

APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

From the President's Pen

A member said to me the other day "I am not really a club person. I do not drink and I do not gamble." It made me think - What is a club person? Is there something wrong with being a "club person"? Some of our politicians would have us think that there is something terrible about clubs. Is that true?

I suggest that a "club person" is not only someone that drinks and gambles but simply someone who makes use of and supports a club. Our golfers and bowlers are club people even if they do not drink and gamble because they are the ones who make our competitions what they are -- enjoyable competitions. Without competitors we have no comps and without competitors why bother having bowling greens and a 27 hole golf course. Our golfers make the veterans competitions such enjoyable occasions as without members we would not have them. The bowlers make the Sunday morning "unquerhies" so enjoyable and an eagerly awaited event each week for some of our members. Clubs and club members ("club people") are what go together to make it worthwhile having facilities that we all need and deny for a wide variety of reasons.

Apart from our sporting facilities the clubs provide entertainment whether it be by providing a release for people in playing gambling machines (they do provide a break from being stuck at home alone watching television or walking around the shopping centre) or by putting on live shows and live music. The clubs also provide releases for people giving them good quality dining at affordable prices. Clubs provide an ideal venue to make friends and to meet people in safe and friendly environments.

Isn't it fair to say that in some way we are all "club people"? We all use a club in some way and we all need a club in some way. Because we all need our club for what it provides for us and the community to me it makes sense to support our club wherever we can and make good use of its facilities. After all, the facilities have been put there for us all to use.

My thoughts are that we should not be ashamed of being "club people" but proud of it and make what we have at Club Catalina at both venues simply bigger and better for us all to use and enjoy.

The last two weeks of March have been very important for Club Catalina as we have finally signed up with our developers for the motel.

It is very interesting that Club Catalina is one of the first of 18 such proposed motel developments by Springs Resort Group which will be aligned with clubs and built on leasehold land. This is an exciting development as it will also trigger the construction of our rear deck for outdoor socialising and eating, and upgrading of the eastern carpark. The deck construction will be substantially cheaper being built at the same time as the motel.

I must not finish this article without mentioning the great work of our juniors, their parents and the Junior Golf Promotions Committee. Our juniors form most of our No. 1 mens permanent team (on merit) as most of our single figure handicap players are juniors. Our juniors have won most of the Junior Opens held along the coast this year and in late March they competed in the prestigious Peter O'Malley Masters at Bathurst where Hayley McNeil and Matt Temple won the over 15s age group and Zino Garcia was runner up in the boys over 15s. We have a brilliant team assisting the juniors who turn up week in week out for the kids. I know that they enjoy it but it is great to see the results of their efforts showing on the bigger stage. Apart from the champions we are also greatly assisting in making fine young citizens out of our junior golfers. Golf certainly teaches discipline and our cadet masters regard discipline as an important part of their role.

It is very pleasing to report that under the guidance of Pat Bill and John Davies the Bows Management Committee is up and running and making a very worthwhile contribution to the administration of our club. It is based largely along the lines of the Golf Management Committee but with greater responsibilities.

It is also pleasing to see that our Business Development Manager Cusla Hands hit the road running when she started and already it is great to see some well received entertainment at the Sports and Leisure Club. Cusla never stops and is working on many ideas to get people wanting to come to our venues. The Open Day at the "Sporties" was a great credit to her and to Sheryl Harris.

I hope that you understand my message and that is, please enjoy our great facilities to the fullest -- be proud of them -- they are the result of hard work by many over many years and they can only survive if we all support our club.

Barrie Emis - President Club Catalina

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From the CEO

Motel – I am pleased to advise that we have executed the motel documentation that if it becomes unconditional on or before 30 June 2011, we shall have the 55 room development completed within 2 years (although they are planning to open by Easter 2012) located at the County Club. This concludes many years of planning and many months of negotiation but we believe we have now achieved the best possible result for our current and future generations of members.

New Outdoor Terrace – One of the many benefits that the new motel will bring to the club is the development of a new outdoor terrace at the County Club. We have been advised that the work on the terrace will commence in May this year. The DA for this exciting new facility for our members and visitors has been modified to allow storage underneath for our motorised golf hire cars and two water tanks to recycle rain water captured from the clubhouse roof. The plumbing in of services is a big cost and we may have to wait for government grants to fully maximise this initiative. The additional storage space for our hire cars may provide an opportunity for members to store their vehicles in the space vacated by the hire vehicles from the storageshed.

The terrace will run the length of the Alan Stretton (upper lounge) and past the restaurant that will provide an extended outdoor dining area for our club. Access to the terrace will be from the lounge and restaurant, and access from via a new pedestrian pathway from the motel and northern car park will also be provided. The outdoor terrace will also include access down into the smoking area under the smoker room where a new dedicated BBQ area will be formed and new seating provided. The men's veteran golf committee has kindly offered to fund the development of this BBQ area. The total cost of this project is significantly less because of the economies of constructing the terrace and the motel essentially at the same time and that payment for the terrace will be deferred until construction of the motel is sufficiently advanced.

