

The President's Pen

The new Board has had its first meeting and, despite facing some hurdles, is looking forward with enthusiasm, determination and optimism for the future of ClubCatalina. The numbers presented at the AGM showed we have some work to do, but I believe that task is achievable with the dedication shown by the members of your Board and the Club staff, led by new CEO Daryl Wilson.

Many of the unfriendly numbers we saw are there because of one-off expenses that should not be repeated. This was, I believe, compounded by changes in approach taken by our auditors. In short, it is not outside the bounds of probability that our numbers will return to the positive scale much sooner than some people expect – because we have such solid foundations to build on.

It is most important that:-

All members (at both venues) realise that the valuable facilities we enjoy for our sports do not 'just happen'. Members must be prepared to support their club, and the efforts of their Board, if the sports we love to play are to be maintained with the current level of excellence. That probably means going that extra yard to be supportive – don't just play and go – come into the clubhouse after you play. No-one expects a fortune to be spent, but you must be a part of your club, and a contributor to it.

There is a real need for someone with the right skills to join the team to chair the Finance Committee – the person previously known as a Treasurer. I need your help, the club needs your help – if you fit this category. As I have said above, the way upward is achievable and in sight, partly because of the changes already implemented by Daryl. He would like the support of a Treasurer to bounce ideas off.

All members (again at both venues) realise that times have changed. We are no longer separate clubs composed of isolated autonomous groups. All of our separate groups, whether they be golfers or bowlers (for want of a better name referred to as sub-clubs - because they are clubs within the club) are part of the one overall club now known as ClubCatalina. It doesn't matter whether you all like the new arrangements (I know that there are some at both venues who don't!), the fact is what we now have is likely to stay this way unless there is some serious and unforeseen change in the future. It is, therefore, incumbent on all of us to work to achieve the positive outcomes we want for the future. Anyone (at either venue) who wants to push the negative envelope will help to achieve negative results – and that is not in any of our interests.

I have taken on the role of President because I believe in what ClubCatalina has to offer for both our sports. I am lucky to have people on the Board who share those beliefs. I know that all we need for a very positive future is the support of all those who are members of our fine club.

Bob Soper
President

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CAPTAIN'S Column

Here we are, Christmas is just around the corner and another year has flown by. Most of our major events have been played and decided. The Golf Medal playoff is set down for December 17 and a seeded draw will be placed on the notice board in the spike bar for the Qualifiers who will be contacted after the December medal and any playoffs are finalised.

We also have a tie in the Golf Shop Trophy (previously the Nigel & Kitty Wilson Trophy) between Peter Criss and George Spanomanolis. After the last four Medal rounds, and dropping their worst score, they finished tied on 206, which is very good golf. They will playoff during the December Medal on the 3rd December. Good luck to both of them.

We have just emerged from a very busy period in our calendar which saw our usual weekend golf put on hold for three weeks in a row by firstly the Ladies Open Tournament, then the PGA Futures Championships and finally the Capital Coast Tournament and I and the Board would like to thank you, the members, for your patience and tolerance during this time. Each of these events was a great success and all contributed to the financial wellbeing of our Club. In order to ease the inconvenience to the members next year the Ladies Committee has kindly agreed to move the 2012 Ladies Open forward one week to October 12, 13 & 14 which will mean we have our normal weekend competitions on the 20 and 21 and the Futures begin on the 23. We thank the Ladies for their considerate decision and assure them of our complete cooperation and assistance during their popular tournament.

The Ladies Open attracted excellent fields of 156 players on Friday, 143 players on Saturday and 138 players on Sunday and the feedback from the players was very positive in regard to the way the tournament was run, the weather and the condition of the Golf Course. The Ladies played some very good golf that resulted in great scores being returned.

