

## CATALINA COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER

### From the President's Pen

Our third Catalyst magazine for this year is running a little late because our second edition was late hitting the streets due to delays in receiving some contributions. This will certainly be the last contribution that I make for this Board period. The fourth production for the year will take place close to Christmas and with your new Board in place.

The last few months have been very hectic for the club with us co-hosting the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation State Age Championships with Mollymook Golf Club for the second successive year. Next year will be our last year to host the event before it moves to somewhere else in NSW. As with last year, the event was very professionally managed by the staff from the Foundation and against all measures the week was very successful. Thank you to all the wonderful members who volunteered their time to provide the 'people-power' to make the event the success that it was. Also thank you to the members for giving up eighteen holes for the five days so that the children from all over the State could participate on our championship facility. I received many compliments from parents and participants regarding all aspects of our operations; the quality of the course was truly appreciated as was our staff who all went the extra mile to let our visitors experience that special Catalina welcome.

My thanks to Tony and his boys for turning the course out in championship condition, for not only the State Age Championships, but consistently throughout the year. From my perspective the standard set during the PGA Future Championships played last November has been sustained ever since and it is a credit to our ground staff team, and in that compliment I include the wonderful band of CATS volunteers who assist Tony to deliver a quality product.

Talking of CATS, the ranks sit just below 40 and we want to reach 48 so that each team has the potential to field a team of 12 each week. I appreciate many of our members are in the workforce and it is unreasonable to expect them to take time off work to attend a three hour CAT session once per month. Those who are in that category can still help by filling divots, repairing pitch marks and picking up rubbish all the way around the course during their weekend rounds. If we all make the effort to do that little bit extra then the members will be matching what the staff deliver every day. I still see a lot of able-bodied mid week golfers who come to the course nearly every day for a social game and I ask them to consider setting aside one afternoon per month from their social golfing schedule and join one of the four CATS teams. Talk to Ron Mannell for details and pick up an application form from the reception desk. Yes, it is true, you do get a drink on the club at the end of your duty.

Thank you to the members who attended the General Meeting to vote on the revised motel project and thank you for supporting the resolution by an overwhelming majority. A lot of negotiation is going on between the developer and the intending motel operator and we are still confident that construction will commence in the New Year and be completed in time for Christmas 2010. You will be kept informed of progress as and when agreements are signed. Once the DA is lodged with council then we can have confidence that the wheels are turning in the right direction.

Also thank you for those members who stayed on after the General Meeting for the Meet the Directors Night and to farewell Richard Hogg. The former event afforded you the opportunity to ask questions of your Board representatives and to hear presentations from Kim Odgers regarding the intended work on the course, Bob Soper on golfing matters and Richard Hogg on the year's trade just ended and what is in the new Business Plan for 09/10. The good news of course was that not long after that night Richard decided to accept an offer from the Board to stay and so he now gets the opportunity to deliver on his own Business Plan.

As I pen these notes we are four days away from finding out if the Bowling Club is going to select Catalina Country Club as their preferred club to open possible amalgamation discussions with. The Bowling Club called for Expressions of Interest (EOI) and your Board responded with a positive indication. Members should not be concerned about this initiative at this stage. Ample opportunity will be afforded to all members to consider the pros and cons of any amalgamation before any final decision can be taken – in the end it is your decision. Before that happens, if our EOI is selected, then the 'due diligence' process that we will go through will be as exhaustive and as intrusive as we can be to ensure that we can put the correct recommendation to the Catalina members. At the end of the process both club memberships will have to support any amalgamation proposal before it can proceed should that be the recommendation of your 'due-diligence' team. At this stage your Board has a completely open mind regarding the outcome and it will be several months or longer before your new Board will be in a position to make any recommendation to you.

That is enough from me. Your new Board will form at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on Monday night 26 October. I know that whoever the successful candidates are that they will all strive to deliver to your expectations and keep Catalina heading in the direction that you all desire.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you over the last 12 months.

