



Brisbane and District Ladies Golf Association Incorporated

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WINDAROO GOLF CLUB, WINDAROO AT 10.00AM ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008.

- Meeting Opened** 10.05am
Phyllis Fourte, President, made a presentation of a gift to ex-President Ruth Common on behalf of the B&D to say thank-you for her time as President and her commitment and knowledge to the game. Ruth responded and thanked the ladies present and also outlined her past memories of the Association and fun times she
- Apologies** Mary Jennings: Windaroo, Elly McGar, Windaroo, Eileen Davies: Wantima, Pam Langford, Mary Byrne, Jenny Darlington: Nudgee
- Proxies Received** Carbrook, Denise Cox
- Minutes from Previous Meeting** Minutes from the meeting on Friday August 8, 2008 were tabled for acceptance. Moved that the minutes were a true and correct record (with amendment to be made as below):
Brenda Baber
Seconded Sandy Greenwood – Royal QLD
- Business Arising from the Previous Minutes :** Outcomes from Pennant Workshop - Weekend handicap 'matchplay (with a maximum handicap of 36, not 24) The Silver and Weekend Silver Pennant handicap limit to be 24 is correct. Match committee to confirm.
- Correspondence**
- 1) Advice from DSW that the Gatton course is now unavailable for the Junior Jug in June. To be advised
 - 2) Revised reassessment of handicap form in from GQ – District Handicap Manger
 - 3) Varied notifications re Pennant teams for 2009
 - 4) Acknowledgement in from clubs re hosting of 2009 events
 - 5) Letters out
 - 1) to Windaroo re Salver Gross Winner donation
 - 2) to Nudgee Golf Club re hosting 2010 Meg Nunn Salver
 - 3) to Stephen Pitt congratulating him on his position as CEO for Golf Australia
 - 4) to Golf QLD re the Districts maintaining the running of the Meg Nunn Salver
 - 5) to Redcliffe re hosting the 2010 Meg Nunn Salver

REPORTS

Financial Report
Brenda Baber

Income and Expenses] - 1/01/2008 through 24/11/2008

Income

| | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------|
| Bank Interest Received | | \$2,145.34 |
| B&D Affiliation Fee | | \$379.00 |
| Capitation Fees | | \$27,482.00 |
| Pennant Flag Sales | | \$120.00 |
| Sundry Income | | \$22.70 |
| Rules Seminar | | \$295.00 |

Tournaments

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| Country Day | | |
| Country Day - Competition Fees | \$1,092.00 | |
| Country Day - Raffle | \$97.00 | |
| Total Country Day | | \$1,189.00 |
| Weekend Championships | | |
| Wkd Champs - Competition Fees | \$940.00 | |
| Wkd Champs - Raffle | \$113.00 | |
| Total Weekend Championships | | \$1,053.00 |
| Teams Event | | |
| Teams Event - Competition Fees | \$900.00 | |
| Teams Event - Raffle | \$188.00 | |
| Total Teams Events | | \$1,088.00 |
| District Championships | | |
| District Champs - Comp Fees | \$2,728.00 | |
| District Champs - Raffle | \$385.00 | |
| Perpetual Donation - Oxley | \$75.00 | |

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| Perpetual Donation - Gailes | \$50.00 | |
| Total District Championships | | \$3,238.00 |
| Junior Championships | | |
| Jnr Ch/Sh - Competition Fees | \$480.00 | |
| Perpetual Donation - Royal QLD | \$100.00 | |
| Perpetual Donation - Nudgee | \$50.00 | |
| Total Junior Championships | | \$630.00 |
| Foursomes Championships | | |
| Foursomes - Competition Fees | \$1,920.00 | |
| Foursomes - Raffle | \$330.00 | |
| Total Foursomes Championships | | \$2,250.00 |
| Handicap Fourball Championship | | |
| Handicap 4Ball - Comp Fees | \$1,540.00 | |
| Total Handicap Fourball Championship | | \$1,540.00 |
| Total Tournaments | | \$10,988.00 |
| Total Income | | \$41,432.04 |