The PGA Futures attracted a strong field that included visitors from New Zealand, South Africa and England as well as ninety Aussie trainees. It was a wonderful week of golf and socialising with a number of the players returning for a second time and renewing acquaintances made last year. The standard of golf was exceptionally high as we have come to expect and the Championship was eventually won by the visitor from England, Matthew Cort who shot sixty nine to come from behind and win with ten under par and take home the \$10 000 prize money. Matthew not only had to beat the other players but also the weather which had everything including a hail storm which held up play for a short time with only three holes to play. After the storm past the greens were white with hail which took a while to melt when the sun came out again.

The Championship had everything including a hole in one by South Australian John Corbett on the seventh hole and a new course record sixty six by Quinton Howe from Victoria and New Zealander Sean Riordan. They shared the \$500 prize for the record. The Championship would not have been successful without the wonderful effort put in by all of the volunteers over the whole week.

The Capital Coast Tournament was once again very successful thanks to the efforts of Bill Forge and Bob Sinclair and all the other volunteers. Over 300 players came from all over the State with 208 players on Friday for the Medley 4BBB, 236 players on Saturday for the Individual and 244 players on Sunday for the Medley Irish 4 Ball. The event was so well received that we are trying to organise a similar tournament for June/July using the same format. We will provide more information about this event in the near future.

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2011/2012 Board of Directors

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Vice Captain -	Mr Bruce Imms
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Director -	Mr David O'Connor
Director -	Mrs Rosslyn Rossiter
Director -	Mr Richard Abraham
CEO -	Mr Daryl Wilson ACCM

MERRY CHRISTMAS

ClubCatalina Board of Directors,
Management & Staff wish you a
very **Merry Christmas**.

Stay safe during the
Festive Season.



CAPTAIN'S Column continued.....

Our Course Superintendent, Tony Fogarty and his staff maintained the course in excellent condition throughout this busy time and are to be congratulated for their efforts. The job they do with limited staff over 27 holes continues to amaze me.

The Golf Course was re-rated by the Far South Coast Rating Team recently for the new Slope System which will come into use in April 2013. We now have four courses rated which are the Blue, White, Red and Yellow courses. The tee markers have now been placed on the tees and we will use them from now on. The Men will hit off the Blue tee markers on Saturday and Tuesday and the White tee markers on Sunday and Thursday. The ladies will hit off the Red tee markers as usual and the Yellow tee markers are for the public. We have not been advised of the new ratings yet but we will pass this information on as soon as we have it.

In the last course report in October we advised that the dam was full. How things have changed in a short space of time. We have not had any water from the Treatment Plant for seven weeks due to poor quality of the water and our rainfall has been below par also. This combined with a couple of hot windy days has the course looking a little dry. The forecast for the near future is for rain and plenty of it so lets hope it finally arrives.

Most of you have probably started Christmas shopping or at least have thought about it as it is not far off and will be here in no time, so I'll take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Kind regards
Eddie Finn
Captain



HAVE WE GOT YOUR EMAIL 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.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

from 7.30pm

Every Friday & Saturday evenings

FREE ENTRY

Friday 2 Dec	Kirk Davis
Saturday 3 Dec	Just Janine
Friday 9 Dec	Darryl Lamb
Saturday 10 Dec	Kerri O'Keefe
Friday 16 Dec	Peter McDowell
Saturday 17 Dec	Pieces of 8
Friday 23 Dec	Ricky Lynch Band
Saturday 24 Dec	Genevieve Rose
Monday 26 Dec	Michelle Cashman
Tuesday 27 Dec	Garry James
Wed 28 Dec	Darryl Lamb
Thursday 29 Dec	Kerri O'Keefe
Friday 30 Dec	Rose Carleo
Saturday 31 Dec	Saturday Night Jukebox



MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DINNER DANCE

Sunday 18 December

6.30 for 7.00pm

\$35 per person
including golf and 2 course meal

Music by Darryl Lamb

Bookings essential



CONTINUOUS HAM RAFFLE

During the month of
December don't miss out on
our **CONTINUOUS HAM RAFFLES**

\$1 PER TICKET

Raffles will be drawn as soon as 100 tickets are sold.