Peter Criss - President  
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## From the CEO's Desk.....

A very interesting period in the history of our club with the motel development gaining momentum and the club lodging an expression of interest to amalgamate with the Batemans Bay Bowling Club. These activities made my decision to decline my offer of employment in Canberra and remain at Catalina an easier one although I think I was always going to struggle leaving a club with great vision, great members and great staff. The motel and the due diligence process involved in an amalgamation will absorb much of my attention and many of the responsibilities in our 2009/10 business plan will be shared among our senior staff. While we have recorded a healthy profit for the 2008/09 financial year and trading remains steady, it is vital as an organisation that we do not relax from our high standards and level of service. A new staff employment agreement is close to finality and should no longer be a matter for distraction for our staff. Oh yes....and another business excellence award for our club!

**Finance** – Our Net Profit as for the year end will be approx. \$235k (after some minor asset write-offs and final adjustments by the auditor). This is up by approx. \$85,000 on budget and up \$195,000 compared to last year. Total Revenue for the club is up 9% on last year with all parts of the club showing steady growth. Interestingly, key areas of our operation are now trading better than the 2006/07 financial year when smoking was permitted in our club, something that will be the envy of many other clubs.

**Batemans Bay Bowling Club** – We have lodged an expression of interest with the Batemans Bay Bowling Club for an amalgamation with them. Should we be their preferred partner (we expect notification after 21 August when the Expressions of Interest close), we will need to complete a full appraisal of their business and assuming that is successful, we need to put the amalgamation proposal before our members at a General Meeting. The next task will be the merger of the two organisations with the priority being the short to medium term viability of the venture. This is an excellent opportunity for our club as I consider after the motel project is completed, our future development options at the Catalina site are limited.

**Motel Development** – The 2-floor 55 room motel development proposal (now without apartments) was approved by our members at a general meeting held on Monday 27 July. We are now busy preparing the legal documentation with the developer and if all goes well, a development application will be lodged and processed with construction starting by February 2010. We handle many group bookings for golf, weddings, trade shows and other events that would take advantage of on-site accommodation.

**Industrial Relations Update** – At a meeting of all clubhouse staff on 6 August, a new Enterprise Agreement was approved, and is now being ratified by the appropriate government agency prior to lodgement. The employment conditions in the document may well make it one of the best in the industry as we ensure we continue to recruit and retain quality staff, a key aspect of our organisation and our 2009/10 Business Plan.

**2009/10 Business Plan** – While our business plan this year is a 'steady as she goes' approach with little capital expenditure planned, we must consolidate and further refine our business and assets to build on our strengths and technology installed. It is essential we complete those business plan objectives listed if we are to remain a viable organisation and remain the point of difference to our customers. The five key aspects to the plan are:

**Member Loyalty** – Maximise member promotions and reward programs. Take member services to a new height to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction and loyalty to their club, and increase our level of membership.

**Environmental Sustainability** – Seek out government funds for environmental sustainability projects and develop an environmental scorecard to benchmark our activities. Be recognised by the community and our industry peers for our environmental achievements.

**Asset Management** – Have comprehensive strategies and plans for the development of our key assets, the golf course and clubhouse.



## From the CEO's Desk continued.....

**Staff Development** – Recruit and retain committed, skilled and dedicated staff.

**Information Systems** – Enhance our web site and back office information systems.

Financially, we are planning for a result similar to last year's performance and further consolidate our level of debt. Capital expenditure is minimal this year with funds being directed to upgrading our popular poker machine installation and to upgrading the green shed facility and surrounds now that we no longer require this site for motel development. Other miscellaneous capital expenditure will support the 5 objectives above and will largely be funded through cash flow.

**Poker Machine Upgrade** – Over the past couple of months we have installed several new poker machines and we can now boast that we offer all the most popular gaming machines in NSW for the enjoyment of our members and visitors. A further \$200,000 has been provided for new machines in the 2009/10 business plan.