Expenses

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|----------------------------|--|-------------|
| Audit/Accounting Fees | | \$533.10 |
| Bank Fees and Charges | | \$14.30 |
| Club Captains Breakfast | | \$520.00 |
| Course Rating Expenses | | \$233.78 |
| Computer Software | | \$288.95 |
| Flowers,Gifts, Donations | | \$80.75 |
| Insurances | | \$1,659.75 |
| Meeting Expenses | | \$362.40 |
| Office Expenses | | \$532.38 |
| Pennants | | \$199.35 |
| Postage | | \$631.55 |
| Rules/Decisions books | | \$286.00 |
| Golf QLD Room Hire | | -\$1,100.00 |
| Stationery/Printing | | \$895.60 |
| Petty Cash/Sundry expenses | | \$141.30 |
| Telephone Exps - Committee | | \$370.39 |
| Uniform Shirts | | \$1,181.00 |
| Website Expenses | | \$330.00 |
| Rules Seminar | | \$377.00 |

Tournament Expenses

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| Country Day | | |
| Country Day - Green Fees | \$435.00 | |
| Country Day - Misc | \$12.00 | |
| Country Day - Trophies | \$322.70 | |
| Total Country Day | | \$769.70 |
| Weekend Championships | | |
| Wkd ChShps - Green Fees | \$720.00 | |
| Wkd ChShps - Fruit | \$61.50 | |
| Wkd ChShps - Trophies | \$308.13 | |
| Total Weekend Championships | | \$1,089.63 |
| Interclub Teams Event | | |
| Teams Event - Green Fees | \$915.00 | |
| Teams Event - Fruit/M.Tea | \$76.07 | |
| Teams Event - Trophies | \$391.87 | |
| Total Interclub Teams Event | | \$1,382.94 |
| District Championships | | |
| District ChShps - Green Fees | \$1,914.50 | |
| District ChShps - Fruit | \$79.90 | |
| District ChShps - Catering | \$100.00 | |
| District ChShps - Trophies | \$1,341.01 | |
| District ChShps - Engraving | \$167.18 | |
| District C/Ships - Misc | \$8.00 | |
| Total District Championships | | \$3,610.59 |
| Junior Championships | | |
| Jnr ChShps - Green Fees | \$300.00 | |
| Jnr ChShps - Fruit | \$20.00 | |
| Jnr Champs - Misc Exps | \$16.90 | |
| Jnr ChShps - New Trophy Exps | \$250.00 | |
| Jnr ChShps - Trophies | \$337.74 | |
| Jnr Ch/Ships - Trophy Engrave | \$55.00 | |
| Total Junior Championships | | \$979.64 |
| Foursomes Championships | | |
| Foursomes - Green Fees | \$1,600.00 | |

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| Foursomes - Balls | \$86.84 | |
| Foursomes - Socks | \$10.40 | |
| Foursomes - Trophies | \$490.00 | |
| Foursomes - Trophy Engrave | \$25.00 | |
| Foursomes - Raffle | \$32.00 | |
| Foursomes - Player Fruit | \$30.00 | |
| Total Foursomes Championships | | \$2,274.24 |
| Handicap Fourball Championship | | |
| 4 Ball - Fruit | \$47.25 | |
| 4 Ball - Trophies | \$384.39 | |
| 4 Ball State Final Entry Fees | \$300.00 | |
| Total Handicap Fourball Championship | | \$731.64 |
| Meg Nunn Salver | | |
| Meg Nunn - Accommodation | \$2,400.00 | |
| Meg Nunn - Nomination Fee | \$500.00 | |
| Meg Nunn - Travel | \$2,544.00 | |
| Meg Nunn - Taxis/Buses etc | \$323.54 | |
| Meg Nunn - Player Incidentals | \$240.00 | |
| Meg Nunn - Food/Catering | \$2,340.25 | |
| Total Meg Nunn Salver | | \$8,347.79 |
| Junior Jug Competition | | |
| Junior Jug - Accommodation | \$1,350.00 | |
| Junior Jug - Meals, Drinks etc | \$850.53 | |
| Junior Jug - ProShop, Buggies | \$244.20 | |
| Junior Jug - Taxis/Buses etc | \$98.07 | |
| Junior Jug - Nomination Fee | \$100.00 | |
| Junior Jug - Team Hats | \$54.00 | |
| Junior Jug - Travel expenses | \$75.00 | |
| Junior Jug - Cash on Hand | \$125.00 | |
| Total Junior Jug Competition | | \$2,896.80 |
| Sarah Jane Kenyon Challenge | | \$144.00 |
| Total Tournament Expenses | | \$22,226.97 |
| Total Expenses | | \$29,764.57 |
| Net Profit (Loss) | | \$11,667.47 |

Balance Sheet

As of October 2008

Assets

Current Assets

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|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bank of QLD Working Acct | \$3,260.44 | |
| BOQ WebSavings Account | \$38,189.94 | |
| Cash on Hand/Petty Cash | \$118.45 | |
| Debtors | \$100.00 | |
| Total Current Assets | | \$41,668.83 |

