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Presidents Newsletter October 2013

Hi Members

It's amazing that nearly 10 weeks has passed since the AGM on 12th August, how quick it has gone. It's been a bigger job than I thought it would be, but I am enjoying the challenge. Financially the club is in a good position, slightly down on last year due to revenue not spending. To keep up with rising costs prices will have to be looked at next financial year. My commitment to members that there will be no price increases for members this financial year still stands.

This Club is a volunteer club .Without the volunteers this club would not exist. Contrary to what some members have said about having paid management or staff this is not possible with the current income we receive. I am asking all members that if they think they can help either behind the bar, on the course or in the golf shop, please approach one of the Committee members. Even if you cannot commit to a permanent position, you can still help to fill in empty spots or do emergency fill in's when others cannot do their time, Please consider helping.

Things that have been done or taken place:

- Membership is around 540 members (all categories) Reminder that memberships fees are due at the end of October and that if you are not financial you will not be able to register. If you require help please ask.
- The appointment of a new Captain and Vice Captain after the resignation of both previous positions .So welcome David Kee as Captain and Doug McClusky as Vice Captain. Many thanks to Cyril Walsh and Ray Kidd for their previous work and assistance during this transition.
- Dam leak repaired thanks to Steve Hibble and Paul Deller. Would you believe it? A family of yabbies moved in and caused the leak. As part of Steve's job as course development he is working on a more permanent solution for the dam.
- A new spreading machine has been purchased to help in the greens coring process and spreading of fertiliser on the fairways, also this machine can be used for leaking proofing the dam by spreading bentonite clay.
- A consultant has been employed to assess the course and greens. This will provide the Greens Committee a starting point from which they can put in place a structural improvement program and monitor our progress.
- Greens coring has been moved back to the 3rd week in November.
- The Committee have decided that No green fee players will be allowed to play on the course up until after 2.30 pm on any Saturday during a comp season.
- Members draw is now over \$500, which is drawn every Thursday and Friday night at around 6.30pm and is raised by \$10 each time it is not won.
- Dates to remember :Melbourne Cup day festivities at the Club , Golf and lunch Tuesday the 5th
- Presentation Day is the 10th of November, so please keep that date free.

We are gearing up for the busy period, so again if you can volunteer some time, please contact us. I am generally happy with what has happened and I am optimistic about the rest of my term.

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