**Caterer's Contract** – I am pleased to report that we have renewed Bernie's catering contract for a further 3 years with a further 3 year option. This is great news as I believe our strong food brand has been a significant factor in the success of the club over the past few years.

**Catalina Country Club – "Home of the National PGA Futures 2009"** – In the week commencing 26 October 2009 we will once again host the Crown Lager National PGA Futures Championships (for trainee golf professionals from Australia and around the world). This and other major golfing events at Catalina have not only been very successful from the golfer's and golf administrator's points of view, but also for club trade. More information about the PGA event will follow in terms of sponsorship opportunities, member participation in the Pro-Am, volunteers and billets. I thank our members in advance for giving up their regular competition that week. Moruya and Mollymook golf clubs have granted access for our members during the PGA week.

**Environmental Awareness** – We are currently awaiting a decision on our government grant application that if approved will assist us with funding a number of projects that will significantly reduce our electricity and water usage around the club. Provision has been made in our business plan to proceed with the projects with 100% club funding if possible. In the meantime, we have been achieving electricity savings of between 7 – 11% per month (\$1,200 - \$1,500) from the introduction of minor changes and improvements in our activities.

**Catalina Cash** – The practice of purging unused membership loyalty points (Catalina Cash) for financial members has now ceased. Catalina Cash can simply be accumulated at the rate of 3% of the transaction cost by producing your membership card with payment at any till in the club including our restaurant and bar. (The Pro-Shop swipe card facility is not yet available but members can pay for their golf competition fee by redeeming the \$8.00 competition fee amount from the member's kiosk in the foyer.) Points can also be earned by simply swiping your membership card at the member's kiosk each time you visit the club or when playing the poker machines.

**Membership** – Unfortunately membership numbers do fall during the subscription renewal process each year. We are currently analysing the drop in golfing membership and will consider our options in terms of new member drives in due course. We will also look to promote social membership as well with the view to getting a few more of our locals into our club. It was pleasing to see many of our social members taking up the 3 and 5 year membership which will save both the member and the club time and money.

**Catalina Country Club** – Winner of the 'Best Registered Club' in the 2009 South Coast Tourism business excellence awards. As winner in our category (for clubs between Wollongong and the Victorian border), we now receive automatic entry into the NSW Tourism Awards.

Richard Hogg

CEO



## CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

I draw your attention to some changes in local rules – see the outside noticeboard for 'Temporary Local Rules' with regard to (i) weedmatting in bunkers, (ii) protective screens (ie. wire fences) on course, and (iii) a clarification of what constitutes an ornamental garden. These matters were discussed with the NSWGA Rules officials who visited us last week for the Golf Association's 'Road Show'. It was a little disappointing that more people did not avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the various open seminars that this visit provided and meet some of the most senior officials of the NSWGA.

On another matter – please note that I have asked for people to take more responsibility for the accuracy of completed scorecards when we are using the AutoScore cards. I remind you that both sections of the card should be completed – the written number constitutes the score submitted, while the marking in the computerised section is the backup – the information for the computer, to allow it to check the details of your score. The most common errors being made relate to this transfer of the score to the computerised section. I ask you to wait in the ProShop until your card is scanned so that either you know the card is correctly entered, or you can correct any errors or omissions on your card. You should not expect the ProShop staff to correct your errors.

Another change that may affect you. The default value for bookings in competitions has allowed people making entries to put in 8 names. This has been amended to 4 names – as we used to have with our old manual system. This has been done in the hope that there will be a reduction in the number of 'maybe' bookings that people make which seem to result in many last minute withdrawals.

We are in a very busy time of the year. In recent weeks we have hosted the JNJGF (Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation) State Age Titles for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. The event was very successful for the Foundation and for our club with many visitors (players and parents) using our club facilities over the week.