Car Park Upgrades – As part of the motel project will also complete a redesign and upgrade of the southern car park at the County Club with the majority of this cost being met by the motel build as part of our agreement with that organisation. In addition, we will be exploring with council our options to provide vehicle access from this car park to County Club Drive. I have also requested quotes to resurface the Sports & Leisure Club car park which is currently held under licence with the council (that is being renewed).

Club Branding – The ex-Bay Bowls courtesy bus is currently undergoing rebranding to identify it with ClubCatalina. New LED signage is being constructed to go on the north and south facing fascias of the Sports & Leisure Club. A new TV advertising campaign has started promoting both venues.

Other commercials will be created that promote ClubCatalina Rewards and the members Suzuki Swift giveaway promotion.

ClubCatalina Rewards Update – We are now in the process of finalising contractual arrangements with our service provider (General Group) and our local merchant partners before we launch this exciting new initiative for our members that now total over 15,000.

Membership Renewals – Golf members renewals are currently being dispatched and will be followed by the balance of the membership renewals. There is an extra incentive this year for members who pay early with two iPads to be won. Every member will also receive a number of vouchers to spend throughout the venues. I appreciate the patience of the members as we have arranged new membership cards.

RENEW NOW to receive your new Membership Card



2011/12 Business Planning – Our business planning workshop is set down for mid-April at the Brullee Surf Club. Unfortunately we can only have approx. 1/3 of our staff attend for logistical reasons (someone needs to keep our venues running) and I look forward to starting the outcomes with the members in due course after Board sign-off. This planning workshop plays a vital role in the future success of our club.

Organisational Restructure – It has become quite apparent to me that as your CEO I have taken my eye off the operational aspect of our business. The number of complaints about poor service has increased and the results of our mystery shopper indicate plenty of room for improvement. To support this reborn on our operations, I am competing a full review of the management roles in our organisation from the CEO down to the Duty Managers in an attempt to refocus our attention on our customer's needs. To support this, we are also advancing the roll out of a new Human Resource system where position descriptors and performance reviews for each and every staff member can be efficiently completed. Your feedback is important to us, we do take every comment received seriously. Thankfully the positive feedback significantly outweighs the negative and unless we receive a 100% pass mark, our customer service performance has failed.

Sports & Leisure Club Open Day – On 5 March we held a very successful open day at the Sports & Leisure Club where we opened our doors to our local community to demonstrate what this venue has to offer. It was great to see so many new faces in the club and the feedback from the members and visitors was excellent.

ZoneBalls Meeting – I attended my first zone balls meeting at Narooma on 16 March where Henry Gould and Ross McKimm were also in attendance. It was interesting to see that our Bowls Management Committee concerns regarding the amount of affiliation fees paid to the governing bodies and then used for a social bowling category are shared with most other clubs.

Poker Machines – A new popular Big Shot link has been installed at both venues over existing Ainsworth machines together with Ainsworth new machines. In addition, a Wheel of Fortune game and a Konami game will be converted at the County Club as part of our warranty scheme that will ensure the best possible games are available to the players.

In terms of the planned Federal mandatory commitments scheme for poker machines, I was part of a South Coast club manager's delegation that spoke to Federal MPs about the impact of such legislation on all clubs including ClubCatalina. The outcome for clubs including ours would be catastrophic should the Federal government get its way.

Golf Shop Operations – The operation of the golf shop has been excellent since ClubCatalina took it over on 1 March. Golf Shops are up and the feedback from customers has been excellent. I would like to welcome Wayne, Mitch and Robert to our employment ranks. I would also like to thank the members for supporting this new business venture for our club.

Tray Service – We have experienced a number of technical difficulties with our electronic tray service system at both venues. We are now getting on top of this and I appreciate your patience as we endeavour to provide the best possible service for you.

Sports & Leisure Clubhouse – You may have noticed that we have purchased a number of attractive indoor plants for the Sports & Leisure Club to act as screens and to break up areas of the clubhouse. I am advised that the bar tap component that has to be specially manufactured is almost ready. We are looking to purchase a dedicated cake and dessert chilled cabinet for the restaurant. We have also obtained quotes to construct a bar sales take-away area plus gift tows shop to the left of the Reception (as you enter the club). This area conveniently leads onto the cool room where patrons can self-serve themselves and pay at Reception with cash or points. As you can appreciate we are constrained by finance but we are nevertheless slowly working our way through the venues to create an attractive environment for our members and visitors. *Richard Hagg*

The Board, Management and Staff of ClubCatalina wish you and your family a Happy Easter.