Non Current Assets

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Inventories | | |
| Stock/Trophies on Hand | \$268.48 | |
| Silver Pennant Flags | \$1,100.00 | |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | | |
| Office Equipment | \$9,918.94 | |
| Less: Accum amortisation | -\$7,407.00 | |
| Total Property, Plant & Equipment | \$2,511.94 | |
| Total Non Current Assets | | \$3,880.42 |

Total Assets **\$45,549.25**

Less Liabilities - nil

Net Assets **\$45,549.25**

Members Funds

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|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Current Earnings | \$12,766.46 | |
| Accumulated surplus (deficit) | \$32,782.79 | |
| Total Members Funds | | \$45,549.25 |

Treasurers Report to November 24, 2008

Moved for acceptance: - Brenda Baber - Accepted: Alayne Duncan - Oxley

Match Report
Jill Cavanagh

The Bronze Pennant has concluded. In Zone 2 and Zone 3 the winners Pacific and Gailles respectively. While the overall competition points were close in these Zones, the final winner was already determined before the final round. However Zone 1 has three teams on equal points entering the final round. This competition was close right to the last match on the last day; with a jubilant Nudgee victorious, for their first time. The results for all pennant competitions for 2008 are on the website, with photos, where possible.

While there weren't any official disputes or complaints submitted to the Match Committee during the Bronze Pennants, there has been a request for the clarification of the following situation. "Is a player penalized for **not** marking the ball when taking relief?" A comprehensive answer was found in the *Frequently Asked Questions* section of the R&A Rules of Golf Website, which states "The position of a ball need only be marked when it is lifted under a Rule that requires it to be replaced eg Rule 16-1b, or 20-1. A ball to be dropped or placed in any other position, such as when taking relief from an immovable obstruction, an abnormal ground condition or an unplayable lie, does not need to be marked, but it would always be considered good practice to do so."

The primary effort over the last couple of months has been working through the process of completing the Pennant Draws for 2009. This has involved getting "Intention to Compete" forms back from the club captains; then the time consuming task of collating all this information and allocating dates, times, byes, and so on, with each team in the competitions. This has been more difficult this year with the inclusion of the Australian Championships being held in Brisbane in late March, and the Queensland Championships moving dates to the end of April/early May, so that both of these now fall during our 'normal' pennant season. Consequently, the Silver Pennant competition for 2009 will run from mid April to mid June.

There have been four Clubs interested in a Weekend Silver Pennant team which is played off-the-stick, so the competition will go ahead for 2009. The format will include six games, two of which will be on neutral courses.

The Junior competition has nine teams, and a round robin will be played in two Zones. Pacific continues to have strong representation, submitting two teams. It was hoped to have a Grand Final for the Juniors but with Greg Norman commitments, dates are too difficult to find.

After many phone calls and emails, the second draft of the Pennant Draws for 2009 has been completed. Emails are wonderful, as they give instant information to the club captains or club management. The function on the emails, which requires acknowledgement of reading an email, is equally important, as then I know that the email has reached its mark. The second draft draw for the 2009 season will be emailed to all club captains and put on the website soon after this meeting. The draws are still called 'Draft Draws' until I am satisfied that most alterations have been made. This is usually in early December.

In other matters:

Advice was requested by Virginia Golf Club regarding a situation where incorrect information was given to a player by a committee member regarding the allocation of a penalty. Rule 34-3/1.5 allows for the correction of a committee error and the correct penalty was subsequently applied to the player.

Advice was requested by Riverlakes Golf Club regarding a situation where a player stated that she was injured and would like to be replaced in a match play competition, after the draw was posted. This was declined by the captain, but her opponent regarded this as a forfeit to her, and was not expecting to play the match as posted. Did this verbal exchange constitute a forfeit? Although this was a domestic decision, the advice given by the B&D Match Committee was that the player would need to officially state to an official and/or the opponent, that a forfeit would be given, and the match should proceed as posted.

Tabled Jill Cavanagh, Accepted Elizabeth Muir, Virginia

Tournament Report
Aileen Franklin

There have been four events since the last General Meeting.

Lady Holt Interclub Teams Event: Held on 22nd August at Virginia Golf Club. Thank you to the Virginia Ladies who assisted with morning tea.

When the Golf Link Numbers and eligibility to enter the competition were checked, it was noted that one player was playing on an incorrect handicap. This highlighted the fact that committees in clubs may need some assistance with handicapping matters. Should you feel this to be the case, do not hesitate to contact Margaret Bennett for advice.

