 573mm in 1932. So, we are currently in record territory here, and the year will end with us having received near record low annual rainfall, on top of only 60% average rainfall for four of the previous six years. Because of these conditions, the Board has been compelled to introduce tee-up rules on the fairways, in an effort to protect them until “normal” rainfall situations improve and we are able to fully irrigate the course again. The 3 Year Plan compels the Board and members to explore enhancing our water storage capacity in the coming years and who knows, we may see a dam to the left of the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway or between the 13<sup>th</sup> tee and green in years to come.

### **Maroochy River visit**

Our Golf Ops Manager James King recently organized an end of year trip for 20 or so members to the Maroochy River Golf Club. Some members will be aware that this club was the “replacement” for the Horton Park Golf Club and was financed by the many millions of dollars the club received for the sale of its land in the middle of the Maroochy CBD. The course was in great condition for our visit and played well even after receiving a 75mm rain dump 2 days before. The prevailing easterly wind made conditions difficult, but the wide fairways and receptive greens meant the members still enjoyed themselves and some good scores were carded. The winner on the day was Carl Hedvall with 38 points, a great effort. The logistics were provided by GOLF OZ, a great local tour provider run by Emma Beauclerc, wife of our super Golf Super, Glenn Beauclerc. Clearly Glenn has the golf

course knowledge in this pairing, but for looks, company and golfing talent, Emma wins hands down. Sorry Glenn! James has promised to schedule another course visit in the new year, so get your name down early and enjoy a great day of golf and camaraderie.



### **6<sup>th</sup> tee works**

Our ongoing negotiations with Transport and Main Roads (TMR) have resulted in a great outcome for the Club. From an original design which meant we would lose half of the 6<sup>th</sup> tee, the most recent design will result in us only losing a small portion of the rear of the tee, while also gaining an attractive new fence around the corner, behind and to the side of the tee, as well as a new garden. All at no cost to the Club! TMR will commence construction works early in the New Year with only minimal disruption, if any, to our golfing operations. The new boundary of the club’s property has been pegged out and members can see for themselves the minor impact which will result from the works. Special thanks to Vice President Peter Nuttall and Board member Paul Riley who have worked on this project for quite some time and finally achieved a great result for the Club. Paul’s experience as a surveyor has helped the Club enormously, so if you believe you have any special expertise which can assist us, please put your hand up.



### **3 Year Plan**

Our 3-year plan has begun and as we reach the end of the second quarter of Year 1 it is pleasing to report on some of the positive results so far. The plan is based around 5 major categories which all impact on the Club's performance. In turn, the following has been achieved:

#### **Golf Course**

Here we have begun to develop a plan to accurately quantify our water needs and create additional water storage capability to eventually drought proof the course. Irrigation upgrades have been completed in the Home Paddock, and the 2020 cart path program is already 70% complete. The practice green near the driving range has been rebuilt, with plans to open in early February and bunker renovations are set to commence later in the year.

#### **Facilities**

New bar furniture has been delivered, and the Pro Shop entrance has been tidied up and additional security provided.

#### **Membership**

Work has begun to create a comprehensive new member's package to better introduce new members to the Club. Club Championship dates and formats have been revised following consultation with members

### **Financial**

The Club is performing well financially, and we are on track to shortly have a detailed asset management plan to allow the Club to more efficiently utilize its resources and maximize member's enjoyment of club facilities. Work is underway to revise the job descriptions of all staff positions, and to develop an appropriate recruitment policy.

### **Culture**

Regular staff training has been ongoing and has served to develop the "One Team" policy here at OGC. Alongside the monthly 3 Year plan reviews now set as an agenda item for monthly Board meetings, the Board has also conducted separate quarterly review meetings to better monitor progress of individual action plans to achieve goals. The review of the Club Constitution is nearly complete and only requires the once over from the Club solicitor before we can take it to the members for approval.



(Staff Golf Day September 2019)

### **Merry Christmas!**

Firstly, special thanks to our course staff who have worked recently under some very trying, with limited staff and unprecedented conditions to give us the best course they can given the conditions. May we return to "normal" weather conditions asap. On behalf of the Board of the Club it is my pleasure to wish you all a great

Christmas with family and friends, and a positive New Year for 2020 where all of your goals are achieved!