HAVE WE GOT YOUR E MAIL ADDRESS?

If you would like to receive our monthly "Newsflash" and be kept up to date on what is happening in your club please provide your email address to Reception.

Don't forget to let us know if you have recently changed your email address.

MEMBERS BADGE DRAWS

Be at ClubCatalina Country Club or ClubCatalina Sports & Leisure Club at the following times for your chance to WIN the Members Badge Draw-

Tuesday - 5:30 - 6:30pm
Friday & Saturday -
7:30pm - 8:30pm
Sunday - 5:00 - 6:00pm

If not won on the night Badge Draw increases by \$50.

Ocean & Earth Buffet

Clyde Room

**Friday 22 to
Monday 25 April**

\$32 per adult

\$16 per child under 12 years

(Oysters to be ordered at an additional charge at time of booking)

Bookings Essential

MEMBERS PROMOTION

Swipe your members card to go into the draw to win a

LG Electronics 50" Plasma TV & BluRay Home Theatre system

Valued at \$2500

Drawn Wednesday 26 May 2011 at 7pm

Winner does not have to be present



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ~ Free Entry

at ClubCatalina Country Club

Friday & Saturday nights



HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to -

Diane Collins
26 February 2011
7th Hole

Kayne Carmichael
26 February 2011
14th Hole

Ted Maida
15 March 2011
14th Hole

Donna Appleby, Manager of Prouds Batemans Bay presenting Hole In One prizes



BATEMANS BAY OPEN
29 APRIL TO 1 MAY
ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE TO
DOWNLOAD FROM
CLUBCATALINA WEBSITE
www.clubcatalina.com.au or collect
from the Country Club Reception

Course News

In recent weeks we have received some good rainfalls after a few very hot days at the end of January and early February. The damage to the course through this hot spell was reduced by staff hand watering all the 'hot spots' around the greens and surrounds and increased isolated watering of other sections of the course to reduce the stress to the turf, however some areas just could not hang on with the winter grass (Poa annua) being the main victim. Some sections of the fairways have suffered due to irrigation being reduced in recent times due to a lack of supply to our main dam, but the current rainfalls should see an immediate recovery.

Overall the course remains in very good condition considering we are at the back end of summer and have had a lot of traffic over the course during the holiday period. We will start the autumn period with a lot of maintenance work to be done.

Reduced staff numbers, due to two resignations prior to Christmas and one long term illness, has meant the staff are battling to keep up with basic maintenance demands of the course at this time of the year. The warm humid days and nights has caused an increase in growth patterns so the grass is growing virtually 24 hours a day and the staff are working overtime to try to keep on top of it. The application of growth regulator is ongoing and will help us get back in control of the mowing around the course. The fairways need to be cut three or four times a week to keep them presentable however with time and other restrictions we have only been cutting them twice a week. This will raise the question – 'have we lowered the cutting height of the fairways mowers?' The answer is no, it's just the result of increased growth patterns and reduced number of cuts per week due to staff shortages.

This increase in growth patterns and high temperatures and humidity have caused attacks of disease and insects such as Anthracnose and Argentinean Stem weevil even though we have preventative measures in place. We have been advised by other Course Superintendents and Sales Reps that this is happening at a lot of courses due to good rainfalls and high temperatures creating perfect conditions for these types of attack.

The dam level is low at the moment due to a lack of supply from the treatment works. They have a number of ongoing issues with the treatment of the water to achieve the appropriate level before the water can be supplied to us and they also have some mechanical problems that are reducing the flow. We have not had water into the dams since mid December and so have been heavily reliant on rainwater and have dropped irrigation to fairways to maintain a suitable level in the dam to supply and sustain the greens, tees, surrounds, perimeters and approaches.

The light renovation of greens commenced on Monday February 28th. This consisted of the greens being double scarified, needle tined, fertilised and very lightly top dressed.

Tony Fogarty

Course Superintendent

SNOOKER CLUB

Hi everyone. The district interclub snooker and billiards competition is underway. The competition is being contested between 5 teams. Two from Club Catalina and three from the Soldiers Club. Both Catalina teams are performing very well with Catalina 1 equal 1st with Soldiers 1 on 28 points and Catalina 2 in 3rd on 19 points. Competition games are played on Thursday nights at 7pm at the Country Club and also at the Soldiers Club. The competition currently being played is the snooker competition which has 4 singles matches and 2 doubles matches. The second competition will include Billiards to 150, doubles snooker and 12 single snooker matches.

The cost to join the Club Catalina Snooker Club is only \$10 and all players are welcome from both Club Catalina Country Club and the Club Catalina Sports & Leisure Club. Games are always played in good spirit and an enjoyable time is always had by all. So come along on a Thursday night and meet some new people and have a good time. Anyone wishing to join can contact Jason Finn - President on 045729982.