The winning team came from Wynnum. Congratulations to those girls.

Queensland Fourball championship: The final for the District was held at Gailles Golf Club. The entries for this event were slow to arrive and B & D needed to contact clubs to generate their support. Eventually 28 teams were entered for the District Final.

Reasons given for the delay in entries were:

- Club Captains were away and acting captains did not know anything about the event.
- Clubs had not scheduled a special event because of the late notification of requirements by Golf Queensland.
- Clubs were not interested as there were already too many events in their calendar.

The winners with a final score of 59 nett came from Gailles and the runners up were from Pacific. Both pairs went to Club Pelican for the state final.

Country Day: This was held at Rosewood on Monday, 29th September. There was a field of 87 and

the day was enjoyed by all despite the heat. The Rosewood ladies went to considerable effort to make the day a memorable country event, even to the horse which showed interest in activities at the 1st Tee. I would like to thank all the organisers and participants in this event. Morning tea was a real treat.

Weekend Championship: This last event of the calendar year was held on Sunday, 26th October, 2008 at Oxley Golf Club. There were 47 entries.

The day was hot, but players reported a good day. Thank you to the Oxley ladies for morning tea for the players and to club staff for their support.

The best gross winner was Alison Pollard from Oxley and the best Nett winner was Claire Darvill, Wynnum. Congratulations to the winners and all players for their participation.

Tabled by Aileen Franklin – Seconded Judy Stone, Pacific

Handicap Report
Margaret Bennett

Over the past 12 months I have studied reports forwarded to me by clubs, for players in the 0-12 category.

With the current handicap system, which will remain in place until 1 April 2009, utilising the AWCR, a large percentage of players are moving out of the 0-12 range. Out of 8 clubs who regularly send their reports, over 60% of player 12 and under have increased their handicap by 1 or more shots. Club Committee's should regularly review the number of players in each Division, based on handicap and, if necessary, alter their playing conditions accordingly. The Committee's main aim should be to make it fair and equitable for all playing members of the club and provide an equal opportunity for everyone to compete in all club events at all levels.

One of the more recent problems that I have encountered is the delay in some clubs processing their competitions. The obvious impact of this is that a player may play off an incorrect handicap in follow on competitions. I would like to encourage clubs to make every endeavour to ensure their results are processed as soon as possible, preferably on the day of the competition. This problem actually arose on one of our B&D events and indeed was a problem following our last tournament.

The Annual Handicap Review Form for 2009 has been altered slightly and will be sent to your club early December. This report should be completed in detail after the 1st January, 2009, and forwarded to me with the following information:

- Handicap List in handicap order
- Alphabetical Member List

Both reports are required in order for us to utilise our Golf Link programme efficiently in the new year.

Tabled by Margaret Bennett , seconded Lorna Whelan, Wynnum

Junior Report

The Sarah-Jane Kenyon challenged started in 2003 and is an annual event held between Wide Bay and the Brisbane and District junior girls. This event is held in recognition of Sarah- Jane who was a member of the Caloundra Golf Club and provides local juniors with the opportunity to represent their districts in a major event.

The Sarah-Jane Kenyon Trophy was held at Wantima Golf Club on Sunday the 9th of November and Brisbane & District was represented by a team of 12 juniors who were invited to represent the Brisbane & District.

To select a team to represent Brisbane & District the eligible juniors were individually contacted to establish their availability and desire to play in this event. The final 12 juniors each received a personalized e-mail detailing the event details including: date, time, dress standards match format and history of the event. This was also followed up with a phone call on the evening prior to the event to confirm attendance. Despite all communication efforts only 11 girls attended the event. The day was however a great success with Brisbane & District regaining the Sarah-Jane Challenge Trophy by winning 4 matches to 2. Jade Fisher (Oxley) was nominated as Team Captain and performed her duties admirably and made a great speech at the end when accepting the trophy. Whilst all players performed well I must point out the special performance of 10 Year-old Stacey White from Pacific who, of a handicap of 25, who birded her first hole to the delight of all and performed to her best throughout the match. She was a credit to her club but probably more importantly an absolute delight to watch and must have made her Parent's extremely proud. One of the major problems we had with organizing this event was the poor level of contact information we have on our Junior members as Clubs do not keep us up to date on any changes to Juniors details. I would like to discuss with the committee ways in which we can improve the quality of this information.

In regards to Junior pennants there seems to be an opportunity to raise a composite team from Clubs that would not normally have sufficient players to form a team. This way we would encourage more Juniors to become involved in Match Play competition. The thoughts of Clubs in this situation would be appreciated.

