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President's Message

The precarious condition of the Lake is now clearly evident with receding shore line and dead fish.

Unfortunately there are no short term fixes without heavy rain to restore lake levels. Perhaps this may assist in changing priorities with Council.



As most of you will be aware, the Board has introduced a water levy to assist us with the purchase of town water to keep greens and tees alive. Last year we spent \$41,690 on water. Even though our budget was increased to \$52,000 this financial year, actual costs will be in the vicinity of \$78,000. Accordingly as from 1st Feb to 30th September 2010 an additional \$1 will be applied to all green fees including members and visitors. We estimate this will provide a further income of \$23,000

The Board spent a great deal of time discussing the condition of our course and options available to us. Items to be considered include effluent water, course redesign to save fairway watering, drought resilient grass and underground watering saving systems. All of these options will need costing and investigation to formulate a master plan for our club.

Telstra have approached the club asking permission to erect a 30m high tower on our property. It is proposed to locate the tower in a 6x10m compound, 40m west of the rear of the machinery shed where it will be concealed by buildings and trees. The club would be compensated \$16,500 per year. Approval has been given to lodge a DA to council and subject to its approval; the matter will then be referred to the members.

Following two recent break-ins, security will be upgraded to the property and buildings over the next couple of weeks.

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The Board

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These upgrades will be carried out based upon recommendations from security experts. Our locking up procedures are also on review and will be upgraded if found deficient.

On a more positive note, work on the 8th green is nearing completion and could be open early March. This will be entirely dependent on favourable weather conditions. The greens committee and staff are to be commended on the outcome of this green.

Following the disruption to Monday's veteran's competition, I think it necessary to dispel rumours as to the decision made at the last Board meeting regarding rates for visiting golfers from the Wagga City Golf Club.

As most of our members would be aware, a special agreement existed for many years between the two major clubs in Wagga whereby veteran golfers were charged members fees at each clubs' scheduled events. All other veterans were charged a visitors fee.

The new owners of the Wagga City Golf Club have decided to change their policy with this agreement and charge all Country Club players at a visitor's rate. Accordingly as there is no benefit to our members, the Board could see no reason to continue with a one sided agreement and at the board meeting held on 28/01/10 moved to charge Wagga City Golf Club members the same visitor's fee as any other golfing visitor.

Everyone may not agree with the Boards' decision, however, we are not responsible for the actions which led to it being made. We have also talked to the owners of the Wagga City Golf Club and should their policy change in the future we would be happy to reintroduce the old scheme between our two clubs.

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Pro Am

Wagga Wagga Country
Energy Pro-Am 2010



We live here too.

On the 9th and 10th of March our Club plays host to the prestigious Wagga Wagga Country Energy Pro-Am 2010.

Our major sponsor, Country Energy, has announced that the professionals will once again be playing for total prize money of \$45,000 thus ensuring a quality field of NSW, Victorian and Queensland professionals.

Last years joint winners Martin Doyle, Simon Furneaux and Michael Etherington will defend their title.

Each day 220 players will tee off in morning and afternoon shotgun starts. Professionals and sponsors invitees will total around 150 thereby leaving a wonderful opportunity for up to 70 local (and visiting) amateurs to participate in the Pro-Am and enjoy the experience of playing with a professional.

The amateurs will compete for an exciting array of scratch and handicap trophies with the 36 hole scratch score winner being the recipient of the perpetual Brett Bischarnd Memorial Trophy. Last year this trophy was won convincingly by the popular Cootamundra and Gundagai golfer, Graeme

Director- Greg Howick
(Marketing, House)

Upcoming Events

- Pro Am 9-10 March 2010.
- Nine and Dine 14th February
- Twoomeys Dinner 26th March
- Ladies Summer Cup concludes: February 23rd.
- Ladies Opening Day 11th March
- Proposed changes to handicapping been delayed with probable implementation date now 1st March.

Golf Carts on the Course

Carts are a great asset for players but we do have some obligations to our course, particularly in these extreme conditions. Please follow these simple regulations to help:-



- keep to the designated pathways where applicable
- use the tree line rather than the centre of the fairways
- protect the surrounds of the greens by not driving on surround mounds or close to the greens
- drive in a manner which is safe for all patrons
- carts to be driven by people 18 years and over

Junior Golf

Can you help?

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the Junior Golf program. Our youngsters play each Sunday and have a lesson once a month. We need someone to coordinate the program and then a group of parents, grandparents and friends who will help with the activities to teach and guide in the

Cheshire.

All participating amateurs will also be eligible to win a Plasma TV valued at \$1,200 if successful in achieving a hole-in-one on the 14th hole. If not one in this fashion, all of the amateur players who contest in the two day event will be eligible to win the TV at a draw to be conducted during the Wednesday evening presentations - the only stipulation being that the winner of the draw must be present to collect the TV.

All members are urged to consider playing. Applications have been posted on the notice board and can now be lodged at the office.