CAFÉ CATALINA KIDS EAT FREE MONDAY NIGHTS

Kids eat FREE from the
Children's Menu every
Monday night
(one child per one paying
adult)

BINGO

Monday - Friday at 10.00am
in the Bistro.

Tuesday & Thursdays Double Club
Bingo

7.30pm & 9.00pm in the
Chardonnay Room

BADGE DRAWS

Sunday 5pm - 6pm

Tuesday 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 7.30pm - 8.30 pm

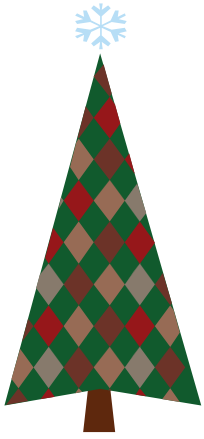


MASSIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT RAFFLES

Sunday 18 December

Tickets on sale from 11.30am - Draw commences 2.30pm

Toys, games, hardware, sporting and festive hampers



CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

at ClubCatalina Country Club

Christmas Raffles commence on Friday 9 December and will continue each Wednesday and Friday until 23 December.

Raffle prizes include -

Hams Turkeys Chicken Trays Seafood Trays
Meat Trays Gourmet Meat Trays Pork Trays Many Christmas goodies

OCEAN & EARTH BUFFET

'ALL YOU CAN EAT'

AT CLUBCATALINA COUNTRY CLUB

26 DECEMBER TO 2 JANUARY (inclusive)

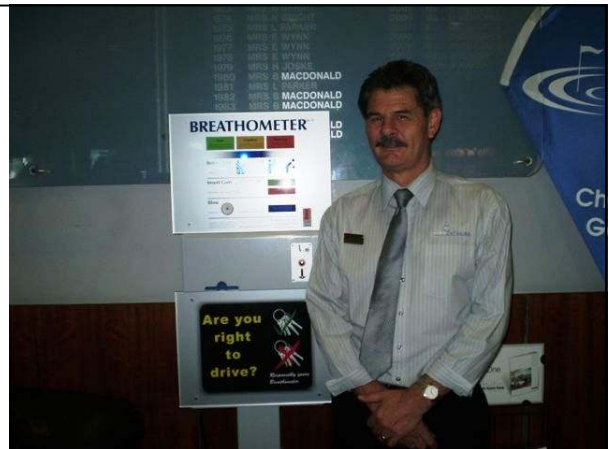
\$37 per adult \$18.50 per child under 12 years of age

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



ARE YOU RIGHT TO DRIVE?

ClubCatalina has installed a Breathometer at both venues to assist Patrons estimating their breath alcohol content.



must see Comedy

Featuring

BOB FRANKLIN

(as seen on The Librarians, Bad Eggs, Jimeoin Show, etc.)

NELSON TWINS

(as seen on The Footy Show)

LUKE HEGGIE

(Row Comedy Winner 2010)

TROY KINNE

DANIEL CONNELL

ANNA LOG



COMEDY NIGHT

at the Sports & Leisure Club

Saturday 21 January 2012

\$20 per person

Tickets can be purchased from Club's Reception

2011 PGA NATIONAL FUTURES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2011 PGA National Futures Golf Championship was held at the ClubCatalina Country Club Batemans Bay held between the 24th of October and the 30th of October 2011, with a Pro-Am Competition held on Wednesday the 26th of October

A total in excess of 100 competitors, including winners of overseas National Trainee/Apprentice Championships took part. These included players from, South Africa, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Australian participants are State Trainee Champions, State Trainees of the Year and selected invitees. Prize money to the value of \$55,000 was on offer during the tournament.

The Pro-Am Competition involved 3 amateur players, teamed with a trainee.

The Championships are held under the auspices of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) of Australia, and have previously been hosted by ClubCatalina Country Club in 2008, 2009, 2010.

The Futures were established in 1978, with the view of allowing Trainees to showcase their golfing talents and to gain experience in a full field, four round golfing competition. Previous Futures competitors who went on successful careers on worldwide Professional Circuits include Rod Pampling, Peter Lonard and Nick O'Hearn, among others.