Good luck to all players in the comp.

Jason Finn - Snooker President

CAPTAIN FINALLY WINS

After 23 years of golf and 6 years as

Captain of Club Catalina Country Club,

Bob Soper wins a share in the monthly golf barrel draw!

Winners were - Bob Soper, Frank Dalsanto, Steve Moore
and Reg Wells.

Congratulations!



Great food ~ Excellent Service



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IN "THE COVE"



"The O'Donnell Brothers"
 Best of the Brothers Show
Saturday 23 April
 8pm
\$25 per person
EASTER SPECIAL - \$15 PER PERSON
 Tickets available at Reception

NASHBERRIES
 Performing Live
Friday 22 April
Good Friday
 8pm to 11:30pm
 No cover charge

BISTRO ON GREEN
 Open Daily
 Lunch 12 - 2pm
 Specials from \$8.50
 Dinner -
 Sun - Thurs 5.30pm - 8pm
 Fri - Sat 5.30pm - 8.30pm
 Specials every night

SEAFOOD RAFFLES
Thursday 21 April
Thursday 28 April
 Draw starts at 6.30pm

FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES
Friday 15 April
Friday 22 April
 7pm to 9pm
 Large variety of prizes including Easter Hampers



BAREFOOT BOWLS
\$8 per person or \$25 per family - From 10am
 Bookings essential
 A great way to entertain the family and visitors over the school holidays

LAUGHTER LINES

Ten Best Caddy Remarks

- 10 Golfer "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake"
Caddy "Think you can keep your head down that long?"
- 9 Golfer "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course"
Caddy "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth"
- 8 Golfer "Do you think my game is improving?"
Caddy "Yes, you miss the ball much closer now"
- 7 Golfer "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"
Caddy "Eventually"
- 6 Golfer "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world!"
Caddy "I don't think so, that would be too much of a coincidence"
- 5 Golfer "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."
Caddy "It's not a watch - it's a compass"
- 4 Golfer "How do you like my game?"
Caddy "Very good, but personally, I prefer golf"
- 3 Golfer "Do you think it's a sin to play on a Sunday?"
Caddy "The way you play, it's a sin on any day"
- 2 Golfer "This is the worst course I've ever played on"
Caddy "This isn't the golf course, we left that an hour ago"
- 1 Golfer "That can't be my ball, it's too old"
Caddy "It's been a long time since we teed off sir"



FRIDAY RAFFLES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

Each Friday evening during the month of May, the Batemans Bay Hospital Auxiliary will be conducting the Friday night raffles.

All proceeds will go towards supporting our local hospital.

Tickets go on sale from 5.30pm with raffle starting at 6.30pm

Support this great cause!

LADIES REPORT

Welcome to the 2011 Golfing season, I know most of you were keen to start our new golfing year, although the weather conditions have not always been ideal or indeed kind, we have managed to field good numbers each week. In the true sense of golfing spirit, we have those intrepid ladies who show up each week irrespective of what the weather throws at them.

Our thoughts, wishes and prayers to those ladies who are undergoing health issues, or have lost loved ones.

Our 2010 season finished on 8 December with our 9 hole Novelty Event. No one can ever say that our Catalina girls are not a colourful lot, the ingenious ideas which teams bring to this event each year make it fun, exciting and filled with laughter. These photos depict the extraordinary efforts the girls go to, so the challenge is out for 2011.



The Headhunters



The Hedges



The Horny Devils

Presentation night brings the rewards of hard work and dedication to the game of golf, so on 3rd December, we applauded those winners who excelled in their game in 2010. Congratulations to each of 2010 winners.

1. Helen Martin - our 2010 Gold Medal winner accepting her trophy.
2. L-R Matchplay Champions
L-R. Sue Charis, Div 3.
Div 1. Lyn Furnell
& Div 2. Kathy Roe



The night finished with our "Show Girls" who again showed us how to interpret and have fun with different show themes. These ladies put in so much effort to present something new to us each year, so thank you ladies. We look forward to another imaginative event in 2011.

Welcome to our new captain Marilyn Wynn who is tackling this role with great skill and keeping us up to date with golfing events & issues. Marilyn informs us that the Pennant Programme was put on the notice board and practice sessions have already commenced.

As you are aware, our club professionals Nigel & Kitty Wilson have left Club Catalina to pursue a sea change in Carberra. We wish them every success in their new ventures and thank them for their assistance in the past.