### **Treasurers Report as at 31 October 2019**

Well we are currently 4 months into the financial year and a good time to provide an update on our financial position.

### **Summary profit and loss**

The month of October recorded a loss of \$11,302 compared with a loss of \$14,996 in October the previous year. YTD we are currently running at a loss of \$5,990 YTD compared to a profit of \$27,953 last year. This figure is \$13,605 below where we expected to be at this point in the year.

### **Expenses**

Our biggest challenge, as with last year, is keeping expenses under control. Our YTD expenses are up \$69,148 (9.4%), to \$732,514 compared to \$690,060 this time last year. While reductions have been made in several expenditure categories, these have been offset by large increases in bar and golf wages, rates and water accruals, advertising and promotions, water and sewage, chemicals and fertilizers, and repairs and maintenance on course equipment and gardens. The bulk of these above increases in costs relate to the various capital improvements such as the labor costs associated with new cart paths and the new sprinkler systems you will have noticed around the course. Once these costs have been assessed, they will ultimately be removed from expenses and capitalized as part of the cost of the assets, reducing our YTD expenses back to a reasonable level.

### **Revenue**

Overall YTD income \$727,424 is up by \$37,364 (5%) compared with \$663,366 last year. Match trading revenue is up \$27,297 (9%) including gains in social player greens fees of \$20,347. As with last year, we are continuing to attract more social players with a flow on affect to increases in cart hire etc. Bar trading also saw YTD gains of \$8,460 up (5%) on last year. Subscription income increased (1%) YTD with the number of members increasing to 665 from 624 this time last year. The biggest increase of 44 members was in the lifestyle category with some reductions in gold members noted, which has slowed the expected revenue increases in this area.

### **Capital improvements program**

Capital improvements, particularly those that enhance the course, are fundamental to attracting new players to our club. To date we have spent approximately \$50,000 on course and clubhouse improvements in the last 4 months as part of our 3-year planned program. Improvements to date this year include new paths (12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes), clubhouse furniture, spray rig, cold room compressor, and upgrade to the practice green. The unplanned failure and replacement of our aging sprinkler control system on the clubhouse side of the course (approx. \$40,000) has reduced the



number of planned improvements for the year. The timing of planned improvements to bunkers, which is seen as a priority, will be undertaken as funding becomes

available throughout the year.

### **Captains Corner**

The year has evaporated quicker than the water in our dams. Hopefully we will see a change in the weather soon, (fingers crossed). Until then we will be as sparing as we can with remaining water supply in our dams and any additional water, we may get over the next couple of months.

### **Golf Course Management and Maintenance**

The course had the general renovations of coring and scarifying performed over the past month. This year coring and scarifying was performed on the greens and for the first time in a significant period the tees have been cored as well. The initial program had been intended to scarify the fairways as part of the renovations but due to the limited supply of water the decision was made to leave them out of the program for this year.

Following on the great work from the Green Staff in performing the renovations an additional unscheduled activity was required. This involved the installation of a new sprinkler control system for all watering activity on the club house side of the golf course.

Despite the best efforts to keep the original system operating it became a costly exercise in labour to continue to try and maintain the aged system and required the use of excessive labour (hand watering) from the Green Staff to keep the water up to all the holes on the club house side. The installation of the replacement control system is being performed and will be completed shortly. During this process the opportunity to redistribution existing sprinklers has been included. Areas around the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> for

example had sprinklers which have become ineffective in maintaining the general surrounding areas, these neglected areas, starved of water, improve and recover once we have a full supply of water again.

### **Golf Course Improvement Activities**

The club has committed to a bunker refurbishment program over the coming three years across the golf course. This will consist of a quarterly upgrade of green side bunkers to one hole at a time. Unfortunately, this activity has been moved for the time being due to unforeseen costs to purchase and replacement of the sprinkler control system that has been required. The Practice green located beside the driving range has been converted back to a grass green. This should be available for use in late Jan early Feb 2020. Please refrain from using this area until the Head Green Super has given the green light for use.

Cart paths laying has been completed as programmed through to the 14<sup>th</sup> teeing area. Further cart path laying will be on an ad-hoc basis over the course of the year until we go out of the growing season. The road between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will see boxing for any 'free' concrete that may be available of the course of the summer.