Apart from first-place Prize Money of \$9900, the winner this year secures direct entry into the 2012 Australian PGA Championships, with the possibility playing alongside players such as Geoff Ogiliviy, Adam Scott, etc

The public are invited to attend these championships as spectators. Admission is free and this will be an opportunity for people to come and watch the best of up and coming golfers, from Australia and around the world, play in the local area.





Bistro on Green

Open Daily

Lunch 12 - 2pm

Specials from \$8.50

Dinner 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Specials every night

KIDS EAT FREE
MONDAY NIGHTS

Kids eat FREE from the Children's Menu every Monday night (one child per one paying adult).

Dead Bear & Break a Leg

Live

Friday 2 December

Modern music by local rock bands 8.30pm

Entry is by donation to host group 'Recognise GenY'



CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

To be held on

Friday 9 December &

Friday 16 December

30 Hams to be won!!!!

CONTINUOUS HAM RAFFLE



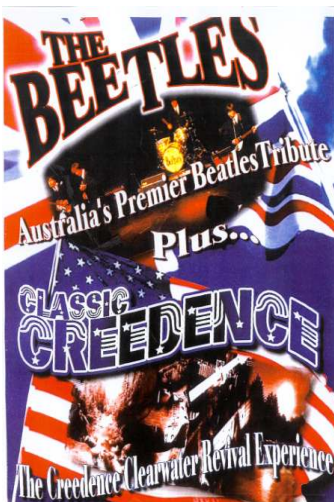
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\$1 PER TICKET

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FRIDAY COCKTAILS

\$4.50



THE BEATLES & CREEDENCE TRIBUTE SHOW

'Back by popular demand'

Friday 9 December

8pm

\$15 per person

DAVE BERRY

Guitarist & Hidden Talent

Friday Jam Session*

5.30 - 9.00pm

Free Entry

Friday 25 Nov

Friday 9 Dec

Friday 16 Dec

Friday 23 Dec

Friday 30 Dec

**Please bring your own instrument*



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

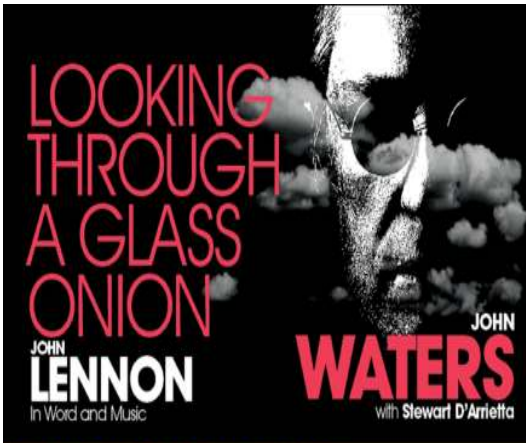
LIVE AT THE SPORTS & LEISURE CLUB

AKMAL

Friday 13 January ~ 8pm

\$35 per person

He'll be featuring memoirs and extracts from his book release of the same name. He'll be covering topics from growing up in Egypt and migrating to Australia to being kicked out of the Coptic Orthodox Church and finding solace in his newfound religion of Comedy.



UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL AN INTIMATE PERFORMANCE

By purchasing a ticket to John Waters "Looking Through a Glass Onion" show you have the chance to WIN \$1000 cash.

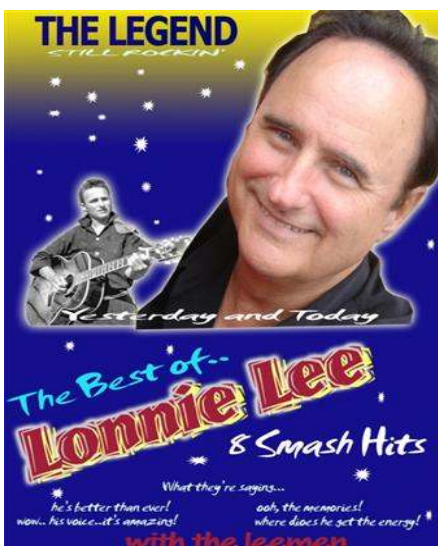
JOHN WATERS

Saturday 14 January ~ 8pm

\$45 per person

On stage, with shadows from the lighting arrangements fluttering over his face as he explores the essence of the man through song and spoken work Waters, becomes synonymous with Lennon. He shies away from imitating the artist, but so emotive is his performance, it lulls the audience into believing anything is possible. It's part concert and part biography, through it doesn't seek to tell the full story of John Lennon's life.