Our opening day on January 19 saw 85 ladies compete in a Stableford round with top scorers in Div. 1 D Collins 37 pts on a c/b from L Mannell. Div. 2 L Richardson 37 pts on c/b from P Dunn and Div. 3 N Levi with 41 pts also on c/b from A Leth. Australia Day's Stableford was a colourful event many of the 85 ladies sporting the "Aussie colours". Eve Pye was thrilled with her eagle on the 3rd hole - congratulations to Eve. M Radn won Div 1 with 40 pts on c/b from E Pye. Div. 2 J Bassingthwaite 38 pts and Div. 3 A Leth with 43 pts. 57 ladies competed in the Par the following week. Div 1 winner L Austen +2, Div. 2 winner M Williams +6 and Div 3 winner L Spanomanolis +5. Still managing a field of 87 ladies for the Stableford played on 9th February, winners H Nunn Div.1 with 37 pts on c/b from L Mannell. Div. 2 R Sumback 39 pts and Div. 3 L Spanomanolis 40 pts showed that the scores continue to be extremely competitive.

Sadly the following week weather conditions deterred many of our ladies, but 32 staunch & brave souls competed in the Stableford event. Winners were H Hannan Div. 1 with 35 pts, A Lorrimer Div 2 with 35 pts & M De Plater Div. 3 with 34 pts.

The 1st round of the 4BBB Stroke & Capital Coast Qualifying 4 ball Matchplay knockout round commenced on 24th February. The top 16 teams who elected to play in the matchplay event go into the next round, scores from +10 to +4. The day's teams J Young & L Baz +9 and 3rd prize L Gardiner & L Farrance +9 with individual winners Div 1 K Roe +2, Div 2 L Faith +4 and Div 3 C Kison +5.

"The greens seem a little slow today it must be raining"

Finally, I leave you with the first quote of the year "Of all the things I wear, my expression is the most important".

Nina Poulton - Vice President & Publicity Officer



CADETCAPERS & JUNIOR**JAUNTS****NEWSFLASH.....****HAYLEY MCNEILL MAKES NSW STATE JUNIOR SQUAD**

Hayley McNeill travelled to Port Stephens last weekend, to attend the NSW State Junior Squad trials. She played in an 18 hole match, at the Pacific Dunes Course on the Saturday afternoon, which she won. This was followed up, on the Sunday morning, with another 18 hole match, played at the Newcastle Golf Course. She then had to go back to the Pacific Dunes Golf Course, for a further 18 hole match, for a final match playoff.

As the result of this, she was required to have a "sudden death" playoff, on the 10th Hole, against a very experienced NSW previous team player. In a , by all accounts, "very cool and calm" attitude, Hayley prevailed easily, cementing her place in the No.10 position in the NSW State Junior Squad, to play at Newcastle at a later date.

GOLF IS A DANGEROUS GAME!!!

Catalina Junior golfer, Hamish Menz, was participating in a Men's Division 1 Pennant Match, against Tura Beach, at Narooma last Sunday.

He hit a ball into some water and whilst walking to see where his ball lay, he stepped on, what he thought was a stick, and was bitten twice by a snake.

He was treated at Moruya Hospital and then conveyed back to Batemans Bay, where he received further attention at the Batemans Bay Hospital.

Both Tura Beach and Club Catalina were doing very well at the time of the incident, and were neck and neck, and Hamish was winning his match up to the 10th Hole.

The snake struck on the 11th Hole, so Tura came out winners.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We have several of our Junior Members playing in the Men's Division 1 and Division 2 Pennant Teams and we also have a very strong Junior Pennant team which shows the strength, depth and high level of talent of our Juniors.

We have 44 financial Juniors, 25 play often. We had six new Juniors promoted from cadets at the end of last year. There are 29 financial cadets and 8 sub cadets. At the moment there are eight to ten cadets on the range from 4.00 to 5.00 pm on Wednesdays, with our PGA Teaching Professional Mitch Tasker. The other cadets play with Cadet Masters on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons from 3.00 to 5.00 pm.

In the future we hope to have only 4 Cadets on the range at any one time so playing Cadets can be rotated onto the range for coaching from Mitch to ensure their technique is maintained and encouraged in a positive way.

The handicaps in January indicated that we have 13 Juniors with single figure handicaps. Mitch Donlan, Rhys Dunlop, Hamish Menz, Hamish Hull, Nicholas Dixon, Ben Phillips, Billy Alves, Mathew Temple, Zinyo Garcia, Jayden Fincott, Hayley McNeill, Teagan Dunn and Natka Dunn.

Cadets Sunday 9 Hole Competition, 1.00 for 1.30 pm start, has not been very well attended. I encourage all Cadets and new or young Junior Members to attend. New Juniors are a little reticent in entering club competitions. It is therefore recommended and suggested they participate in the Sunday 9 Hole competition to gain confidence. This competition will be supervised by Cadet Masters. Any Senior Members who could help out in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Before Cadets can be considered for promotion to Junior Membership they must attend the 9 Hole Sunday competition at least six times on a regular basis.

