

Toowoomba Golf Club

Board Meeting Notes



Matters of interest to the Members from the Board Meeting, 31 August 2009

- The Middle Ridge Pro Am, held on Friday 28 August, was a great success. Congratulations to Brad Ward, Jason Leicht and Paul Habgood, all of whom made significant contributions to the success of the event, and its associated activities.
- The recently acquired fairway distance markers will be appropriately positioned in the near future.
- The position of General Manager has been advertised in various media, with the closing date for applications being Monday 28 September, 2009.
- Membership Fees for 2010/11 have been set, with an increase of 5% to apply to all subscriptions.
- As from the 01 March 2010, a Membership Entrance Fee of \$150.00 + GST will be introduced. This is in line with City Golf Club. To encourage prospective members to avoid the payment of this fee, a vigorous membership drive will be conducted prior to 01 March 2010.
- Stage 2 Construction (Gaming Room, Children's Room and DOSA) is on schedule, with the projected completion date being 18 September.
- A tree/shrub planting and beautification plan is being developed for the entire course and will be displayed for members' information, when it is completed.
- Sixty-four nominations were received for the Simon Shield. The draw and conditions of play are displayed on the Notice Board adjacent to the scorer's desk. First round matches are to be completed by Sunday 04 October.
- Alterations to the Office are almost complete. Wendy will work from the main reception area and will attend to all general enquiries etc. The new arrangements will assist in the smoother and more efficient day to day operation, and overall management, of the business.
- Work is scheduled to commence on the construction of the new Pro Shop in the week beginning 13 September. Plans etc will be displayed for member information very shortly.
- Mr Brad Ward has resigned from the position of Golf Manager effective from Monday 31 August. The position will not be filled in the short term (prior to the appointment of a General Manager) with Neil Gilshenan and the office staff being responsible for the duties formerly carried out by the Golf Manager. As the implementation of the various processes to cover those duties formerly performed by the Golf Manager will take some time to implement, your understanding and tolerance during this period would be greatly appreciated.

- It has been decided that the position of Club Auditor should be on a rotational basis. The relevant processes required for this change to occur, will be implemented in due course.
- With a view to providing better advertising/promotion opportunities for both the Club and its sponsors, a Multi Screen Advertising Package has been purchased. This particular program was trialled during the Pro Am and received favourable comment from members, sponsors and prospective sponsors. It is envisaged that the program will be installed and operational in the near future. Certainly this advertising package will provide better communications within the Club in addressing upcoming promotions/events, as well as being seen as an attractive addition to a sponsorship package.
- A gurney is to be purchased to facilitate the adequate cleaning of the deck. This acquisition will also be of considerable benefit in the cleaning and thus overall maintenance of the course machinery.
- Raffles to support the general club funds will be commenced shortly (under the control of Phil Armanasco) and are to be conducted on Friday and Saturday nights. If you have any suggestions as to what would be suitable prizes (maybe something a little different) please contact Phil.
- Any member who is in a position to assist, or offer ideas, with the development of Junior Golf please contact Frank Hedge with your thoughts. Obviously, a strong Junior Program is integral to the overall development and strengthening of both our standard of, and participation in, the primary activity of our club – golf.
- ***Congratulations Jason McWilliam and Chris Webster!!*** The Darling Downs Golf Association Zone 2 Championships were conducted at the Borneo Barracks Golf Course on Sunday 06 September. The gross winner, with a great score of 73, was Jason McWilliam while Chris Webster was the “A” Grade Nett winner. Well done Jason and Chris.
- The Club’s Bistro and Catering Facility is beginning to gain momentum with a subsequent increase in bar sales. Quality food and service is now available in this first class facility and we urge members (and their guests) to support the club by patronising the Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Bistros and considering the club as a venue for functions you might be planning. Please remember bookings are essential and can be made directly with the Club.
- Golf bookings, however, is an ongoing issue. Social golf and club sponsorship are integral parts of the success of this club. Sport is becoming more and more competitive and members should try to promote our club to improve our bottom line.
- Facilities in the Club House are almost complete. This has been a most worthwhile investment and should be supported by each and every member. Capital expenditure will obviously continue as the Pro Shop development takes place. Please understand the facility is being developed for the club’s membership benefit. Whilst cash is being used to develop this facility, the long term view is that there will be a return to membership in the form of increased revenue in the hospitality sector as the venue becomes a preferred place to dine and host functions.