## **Club Championships**

With agreement from the Match Committee a move of the Club Championships has been implemented to move towards the later part of the year in September.

Also, as part of repositioning the Championships back to their original timeframe a format change was offered to the membership. This was the reduction from four weeks to three and all handicap titles to be completed after 36 holes. Only gross would be competed for the third week with A grade playing over AM and PM on the third week.

The results from the survey have returned the following:

- 125 responses from Club Championships survey.
- 67% asked for 3-week championships.
- 80% of A graders voted for the 3-week championships.

Changes will be advised in the fixtures book.

As I stated at the start before it is a pleasure to support the club in the role as your Club Captain, thank you.

**Rick Close**

**Club Captain OGC**

**Life's too short, so enjoy the golf and the company it provides.**

## **Course Superintendent**

What a crazy month for the maintenance team!! The hottest, driest, & windiest month of the year & we decide to take mother nature on headfirst & complete a green & tee renovation. Not content to rest on our laurels we also construct a new

328 tiff green & just when you think we've had enough let's put in a new irrigation system on 5 holes..... CRAZY!!!!

Well done boys your efforts are to be commended with limited staff.



## **Completed works Greens (renovations)**

- Greens scarified 3 different directions @-4mm up & back the same run
- Shaved off @4mm double cut
- Aerated with 16mm hollow tines
- Cleaned up with core harvester
- Soil amendments added (calrite / nutrismart)
- Topdressed
- Rubbed in

## **Completed works Course (tee renovations)**

- Tees scarified 2 different directions @-4mm up & back the same run
- Shaved off @12mm double cut
- Aerated with 16mm hollow tines
- Rubbed in with a metal drag mat

## **Irrigation Works**

The installation of the irrigation system on the clubhouse side of the golf course is complete. Trenching between holes 7 & 8 followed by holes 17 & 18 have seen our new cable buried in a 25mm conduit. Upon completion of the cable

install the old valves (28 in total) we have dug up & replaced all new Rainbird valves.

### **Rainfall**

- 28mm for October & 11mm so far in November.
- December so far 73mm

### **Equipment repairs & maintenance**

- Bobcat has blown head gasket (major repair, looking for a mobile mechanic)
- We've had the privilege of having a mechanic on staff for 1 week servicing all machines & troubleshooting future problems

### **FORCASTED WORKS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

#### **Greens**

- Renovation recovery

#### **Course**

- Irrigation completed
- Trench filling to start

*The Oxley Golf Club Greens Staff are looking for any volunteers who can assist in the coming months to mow rough areas around the golf course, due to a shortage of staff from sickness and annual leave entitlements, please contact Glenn Beauclerc (Course Superintendent) if you can assist in any way....*



### **GM - Report**

What a great achievement by James King, Andrew Duffin, Tim Swan and Paul Murray, who recently completed 72 holes of golf to raise money for the Cancer Council. The group raised over \$6,000 for cancer research, with most of the money raised coming from our very generous members supporting the Longest Day of Golf and the many raffles at the club. Well done guys...



### **Longest Day Statistics**

- Oxley GC staff Tim Swann, Andrew Duffin, James King along with member Paul Murray participated in the Cancer Council Australia's - The Longest Day
- Playing 72 holes in one day, Tuesday 17 December
- The group 'Oxley Fast Fore' teed off at 4.35am with one team member arriving 5mins late (James)
- The Longest Day Nationally was Monday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, however with as the Oxley Vets had a shotgun start so the team played Tuesday. Lucky as temperature were over 40 degrees Monday!
- Played 2 rounds, had a 30min intermission to shower and change clothes, before completing the final two rounds
- The last putt dropped on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole at 6.15pm

- The team raised over \$6,600 mostly from member donations .... \$1700 was raised through the Closing Day Presidents v Captain raffle
- Prizes for the raffle were largely donated at no cost from suppliers and the local community
- Nationally the campaign has raised over \$1.2 million
- Incredibly Andrew Duffin finished -5 under par for the 4 rounds. Shooting -2 in the final round.
- Thank you to the support team of Amanda Murray who was there all day and Wayne Dawson who only left to get Tim a Bacon and Egg Burger
- Thank you to the members who came out to watch through the day

The Clubs staff had their annual Xmas party at the Durack Bowls Club last week, with bare foot bowls to start the day off, followed by a buffet dinner, secret Santa and plenty of drinks to thank all staff for their wonderful contribution of looking after our members and their guests for the year. The staff raised most of the money for the staff party through collecting recyclable bottles from the golf course and bar.