We have also inaugurated the Catamook Cup. This has been set up as a two round event where, in the first week, 55 Catalina players travelled to Mollymook for a shotgun start medley stableford. Club scores were calculated by adding the best 10 mens and the best 10 womens scores from each club (ie. 20 scores are to count). In the second round (this year some 3 weeks later) 74 players from Mollymook returned the visit to us with the same scoring system. Following each day there was an afternoon tea and presentation. Those who took part, from both clubs, were unanimous that the event had been most successful and are looking forward to the annual event building up. Mollymook were clearly victorious in the initial event (perhaps because they had more participants in Round 1) so we need to give them a tougher time next year.

Club Matchplay Championships (both men and women) have now been completed. Winners were congratulated on the website noticeboard and those congratulations are reiterated here. Often after the 72 hole championship events we tend to forget the match play follow-up and these events can be tougher because they are played head to head. Our club champions this year are Mark Shaw and Emily McNeill – both first time winners of this event – well done.

In another good result for Catalina the FSCDGA (Far South Coast District Golf Association) championships were conducted over 27 holes on 23 August. The FSC Open Champion for 2009 is our own junior Mitch Donlan with a very consistent even Par score (36, 36, 36) – congratulations Mitch.

Please see the following page for information concerning program changes over the next few weeks.

Bob Soper  
Captain



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE -** **PROGRAM CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

Please make the following changes in your Fixtures Guide.

**Major change** - Greens Renovations are listed in your book for the week commencing Monday 21 September. This has been moved forward by 2 weeks and will now take place in the week commencing 6 September (straight after the end of play on the Sunday afternoon)

### **Some other changes have followed:-**

Saturday 12 September – amend to Short Course Stableford.

Saturday 19 September – amend to Stroke. Mens Monthly Medal.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rd Wilson Trophy.

Saturday 26 September –amend to 4Ball Multiplier.

ie. The Short Course Stableford goes to the end of the week that the greens renovations are completed - and the next two Saturday events move back by one week each.

**The other significant change concerns the Junior Championships** which were set down for two successive Sundays - 13 & 20 September. This event will now be held on two successive days - Saturday 24 October & Sunday 25 October. The Junior Championship attracts a relatively small field and will not interfere with the normal member competitions on that weekend.

Bob Soper

24.08.2009



## Courtesy Bus Lunch time service

As an extra service to our Members and Guests we are offering a lunch time courtesy bus service.

This service will run between Surf Beach and Surfside with the pick up being at 11.30am and the return at 2pm

Bookings are essential - at Reception  
Service will be available until further notice

## 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!

### Price structure for Bulk Cart Hire Scheme 9 Holes

No. of trips	Cost	Cost per Trip	Saving	Saving per trip
10	\$150	\$15.00	9%	\$1.00
20	\$280	\$14.00	15%	\$2.00
40	\$520	\$13.00	21%	\$3.00

### Price structure for Bulk Cart Hire Scheme 18 Holes

No. of trips	Cost	Cost per Trip	Saving	Saving per trip
10	\$200	\$20.00	9%	\$2.00
20	\$375	\$18.75	15%	\$3.25
40	\$700	\$17.50	20%	\$4.50



## 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 leave your email address at Reception.

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



## Course News

The mild start to winter came to an abrupt halt towards the end of July with three massive frosts in a row, commencing on the last day of the Jack Newton Junior Golf All Age State Titles on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> July with an overnight temp of minus 1 degree. This was followed by a minus 2 degrees on Friday night, giving the first groups hitting off in the shotgun start on Saturday a white and crunchy start to the day. It is winter after all and we have only experienced 6 frosts at the time of writing, which is quite mild looking at past years.

Speaking of frosty mornings, I would ask those members and visitors operating motorized vehicles that they keep to the rough as much as possible until there is no evidence of frost. This will reduce the visible damage to turf and keep the course in a much more presentable state. Thank you in advance for your help in this regard.