We had a meeting of Junior Golfers and some parents of new Juniors in February to give out Information and Important Date sheets prepared by Don Wallace which denote pennants, tournaments, important dates to remember, etc.

Mentors and Cadet Masters have been allocated to the new Juniors - Dale Lanfear, Zac Curtis-Jones, Alex Woolridge, Ryan Smith, Jesse Coulter and Murray Stewart to assist with their assimilation into club completion and to build up confidence.

There are three and possibly four Juniors eligible to enter the Australia Junior Championships namely Rhys Dunlop, Hamish Menz, Mathew Temple and Hayley McNeill.

This year we are raising funds for the Junior Development Fund to assist Juniors with coaching, training, equipment, accommodation when attending distant tournaments and other needs associated with their bid to excellence in golf, especially State and District Squad and SERAS members.

End of March at the Peter O'Malley Masters at Bathurst, Hayley McNeill won the 15 and over scratch and Mat Temple won the 15 years with Zinyo as runner up!

The 100 Board has been reinstated and will be taken around on Saturday afternoon and a Family Trivia Night is planned for 20 June 2011. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated, especially the donation of prizes for the Trivia night. Please leave at Reception or at the Golf Shop.

The Code of Conduct must be signed each year by all Junior and Cadet Golfers.

Available from the Golf Shop, Don Wallace or Rossie Rossiter.

Mrs Rosslyn Rossiter
Chair, Junior Promotions Committee
Director, Club Catalina Country Club

KIDS ROOM



Child minding facilities are available to Members & Visitors at ClubCatalina Country Club each Wednesday, Friday & Saturday evening from 5pm to 9.30pm.

Kids Room is open 7 nights a week during NSW school holidays.

Let the kids have fun with craft, puzzles, books and our new playstations!

CLUBCATALINA SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO THE WELFARE AND UPKEEP OF MOGO ZOO SNOW LEOPARDS

On Friday the 18 March 2011, the CEO of ClubCatalina, presented a cheque for \$1,650 to John Appleby, the General Manager of Mogo Zoo.

The cheque was part of ClubCatalinas' on-going sponsorship contribution towards the upkeep and welfare of the two Snow Leopards at the Zoo.

The Leopards, named Ilyan, who is the male and Tenzin, who is the female, are part of an intended breeding program, for this endangered species of wildlife. Their natural habitat is in the mountains of Himalaya, but unfortunately they are being hunted out of existence.

Ilyan, the male, was imported from Sweden to ensure a pure line, for the breeding program



Acoustic Guitarist now appearing at ClubCatalina Country Club

Let **Dave Berry** entertain you on the first Sunday of each month in the Club's lounge. No entry fee

Next Appearing - Sunday 8 May between 4 - 6pm



ClubCatalina
proudly supports
Surf Life Saving

SPORTS EXPO

ClubCatalina recently participated as an exhibitor in the Eurobodalla Shire Sports Expo on Sunday 13 March 2011. The focus of the Expo was about promoting sport to the community of Eurobodalla on a dynamic platform that allowed people of all ages to discover a new sport or recreational passion.

The interactive zone for golf proved to be very popular, with many young people taking advantage of the opportunity to try something new and learn from the best! The ClubCatalina Golf Professional Mitch Tasker was on hand to provide expert guidance and was ably supported by both our Junior Promotions Officer Rosse Rossiter and Kaye Wallace.



Batemans Bay Primary School Community Bus

On Thursday 3 March, members of the Batemans Bay Primary P & C, Batemans Bay Lions Club and ClubCatalina attended the official presentation of the Batemans Bay Primary School Community Bus. Past P & C President Mr Dustin Gartung has seen the idea through from inception to delivery - a school bus accessible by all students to assist with transportation to school camps, excursions, fieldtrips, choir events etc. "This

bus will help all those children make it to school events without extra cost or organisation by the teachers" said Mr Gartung. The bus seats 23 students and has full wheelchair access from the curb side. The Batemans Bay Primary School Community Bus is in partnership with ClubCatalina and the Batemans Bay Lions Club. Club Catalina will also be using the bus as part of their Courtesy Bus fleet after school hours. This is a mutual partnership between the school and Club Catalina.

Batemans Bay Primary School has kindly passed on their thanks to ClubCatalina, Mr Rick Beves from the Lions Club, Mr Geoff Richards (Bay Signs) and the tireless work done by the P & C to make this community bus happen.

BOWLS NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR/BOWLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Three months have now elapsed since the members agreed to wind up the Bowling Club and the Bowls Management Committee (BMC) has been working hard endeavouring to ensure that bowling activities are paramount on the agenda and, as your representative, I have attended all Board meetings providing the Board with up to date information.