The King of the Green Tops went to our very own Golf Professional who sees himself changing his profession and taking up bowls on a regular basis with the best bowlers.

As mentioned in the Treasurers report the club has spent over \$50,000 on new capital expenditure including irrigation on the clubhouse side, beer compressor, hot water system, cart paths from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> tee and a new spray rig just to mention a few. All these capital expenditure items are necessary to provide the experience for our members and guests.

On behalf on the Clubs Management Team and all staff we would like to wish all our members a great Christmas and an exceptional New Year and we look forward to exceeding our members expectations in 2020.

## Juniors

### BDGA INTERCLUB COMPETITION.



Oxley and Mc Leod Intermediate Players Combined were entered into the Southern Division of this Competition against Wynnum, Pacific and Brisbane, on a home and away basis, with all Prizes being provided by

the BDGA. Our juniors had some great matches against some very Talented Players, we however managed to win Two matches but failed to proceed to the Finals. Wynnum GC went on to play Wantima GC in the Final, with Wynnum winning the Final. Congratulations go out to our Junior Golfers.

### **MY GOLF PEE WEE INTERCLUB CHALLENGE 2019**

Oxley went into this annual Competition with a group of talented young Juniors aged from 6 year to 10 years old, every match was close with our Juniors finishing runners up to a strong Pacific GC Side. All Clubs provided a BBQ for all the caddies and family at the end of all matches. This is a great Competition and hopefully will continue for years to come. Well done to our youngest golfers.

### **BDGA JUNIOR PENNANTS 2019**

This Year's Pennants Oxley were playing in Div. 3 against. Gales, Ashgrove and Wolston Park. Most of the side had never played on these courses so it was a new challenge for them. Prior to the start of the Pennants the played had Trials against Ashgrove and Wolston Park so they could get to know the layout of these courses. This turned out to be of great experience for them and giving them confidence when playing them on their home course, resulting in a great season for them, winning Two of their Five matches ending up Runners Up, and gaining promotion to a More Challenging Div. 2 in 2020. Junior Pennant Player DEREK YANG. Most Improved Player COOPER BRIDGES. Congratulations go out these young Golfers.

### **MY GOLF JUNIOR LEAGUE 2019**

Our youngest group of golfers went into this year's competition with a strong group of players after gaining some great experience earlier in the year in the Interclub competition. The first match was away against Mc Leod winning 21.5points to 5.5points. Match 2 was away to Brookwater winning 19 to 8 points, and Match 3 Home to Gales 16.11. Total 56.5. Winning the Competition. The winning trophy is behind the bar along with the Friendship Cup. Congratulations to the kids and their Caddies.

### **2020 EXPO – SHOWCASE**

The Club will be holding the Junior EXPO on 8,9 and 10<sup>th</sup> of May next Year. With the main EXPO being Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting new event. More information will be forthcoming, so, keep these dates in mind if you have anyone interested in this. This is an opportunity for Juniors who already play the game and youngsters who might be interested in becoming golfers. There are lots of Competitions, Balloons, Face painting, Jumping Castle, Show Bags, free membership raffle, and Food Trucks. All these events will be under lights. There will also be a Hole in One Competition on the 9<sup>th</sup> Hole, with the winner receiving \$10,000. If you or anyone you know is interested in Sponsoring this event, please contact the office. All proceeds go to Junior development.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy new Year.  
Paul Evans (OGC Junior Coordinator)

### **Associates' Christmas Newsletter**

Our new Committee has had a fairly hectic few months, with our main focus being on new ways to communicate and keep our Associates informed, gaining new sponsorship for the Associates' events, and gaining new players in our competitions.

### **Communication**

To this end we have created a monthly newsletter which is posted for all to read on the Oxley Golf Club's home page. We also email a copy to each Associate, place copies in the ladies' rooms, and on the notice boards. This newsletter reflects the minutes of our meetings and keeps our Associates abreast of what we have been doing, and what is coming up in the future. We hopefully will have other forms of communication up and running in the New Year.