Bookings at Reception



LONNIE LEE - LIVE

Sunday 19 February ~ 4pm

\$22 per person

Australia has its own Legend of Rock n Roll in Lonnie Lee.

Lonnie sings his many Gold #1 hits which are still alive and well on Hits & Memory Radio, it takes you on a journey through his recent hits plus tributes to country, rockabilly, Johnnie Ray and Johnnie O'Keefe.

LADIES NEWS.....

Well, here we are again nearing the end of yet another hectic year.

The first Major of the year was the Ladies Foursomes taken out by the 'babies' of the field, Margaret Dickinson and Hayley McNeill, in 2nd Division Gwen Geary and Irene Goldsack were the best of the rest. In the Nett events Roz Odgers and Eileen Davis won 1st Div and Chris Kitson and Sue Howard won 2nd Div.



Margaret Dickinson & Hayley McNeill

1st Division Foursomes



Irene Goldsack & Gwen Geary

2nd Division Foursomes



Jo Neale - 3rd Division Champion

Olivia Wilson - Club Champion

Helen Martin - 2nd Division Champion

Our Club Championships were played in early May, and Olivia Wilson triumphed once again to win the Baghurst Shield our Club Champions trophy. (Wouldn't we all love to play like you Olivia!) It takes lots of time and hard work to be the best, and we congratulate you for a job well done. Our 2nd div winner of the Dossie Fenning Shield was Helen Martin, while Jo Neal won the Joyce Lassau Shield for her very first 'Major' in 3rd Div. The Nett winners in the three grades went to Ruth Hooper, Judy Stokes and Kay Wallace. To the envy of all, these three received the coveted trophies of colourful markers given to us by the McLeod Golf Club in thanks for our generosity towards them during the floods. The Veterans trophy went to Annette O'Connell yet again! And Marilla Lenne took out the Long Markers Trophy. The Matchplay Champions were Olivia Wilson, Helen Martin and Daphne Ticehurst. Congratulations to you all.

In June The Long Markers Day sponsored by Noni B was contested hotly by ladies coming from far and wide, our very own Lynne Richardson had a blinder and scored 42 pts to beat Moruya Dawn Davies on a CB. Pam Levin with 41pts came 3rd in 2nd Div. Also in June the Grandmother of the year was Wendy Black!!

July brought us the Eve Pye Challenge the 3Ball Ambrose we love to play. Margaret Sinclair, Kay Wallace and Marilyn Wynn were the prize winners with 60 Nett! Also July, the Walter & Eliza Hall trophy was won by Irene Allen, Helen Hannah and Lyn Barnes in 1st Div. Portia Dunn, Rosemary Weeks and Carol Soper in 2nd Div. Then in 3rd Div was taken out by Pam Levin, Lynne Richardson and Shirley Routlege.

In August our popular L'Oreal Day was strongly contested, the winners being Nikki Frank, Carol Bennett and Margaret Noller. It's been three months and already the three of 'em look ten years younger! Great stuff that L'Oreal!!! Late August we played in our newest event called the Coastal Trimming trophy brought to us by our new Captain Marilyn Wynn! The winners on the day were Jenny Scullin, Pat Ware and Judy Love. The scratch event winners were Olivia Wilson, Dawn Smith and Marilyn Scott. Late, late August was the Captain v President day. The President's team won the day 12 matches to 8.

LADIES NEWS continued.....