Although the financial situation at the Sports & Leisure Club has shown a recovery, the cash flow situation over both venues needs to improve overall. Julia Gillard's government is considering the introduction (under pressure from Independent Andrew Wilkie) of a "mandatory pre-commitment" policy (to be implemented by 2014) and, if approved, this will see new technology introduced which forces poker machine players to set binding limits whenever they play. In effect, this means that players will be required to set a limit on how much money (and time) they want to spend. The limits will be enforced using identification technology (finger printing). The costs to introduce such technology will be prohibitive (close to \$1m) with a resultant loss in poker machine revenue. If approved, this will virtually crush the Club industry.

CEO, Richard, will commence working on the Business Plan for the coming twelve months during April but prior to this, he has announced that he will be looking at a complete restructure of all staff, starting with his own position and working down through all managerial and other staff positions with a view to streamlining the organisation. He sees a definite need to be pro-active in order to be ready for possible future change.

Fees

Please note that a 2.8% CPI increase is being applied to golfing and bowling membership fees. Renewal notices will be distributed shortly and the fee for 2011/2012 for bowling members will be \$90, an increase of \$5. Upon payment of the annual fee, bowling members will be given a gift of a small hand towel adorned with the Club logo. Social membership will remain at \$10.

Open Day/Promotions Day

The Open Day to promote the Club held on Saturday 5 March saw hundreds of visitors through the Club and general feedback has been very positive. Thank you to all the ladies who assisted on the Friday morning in filling the show bags and to all who turned up on the Saturday afternoon to be available, if required, for the barefoot bowls. It was exciting to see such activity in the Club.

The **Promotion Day** held on Sunday 20 March was plagued by inclement weather, however, over 20 "buddies" braved the elements and six of them were partnered up with the six keen prospective bowlers. The BMC wish to promote the fact that the Club is still keen to hear from anyone interested in free tuition in the sport of lawn bowls – if you know of anyone in this category, please let us know.

Friday "Draw to the Yardstick"

This competition has now ceased and will, in all probability, recommence in the spring time. Thank you to all who participated.

100 Club

Members of the Men's & Women's Committees have been selling 100 Club rumpers during the past two months resulting in \$400 going into each of their accounts.

Friday Raffles

The Friday night raffles have now been running over a four week period and we are just about covering costs. To refresh memories, vouchers valued at \$30 from various local businesses, i.e. 6 x Industrial Replacement (petrol), 6 x Club Catalina (Liquor or Bonus Points), 6 x Bistro On Green and 7 x Bayside Meats/Funnells Meats are available as prizes with the second last draw being a \$50 IGA voucher and the last draw being a \$100 IGA voucher. So come along to the Friday raffles – we need the support of members to make this a viable proposition with any profits going towards the funding of bowling activities. How about coming along on Friday nights to see how it all works? Easter hampers will be included in the Good Friday raffle.

Winter Carnival

Events are not filling as quickly this year and we only have two Mixed Pairs events full - we need more teams in all other events. Have you put a team in yet? Or, if you wish to place your name down as a reserve there is a reserve list on the notice board for interested persons. Events will be closed off early in May.

Clyde River Fours & Women's Open Pairs

Invitations have been mailed out this week. The primary sponsor of the Clyde River Fours will be Carlton Draught with South Coast Workwear sponsoring the Women's Open Pairs.

Bowls Co-Ordinator

Although funds do not yet permit, it is important that members realise that the BMC is keeping this issue alive.

Footy Tipping Competition

Frustration has been evident over the past two weeks due to late arrival of the footy cards, however, all is well and the competitive spirit has commenced! Get your tips in early. *Pat Bill / Chair/BMC*

Chair/Pennant Selectors

Here's a little bit of food for thought. Imagine if St George Illawarra or Collingwood lost this amount of players from their previous year's roster. Look at some of the quality bowlers unavailable for this 2011 Men's Pennant Season. Let's call this list "A Selector's Lament". K Anderson, J Armstrong, W Baker, K Baker, P Blasius, R Blewit, H Butler, J Davies, T Elmes, M Ebsworth, P Elliott, A Foote, E Gee, M Gillespie, W Hamby, G Huddleston, L King, S Lloyd, B Lees, A Marshall, B Mc Gee, W Montgomery, P Moore, B Nicholls, C O'Brien, K Rootsey, M Smith, M Teasdale, T Trevillian, G Wiltshire. That amounts to two full teams & about six reserves.