Those of you that have played the course in recent times will have noticed that course staff have installed a decomposed granite path between the men and ladies 26<sup>th</sup> tees and a turning bay at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> tee. This serves both as a practical solution to direct traffic in the area, and also to provide a safe passage for all players. In addition a safety screen has been erected to the back right of the ladies tee to provide a shelter whilst the men hit off. Landscaping between the 5<sup>th</sup> tee and the new path is set to take place in the near future to enhance the overall presentation of this part of the course and blend in with the current landscaping to the left of the 5<sup>th</sup> tee. We have also constructed a formal, decomposed granite path at the rear of the mens 10<sup>th</sup> tee to access the chipping green and the 19<sup>th</sup> tee, which will tidy up this area.

Approval has been sought and given to remove a number of trees around the course, they are at the left of the 27<sup>th</sup> men's tee (dead Casurinas). A number of Casurinas at the rear of the 7<sup>th</sup> tee, to allow for the extension of the tee in the future. In addition, the removal of two Casurinas to the right of the 7<sup>th</sup> approach to improve turf quality in the area and remove tree roots invading the playing surface. The removal of the large dying Pine tree to the left of the 17<sup>th</sup> is to be carried out and three pines to the left of the men's 12<sup>th</sup> tee to allow for eventual construction of a decomposed granite path to the tee, which is to be extended to the left to provide a larger teeing surface to better spread the wear and tear.



Course staff, with assistance from the CATS volunteers have planted out the wetland between the 10<sup>th</sup> hole and practice fairway with a variety of suitable native grasses and plants. It appears some wild life have taken a liking to these new plantings which has necessitated in the erection of a Hessian protective fence to allow them to establish properly.

Irrigation maintenance has been carried out over various parts of the course with the replacement of old fairway sprinklers on 3, 6 and 8 with a modern, golf specific sprinkler which will give a far more uniform application of water, and will require less time to apply the required amount to achieve the desired results.

Planting out has continued in the regeneration areas at the 10<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> holes with some 300 plants donated from a local nursery through contacts from the Eurobodalla Shire Council, which was very welcomed. Apparently the nursery had excess stock and asked the ESC if they had land care groups etc that could use the plants and we put our hand up for 300 and they were supplied. There is still a number of plants to be installed, but I shall wait now until we are out of the heart of winter to give them the best possible chance of survival.

Tony Fogarty - Course Superintendent



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# Tony Fogarty – Course Superintendent

Featured in the June 2009 NSWGCSA Magazine

## 30 SECONDS WITH A SUPER

**NAME:** Tony Fogarty

**MARITAL STATUS/ CHILDREN:** Married with two daughters

**NICKNAME:** Fogo, Fogs, Handsome!

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:** Easy – 30 years at Catalina. Started as an apprentice and worked my way up. Have been Course Super for 25 years now.

**EDUCATION:** Made it through to year 10. Got out and started my apprenticeship, with block release being served at Ryde School of Horticulture. I believe Paul Cashell is still in therapy.

**MAIN PROBLEM LAST SUMMER:** Dythium – it seems to be a cross between dollar spot and pythium.

**BEER/WINE/SPIRIT:** I choose the trifecta on this one.

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Thai and Malay.

**HOLDEN/FORD:** Ford – Go the Cortinas (are they still racing?).

**ONE PRODUCT THAT YOU COULDN'T DO WITHOUT:** Primo Max

**FAVOURITE GOLF COURSE:** Merion CC, USA

**HOBBIES:** Surfing, Gym

**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY LOCATION:** Tioman Island Malaysia

**FUNNIEST MOMENT:** There's quiet a few but this one is not bad: Turning on the 2nd tee after carrying out repairs to a sprinkler on the men's tee. It was Ladies Day and I forgot that both tees came on together from the one valve. One of the lady members was preparing to hit off and, unfortunately, she had set up over a sprinkler. I tell you that valve took forever to turn off! Needless to say, she wasn't very impressed.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT THE JOB:** Being able to reflect back on the fruits of your labour and seeing a task through from start to finish. It is also hard to beat seeing the sun rise over the course on a crisp Autumn morning.