In the 4BBBB Stroke Matchplay event Annette O'Connell and Daphne Ticehurst defeated Lyn Spanomanolis and Helen Wise in the final.

September and Nutrimetics gave trophies to Judy Rimmer, Gwen Geary, Gay Kable and Maureen Williams for a magnificent 98 pts in the teams event. They also look years younger! Good stuff that Nutrimetics.

That's most of our major trophies out of the way.

The very last and most important trophy of course is our prize Gold Medal. Helen Hannah was the winner this year (not for the first time either!!). Well done Helen.

Our Pennant season wasn't so successful, but our ladies played their hearts out week after week. No wonder we love you's'e broads.

On a sad note we lost one of our ladies this year, Lyn Furnell, she passed away after a terrible illness. We will miss you so much Lyn. Our hearts go out to Geoff and their families.

We had our AGM last month and said farewell to Nina Poulton our Vice President and Publicity Officer. Nina has been an asset to our Committee for the last few years and we are sorry to see her go thank you for all your loyal years with us. The good news is, Jo Neal stepped in and I'm sure she will also be a benefit to us. Welcome Jo. We applaud Bonnie Hardy our super efficient President, who is always busy working for our club and we ladies. Our wonderful new Captain, Marilyn who is just completing her first year on board has been tireless in her devotion to her job and to us. Marilyn led us in our Pennant, had a ball at Merimbula in the FSC tournament, and is always generous with her time and experiences whenever we need her. Good luck in 2012 Mon Captain! Carol Soper our Vice Captain is another asset to us, never stops working hard. This year saw our 'old' captain Lynne Richardson take over the Secretaries job. She's passed that test with flying colours. Our Treasurer Lyn Barnes, who takes care of the finances works hard all year long, gimme a quid Lyn? (She said 'No',) Helen Martin, Helen Wise, Bev Holliday, Kay Wallace and Di Collins all do their specific jobs well and are always willing to do more.

We all appreciate our hard working Committee, so thanks again for another year ladies. Also our ladies on the Social Committee, thanks for a successful year. We would like to also congratulate the Lady Veterans committee for another job well done. I think some thanks must also go to the Members and Mens' Veterans committees, we all work together in harmony and friendship so thank you guys for your help. The boys in the Pro Shop, Mitch, Wayne, Rob and Josh (the new guy) and our lovely Debbie, oh and that Phil guy, thanks again for all your help. Thanks also to Sheryl and the girls in the office, and the folks behind the bar. Have a wonderful Xmas and new year everyone, looking forward to working with you again next year.

I don't have any wise words I'm afraid, just hit 'em long and straight and may all your putts be little ones!

Dianne Collins and Kay Wallace.

JUNIOR REPORT.....

PUMP GOLF WINNER – HAMISH MENZ

The Pump Golf Shoot out was held on 15th July and won by Hamish Menz who has now been invited to play golf at the Twin Waters Golf Club in conjunction with the Australian PGA Championships on 10th November 2011. I wish Hamish all the best for this exciting event. Hamish and Jayden Pincott and Jayden Trindall have been helping with the 100 Club Board to raise some funds to help Hamish with expenses on this trip. Thank you very sincerely to Jimmy and Jayden for helping Hamish.

TRAINEESHIPS

You probably all know **MITCHELL DONLAN** has been accepted by NSW Golf Club to become a trainee. Great news for Mitchell and well deserved.

TEAGAN DUNN has all been accepted as a trainee for Shell Cove Golf Club starting in November – a great achievement for Teagan as well. She also won the Illawarra District Ladies Open.

OLIVIA WILSON

Olivia Wilson won the Ladies Open by one shot from Teagan – Olivia is also a member at NSW Golf Club and plays pennants for them. I believe she is to go to the Ladies European Tour Qualifying school to try her hand at becoming a Professional. What great and wonderful experience for her. I could not list all of Olivia's achievements in golf but they are extensive and she is a wonderful mentor and example to all our Cadets and Junior Golfers. She is also always ready to help me with information and assistance, thank you Olivia.