Tony Melrose/Chair Pennant Selectors

Men's News

Men's Club Fours Championships - The first of the 2011 club championships was held on the weekend of 15-16 January. After the preliminary rounds the semi-final teams played on the morning of 16 January. The first semi-final was a close game between the team of Allen Holloway, Greg Wale, Ray Emerson and Shane Quinlivan against Errol Bill, Graham Jones, Ken Nester and Pio Liberale. In an upset win Pio Liberale's team were the victors by 23 shots to 20. The second semi-final was a one-sided match between Keith Austen, George Martin, Matt Dart and Doug Ebsworth who soundly defeated Tony Martini, Ross McKimm, John Taylor and Ron Beeley by 29 shots to 5. The final on Sunday afternoon turned out to be a surprise victory for Errol Bill, Graham Jones, Ken Nester and Pio Liberale who defeated the more fancied team of Keith Austen, George Martin, Matt Dart and Doug Ebsworth by 21 shots to 14. This was a first ever championship win for Errol Bill and Graham Jones and the whole team is to be congratulated on becoming the 2011 Club Fours Champions.

Men's Club Singles Championship - The final of the 2011 club singles championship was played on Sunday 27 March and it turned out to be a most exciting and entertaining match for the spectators. This was a match between the considerable experience of Pio Liberale and the youthfulness of Matt Dart. There was nothing to separate the two finalists for much of the match which lasted for nearly four hours. When the scores were 29 shots each the umpire was called to measure two opposing bowls and the result was two shots to Matt Dart which gave him the championship by 31 shots to 29. Both Matt and Pio should be congratulated for their excellent skills.

Bowls Promotion Day - The club seems to be fated to receive bad weather whenever a bowls promotion day is organised and this year was no exception. For the third consecutive year rain interrupted the promotion day on Sunday 20 March. Because of the bad weather only about half a dozen people turned up for some tuition on the greens. Many thanks to the bowling members who came into the club to assist new bowlers. Maybe next year we will get better weather.

Ron Beeley/Publicity Officer

Women's News

The Far South Coast District winners of the Group Triples, Pamela Baird, Jean Beeley & Joy Smith went to Cooma for the playoff against the Bega Inlay District at Tura Beach. A very close game was played and scores were very even until the 14th end when Tura Beach forged ahead to win. Tura Beach then played against the Snowy Mountains winning team of Adaminaby on a very heavy greens and strong winds, Tura Beach forged ahead and won to take out the right to try for the N.S.W. State title in October. The host club Cooma made everyone very welcome with their friendly hospitality and lots of homemade food.

Our District Pennant Teams are on the last run with 2 grades already finalised – we finished 2nd in Grades 1 and 5 and there will be a *batlle royal* this coming Tuesday between two Batemans Bay teams to decide which team will win the District flag. The selectors must feel gratified at their choices this year. Grades 3 & 4 have yet to finish the season. *(Editors note: the team of P Bill, M Kathleen, J Beeley, P Baird, M Kennett, E Cox, J Lane and Y Lynch came out winners.)*

We have quite a few bowling ladies away on the sick list, we wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to having them back on the Greens soon.

Pam Baird/Publicity Officer

Unquenchies News

All Unquenchies were saddened to hear of the passing of our esteemed member Roy Pearman. A memorial label bearing his name is being organised and will be placed on the mirror honour board.

After more than eight years at the helm **Henry Galloway** and **Peter McMorrow** have elected to stand down from their duties as secretary, treasurer, record keepers and numerous other tasks that went unspoken. For that extensive period they have both willingly and tirelessly given their time to serve their fellow bowlers and those efforts certainly display an excellent example to us all. On behalf of all past and present members of Unquenchies I wish to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude to Henry and Peter. We commend you for the excellent manner in which you both performed your duties and you have provided a very solid platform for the future of Unquenchies. We wish you well for the future and trust that you will both continue to enjoy Unquenchie bowls for years to come.

Office bearers are now as follows –

President	Ross McKimm	Secretary	Bev Sheehan
Treasurer	Brian Vickers	Asst Treasurer	Doug Sheehan
			<i>Barry Reeves – Publicity Officer</i>

Members Bulk Cart Hire Scheme

We recognise the need for many of our members to use motorised vehicles on the course to be able to play golf and that the cost and concerns of owning, operating and storing/transporting a motorised cart privately is becoming significant.

By purchasing a cart hire in bulk, substantial savings can be achieved from the 10, 20 and 40 bulk purchase options. Payment can be split between cash and our membership accumulated points.

Compare these prices with the cost of owning, storing, maintaining, insuring and worrying about cart ownership! Remember - teaming up with your golfing buddy will halve the cost.

Price structure for Bulk Cart Hire Scheme 9 Holes

No. of trips	Cost	Cost per Trip
10	\$150	\$15.00
20	\$280	\$14.00
40	\$520	\$13.00

Price structure for Bulk Cart Hire Scheme 18 Holes

No. of trips	Cost	Cost per Trip
10	\$200	\$20.00
20	\$375	\$18.75
40	\$700	\$17.50

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