Tabled Margaret Bennett, Accepted Ros Weathers, Mt Warren Park

Course Rating

Abby Driver, Chairman of the Golf Queensland Technical Committee has provided the following for your information.

The Golf Australia Review committee into Course Rating and Handicapping have now completed an intense study of Course Rating Systems used throughout the world. Following this study, the Review Committee recommended that the Golf Australia Board adopt the USGA Scratch System of Rating.

This recommendation was approved by the Board of Golf Australia at their November Meeting. This means that every course in Australia will require re-rating – a HUGE task!... Initially a group of four people from GA will attend a USGA training program to gain accreditation. They will then conduct training programs for each State. State personnel will then conduct training programs at District Level. All Course Raters will have to be accredited to ensure consistency. It is estimated that the entire process of re-rating will take between 3 – 5 years.

The Review Group also investigated the Australian Handicap System, together with other systems used worldwide. The ultimate recommendation – to adopt the USGA System of Handicapping (Slope) - will be put before the GA Board at their December Meeting for approval.

If the Slope system is approved by GA, then a bogey rating will also be required for each course. (Bogey Rating is based on a 20 handicapper for Male, and 24 Handicapper for Female)

Abby has been appointed by the Board to the GA Course Rating and Handicapping Committee for the next 12 months and will be heavily involved in the interesting times ahead for all of us. The rest of Committee are Lynne Ritchie, Di Monk, Suzanne Fabian, Murray Cropley and John Buckley with Ian Read as Chair.

Until this system is implemented only essential course rating will be done eg New courses or alteration to your current course layout. Should your course layout change, or holes be altered, it is essential that you contact B&DLGA so that we can assess a new AWCR, obtain approval from GQ and advise Golf Link of the changes. As the men's system of rating and approval varies slightly it is essential that the Women's AWCR is obtained independently to the men's ACR.

Tabled Margaret Bailey, Accepted Judy Logan, Laidley

District Councillor Report – Jill Cavanagh on behalf of Pam Langford

On behalf of Pam Langford, who was out of Brisbane, I attended a Golf Queensland Council Meeting held on Friday the 31st of October. This meeting is where the Board Members and the District Councillors meet, and only occurs twice each year.

At the meeting reports were given by the Sub-Committees including Match, High Performance, Technical, Club Development and the Website. There was much discussion when the Delegate to Golf Australia reported on increased affiliation fees to be paid to GA. He also mentioned that the Men's Australian Open comes under the banner of GA with sponsorship being a problem at the moment.

Stephen Pitt was congratulated on his appointment as CEO of Golf Australia; Queensland's loss is Australia's gain. He said that his main focus is "to make golf better in Australia".

It was indicated that a corporate image is a necessity, and greatly assists with some avenues of funding. To this end a glossy Strategic Plan was presented. In addition, a Golf Queensland Monthly bulletin is to be produced providing information on various areas of relevance. (Presumably available from GQ)

In General Business

- i) The issue of the Men's club handicap limit of 36 – it was determined that a club can set its own conditions and therefore handicap limits, for an event.
- ii) The Meg Nunn Salver – the message was loud and clear from the Districts, not to alter the format. The Board however was not forthcoming with enthusiasm to increase the funding to an event that they do not have any control.

There was some concern about the brevity of the meeting, considering the large distances that councillors had come from around the State. The conference was of three hours duration, followed by dinner, and overnight accommodation for many. It was mooted that future meetings be lengthened, to cover all areas adequately

Tabled Jill Cavanagh, Accepted Ros Weathers – Mt Warren Park

General Business

1. Early Dates for 2009
 - a. February 16 – Club Captains Breakfast – Keperra
 - b. March 6 – Annual General Meeting – Oxley
 - c. March 13 – B&D Foursomes – Redcliffe (TBC)
 - d. July 10 / 13 – District Championships
2. Players in club competitions must always be handicapped irrespective of numbers if the event is classed as a competition and players have paid to enter
3. Course Rating – possible beginnings to training and rating changes may take effect as early next year but full changes will not take effect for 3-5 years. Costs have not been clarified as yet.
4. Pennant draws and memos re changes will be forwarded to clubs shortly after this meeting. Any clarification of wording in Match Report from mtg held Aug 8 will be clarified.
5. Handicapping issues re Juniors – clubs should not be forwarding more than a name and handicap to B&D – privacy issues need to be considered. If a junior passes the information to us, that is acceptable – parents need to give permission for information to be forwarded.

Meeting Closed 11.25am