HAYLEY McNEILL – achievements in 2011

At 15 years Hayley is in the NSW State Junior Girls Team, what a great achievement. I thought you all may be interested to note some of these achievements including -

JNJG Peter O'Malley Junior Masters, Bathurst, 15 years & over Scratch Champion

Batemans Bay Open Ladies Overall Champion

Catalina Ladies Foursomes Champion with Margaret Dickinson

Catalina Ladies Club Championships overall runner up Scratch Champion

JNJG Macarthur Junior Masters, Campbelltown, 15 years & over Scratch Champion

JNJG State Age Championships – runner up Scratch 15 years girls, Nett winner 15 years girls, 12th overall girls

Mollymook Junior Open, Eden Junior Open, Tura Beach Junior Open – Girls Scratch Champion in all these events

Catalina Junior Open- scratch runner up

Catalina Ladies Matchplay Championships runner up

Catalina Junior Girls Championships Champion

JNJG Srixon International Junior Classic, Maitland – 7th overall in age group

Very special congratulations to Hayley.

JUNIOR REPORT continued.....

I would like to thank all the Cadet Masters and Helpers with the Cadets and Juniors this year. Don and Kay Wallace make an extensive contribution to the Juniors and Cadets and I thank them most sincerely for Cadet Masters, Statistics, programming, skills tests, reminders and just everything. Thank you to Jason Finn for his help and assistance mainly on Thursdays and Sunday 9 hole competition. He is always willing and happy to assist in any way and I really appreciate his support. Thank you to all Cadet Masters Wal Geary, Keith Sutherland, Peter Criss, Marian Pearson, Dave Banks, Michael Johnson and Mick Kennedy. Thank you also to Richard Abrahams, Cadet Master, Pennant Manager, Supervisor, anything needed. Bruce Dickinson, Cadet Master, Bus Driver extraordinaire, camp supervisor, thank you very sincerely.

I thank Mitch Tasker our Teaching Professional for his support of the Cadets and Juniors Golfers and everyone in the Golf Shop, especially Wayne and Robert who are always helpful and supportive.

Rosslyn Rossiter

Chair, Junior Promotions Committee

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 your 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



KIDS ROOM

Child minding facilities are available to Members & Visitors at ClubCatalina Country Club each Friday & Saturday evening from 6pm to 10pm.

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

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

BOWLS NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR/BOWLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Firstly, I apologise for not issuing a newsletter during September – circumstances did not permit. Secondly, best wishes to Greg Wale who is currently recovering from a hip replacement and hopefully we will see him around the club soon. Thirdly, a fond farewell to John Davies who will be leaving town in the new year – I extend my appreciation and gratitude to John for his support, service and dedication over the past three years. I am sure all members will join with me in wishing him and his family all the best for the future. Lastly, a huge welcome to new CEO, Daryl Wilson, who commenced duty early in September. Daryl appears to have quietly settled in. His vast experience in the Club industry together with his excellent financial qualifications will enable him to face the challenges ahead with confidence but he will need the support of all of us. Now to other news:

Annual General Meeting - I trust that you have all filled in and lodged the ballot papers for elections to the Board and I again urge all members to attend the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 31 October at 7pm at the Country Club. It will be at this meeting that rumors can be 'scotched', the truth heard and doubts quashed. Yes, the Club has incurred a \$1m loss for this year. At the BMC meeting last month and again this month, this issue has been discussed in detail. The scenario provided by the CEO, Daryl, was that although a due diligence process had been undertaken prior to amalgamation, the amalgamation had proceeded on the basis of the due diligence, however, some cost areas had been overlooked. Catalina had attempted to fund the amalgamation costs from cash reserves and this, coupled with the trading loss and several other anomalies identified by the auditor, all cash reserves had been depleted. Daryl's view is that over the next 12 months, provided we are frugal, the one-off amalgamation costs should have disappeared and he believes there is "a strong light at the end of the tunnel".