The Pro-Am committee is anxious to ensure the two day event runs smoothly and is seeking the assistance of Club members to act as volunteers to help with a range of activities including:-

- pre-event tidy up of course, car park, pro shop and barbeque areas
- Erection of sponsors signage;
- On course event marshals and spotters;
- BBQ cooks and drink attendants.

Notices have been posted in the Clubhouse seeking volunteers. If you can assist in any way please add your name to the list.

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Ladies Report

Welcome to another year of golf. I do hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas with your families and are ready to do battle with the course again.

The new handicapping system comes in shortly – something to look forward to.

The Board is looking at various options to improve the course during this dry period.

Our Opening Day is on the 11th March and we look forward to seeing as many of you playing on the day. If you haven't a partner please let Captain Penny know and she will try and get you one. Don't forget we will need your cakes, slices and fruit on the day.

I wish the girls going to the Summer Tournament in the Highlands in March lots of good golf and to the girls flying of to South Africa , have a safe and enjoyable time on and off the golf course!

The RLGA Opening Day is at Howlong on the 10th March. I'd love to see our Club represented.

Lyn Stewart.



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Focus on the Ninth

With the reconstruction of



fundamentals of this great game. Please contact Club Captain George through the office with your offers of assistance.

Event Sponsors

February - March

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Valentine's Day

Have you planned for February 14?

What better place to wine and dine the evening away than at Creed's Restaurant at the Country Club.



Book now for Valentine's Day for a special romantic menu where every lady receives a rose.

Creed's Restaurant

Make your selection from these exciting "Mains"



Salmon topped

the 9th green and the addition of fairway bunkers, the formally relatively easy 9th hole (if there is ever an easy golf hole) has become a much stiffer Par 4.

Driving onto the fairway and avoiding the fairway bunkers is a must. The longer hitters should be aiming to leave themselves a full pitch shot into the green (80 – 100 metres) For the shorter hitters and higher handicap players, just play the hole as a Par 5: a drive off the tee, a lay up second shot, chip on and 2 putts for a 2 pointer. Sounds simple!!

From "Fergie"

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Local Rules

CLARIFICATION OF LOCAL RULES
(To be read in conjunction with the rules of golf)



- GARDENS**
The lake boundary gardens along the 1st and 18th holes are to be treated as INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE AND NO RELIEF WITHOUT PENALTY MAY BE TAKEN. Note: a ball hit over the fence bordering the lake is 'out of bounds' and the ball must be re-played.
- Gardens around Club House (17th, 9th) and Main Gate
These areas are to be treated as Compulsory Ground Under Repair. If a player's ball lies in these areas the player must take relief under Rule 25-1: The player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. Note: All ground and any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing within the Ground Under Repair is part of the Ground Under Repair. A ball must be re-dropped without penalty if it rolls to and comes to rest in a position where there is interference by the condition from which relief was taken. Relief is also permitted if a ball played comes to rest at a spot where stance or intended line of swing is interfered with by the garden borders.
- All other garden areas are to be treated as INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE AND NO RELIEF WITHOUT PENALTY MAY BE TAKEN. This includes Hetherington's gardens (behind 7th green and bordering 8th tee), Fergie's garden (between 2nd and 9th holes), the bark chip areas bordering the 15th hole and the gardens bordering the 16th tee. If a player deems his ball to be unplayable, relief with penalty of 1 stroke must be taken under Rule 28 (3 options).

 - Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played; or
 - Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit as to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
 - Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

with avocado & capers, with tangy lime & beetroot granita.

Marinated **Veal** medallions & garlic fried green **prawns** plus asparagus wrapped in prosciutto.

Chicken breast filled with lobster and spinach & cream cheese, served with green salad.

Roo steaks marinated in wild turkey & cola, served with buttered mushrooms.

Rack of lamb with seeded mustard basting, served with caramelised onion & rhubarb relish.

Vegetarian & Fish of the Day.

Scotch Fillet, Angus Rump and **Porterhouse** cooked to your liking.

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4. **GARDEN AND PATH BORDERS**
All man-made garden and path borders are to be treated as immovable obstructions and relief may be taken under Rule 24-2b. i.e. free drop 1 club length from nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.
5. **PATHS and ROADS**
Artificially formed roads and paths, including paths with introduced gravel, are immovable obstructions and relief may be taken under Rule 24-2b. All other worn paths and tracks are an integral part of the course from which relief may not be taken without penalty. Please note Local Rule 6. (b) 17th hole: All areas south of the northern edge of the bitumen road or the clubhouse (including garden beds and paths) are Compulsory Ground Under Repair. When taking a compulsory drop on the 17th hole players need to ensure: the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief from the edge of the bitumen. Left handers note that this spot includes your stance. the ball is dropped no closer to the hole than that nearest point of relief. if the ball is lost in the GUR the point of entry is the first point of relief for the next shot.
6. **BUILDINGS/CONSTRUCTIONS**
Machinery sheds, pump house and water tank and the fence/screen to the north side of the 16th tee. These are immovable obstructions and relief can be taken under Rule 24-2b. No relief is available for "line of sight".

Match Committee
February 2010

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