*Course staff planting out the regeneration areas at the 10<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> holes with some of the 300 donated plants.*





# HOLE IN ONE

**Congratulations  
to the following people:**

*Gordon Duff*

*25th Hole*

*9 May 2009*

*Ricky Garbutt*

*11th Hole*

*27 June 2009*

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## LADIES REPORT

Our golfing season for 2009 is passing by very quickly, with many events now being completed, there is constantly Open events at other Clubs in addition to our own annual events which keep our Ladies very active on the fairways.

Once again numbers were down considerably for our Championships, as this is the MOST important event of the golfing year it is very disappointing that quite a number of Ladies are not supporting our Championships, please Ladies try and lets get 2010 back on track, remember it is an extra two days of golf we get on our beautiful course as well as the awards for participating in the daily events and 72 hole results.

Catalina Ladies Club Champion for 2009 is Emily McNeill, runner up Margaret Dickinson, division 2 Champion Gwen Geary, runner up Margaret Maxwell on count back from Margaret Shephard, division 3 Champion Louise Fogarty, runner up Judi Hebbard.

Nett winners Hayley McNeill runner up Pat Sly, Liz Faith runner up Bev Holliday, Pam Wilson runner up Jo Neal. Congratulations to all these Ladies as well as all daily winners and a big thank you to all the Ladies who participated in the Championships.

Winner of Gwen Geary Veterans Trophy Annette O'Connell and Long Markers Trophy Margaret Noller.

As always a big thank you to the Ladies Committee for their support and the work they do to run this event efficiently and have 72 hole results finalised in a minimum of time.

Catalina Ladies Medal winners for division 2 April after play off Dorothy Partridge, division 3 after play off Louise Fogarty, May winners Ruth Hooper, Maureen Williams, Wendy McClymont. June winners Dianne Moroney, Pat Weekes and after play off Shirley Routledge. July winners Lyn Furnell, Jenny Nelson and after yet another play off Shirley Routledge. August winners Nikki Frank, Carol Soper and a very very excited Jo Neal winning her first medal.

All these ladies are eligible to play off for the Gold Medal, congratulations to you all.

August Finalised the WGNSW Medal rounds and winners are division 1 (tied) Helen Hannah and Lyn Furnell, division 2 Dorothy Partridge and division 3 Shirley Routledge. Congratulations and best wishes in your respective play offs for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in Sydney.

The Ladies Pennant Season this year was very long for some teams Grade 1 started their matches on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March and played their final round on May 29<sup>th</sup>, (although there were not scheduled matches every week), these Ladies had a fabulous home and away season and came in first over the season, they only lost 5 individual matches, which in my opinion makes them the best team in the competition even though they went down three and two in the Grand Final, Scratch Reserve A made the Grand Final as well and also went down three and two on the day. Still a great result from both teams and maybe next year will be Catalina's year to take the Pennant Flag's home.

Grade two needed just a couple more game wins to have been in the Grand Final and Grade 3 had a good season as well, we should remember that winning the flag is the ultimate but enjoying friendly challenging matches is just as important.

Many thanks to Catalina Pennant Players and Caddies for giving up their days to represent our Club, the team Captains for organising travel, and also to Dianne Collins and Gwen Geary for refereeing at the Grand Final.



## LADIES REPORT continued.....

Club Med 3BBB Pat Team Event played at Club level on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, this year the Conditions Of Play were changed and if a Club had more than ten teams entered at Club level then they could have two teams play off at District Level, this was the case at Catalina. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September we have the teams of Ruth Hooper, Lyn Mannell and Jo Taylor (+12) and Beja Smith, Jan Pingel and Margaret Hollier (+11c/b) travelling to Bega to participate in the District Final – good luck teams.