Special General Meeting - Following the AGM, a SGM of the bowling membership will be held on **Monday 7 November 2011** at 7pm in the Sports Bar. Nominations received to fill vacancies on the BMC are - Clive Beadon, Colleen Beadon, Ralph Booker, Mal Cummings and Greg Wale, all of whom will be elected unopposed. I will be elected, unopposed, to the Director/Bowls position. The agenda for this meeting will include a report from me as Chair of the BMC, a Treasurer's Report, and the result of the elections. As well, Daryl will be present together with Bob Soper, who will then be President of the Catalina, and I anticipate that both will give an update on the current situation.

Bowls Co-ordinator - A week ago I would have been delighted to announce that Ray Emerson had been appointed as Bowls Co-ordinator, however, there has been a hiccup with the appointment of Ray to the BC position due to changes in his permanent employment. An alternative solution is being investigated. Watch this space, as they say.

Lawn Bowls Promotions Day - Sunday 30 October from 12.15pm onwards we intend to push ahead with a Promotion Day come hail, rain or sunshine. We are advertising in the Bay Post next week for possible recruits and hope to get some coverage on Radio ABC and 2EC and we have placed posters in quite a few areas. Who knows how many will attend but we definitely need to increase membership. If you haven't put your name down to help yet as a "buddy", please consider doing so or if you have a friend who would like to have a try, bring the friend along. Look forward to seeing you there.

Mortality Fund - At the request of several members, I have raised this issue at Board level. Due to the merger of membership lists subsequent to the amalgamation, many problems were encountered which resulted in a delay in accepting member fees to the Mortality Fund, however, a review of the male bowlers membership list has now been completed and the list has been updated. CEO, Daryl, has asked that I notify members that they may now pay their fee to this fund. An official letter will be mailed in the near future outlining details.

Drink Holders around Greens - Mal Cummings and Peter Hurst have offered to 'build' drink holders around all four greens to enable bowlers to place their drinks in a safe place thereby avoiding the danger of (or any cost of replacing) broken glasses. The BMC is funding this project from surplus Winter Carnival funds. Many thanks to Mal and Peter for their services.

Green Maintenance – Thank you to all volunteers who assisted Mark Lyons with green renovations on Monday last. Mark will be looking for more volunteers on **Monday 31 October** when renovations on green 3 commence. **Please support Mark.**

Pat Bill, Chair/Bowls Management Committee

Men's Bowls News

All but one of the 2011 bowls championships have now been completed. In the singles the winner was Matt Dart and the runner up was Pio Liberale. Mark Smith won the minor singles from runner up Ross McKimm. In the pairs the winners were Allen Holloway and Don Cooper and the runners up were Matt Dart and Doug Ebsworth. The triples title was won by Greg Wale, Don Cooper and Shane Quinlivan and the runners up were Greg Adams, Laurie Fayle and Doug Ebsworth. Errol Bill, Graham Jones, Ken Nester and Pio Liberale won the fours title from Keith Austen, Bruce Hill, Matt Dart and Doug Ebsworth. The reserve pairs winners were father and son combination of David and Max Dudman with Ken Baker and Keith Jobson in second place. Yvonne and Gary Huddleston won the mixed pairs title from Noleen and John Taylor. The final championship for the year is the mixed fours which will not be completed until the weekend of 12/13 November.

Ron Beeley, Bowls Secretary/Publicity Officer

CONGRATULATIONS



Mrs Klinberg was the excited winner of the Suzuki Swift drawn on Sunday 23 October at ClubCatalina Country Club

Featured is Mrs Klinberg accepting her new car from ClubCatalina CEO Mr Daryl Wilson and Clyde Auto Batemans Bay Mr Matt Devane



LAUGHTER LINES - just for a giggle

- * *You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, "Parking Fine", that was so nice!!*
- * *'Doc I can't stop singing "The Green, Green, Grass of Home', 'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome' 'Is it common' 'It's not unusual'*
- * *A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted 'Doctor Doctor I can't feel my legs!' The doctor replied 'I know you can't, I've cut your arms off'.*