## **Sponsorship**

We have worked hard to gain new external sponsors for the Associates, and are pleased to announce that we now have on board Aveo Retirement Village at Durack, Tony Hollands Funerals (2 events), and Thailand Golf Tours (2 events) (a previous sponsor who is “back on board”). Added to this we also thank our new internal sponsors: Theresa Cunningham and Dorothy Burns, Esther Peachey and Muk Yin Chan, Margaret Carwood, and the Associates’ Committee (2 events).

These valuable additions coupled with our existing valued sponsors, Sharyn Mott (2 events) Krystina Stacey, Penny and Murray Kereama (2 events), Michelle Drew, the Pro Shop’s head Pro Channon Ryan (3 events), and Beth and Maurie Brittain (Doris Walker Cup), ensure that we keep our costs down, and provide a variety of events and interest within the Associate Calendar.

## **New Associates**

I have spent some time contacting new Associates who have joined in the last 12 months, and to this end we will have 4 ladies playing with Committee members next year to gain their handicap, and then start playing competitions. There are 4 other new Associates who already have a handicap, and who are being introduced to our lovely ladies. They will be getting better value from their membership by commencing competition play in the New Year. This was a very rewarding task for me, as coupled with the above successes, it was great to hear each person’s individual story and have an understanding as to why they chose Oxley Golf Club. We can be proud that we have a great reputation in the marketplace as “The Friendly Club”, and because of this, we have gained membership from other clubs in the area.



## **House and Social**

With the support of General Manager Brett Holland, and a very enthusiastic House and Social Committee, many minor repairs and maintenance issues have been undertaken. We have replaced numerous lights in the ladies’ rooms, replaced the broken legs on the Ottoman, (thanks Mike Kenniff), repaired and retiled the back entrance to the ladies’ rooms, (thanks Paul Murray), cleaned the water cooler, replaced the rusty bins, reinstalled the noticeboards on the back of the toilet doors, and had the toilets and showers thoroughly cleaned. There are still a number of items left on our list to complete before Opening Day, but we want to have everything looking good in anticipation of having lots of visiting golfers to our club in 2020.

We look forward to working closely with the new Board of Directors, our office and bar personnel and the guys in the Pro Shop to ensure we support each other, and that we do our very best for Oxley Golf Club.

I hope everyone enjoyed our Melbourne Cup Function, and our Christmas Dinner and Dance. On behalf of the Associates’ Committee, I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, and safe and Happy New Year, and look forward with great anticipation to the year ahead.

Robyn Entrich - Associate President

## Bar Manager

Having just had the final of the wedding year we already have a lot of enquiries for couples wanting to tie the knot at Oxley in 2020. It seems that same sex marriage is starting to gain legs, we had our first same sex marriage here earlier in the year and have already 1 more confirmed for April next year and 1 in April 2021.

We had 5 Christmas parties booked and completed the first 2 weeks of December which meant we will be busy little bees.

You may have noticed in the last month or so we have been trying new things in the halfway bar and if you haven't might I suggest you check it out. Also, if you have any suggestions please let me know.

On behalf of myself and the bar and kitchen staff we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. I look forward to updating you in the New Year.

Lorriese McPhee - Bar/Functions Manager



## Staff Profile – Eva Foran

### Q1. How long have you worked at OGC?

Since October 2019.... a year and two months

### Q2. What do you like about OCC?

I like the community spirit. Seeing the members daily, whether they have played well or not.

### Q3. Where have you worked before?

I used to work coaching children's swimming but don't do that anymore. I worked two months for my Dad as an apprentice electrician. Obviously, I am working at OGC, but I still coach soccer to school children but we have break over the holidays. I also work at a French restaurant in Graceville.

### Q4. Where do you want to be in the next five years?

Oh, I feel like I am at my in laws house. How old will I be, 25? I am not really sure about career path, but I would like to be living at the Sunshine Coast. I would like to help disadvantaged people, working with special needs or a carer.

### Q5. What would you like to see at OGC?

It would be nice if it was busy enough to have the restaurant open all weekend. I like the atmosphere on Saturdays with the raffle and when more people come up to the bar.