Catalina Long Markers Open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June was contested by 53 Ladies from St Georges Basin, Mollymook, Tuross, Moruya, RMC and Catalina playing a stableford event. Winner of division 1 was Rosanna McClifty (Catalina) 42pts, winner division 2 Elspeth Leslie (Catalina) 39 pts, runner up Jeanette McDermott (Catalina) 38pts. Thank you to Noni B for again sponsoring the Long Markers Open and to all the Ladies who played on the day, congratulations to all prize winners.

Captain v Presidents Day is always a fun day, this year the Presidents team won the “Ashes” by 12½ to 10½, congratulations President Dianne and your team, this is a day when everyone who plays receives a prize, so you can't lose.

Matchplay Championship was finalised on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August with the following results division 1 winner Emily McNeill runner up Annette O'Connell, division 2 winner Gwen Geary runner up Carol Soper, division 3 winner Judi Hebbard runner up Louise Fogarty. Congratulations to all these Ladies.

Fourball Matchplay Knockout winners for 2009 are Annette O'Connell and Daphne Ticehurst, runners up Eve Pye and Myrna Radin.

L'Oreal Cup day was a par event on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August winners of major trophies were division 1 Lyn Mannell +4 and division 2 Daphne Ticehurst +4, other L'Oreal trophy winners were Julie Manson & Merle Jensen in division 1 and Noelene Levi and Helen Bunsell in division 2.

Once again our thanks to L'Oreal for their support of Ladies golf.

We still have Nutrimecs Day, Community Projects Day and of course Catalina Ladies Open during the next three months.

Thank you to the Ladies who represented Catalina at the Bega Open and congratulations to Teagan Dunn who not only won the FSC&TGA Junior Championship held in conjunction with the Open but also won the Open Tournament.

Olivia Wilson has made great achievements in her golfing career this year Olivia won NSW Champion Of Champions, was selected in the NSW State team, won NSW Golf Club Mixed Foursomes, NSW Golf Club Champion and a Scholarship to Institute Of Sport, to top everything off in completing her university studies achieved her Bachelor Of Commerce.

Congratulations Olivia and as always we wish you every success for the future.

Lynne Richardson  
Ladies Captain



## CATALINA MENS VETERANS NEWS

### Lower South Coast Veterans "Week of Golf"

The recent Lower South Coast Veterans "Week of Golf" was most successful again in its second year, with 196 players from 28 clubs competing. The Tournament utilises the facilities of the Tuross Heads, Moruya, Catalina and Mollymook Clubs, and this year it was held under the auspices of NSW Veteran Golfers Association, with a NSWVGA Shield being competed for on the final day at Moruya. Our major sponsors were the Commonwealth Bank, Batemans Bay Beach Resort, and Eurobodalla Tourism.

The opening day at Tuross Heads gave a warm welcome to the visitors with the usual Tuross hospitality. No Catalina players featured in the prize winners.

Day 2 at Mollymook saw the locals again dominating the fields, but Peter Edmonds and Gary Sly took out second and third places respectively in the Men's B Grade competition.

At Moruya on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Catalina players John Keogh and Jack McCarthy were part of the winning team for the 4 Person Ambrose, and Gerry Martin and Judi Hebbard were in the third place team, with Moruya's Mike Fitzgerald and Jan Butterell.

At Catalina on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, an Irish 4-Ball was played, attracting 156 Veteran Golfers from 24 Clubs across NSW, the ACT and Victoria. Catalina veterans were very successful on our day, the winners being Peter and Marion Edmonds, who teamed with Peter and Diana Mutch from Tuggerah Lakes, to return a fine score of 95 points. Runners-up were Keith and Diana Bock and Shane O'Connor, with Edith Jones of Moruya, with a score of 94 points. Third were Don and Kay Wallace and Cliff and Maureen Williams, with 93 points. John Keogh and Jack McCarthy were in a team with Don Burke of Braidwood and Victor Nunn of Duntroon RMC, scoring 92 points to earn fourth place. Fifth place went to the Moruya team of Donald Parker, Margaret McKenny, and Brian and Dawn Davies, with 90 points. Sixth place was filled by Ralph and Merle Jensen, and Gary and Pat Sly, with 88 points.

A special prize for a secret 9 holes, donated by Club Professionals Nigel and Kitty Wilson, went to a team from Wentworth Falls.

Tony Hewitt was the only Catalina player to win a Nearest the Pin prize, sponsored by East Coast Carts, with 190 cm from the flag on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole.

Drive and Chip trophies, sponsored by Batemans Bay Engineering and Muffler Centre, were won by Gerry Martin on the 1<sup>st</sup> hole, and Tony Hewitt on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

On the final day at Moruya, Catalina's Gerry Martin was the inaugural winner of the NSWVGA Shield, with a fine 41 Stableford points. In the men's A Grade event, Keith Copeland was second and Ralph Jensen was fourth, while in B Grade, Peter Edmonds took first place with 40 points.

There will be another Lower South Coast Week of Golf in 2010, starting on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, so mark it in your calendar now.



## **CATALINA MENS VETERANS NEWS continued.....**

### **Mid South Coast Veterans Interclub Competition.**

Round 7 of the Interclub competition will be held at Vincentia on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

At this point, Catalina is in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Challenge Shield (9 holes), and in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Interclub Shield (18 holes). Mollymook is leading in both Shields and will take some catching. Round 8 will be at Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's Worrigeer Links on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Round 9, the final Round, at St. Georges Basin on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September is the date for the MSCVGA Interclub Championships which will be held at Catalina this year. We could do with a few more players for the MSCVGA Interclub competitions, so let your Captain Don know if you are available.

### **Upcoming events for Catalina Men Veterans are as follows:**

The Catalina Veterans Mixed Open Day will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August as an 18 hole 4BBB Stableford, with a BBQ lunch. Entry forms are available from the Captain.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August is our Junior Golf Fund Raising Day in conjunction with the Catalina Lady Veterans. It will be a regular 9 hole individual Stableford event, with proceeds going to the Junior Golfers. Make sure you come along and support this one.

The first week of September is the Spring Festival of Golf, so there will not be a regular Veterans day on the Thursday, but our Veterans usually manage to feature among the winners of the daily events. October 1 is the date for the Greg Thrum Memorial Trophy, an 18 hole individual Stableford event held in conjunction with the Lady Veterans. It has a shot-gun start with a BBQ lunch. This is one of our feature events, so make sure you book in early.

All the up-coming events, as well as other items of importance to the Veterans, are posted on the Veterans own Notice Board, so make sure you check the Board out regularly and you won't miss out on the big events.

J.N.



## CATALINA LADY VETERANS NEWS

The fields for the Lady Vets have been very steady and the competition has been close with good scores.

The highest for June / July was Leslie Holbeck 24pts( Rosanna McClifty award) and the June bi-monthly went to Bev Lamont.

We have 113 members this includes 16 social playing members and 13 super vets (over 80).

A fine & warm day was enjoyed by the Lady Vets on July 27<sup>th</sup> for their 18 Hole Invitation Day. Seventy-nine girls from 10 clubs enjoyed a game of golf on the beautiful Catalina course & lunch in the restaurant.

The Captain V President day was cancelled in June because of wet weather but has now been played.

The Presidents team (coached & encouraged by the President Lorraine Austen) won by a narrow margin with the Captains Team coming a very close second.

The Lady Vets continue to support the Juniors. They are our future in golf and it is very pleasing to see so many young people wanting to play golf.

Our Xmas break up day (last day of golf for the year) is a shotgun start and lunch on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. The AGM and Christmas Lunch at 11.30am will be on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Jo Neal*

*Captain*



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